

ABSTRACT

WA-II-107

Early 19th Century

Neikirk Farm (Historic)

Stone Manor

Sharpsburg Vicinity

private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-107  
District 19  
Map 80  
Parcel 40  
MAGI # 2207255435

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Neikirk Farm  
AND/OR COMMON  
Stone Manor

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Mansfield Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF **Sharpsburg**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**6**

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
C. E. Ritchie

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
Stone Manor

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21782

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Court House

Liber #: 429

Folio #: 615

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stone Manor is located at the end of a private lane which extends in a southerly direction from Mansfield Road west of Keedysville and northeast of Sharpsburg in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on sloping ground and faces southwest. It is a two and a half story, three bay stone structure with a one and a half story, two bay addition also of stone, but of a different type. Built into a hillside, the house has three exposed stories at the front elevation. The walls of the main section are constructed of large roughly coursed grey limestone. Wedge-shaped rocks suggesting keystones are centered above most openings. In the addition, walls are of a browner stone. In this section broad stone lintels are present above windows and doors. Set in the northwest gable is a large arch topped tablet surrounded by wedge shaped cut stones. No date or inscription could be seen on the stone.

Openings in the walls of the main section are relatively small and widely spaced. The frames are wide and joined at the corners with pegs. Six over six pane sashes are used at the upper story while the ground and main level windows have nine over six pane sashes. Louvered shutters, many of which appear to be replacements are attached to the window frames. The original main entrance is in the center bay of the front elevation. It has in recent years been converted into a window. At one time the door had a flat roofed entrance porch which was reached by a flight of steps constructed against the wall of the house. The present main entrance is located in the central area of the northeast elevation. The addition has a double porch, now supported by ornamental metal work and included under the main roof span of the addition. Old photographs indicate that the porch was at one time supported by wooden posts. Entrances appear at both levels of this wing. A small gable roofed dormer is built into the southwest slope of the roof.

The roof of each section of the house is sheathed with standing seam sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys are located inside the ends of the main section.

East of the house is a large gambrel roofed frame bank barn on low stone foundations. South of the house is a two part stone and frame springhouse which was being renovated at the time this complex was photographed in 1974. East of the buildings is a grassy field lane enclosed by limestone walls. This lane led to the Antietam Creek at a point known as Pry's Ford.

The buildings are in excellent condition and are part of a farm containing 140.225 acres which includes portions of the land grants "Ellswick's Dwelling," "Hills Dales and the Vineyard" and "Smith's Purchase."

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The actual construction date of this house is not known but its architectural characteristics suggest that it may have been built during the 1820's or 30's. The property is known as the Henry Neikirk farm and according to Washington County Land Records, Henry Neikirk purchased it in January of 1832 from William Price who was the executor for the estate of John Hays, (MM/816). In this deed, the property is described as already being in the possession and occupancy of Henry Neikirk (Nighkirk) and also as the same property which James Chapline sold to David Furry and Frederick Rohrer. Apparently this is a confirmatory deed arising from a dispute over actual ownership of the land. No record was found to indicate when Henry Neikirk came into possession of the land. The farm descended from Henry Neikirk to his son, Henry F. and to his son Samuel H. Neikirk, (87/566, 173/334). The farm remained in the Neikirk family until 1926 when it was purchased by S. Ernest Lecron. The farm changed hands numerous times until being bought by the present owners in 1965 (182/247, 189/222, 206/392, 228/558, 239/212).

The barn on this property may be that which was built by Samuel H. Neikirk in 1887 and was at the time considered one of the largest in the area. It is said to have replaced an 1827 barn built by Henry Neikirk.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Schildt, John W. Drums Along the Antietam. Parsons, W. Va: McClain Printing Co., 1972.

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co. CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY 1906.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 140,225 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

21740

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