# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

## NOMINATION FORM for the

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE**

### 1. NAME

**COMMON:**
The Whilden House

**AND/OR HISTORIC:**
The Stonebraker Farm, Conococheague Manor, Cedar Hill

### 2. LOCATION

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Dellinger Road, one mile west of Dam No. 4 Road

**CITY OR TOWN:**
near Downsville

**STATE:**
Maryland

**COUNTY:**
Washington

### 3. CLASSIFICATION

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### 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

**OWNER'S NAME:**
Stephen H. Whilden

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
Route 1, Box 266

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Keedysville

**STATE:**
Maryland

**ZIP CODE:**
21756

### 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. #):**
574/344

### 4. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**
Maryland Historical Trust Survey #2069

**DATE OF SURVEY:**
Summer, 1967

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**
Maryland Historical Trust

**STREET AND NUMBER:**
2525 Riva Road

**CITY OR TOWN:**
Annapolis

**STATE:**
Maryland
This house is located along the north side of Dellinger Road, about one mile west of Dam No. 4 Road in Washington County, Md. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces east.

The structure is a two-story, three-bay brick dwelling with white trim. Extending to the rear or west of the house is a one-and-a-half story, two-bay log structure to which has been attached a small, one-story stone addition. The end or west wall of the stone portion has been replaced with wooden siding. The interior of the log section was recently damaged by fire.

The walls of all sections of the house are set on rough limestone foundations. The bricks are laid in common bond at all elevations with five courses of stretchers between rows of header bricks. The walls of the log section have been sheathed with coved board siding. Logs visible from the interior show "V" notched corner joining. The stone section is constructed of roughly coursed fieldstone.

The windows in the brick section are placed with little concern for symmetry. The two north bays of the front or east elevation are grouped closely together while the third bay is set apart. The openings contain two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes set within narrow frames with mitered corners and beaded edges. Flat brick arches are present over first story windows at the front elevation and openings in the gable walls. Openings in the west or rear wall of the brick section are framed with wide wooden members secured with pegs, as are those in the log section. In the stone section openings have narrow frames with beaded trim.

The main entrance is located in the central bay of the facade. The doorway is very simple in appearance and is framed similarly to the windows. A narrow diamond pane transom is present over the door. Decorative panels finish the jambs.

A hipped roof entrance porch with elaborate ironwork is present at the front door. A porch at the south elevation of the log section is framed under its roof span.

Most of the roof area is covered with corrugated sheet metal. It terminates at the end walls with plain barge boards set against the walls. The eaves are finished with simple boxing.

Large brick chimneys are located inside each gable end and from inside the west gable of the el.

The interior of the brick section is divided by an east-west wall through its center. Constructed into this wall are two enclosed stairways, leading to the second story. In the attic, rafters are secured with wooden pegs.

The house is in deteriorated condition but restoration is planned by the present owner. The property contains 10 acres and includes a large barn.
### Statement of Significance

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. The property is also significant for its association with the Stonebraker family, prominent early residents of Washington County.

The house appears to represent three periods of building, the earliest of which is the log section. The brick section could date from the second quarter of the 19th century.

The farm on which the house is located is described in deeds as the "home farm" or "Cedar Hill" of the Stonebraker family.

Michael Stonebraker settled on the family homestead some time before 1800. He died in 1815 at the age of 56 leaving what he termed the "home place" to his son Samuel. Samuel was born in 1801. In 1839 Samuel Stonebraker moved to Baltimore where he engaged in a grain and flour business under the name Meixell and Stonebraker and later Newcomer and Stonebraker. He was subsequently one of the founders of the Baltimore Corn Exchange and a member of the firm of Sterlin, Ahrens and Co., sugar refiners.  

The home farm remained in the Stonebraker family until 1906. The farm is part of an original grant to Lord Baltimore called "Conococheague Manor." An inventory of tenants on the Manor in 1767 listed no one by the Stonebraker name.

It should be noted that Williams' History of Washington County mentions a stone house built by Michael Stonebraker in 1804.  


2 Ibid.
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Philadelphia: Louis E. Everts, 1882.
Williams, T. J. C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.
1859 Map of Washington County.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 10 acres

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE: COUNTY:
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant
ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey
DATE: August, 1974

ADDRESS:
Court House Annex
Hagerstown, Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
National □ State □ Local □

Signature
Wa-II-104 -- Deed Records

Liber 574, Folio 344, February 12, 1974
Grantors: George P. Peng, et al
Grantee: Stephen H. Whilden
10 acres.

Liber 501, Folio 332, February 10, 1970
Grantors: Mildred D. Schirrmacher and Fred C. Schirrmacher
Grantees: George P. Peng, et al
142-3/4 acres, 14 perches

Liber 475, Folio 262, August 22, 1968
Grantors: Donald E. McClain and Eleanor E. McClain, Bernard W. McClain and E. Virginia McClain and Edward M. McClain, Jr.
Grantees: Mildred W. Schirrmacher
142-3/4 acres.

Liber 419, Folio 328, February 9, 1965
Grantors: Samuel F. Judd & Pauline E. Judd
Grantees: Donald E. McClain et al
"Conococheague Manor," 142-3/4 acres

Liber 241, Folio 68, April 19, 1947
Grantors: Joseph U. Dellinger and Alice S. Dellinger
Grantees: Samuel F. Judd and Pauline E. Judd
142-3/4 acres, 14 perches.

Liber 227, Folio 505, September 19, 1944
Grantees: Joseph U. Dellinger
$7,000, "Conococheague Manor," 142-3/4 acres, 14 perches

Liber 143, Folio 213, January 13, 1914
Grantor: Nancy Deibert, Daisey M. Toms, Exec. and Elmira Rowland
Grantee: William Gower
$10,927.07, 142-3/4 acres, 14 perches

Liber 123, Folio 527, March 29, 1906
Grantor: J. Clarence Stonebraker
Grantee: Isaac N. Rowland
$6,000, "Conococheague Manor."

Liber 87, Folio 683, August 3, 1885
Grantor: E. William Stonebraker and Susan M. Stonebraker, Daniel K. Stonebraker and Sophie E. Stonebraker
Grantees: J. Clarence Stonebraker
$7,000, "Conococheague Manor," 150 acres.

Liber 84, Folio 190, May 1, 1883
Grantors: Daniel K. Stonebraker, George A. Davis and Clarence Lane, Trustees
Grantees: E. William Stonebraker at al
$11,635, "Cedar Hill," 158 acres.

Wills Liber B, Folio 324 made March 23, 1815
Will of Michael Stonebraker. The "Home Place" was left to Samuel Stonebraker
PAULA STONER Dickey
Consultant, Washington Co.
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