

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM

WA-II-059

for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: The Wisherd Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: north of Benavola Church Road, west of Maryland 66				
CITY OR TOWN: Route 2, Boonsboro				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: John M. and Pauline Wisherd				
STREET AND NUMBER: 208 East Irvin Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			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. #): 229/018				
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 type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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 is located north of Benavola Church Road about one half mile west of Maryland Route 66 and about three miles north of Boonsboro in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a slight rise of ground above a small stream, the "Little Beaver Creek" and faces south.

The structure is a two-bay, two-story brick cased log dwelling with white trim. A two-bay, two-story brick el extends to the rear or north of the building.

The walls are set on low stone foundations. At the front or main section of the house, all stretcher brickwork is employed. The el at the north displays common bond. The brick courses at the front section appear to be casing which have been placed over an earlier log structure.

Windows are placed at random in the walls. The openings are framed with narrow members under wide wooden lintels. Six-over-six pane double-hung sashes are present in all windows of the main stories.

Entrances are located on the south, east and north sides of the building. All are quite simple in appearance and are framed similarly to the windows with wide wooden lintels.

A small shed roof entrance porch is present at the south entrance. A one-story hip roof porch extends along the east side of the el. It is supported by four round pillars.

The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and extends for several inches beyond the end walls of the house. The eaves are finished with a band of simple molding. Chimneys are located inside each gable end. A fourth chimney rises from the interior of the main section of the house, near its center.

A few feet northwest of the house is a one-and-a-half story, two-bay stone dwelling constructed of coursed local fieldstone. It is built into a hillock and faces east. Its window and door openings show wide framing with pegged joining and quarter round molded trim. The roof is covered with wooden shingles. It extends well beyond the front wall of the structure to form a porch. At the gables, the barge board tapers to the roof peak. A brick chimney with corbels at its top rises from inside the north gable end of the building.

Near the stone building is a large frame mill building set on limestone foundations. Stone foundation walls are also present nearby. The 1859 map of Washington County shows a mill site on this property.

The buildings are in fair to good condition and stand on a tract containing 163 acres.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce (milling)	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The buildings on this property are significant for their architecture and for their association with milling and early commerce in Washington County.

The brick cased log structure although greatly altered, does provide an example of Washington County's log building tradition.

Many log structures were built in Washington County from the earliest days of settlement until well into the 19th century. A number of these buildings continue in use today, disguised by various forms of siding or bricks.

These buildings are worthy of note as representatives of a major architectural group in Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley.

The mid and late 19th century alterations to these buildings should also be considered for their merit as Victorian adaptations to earlier buildings.

The stone dwelling is notable as an example of vernacular building in stone of the Cumberland Valley. Its wide overhanging roof at the front elevation is particularly outstanding.

The mill site is important for its contribution to the early economy of the area.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records
Washington County Map, 1859

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 163 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: July, 1974

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

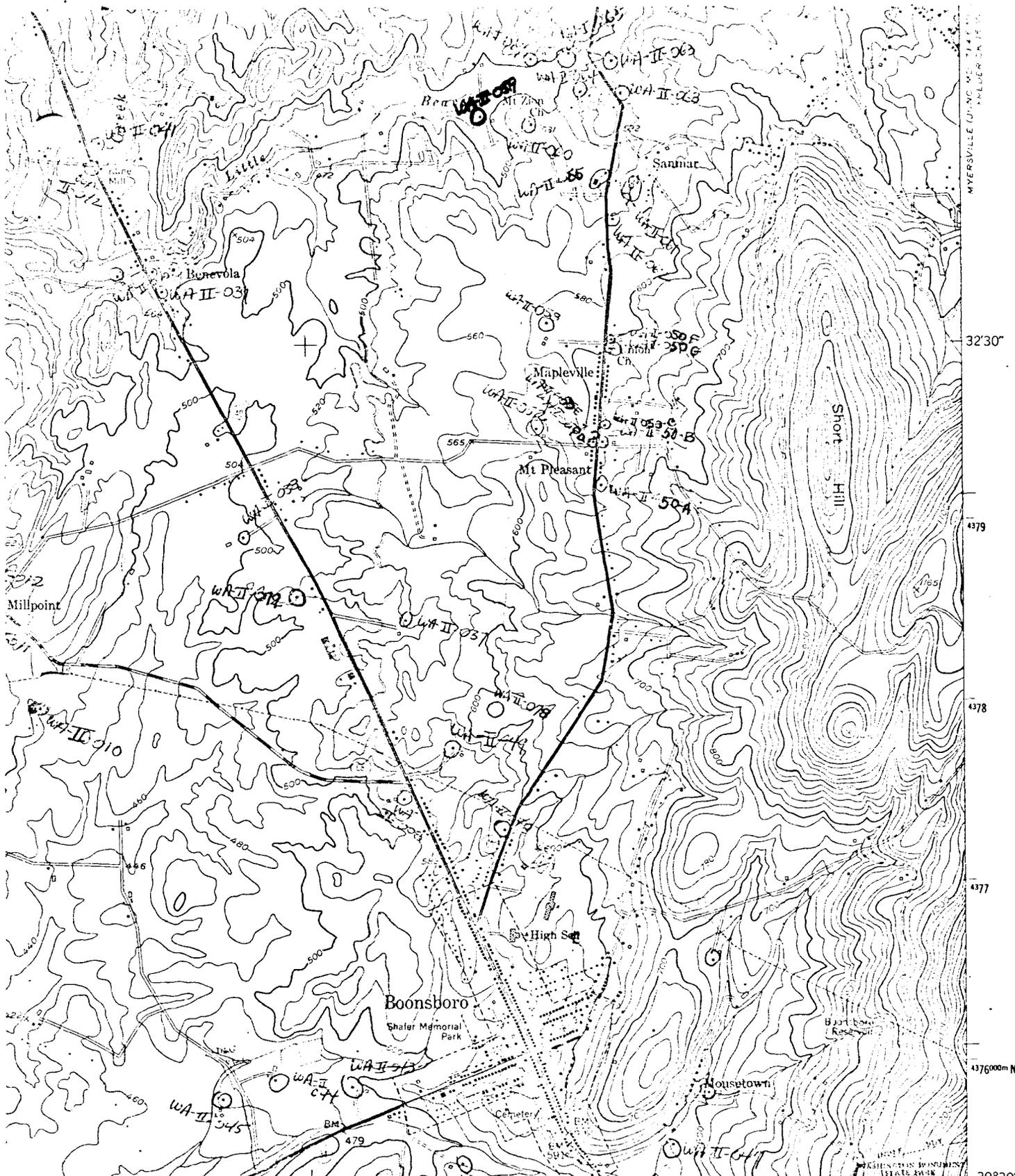
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

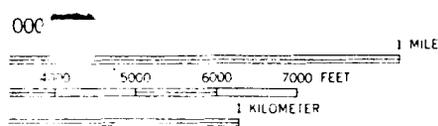
National State Local

Signature _____

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KEEDYSVILLE 16 MI. 40' 271 ZITLSTOWN 15 MI. FREDERICK 14 MI. 77°37'30" 2740000 E. 39°30' (MIDDLETOWN) 5462 1 NE



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	4 LANE + 4 LANE	Light-duty	-----
Medium-duty	4 LANE + 4 LANE	Unimproved dirt	-----
U. S. Route	□	State Route	○
		Interstate Route	—+—+—+—

AL 20 FEET
EA LEVEL



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



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