

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house and barn are located at the intersection of Beaver Creek Road at Route 66 at Wagner's Crossroads in Washington County, Maryland. They are located near the south side of the road with the house facing north while the barn faces south.

The house is a two-story, four-bay structure with black and white trim. A frame addition extends to the rear or south of the house. It is constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone with a small one-bay addition of matching stone attached at the east gable end. There is no decorative stonework associated with the exterior of the building except at the addition where a decorative stone arch is present over a fan in the gable. A datestone set in the east gable end of the building is inscribed S. Newcomer, 1875 (probably a rebuilding date).

Windows are present on all sides of the building but do not appear to have been spaced evenly. Most openings are flanked by louvered shutters. They hold two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes with arched tops set under wide wooden lintels.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the west end of the house. The doorway displays rather elaborate trim including a transom and sidelights and jambs with molded panels similar to those of the door. A much simpler doorway is present in the south wall and in the stone addition.

An early 20th century period one-story porch supported by round pillars extends across the front elevation and the south end wall.

The roof extends for several inches beyond the end walls of the house with substantial returns at the eaves. The roofing material is slate. Two gable roof dormers are located in the north slope of the roof.

Light colored brick chimneys are located inside each gable end. The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract of land containing 4.743 acres.

A short distance east of the house is a stone end bank barn. It shows much detail work from the early 20th century. It is owned by Roger Worthington and Paula Physioc Worthington (deed reference 561/352). On a 1.35 acre tract, the barn, too, is in excellent condition.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house and barn are their architecture. A number of stone structures are present in the Beaver Creek area and represent a major Cumberland Valley architectural group.

The property was in the Wagner family from 1869 to 1933. The junction of the Cavetown-Boonsboro Road and the Hagerstown-South Mountain Turnpike near this location became known as "Wagner's Crossroads." Prior to Wagner ownership, the property was owned by the Snavelly family.

The Trolley leading to South Mountain passed by this house and barn. The area was known as Beaver Creek junction. The house is pictured in a book by Herbert H. Harwood, Jr., entitled the Blue Ridge Trolley.

The entire Beaver Creek area is outstanding for its scenic merit and its numerous late 18th and early 19th century buildings. The character of this area has not yet been altered by 20th century development.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harwood, Herbert H., Blue Ridge Trolley, San Marino, Calif: Golden West Books, 1972
 Washington County Land Records
 Washington County Probate Records

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.35 acre (barn); 4.743 acres (house)

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historic Sites Survey DATE: May, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature

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No. 6

November 1974

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Barn N.W.

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