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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

Ditto Knolls

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ditto Farm Regional Park

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Landis Road, half mile west of Whitehall Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Hagerstown

X VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maryland

Washington 043

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Board of County Commissioners of Washington County

STREET & NUMBER

Washington County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	X <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
2 <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Ditto Farm is located on the Ditto Farms Regional Park property along the north side of Landis Road, about half a mile west of White Hall Road in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated near a small spring-fed stream and faces south.

The dwelling is a five-bay, two story brick structure with a two-bay, one-story brick ell extending to the north or rear of the main section. The walls are set on low limestone foundations at the front elevation, which become considerably higher at the rear of the house and the ell.

Bricks of the front elevation are laid in Flemish bond while other walls display a type of common bonding unusual for Washington County, consisting of three courses of stretchers between header rows. A water table capped with quarter round molded brick extends along the facade. Flat brick arches present over the openings diminish in height from 1 1/2 bricks at the first story to 1/2 brick at the attic level.

Windows appears to be spaced symmetrically in the facade. The six over six light double hung sashes are held within narrow frames, which appear to be replacements of wider, more massive frames. Few windows spaced at random are present in the rear elevation.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the facade. The unusual nine panel door is topped by a four light transom and is flanked by paneled jambs. The doorway is, however, quite simple in its appearance. In the rear elevation of the main section is a door which retains its original wide wooden frame with pegged joining.

A three-bay, one story entrance porch with a hipped roof shelters the central bays of the facade. It is supported by round doric style pillars.

The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and is finished at the gables with a tapered barge board which narrows to the roof peak. The eaves boxing is finished with a band of simple molding. Brick chimneys with corbeled caps are located inside each gable end and inside the end of the ell. The chimney in the ell was heightened at a later time. The house is in fair condition and appears structurally sound.

East of the house is a large stone end bank barn set parallel to Landis Road. This undated structure appears typical of stone barns built during the first half of the nineteenth century. It is in fair to good condition.

A 19th century springhouse exists on the property of no historic interest.

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

local history

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Ditto Knolls is one of two historic farm complexes in the 311.17 acre Ditto Farm Regional Park which will, in addition to recreational activities, interpret farming in Western Maryland. Ditto Knolls and the Henry McCauley Farm (see separate National Register nomination) will be restored as a part of the park. Ditto Knolls is important for its architecture and its contribution to Washington County history.

Architecturally Ditto Knolls is a significant example of the construction patterns of Washington County and western Maryland where stone and brick were important building materials. This property is an unusually early example of the County's brick architecture. Several features of this house - water table, Flemish bond brickwork on the facade used in combination with a common bond of three courses of stretchers between header rows, taped barge board, and wide pegged door frame - are associated with 18th and very early 19th century structures in Washington County. Built with five bays and a center main entrance, it is representative of a major type of building in western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley derived from the Georgian style Brick houses built, as this one was, prior to 1820 are rare in the County.

The large stone end bank barn is a well preserved example of regional agricultural construction.

The property was owned through most of its history by the McCauley family, prominent farmers in the County. The McCauley family at the same time owned the McCauley Farm the second historic complex in the park.

In 1847 Samuel McCauley bought what is now Ditto Knolls from Catherine McCra who had inherited the farm from Michael Fernsler. Fernsler acquired the property in two transactions from Wendel Gilbert (also spelled Sibert) in 1791 and 1794. Either Fernsler or Gilbert is the probable builder of Ditto Knolls.

The lands making up this farm to include parts of the original property Meshek's Garden, Resurvey On Old Fox Deceived and Cobbler's Hall.

# 19 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Washington County Land and Probate Records  
Washington County Courthouse  
Hagerstown, Maryland

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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### UTM REFERENCES

A	1, 8	2, 7, 1, 4, 6, 0	4, 3, 8, 7, 2, 6, 0	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historic Sites Survey DATE: April 1, 1974

STREET & NUMBER: Court House Annex TELEPHONE: 301-791-3065

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE DATE

### FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Ditto Knolls				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Landis Road, about 1/2 mile west of White Hall Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
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 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) _____ _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Edward W. Ditto				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1702 Cathedral Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
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. #): 187/24				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3021				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis			STATE: Maryland	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 along the north side of Landis Road about 1/2 mile west of White Hall Road in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated near a small spring-fed stream and faces south.

The building is a five-bay, two-story brick dwelling with a two-bay, one-story brick el extending to the north or rear of the main section. The walls are set on low limestone foundations at the front elevation, which become considerably higher at the rear of the house and the el.

Bricks of the front elevation are laid in flemish bond while other walls display common bond brickwork. A watertable, seven rows above the foundation and capped with quarter round molded brick extends the length of the facade. Flat brick arches present over the openings diminish in height from 1-1/2 bricks at the first story to 1/2 brick at the attic level.

Windows appear to be placed symmetrically in the facade. The six-over-six light double-hung sashes are set within narrow frames which do not show pegged joining. Few windows are present in the rear elevation. They are placed at random.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the facade. The unusual nine-panel door is topped by a four-light transom and is flanked by decorative paneled jambs. The doorway, however, is quite simple in its appearance.

A three-bay, one-story entrance porch with a hipped roof sheds the central bays of the facade. It is supported by round doric style pillars.

The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and is finished at the gables with a tapered barge board which narrows to the roof peak. The eaves boxing is finished with a band of simple molding. Brick chimneys with corbeled caps are located inside each gable end and inside the end of the el. The chimney in the el was heightened at a later time.

The house is in fair condition and appears structurally sound. A large stone barn is located east of the house.

The property contains 144.87 acres.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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 type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Although its exact construction date has not been determined, the house would appear to be an early example of the County's brick architecture. Features such as the flemish bond facade, the watertable and the tapered barge board would tend to support an early building date, perhaps the late 18th or early 19th century.

Built with five bays and a center main entrance, it is representative of a major type of building in Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley.

The house is worthy of further examination and consideration for restoration.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for Major Bibliographical References.

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: 144.87 acres

Acreeage 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

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Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Deed Records -- Ditto Knolls -- WA-II-093

Liber 187, Folio 24, October 31, 1930

Grantors: Jacob Wesley Symons & Hattie M. Symons

Grantee: Edward W. Ditto, Jr.

The property is part of "Cobler's Hall" and "The Resurvey on Meshank's Garden," part of "The Resurvey on the old Fox Deceived" and "Sweep Clear," all lying contiguous. 144-7/8 acres.

Liber 168, Folio 575, May 12, 1924

Grantors: Omer T. Kaylor, Assignee

Grantees: Jacob Wesley Symons & Hattie M. Symons

144-7/8 acres

Liber 155, Folio 326, June 30, 1919

Grantors: Moffitt J. Stoner & Fanny C. Stoner

Grantees: Jacob Wesley Symons

\$12,000, 144-7/8 acres.

Liber 154, Folio 132, July 16, 1918

Grantor: Hubert I. Shifler

Grantee: Fanny C. Stoner

Liber 101, Folio 614, March 26, 1894

Grantor: William Newcomer, attorney-at-fact

Grantee: Amos Harlan Shifler

The deed was made by the heirs of Charles McCauley

Liber W McK K 5/Folio 269, October 25, 1872

Grantor: Samuel McCauley

Grantee: Charles McCauley

\$9,758.12, 150-1/8 acres

Liber W McK K 4, Folio 449, March 15, 1872

Grantor: Samuel McCauley

Grantee: John McCauley

The land was subsequently conveyed by John McCauley to Samuel McCauley, his father. \$10,500, 150-1/8 acres.

Liber H, Folio 857, August, 1794

Grantor: Wendel Gilbert (also spelled Sibert)

Grantee: Michael Frenslar

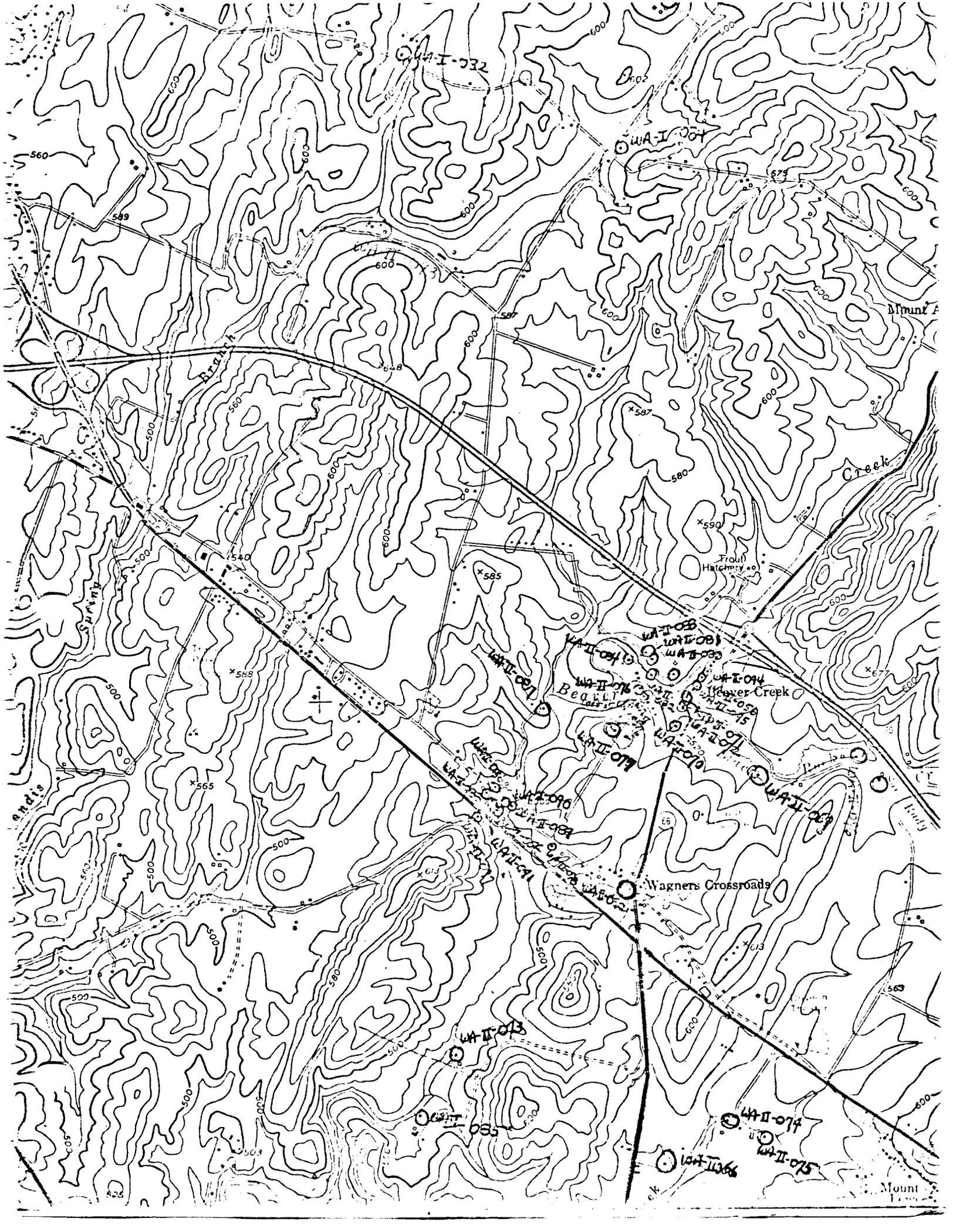
100 h, "Sweep Clear" 21 acres. The property described was surveyed for Samuel Hughes on the 15th day of April, 1770.

Liber G, Folio 517, April, 1791

Grantor: Wendel Gilbert (also spelled Sibert)

Grantee: Michael Frenslar

750 h, parcel (1) Cobbler's Hall, 100 acres; (2) parcels of "Mechack's Garden" 10 acres' (3) part of "Old Fox Deceived" 11 acres.





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Ditto Knolls

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