

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: San Mar Orphanage				
AND/OR HISTORIC: San Mar				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: San Mar, Route 2 (Maryland Route 66)				
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>children's home</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Washington County Home for Orphan and Friendless Children				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 2				
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 170/257				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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

The Washington County Home for Orphan and Friendless Children is located at San Mar, about 2-1/2 miles north of Boonsboro in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated near a spring and small run, on the west side of Maryland Route 66.

Several buildings are present on the property including the main building, constructed from 1925-27 and a large brick farmhouse built by Peter Fahrney, Jr., in 1848. A stone and frame springhouse is also present.

The orphanage is a large 2-1/2 story brick building set on cut stone foundations. Bricks are laid in all stretcher bond with projecting quoins. The windows are topped with rusticated stone lintels. The hip roof is broken by dormers and by the projecting pediment of the entrance pavilion. Wide cornice molding and a frieze finish the neoclassically inspired structure.

The farmhouse on the property is a two-story brick dwelling painted red with white trim. It is about seven bays in length, however, its enclosed double porch conceals the number of openings in the brick wall within.

The bricks of the front or south elevation of the house are laid in flemish bond, while other walls display common bond brickwork. The walls are set on coursed limestone foundations. Flat brick arches are present over the windows. Set in the east gable end of the building is a date stone, inscribed with the year 1848 and the name of Peter Fahrney.

Window openings contain six-light over single-pane double-hung sashes. Their narrow framing is finished with a bead. Small four-light openings are located in the gables to light the attic. Two pairs of dormers with pedimented roofs are present.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the west end of the house. The door is topped by a wide transom and flanked by matching side-lights inside paneled jambs. A modern entrance leads into the enclosed porch. Rear entrances are located behind an enclosed one story porch.

A Victorian period flat roof entrance porch protects the entrance bay.

The roof is of sheet metal and terminates with a plain barge, several inches beyond the gable walls. Brick chimneys with corbeled caps are located inside each gable end and at the interior of the house. The eaves boxing is finished with a simple band of cornice molding.

The house is built directly over a spring.

The buildings are in excellent condition and stand on a 57-acre tract.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) house dated 1848, main building 1925-27

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The San Mar orphanage is significant for its architecture and historically for its contribution to the education of orphans as a "Mechanical Institute" and as a social/humanitarian institution.

Peter Gray, who purchased the property from the Fahrney-Keedy Memorial Home in 1906, directed in his will (Liber K, Folio 517) that the "Peter Gray Orphans Home and Mechanical Institute" be established on his farm. Although Gray died in 1910, the deed was formally transferred to the Home on December 29, 1924. The original purpose of the Home was to teach a trade to orphaned boys as well as to provide shelter.

Prior to the Gray ownership the property had been in the Fahrney family for approximately a century. It was part of a farm owned by Doctor Peter Fahrney who began practicing medicine in the San Mar area around 1800. Doctor Fahrney's son, Peter, Jr., built the brick house in 1848. Important for its architecture, it is a dated example of mid-19th century construction and provides a record of Western Maryland's rural architecture of the period. Houses of five or more bays in length with recessed double porches are a significant architectural group in the area. Most date from the mid 19th century.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, Thomas J. C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Company, 1906. (Information about Peter Gray and Fahrney family.)

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
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 57 acres

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: April, 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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March 1962

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Superior House, W.D.

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house 5.10.19

Plains 1910

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House W₁

House W₂

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1917

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