

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Lydia Shunk's Graveyard

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 1, Boonsboro, Maryland, about 1/2 mile north of Boonsboro

CITY OR TOWN:
Boonsboro

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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>Restored cemetery</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Herschel Dean

STREET AND NUMBER:
50 South Main Street

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

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 256/218

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County 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 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

Lydia Shunk's Graveyard is located about 1/2 mile north of Boonsboro, and about 1/2 mile east of Alt. U.S. Route 40. It is situated on a level area at the summit of a hill.

The plot is enclosed with a wire fence and has been restored by the Boonsboro Historical Society. A number of large trees shade the cemetery, setting it apart from the surrounding farm land.

The graves date from the mid 18th through the mid 19th century. Many of the markers are deteriorated and not readable. Some appear to be roughly squared fieldstone while other finished stones show decorative carving and detail work. Several grave markers are inscribed in German. Among the family names that could be read easily were Peterchang, Nichodemus and Newkerck.

According to most sources, the cemetery was laid out about 1750. A log church known as "Shank's Church" or "Shunk's Church" was located adjacent to the graveyard.

Lydia Shunk's graveyard is in good condition and is not at present in danger of destruction.

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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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 checked="" 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 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

Lydia Shunk's Graveyard is important as a well preserved and restored record of Washington County's 18th and early 19th century residents in the vicinity of Boonsboro. The cemetery is also recognized as significant for religious and humanitarian reasons.

In Washington County's 18th century deed records for the property on which the cemetery is located, references are made to "Shank's Church" and graveyard which were situated on an acre of land, part of a tract called "Lenafield." Lenafield, which contained 1,020 acres, was patented to Doctor P. Johns on April 24, 1767. In 1789, Peter John granted to Conrad Nichodemus and Michael Thomas, "church wardens of the calvinist congregation," one acre of Lenafield "where on there is a church erected and a graveyard." One peppercorn was to be paid to Peter John and his heirs each May 1.

In his will which was probated December 19, 1801, Peter John left part of Lenafield to his son John John, excepting one acre which was laid off for the use of the church. The grave of Heirhegt Peterchang, 1726-1801, probably that of Peter John is in the cemetery.

It cannot be determined from the records available in Washington County exactly when Shank's Church was built, but historians agree that it was erected around 1750. Shanks's or Shunk's church is described as having been built of logs.

In 1802 the Calvinist or German Reformed congregation with the Lutherans built a stone church in Boonsboro. It replaced Shank's church. The Trinity United Church of Christ in Boonsboro and the Mt. Nebo United Methodist Church of Boonsboro trace their history to Shank's Church.

No evidence of the log church remains.

In addition to its historical and religious significance, the site of the church and cemetery on a high hill overlooking the Cumberland Valley has great scenic value.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, Thomas J. C., A History of Washington County, Maryland, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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: March, 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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Lydia Shunk's Graveyard -- WA-II-078

Deed Records

Liber 256, Folio 218, April 1, 1950

Grantors: George R. Kefauver & Ardella M. Kefauver

Grantees: Herschel C. Dean and Rachel E. Dean

Part of "Lanafield" 70 acres.

Liber 143, Folio 637, March 13, 1914

Grantor: Albert Wilhide

Grantees: George R. Kefauver & Ardella M. Kefauver

\$9,000, 70 acres

Liber 141, Folio 235, March 29, 1913

Grantor: George W. Heinlein, executor for the will of John W. Adam

Grantee: Albert Wilhide

\$8,033, the deed is for part of a tract called "Lanafield," part of "Minifield" and Beall's Choice; 71 acres, 2 roods, 5 perches.

Liber 97, Folio 355, August 7, 1889

Grantor: William Adam and Annie M. Adam

Grantee: John W. Adam

\$6,000, 71 acres, 2 roods, 5 perches

Liber 83, Folio 508, December 18, 1882

Grantors: John Murdock and William E. Itnyre, executors for the will of William Itnyre

Grantee: William Adam

\$7,532, 71 acres, 2 roods, 5 perches

Liber IN16, Folio 144, March 27, 1862

Grantor: Jonas Itnyre and Sarah Ann Itnyre

Grantee: William Itnyre

\$1,414.42, 41 acres, 23 perches. The property included 1 acre laid off for a church in compliance with the will of Peter John.

Liber IN 15, Folio 477, February 20, 1861

Grantor: William Itnyre, trustee in the case of Wm. Itnyre et al vs. Ruanna Itnyre

Grantee: Jonas Itnyre

44-3/4 acres

Liber IN 4, Folio 35, May 28, 1848

Grantor: Judith John

Grantee: George Itnyre

\$300. The property was supposed to contain 55 acres.

Will of John John

Will book D, Folio 384, probated December 14, 1840

Will of Peter John

Will book A, Folio 453, probated December 19, 1801

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Liber F, Folio 83, January 5, 1789

Grantor: Peter John

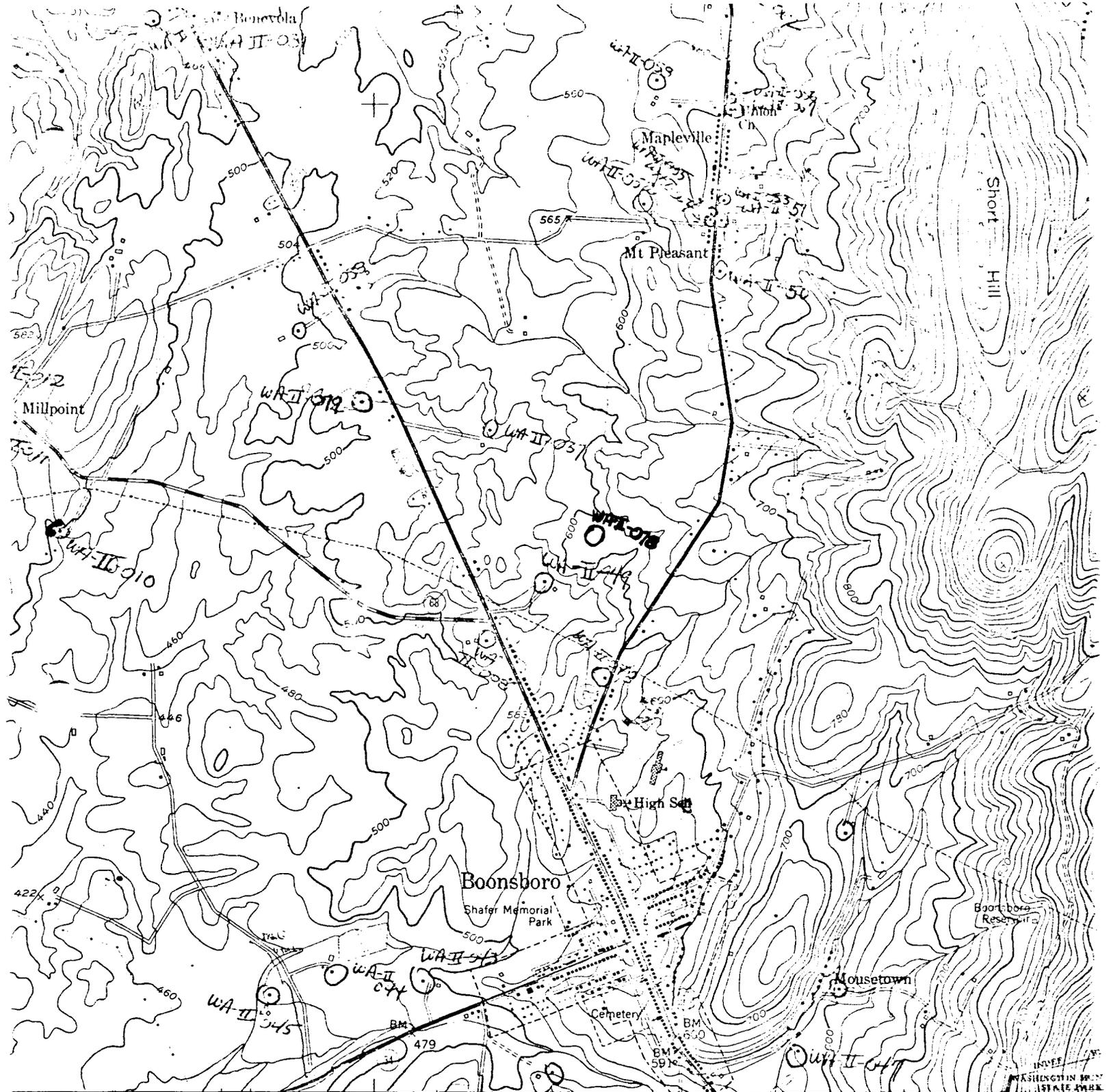
Grantees: Conrad Nichodemus and Michael Thomas, church wardens of the Calvinist congregation

The deed is for 1 ~~acre~~ of Lenafield "where on there is a church erected and a graveyard."

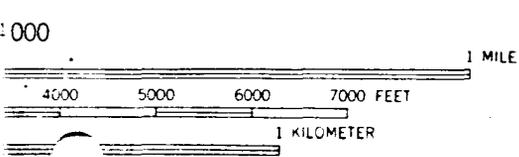
Patent Records

Patent book 1, Folio 169

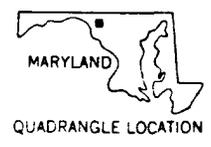
Lenafield surveyed for Doctor P. John, April 24, 1767, 1,020 acres



KEEDYSVILLE 1.6 MI. 40' 271 ZITTLESTOWN 1.5 MI. FREDERICK 14 MI.



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EA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		4 LANE		FLANE	Light-duty	
Medium-duty		4 LANE		FLANE	Unimproved dirt	
						State Route
						Interstate Route

FUNKSTOWN, MD
 SW/4 HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRA:
 N3930-W7737.5/7.5

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 VEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
 SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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LYDIA SHUNKS GRAVEYARD

"CIRCA 1740"

THIS AREA HAS BEEN RESTORED BY THE
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