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NOMINATION FORM

for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
The Wright House

AND/OR HISTORIC:
The Newcomer House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Beaver Creek, off Beaver Creek Church Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Route 9, Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	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 type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" 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 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:
Neil A. Wright

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 1, Box 150, Beaver Creek

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. #): 504/485

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <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	
	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p>The Wright House is located in the Beaver Creek area off the Beaver Creek Church Road in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a rise of ground facing east above the west bank of the Beaver Creek.</p> <p>The building is a two-story, six-bay, stone dwelling trimmed with black and white. It is constructed of coursed local fieldstone which shows little decorative work associated with the masonry.</p> <p>Windows at the facade are grouped with a gap between the fourth and fifth bays from the south end of the house, at the location of a stone wall across the interior. This wall suggests that an addition was possibly made to the house, although it appears to be contemporary with the original structure. The owner has noted that in the attic there is evidence that the roof pitch of the north section of the building has been changed.</p> <p>First story windows of the house contain nine-over-six light, double-hung sashes held within frames which show pegged joining and are finished with a bread. Windows at the second floor level are framed similarly but hold six-over-six light sashes. In the south gable end, the west second story window shows evidence of having been changed to a door at one time. The windows are flanked by louvered shutters.</p> <p>Two entrances are located in the facade wall in the fourth and fifth bays from the south end. The openings are treated simply with a three-light transom over each door. They are framed similarly to the windows. Another entrance is located in the south gable.</p> <p>A one-story porch dating from circa 1910 extends the length of the facade. A recessed double porch included under the main roof span is located at the rear or west side of the north section of the house.</p> <p>Chimneys are located at the north and south gable ends and at the location of the interior stone wall. They are constructed of brick and are rather small in size. The shingle roof extends beyond the end walls of the house for several inches.</p> <p>The interior of the house was substantially altered (including changes to the floor plan) during the early 20th century. However, remaining original interior doors show six raised panels with quirked quarter round molding.</p> <p>The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract of land containing 47.50 acres. Also on the property are ruins of a barn and the path of a road which appears to have led north toward Mt. Aetna. Local historian, maps and records indicate that a mill once stood on the property, however, no apparent physical evidence of it remains.</p>		

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century (late 18th-early 19th)
- 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 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 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 is its architecture. Probably built during the period from the late 18th to the early 19th century, it is one of a number of stone houses along the Beaver Creek. Several mills were located in the area, one of which (Doub's Mill, WA-II-090) still stands. It is probable that the numerous stone houses in the area dating from the late 18th and early 19th century were associated with the milling business.

The entire Beaver Creek area is outstanding for its architectural and scenic merit.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Washington County, Maryland
 Probate Records, Washington County, Maryland
 Tax Records, Washington County, Maryland, 1783, 1803
 Maps:
 Griffith, Dennis, Map of Maryland, 1794, 2nd edition, 1813.
 Varle, Charles, Map of Frederick & Washington Counties, 1808.
 1859 map of Washington County

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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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 47.50 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: 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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Deed Records -- The Wright House -- WA-II-080

Liber 504, Folio 485, May 8, 1970

Grantors: Charles Greeb, Jr. & Patricia C. Greeb

Grantees: Neil A. Wright & Laura J. Wright

47.5 acres

Liber 338, Folio 558, August 12, 1958

Grantors: William Newcomer et al

Grantees: Charles Greeb, Jr. & Patricia C. Greeb

The property is described as being part of the same property devised to William Newcomer and Eliza Newcomer Brooks by Edith N. Newcomer by will dated March 10, 1956.

49.01 acres.

Will Liber 23, Folio 418, Edith N. Newcomer

The property is described as the real estate devised to Edith N. Newcomer by will of Eliza H. Newcomer.

Will Liber L, Folio 444, Eliza H. Newcomer, probated February 28, 1914

The property was bequeathed to Eliza Newcomer under the will of her father, Benjamin Witmer, probated May 20, 1879.

Will Liber F, Folio 939, Benjamin Witmer

Liber OHW1, Folio 507, March 24, 1843

Grantors: John Witmer & Mary Witmer

Grantees: Benjamin Witmer

\$5,000 for part of "Garren's Gap" and part of the "Resurvey on Stull's Forrest"

110 acres.

Liber N, Folio 105, April 26, 1800

Grantor: Jacob Rohrer

Grantee: John Witmer

± 1525 for parts of "Resurvey of Garren's Loss" and "Resurvey on Stull's Forrest."

112 acres.

Liber K, Folio 426, September 14, 1797

Grantor: William McCoy

Grantee: Jacob Rohrer

± 1200 for part of "Resurvey on Garron's Loss" and "Resurvey on Stull's Forrest." 112 acres. The deed mentions a boundary on the west side of the wagon road leading from McCoys Mill to Hughes Furnace (Mt. Aetna).

Liber G, Folio 833, September 12, 1792

Grantors: Perry McCoy et al

Grantee: William McCoy

This deed is for the property that Daniel McCoy had surveyed for his son William about 1780. Daniel McCoy died inestate before conveyance was made. Part of Garren's Loss. 104 acres.

In the 1783 tax assessment for Washington County, Daniel McCoy is taxed for a mill.



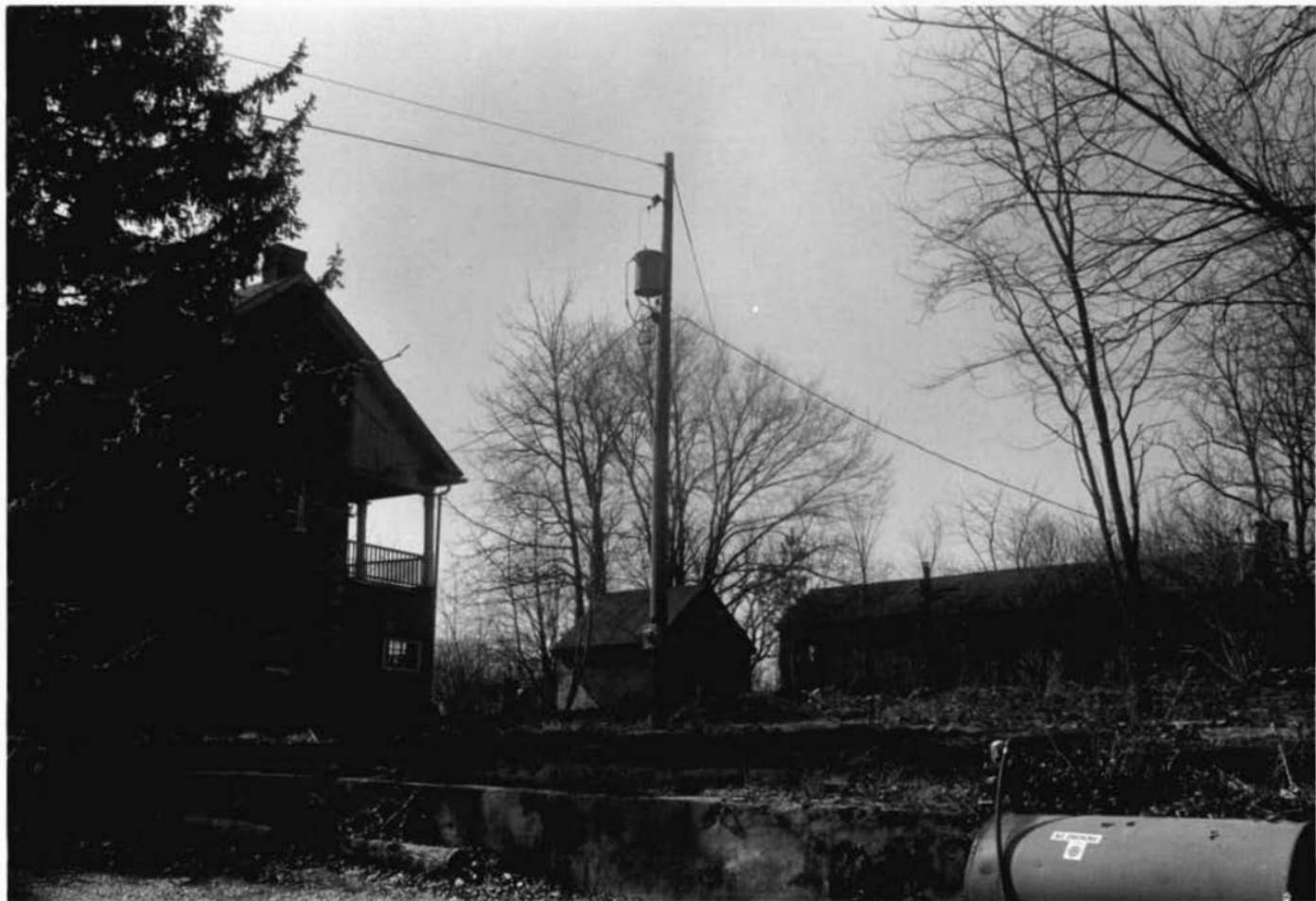
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CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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1912 1518
1812 1518
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Old road

along with

1820-1830

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