

ABSTRACT

WA-II-047

Late 13th Century

Mint Spring Farm

Mousetown-Boonsboro Vicinity

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mint Spring Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Mousetown Road

CITY, TOWN

Mousetown

VICINITY OF

Boonsboro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Worthington B. Houghton

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 3

CITY, TOWN

Boonsboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21713

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 523

Folio #: 577

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Mint Spring Farm is located at Mousetown, a small settlement just north of route 40-A at the southeast side of Boonsboro in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on low lying level ground east of Mousetown Road with its principal elevation facing south. It is a two story, three part L-shaped log and brick structure. The main and oldest section of the house would appear to be the log part, a building one bay wide and three bays in length to which was added a three bay brick section of a different roof pitch to its east end wall. Another three bay brick addition was attached perpendicular to the log section.

The log portion of the house is totally sheathed with old wooden siding. Windows have wide, massive frames with quarter round trim. Those at the first story have nine over six pane sashes while upper level windows have six over six sashes. Each window has pairs of raised panel shutters which do not appear to be original. The main entrance to the log section is in its west end wall. It has framing similar to that of the windows and may have had a transom at one time. A brick chimney is located inside its west end wall. Its roof is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. The interior of the log house consists of one large room at the first story although at one time there seems to have been a partition running the length of the house just south of the door. Remaining interior woodwork is characteristic of the late 18th or very early 19th century. It includes such features as doors with six raised panels and quarter round door and window trim. The fireplace in the west end wall is framed with an architrave trimmed similarly to those of the doors and windows. A steep staircase is located in the northeast corner.

The two brick sections display American bonding and are painted white. The east wing has wide wooden lintels above the door and window openings. The north addition has short flat arches of brick. Windows have narrow frames with six over six pane sashes. Each section has an inside end chimney. The interior of each brick structure displays mid 19th century woodwork such as symmetrically molded door trim with corner blocks and a raised beveled panel on the parlor fireplace mantel in the east wing.

Various outbuildings are associated with the complex including a stone springhouse, a wood sided outkitchen or secondary dwelling and a small frame barn said to have been a tannery and barrel factory.

The buildings are in excellent condition and stand on a tract of land containing about 20 acres.

**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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Deed records regarding this property are not conclusive. As early as 1822 at least part of the property was owned by George Shafer and Henry Locher who may have been partners in business, (FF/994). During the history of the property over the period that was researched, the land was listed in three separate parcels. Subsequent owners were Geroge Young who bought part of the property from Henry Locher in 1838 (TT/472), David Easterday who owned it between 1847 and 1862 (IN11/475, IN11/677) and Jacob H. Snook who held it from 1862 until 1868 (IN19/496, WCKK1/137). In a Deed of Trust prepared by Jacob H. Snook, he refers to a section of property upon which he then resided which contained about 20 acres and had a tannery. The property remained in the Snook family until 1874 (73/453). It changed hands numerous times until the present.

In all deeds relating to this property reference was made to Maria Factory which was apparently located just north of Mint Spring Farm. According to the Iron Ores of Maryland by Joseph T. Singewald, Jr., Mariah Furnace, as he names it, operated until about 1880. It apparently produced numerous cast iron objects.

The property includes parts of the land grants, "Martsome", "Resurvey on Racoon" and "Resurvey on Well Done."

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Singewald, Joseph T., The Iron Ores of Maryland, Baltimore, Md: The John Hopkins University Press, 1911.

Washington County Land Records.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20.11 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

February 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

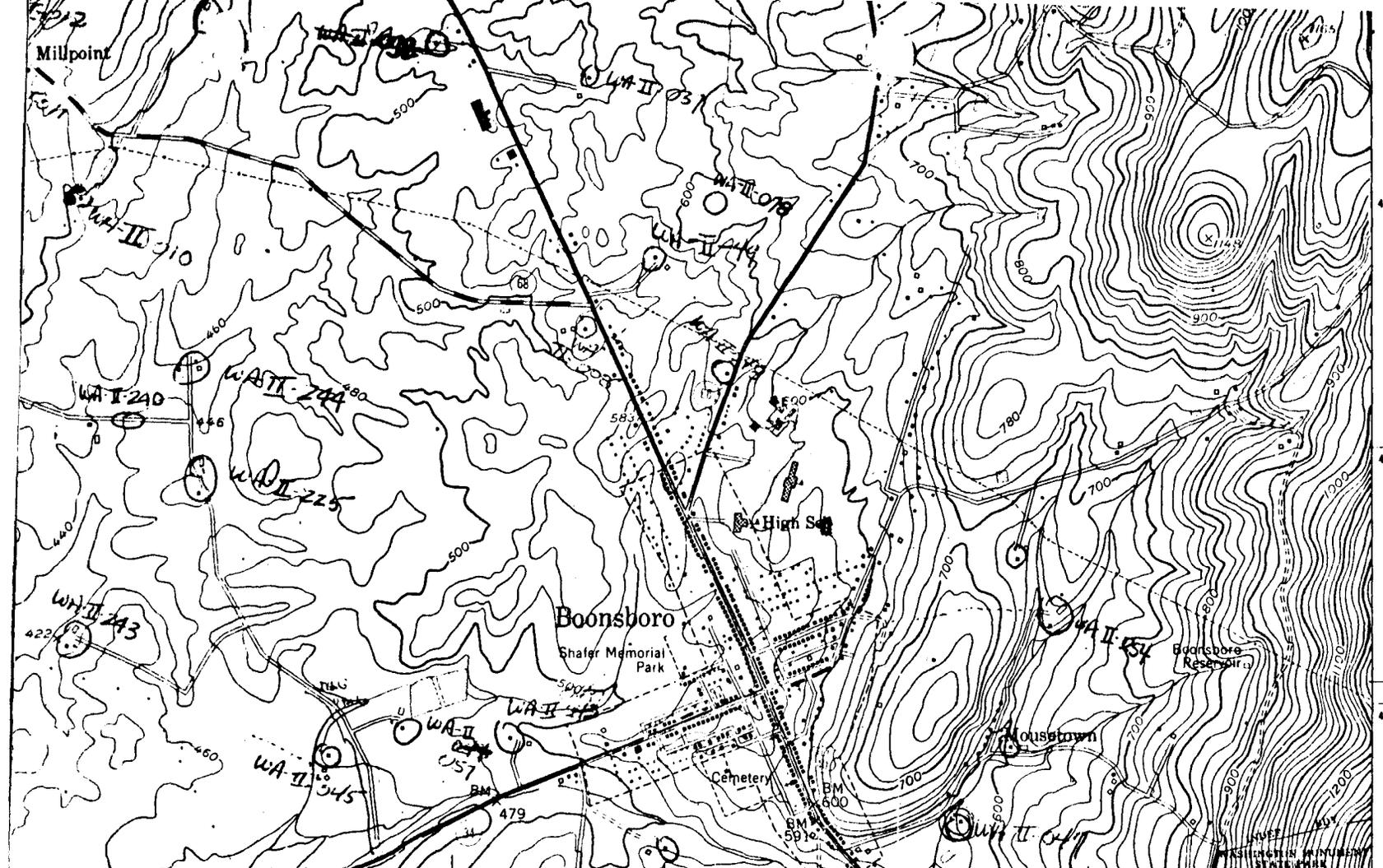
STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

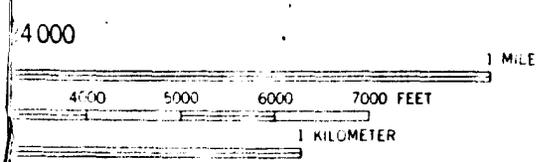
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



WILLETTSVILLE 1.5 MI. KEEDYSVILLE 1.5 MI. ZITTLSTOWN 1.5 MI. FREDERICK 14 MI.

INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D.C. - 1972



VAL 20 FEET  
SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty 4 LANE | 6 LANE Light-duty
- Medium-duty 4 LANE | 6 LANE Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route State Route
- Interstate Route

**FUNKSTOWN, MD.**  
SW/4 HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3930-W7737.5/7.5

1953  
PHOTO REPROD. 1971  
AMS 5463 II SW-SERIES V833

ALL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

4378

4377

4376000m N.

39°30'

77°37'30"  
274000m E.

(MIDDLETOWN)  
5462 I NE

WA II-200  
LHO-047



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S.W.

Jan. 1916

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WA B-0257

cut. 1/2 mi. SW.

Jan 1916

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Spring SE

Jan 1976

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Boonsboro, N.E

Jan. 1976

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