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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**

HISTORIC

Orndorff's Mill, Mumma's Mill

*listed on NR as part of  
Antietam Battle field*

AND/OR COMMON

Mount Pleasant (Preferred)

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 34 at Antietam Creek

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

Third

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

043

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

C. E. Ritchie

STREET & NUMBER

Stone Manor

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Maryland 21782

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED 50% | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" 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

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The structure is a two-story, three bay log dwelling set on very low stone foundations. A two-story, four bay ell, also of log, extends to the rear or north. The entire structure is covered with beaded weatherboarding displaying no decorative trim.

Windows appear to be spaced evenly in the front and side elevations of the front section. Lower story windows contain nine over six light double hung sashes, while those at the upper story and the rear section have six over six light sashes. All are held within moderately wide frames, trimmed with quirked quarter round moulding and finished with a beaded inner edge. Six over three light sashes with similar framing are present at the attic level. Windows at the front elevation are flanked with paneled shutters at the main story and with louvered shutters at the second floor level.

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Immediately behind the house is a two-story stone and brick kitchen with a bake oven. South of Route 34 is a large frame bank barn set on stone foundations. No physical evidence remains of the mill or other dwellings which were part of the complex.

Surviving Civil War photographs of the milling complex show that this house was covered with what appears to be white weatherboarding. Just southeast of the present house was a large two-story

| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |  |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The house, constructed of logs, is representative of a major architectural group in Western Maryland and southern Pennsylvania. Log was used extensively as a building material in the area from the earliest days of settlement to well into the nineteenth century. Aside from its log construction, however, Mount Pleasant is quite unusual in appearance. Its steeply pitched roof with high chimneys are features infrequently found in Washington County. The structure has the appearance of dating from circa 1800 and thus was not necessarily built by the Orndorff family, who acquired the property in 1762. The Orndorff family, according to numerous sources, was quite prosperous and may have built and resided in one of the other dwellings which appeared among the complex of buildings in the nineteenth century photograph.

Architecturally, Mount Pleasant is significant as an example of turn of the nineteenth century period domestic construction, which has remained to the present with minimal alteration.

Accounts of the Orndorff family indicate that Christian Orndorff established a mill on the Antietam shortly after he purchased 503 acres from James Smith for £654 on November 17, 1762.<sup>1</sup> The flour and sawmills erected by Christian Orndorff were replaced by newer mills built by Christian's son, Christopher in 1782. Christopher sold 303 acres of the Orndorff property, including the milling complex to Jacob Mumma in 1796 for £5,500. The mills were operated by the Mumma family until 1841, although Jacob Mumma apparently resided on the property for some time after the deed was transferred. The mill continued to operate through the nineteenth century, providing a stimulus to the local economy for well over a century.

According to Orndorff family history, flour from the mills was shipped to eastern centers and helped to supply American troops during the Revolution.

The Mount Pleasant property is also important for its association with significant military events in United States history. Several members of the Orndorff family were officers of the Maryland Militia. According to family history, the Orndorff house, during the Revolution, was the scene of many military and policy making

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY nine acres

UTM REFERENCES

|   |                      |                      |                      |   |                      |                      |                      |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| A | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | B | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
|   | ZONE                 | EASTING              | NORTHING             |   | ZONE                 | EASTING              | NORTHING             |
| C | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | D | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

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 Historical Sites

DATE

August 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Court House Annex

TELEPHONE

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

State Historic Preservation Officer

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

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Washington County

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South of present Route 34 and east of the barn was the mill and a one and one-half story dwelling with an exterior stone chimney. East of the creek and south of Route 34 was a two-story, three bay stone dwelling. These buildings have not survived to the present. A 1902 deed to the property (Liber 116, folio 163) describes the land as being "improved with a two-story, weather-boarded dwelling house with back building, a large bank barn, a stone and frame grist mill and saw mill, a stone, two-story dwelling house and other farm buildings..."

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

*included in Antietam Battlefield NR*

*listing*

**1. NAME**

COMMON: *Mt. Pleasant (preferred)*

AND/OR HISTORIC: Orndorff's Mill, Mumma's Mill

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: Route 34 at Antietam Creek

CITY OR TOWN: Sharpsburg vicinity

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   | OWNERSHIP  | STATUS  | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC   |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both                                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress                       | Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |  |   |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____<br>_____<br>_____                    |

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME: C. E. Ritchie

STREET AND NUMBER: Stone Manor

CITY OR TOWN: Sharpsburg 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. #): 438/458

**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:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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 < 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered     | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

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(See continuation sheet attached)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century (late)       20th Century

15th Century       17th Century       19th Century (early)

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SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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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           | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature          | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music               |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |  |  | _____                                    |

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>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: 130 Acres

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey

ORGANIZATION: Consultant, Washington County Historical Sites Survey DATE: August, 1975

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Description (Continued)

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Liber 438, folio 458      March 30, 1966  
Grantors: Brightwood Acres  
Grantees: Charles E. Ritchie  
141 Acres, 14 perches  
"Smith's Hills," "The Resurvey on Hillsdale", "Vineyard"

Liber 421, folio 431      April 1, 1965  
Grantors: E. D. Plummer, et al.  
Grantees: Brightwood Acres, Inc.

Liber 318, folio 35      December 7, 1956  
Grantors: Louis Lohman and Susan Lohman  
Grantees: E. D. Plummer, et al.

Liber 181, folio 341      October 29, 1928  
Grantors: Walter H. Snyder and Daisy M. Snyder  
Grantees: Louis Lohman  
\$4,867.52

Liber 116, folio 163      April 10, 1902  
Grantor: Sarah E. Grimes  
Grantee: John M. Gaines  
\$7,416.34  
152 ½ acres, 34 perches

"improved with a two-story weatherboarded dwelling house with back building, a large bank barn, a stone and frame grist mill and saw mill, a stone two-story dwelling house and other farm buildings' . . . described as being the same land where Jacob A. Myers resided at the time of his death.

Liber 116, folio 162      April 10, 1902  
Grantors: Alexander Neill, Charles G. Biggs, John M. Gaines, Trustees  
Grantee: Sarah E. Grimes  
\$7,416.34

Liber 86, folio 32      January 22, 1884  
Grantors: Frederick Miller and Wife  
Grantee: Jacob A. Myers  
an undivided one-half interest

Liber WMCKK 1, folio 457      April 27, 1869  
Grantor: David Myers  
Grantee: Jacob H. Myers and Frederick Miller  
\$20,000, 152 ½ Acres and 34 perches

Liber IN 18, folio 652      August 1, 1867  
Grantors: Christian Startzman, Trustee  
Grantee: David Myers  
\$19,050

Liber IN 8, folio 339      November 8, 1853  
Grantor: Lewis Watson  
Grantee: Joshua Newcomer  
\$19,180

WA-II-106 DEED RECORDS, CONTD:

Liber IN3, folio 913      October 14, 1848  
Grantor: Jacob Miller  
Grantee: Lewis Watson  
\$16,250

described as being the same tract in which Jacob Miller purchased the interest of John Emmert at Sherriff's Sale, December 1, 1846.

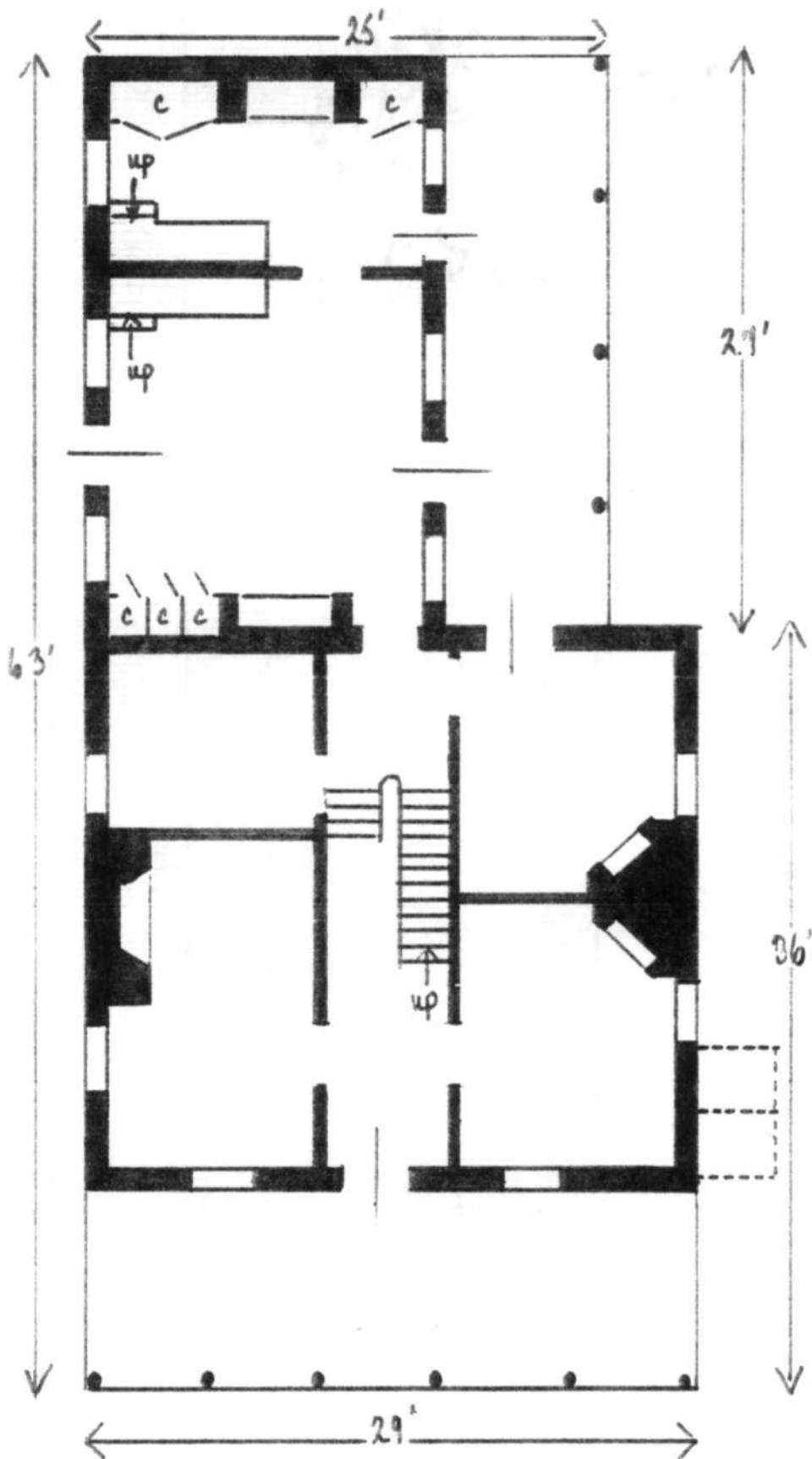
Liber IN3, folio 615      May 8, 1846  
Grantor: Joseph D. Emmert  
Grantee: Jacob Miller  
\$3,000., an undivided one-half part  
152 Acres, 34 perches. excepting the 10 acres of land . . .  
whereon Jacob Miller now lives . . . as reserved by him when he sold  
the property to Samuel Mumma for his and his wife Barbara's use  
during their natural life.

Liber YY, folio 494      April 28, 1841  
Grantor: Samuel Mumma  
Grantee: Jacob and John Emmert  
\$23,000.

Liber SS, folio 835      April 3, 1837  
Grantor: Jacob Mumma and Barbara Mumma  
Grantee: Samuel Mumma  
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additional tracts.

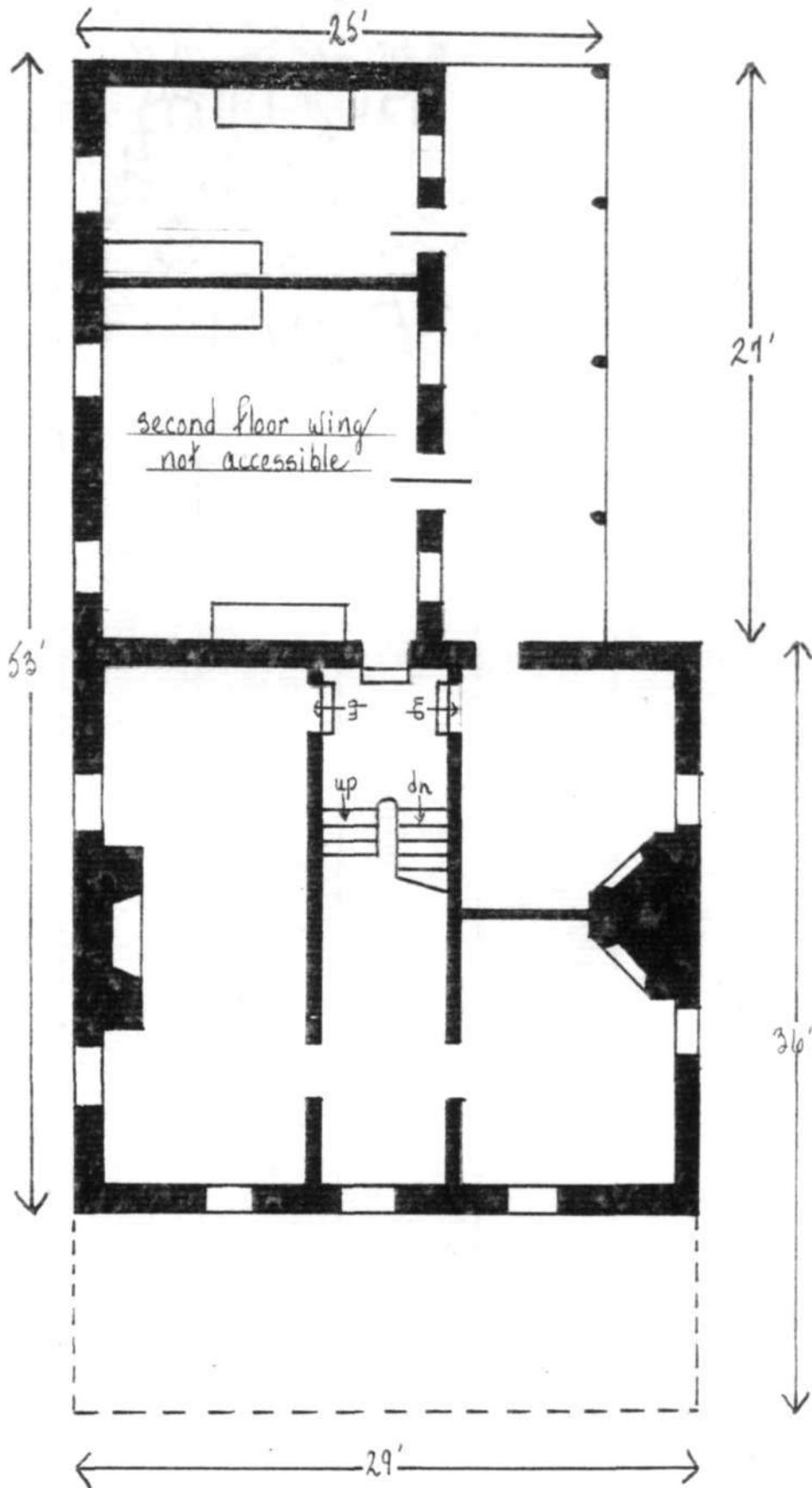
Liber I, folio 764      May 6, 1796  
Grantor: Christopher Orndorff  
Grantee: Jacob Mumma  
£ 5,500.      Parts of the "Resurvey on Smith's Hills,  
"Resurvey on Hills Dales," "The Vinyard"  
"Porto Santo"  
303 Acres, 11 Acres, 10 $\frac{1}{4}$  Acres.

Liber G, folio 472      May 2, 1791  
Grantor: Christian Orndorff  
Grantee: Christopher Orndorff  
£ 2,500.      Parcel #1)Resurvey on Smith's Hills, 303 Acres  
Parcel #2)Porto Sancto, 11 Acres



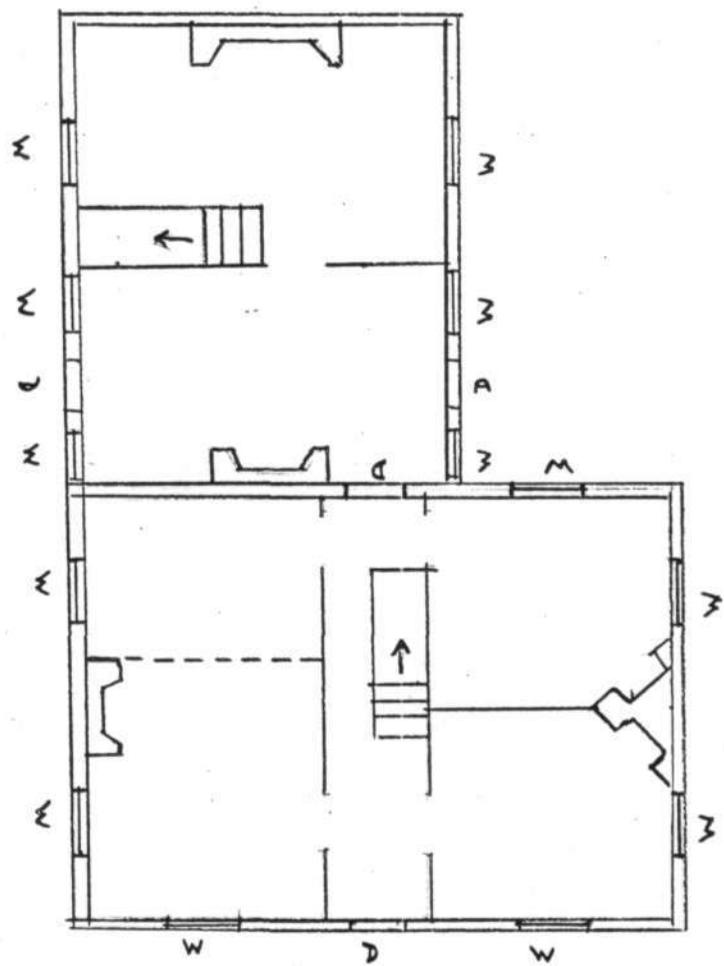
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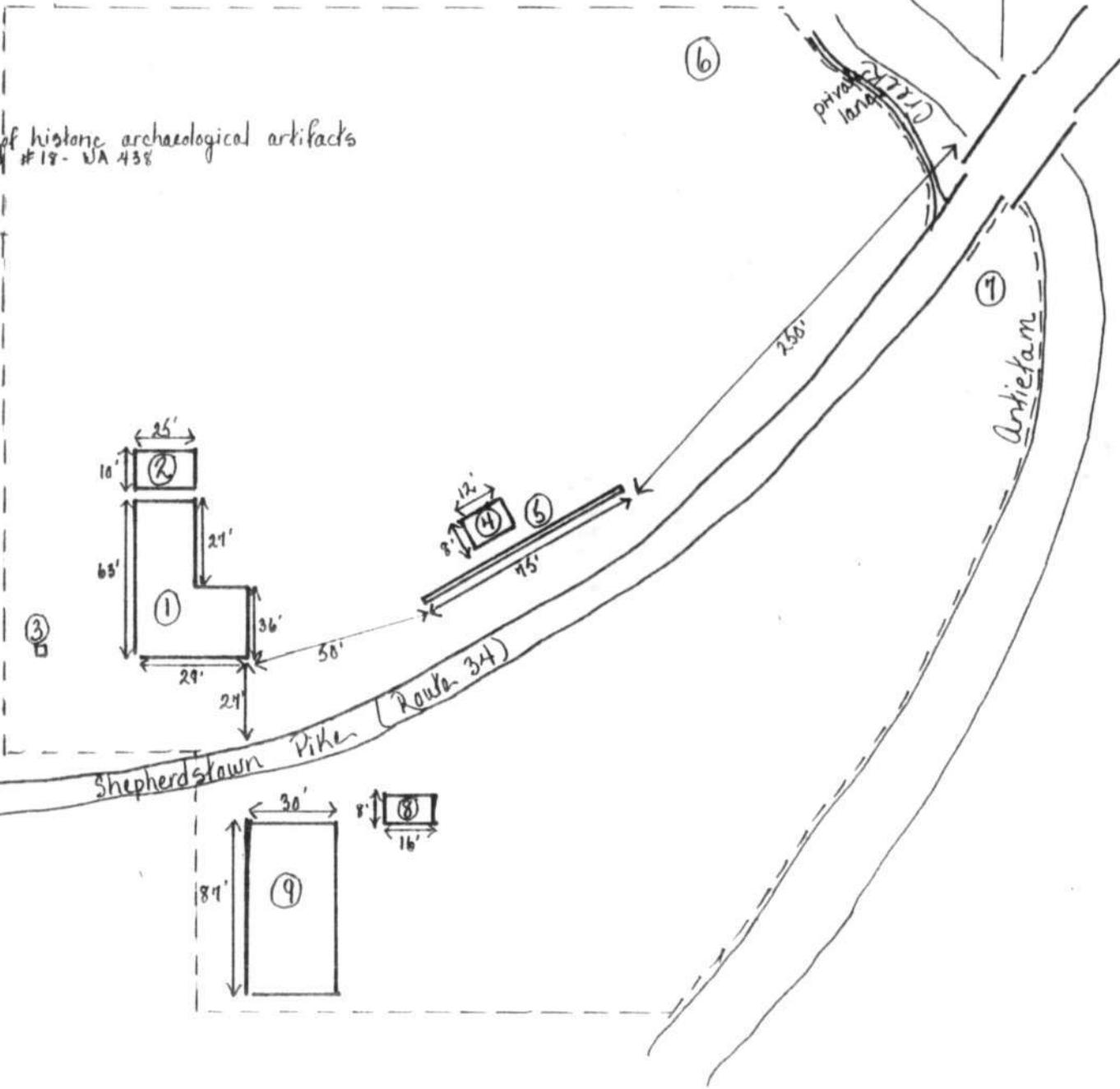
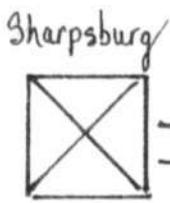
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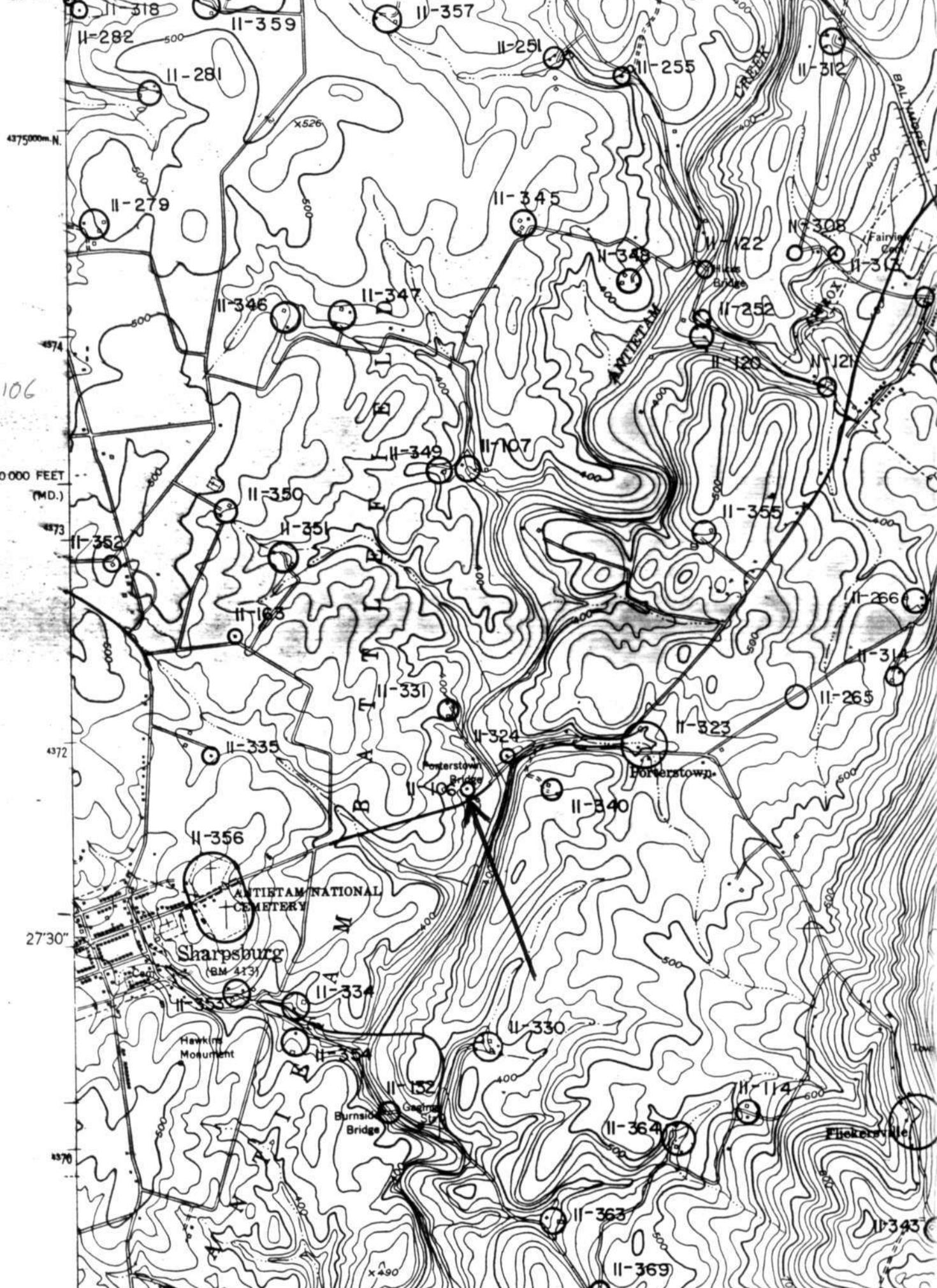
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- 1 main house
- 2 stone kitchen foundation
- 3 spring / well
- 4 wooden shed
- 5 facade of stone house foundation - site of historic archaeological artifacts
- 6 pre-historic artifacts found in plowed field #19-VA 438
- 7 mill complex site #19-VA 320
- 8 wooden shed
- 9 stone/wood bank barn
- boundaries of nominated area



not drawn to scale

Lynne Byron



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Mr. Pleasant

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Mount Pleasant (Newcomer Farm, Orndorff's Mill, Mumma's Mill)  
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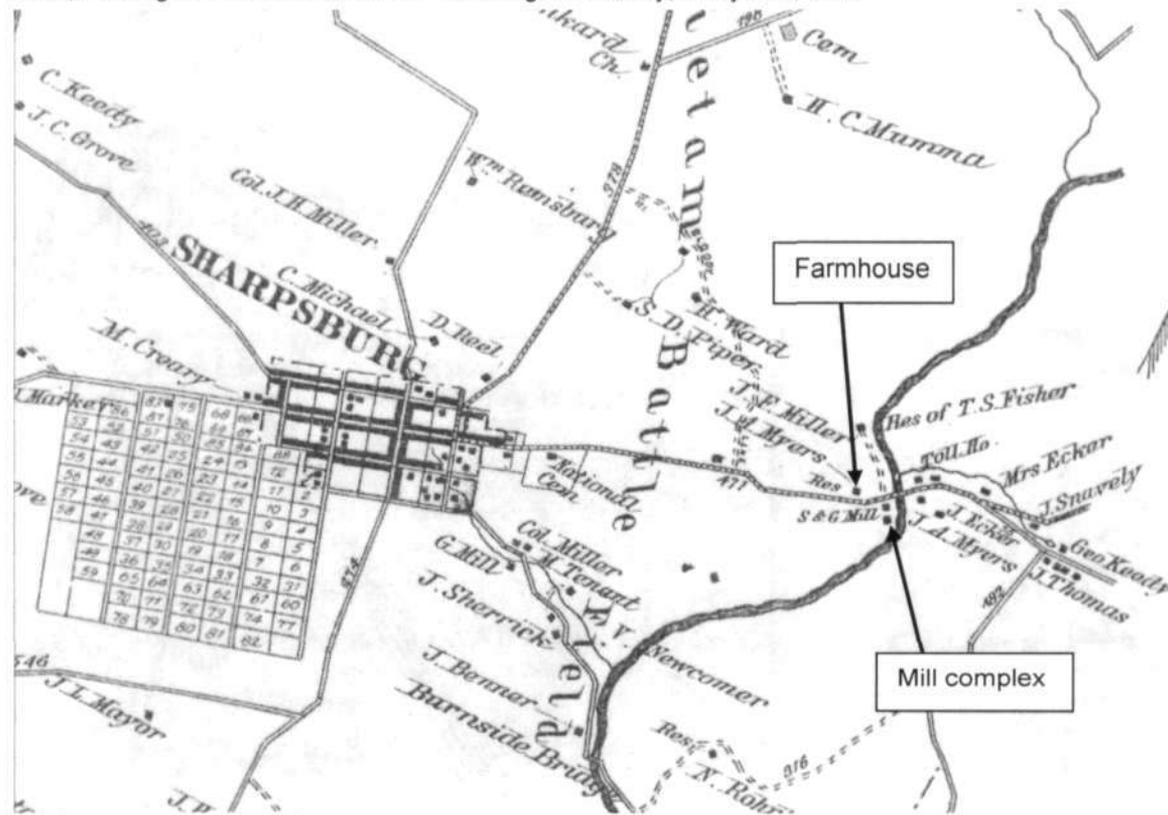


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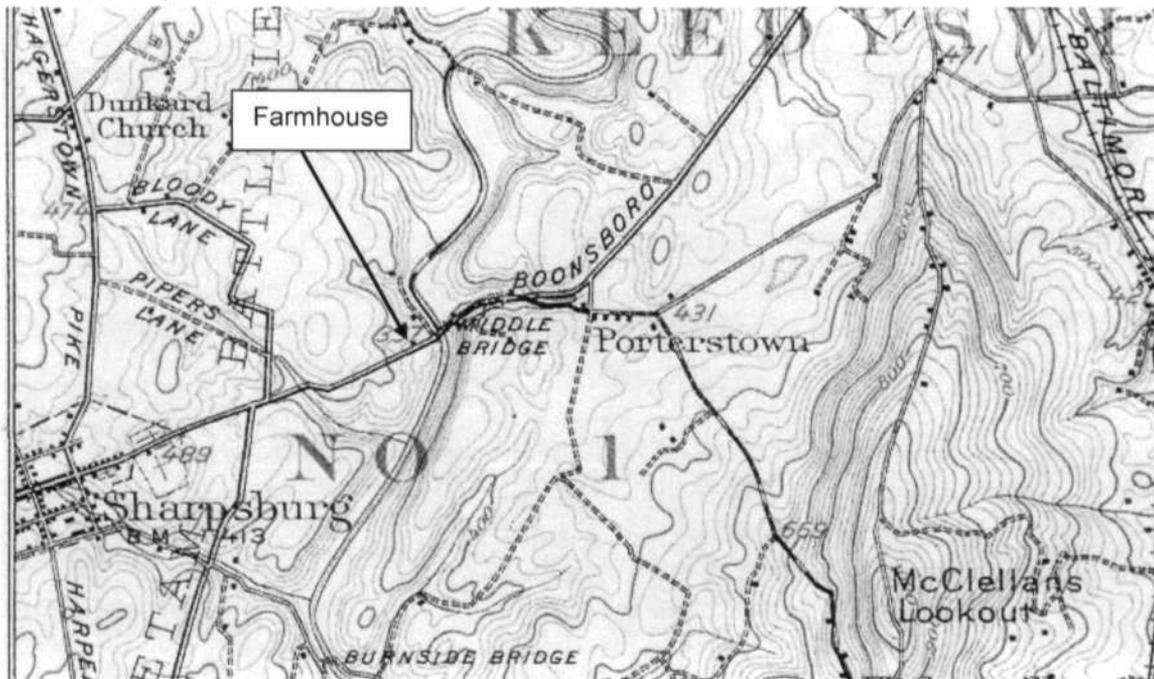
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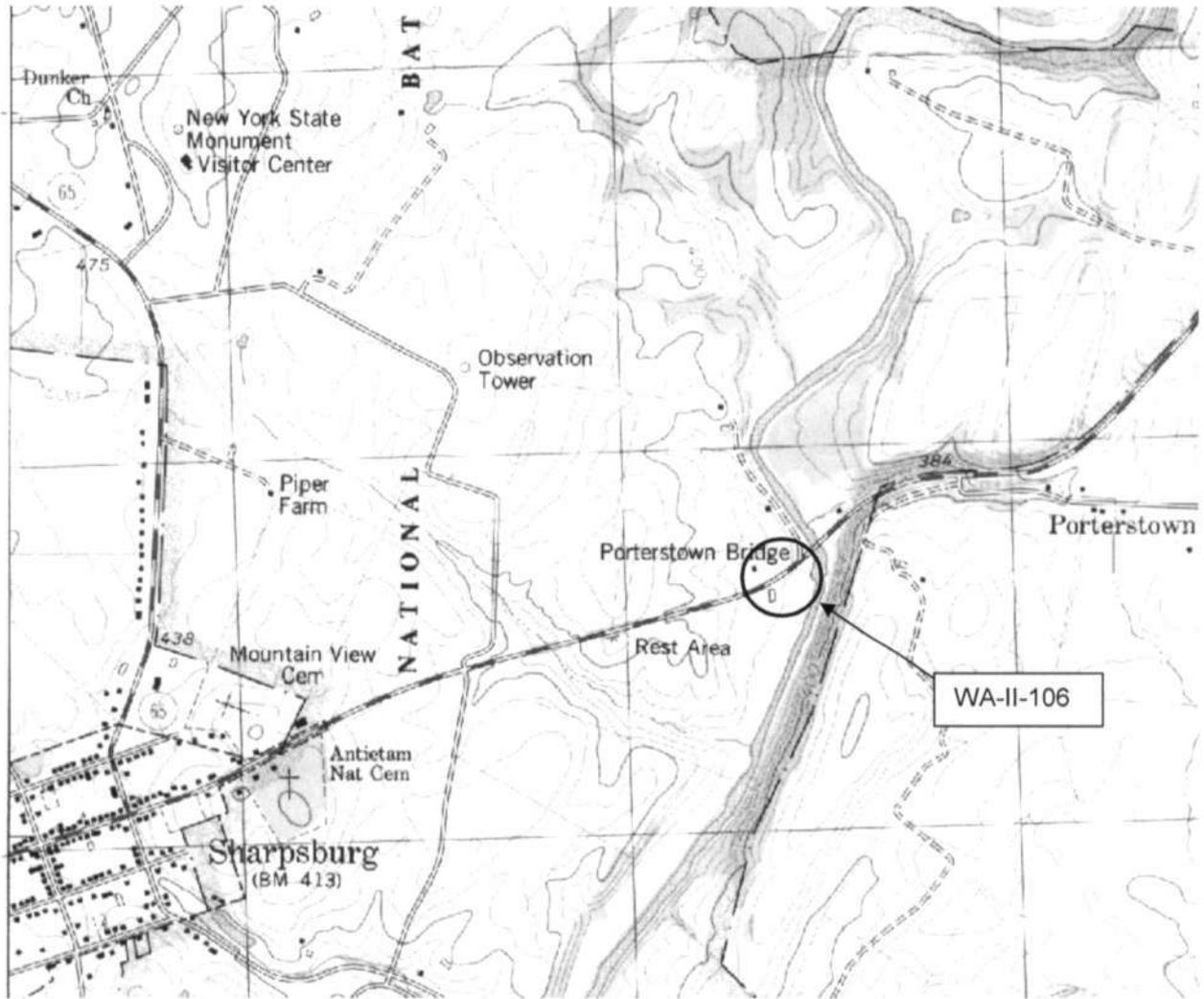


15' Antietam quad, 1910



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Mount Pleasant (Newcomer Farm, Orndorff's Mill, Mumma's Mill)  
18422 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg  
Keedysville Quadrangle

This circle covers the house, the barn,  
and, significantly, the mill site itself.



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Mount Pleasant (Newcomer Farm, Orndorff's Mill, Mumma's Mill)



Middle Bridge from the North East (Newcomer Farm - A. Gardner, Sept 1862)



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Mount Pleasant (Newcomer Farm House)  
18422 Shepherdstown Pike (MD 34), Sharpsburg  
Southeast elevation

1/17/1990 by Lynne Byron or Sean T. Crolius  
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Mount Pleasant Barn (Newcomer Barn)

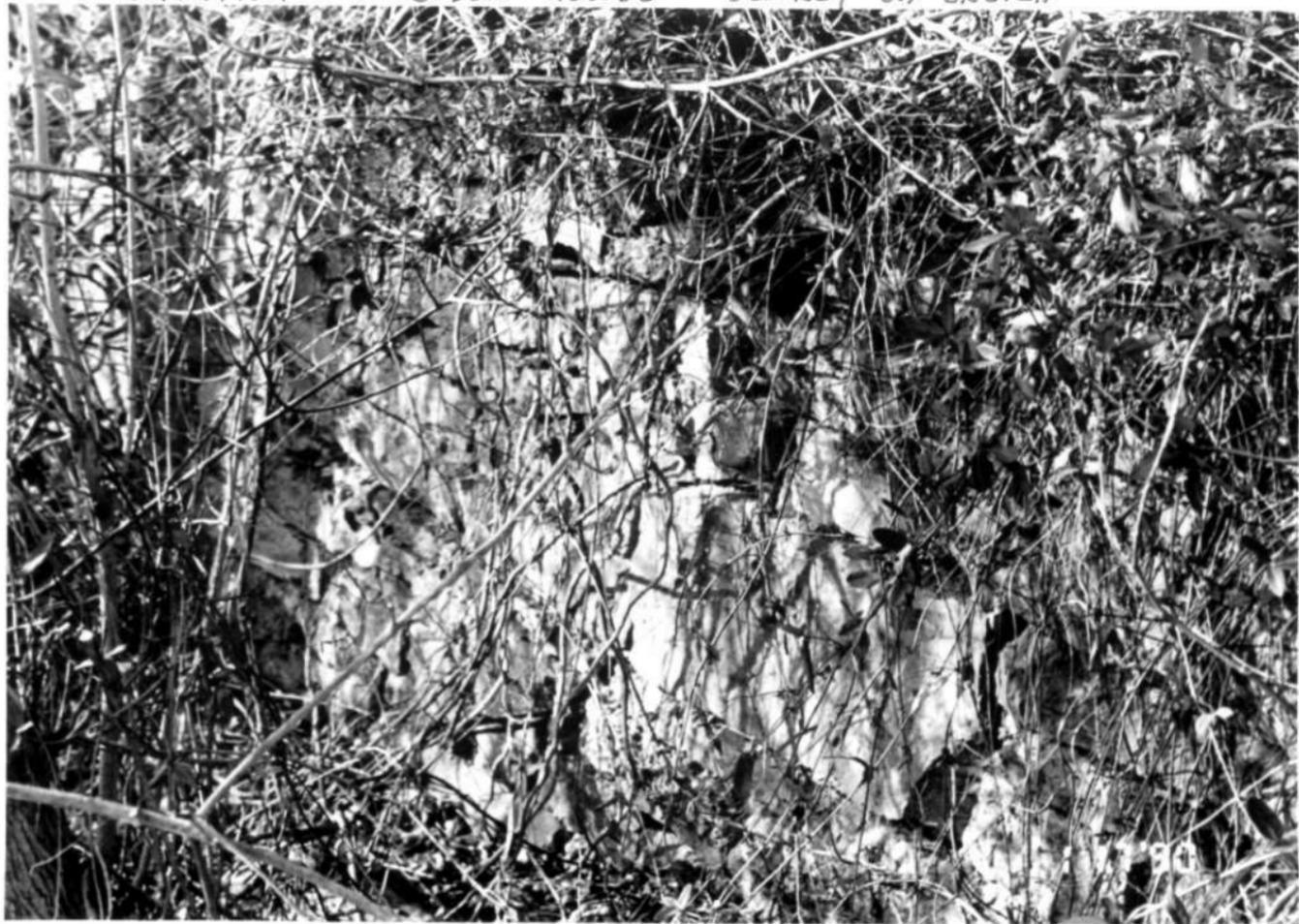
South side of Shepherdstown Pike (MD 34),  
W. of Antietam Creek

West elevation

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FOUNDATION OF OLDER HOUSE - SEE KEY ON SKETCH



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Mount Pleasant

Foundation of older house

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