

ABSTRACT

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19th Century

Ritchie-Adams-Hillenbrand Farm

Sharpsburg Vicinity

private

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 District 1
 Map 80
 Parcel 8
 MAGI # 2207285435

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ritchie-Adams-Hillenbrand Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off Harpers Ferry Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Sharpsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

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

Bernard F. Hillenbrand

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1735 New York Avenue, N. W. 5th Floor

CITY, TOWN

Washington

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
 D. C. 20006

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 366

Folio #: 24

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

STATE

WA II-III

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone farmhouse is located at the end of a long private lane which extends in a westerly direction from Harpers Ferry Road, south of Sharpsburg in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a high bluff overlooking the Potomac River and faces southwest. It is a two story, three bay stone dwelling with a one and a half story stone wing extending to the rear. The house is built of roughly coursed local limestone. Large flat stones are present as lintels above the windows of the front elevation.

Windows have narrow frames which appear to be replacements and hold six over six pane double hung sashes. The main entrance is located in the end bay of the front elevation toward the south corner of the house. The door which is hung below a transom has a modern architrave with a small pedimented hood.

The roof extends beyond the end walls of the house and a brick chimney is located inside the northwest end wall.

A frame bank barn is located behind the house. An 1879 plat for this farm showed two oth dwellings near this house. The property contains 103 acres.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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<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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm complex includes a two story three bay stone house which has architectural characteristics which associate it with the second quarter of the 19th century. The farm was part of a large tract of land which was the object of an equity court case in 1879, in which the Reverend John Alexander Adams who owned the farm between 1856 and 1879 was accused of having obtained the property fraudulently from his wife, Mary Anna. She was the widow of Archibald Ritchie by whose will she acquired a sizable amount of real estate. Archibald Ritchie died in 1828. Mary Anna married John Adams in 1832. In 1856 Adams acquired sole possession of the several farms through two transactions. In 1802 Richard and Alexander Henderson had sold a portion of this land to John Ritchie. (0/371). Presumably it was eventually transferred to Archibald Ritchie. The property contained parts of the land grants, "Little I Thought It," "Piles Delight" and "Addition to Antietam Bottom." See Chancery Records 21/590 and deeds NN/528, 109/557, 114/235, 152/41, 208/645, 247/325.

This farm was purchased by the present owner in 1961.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Chancery Records.

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 103 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

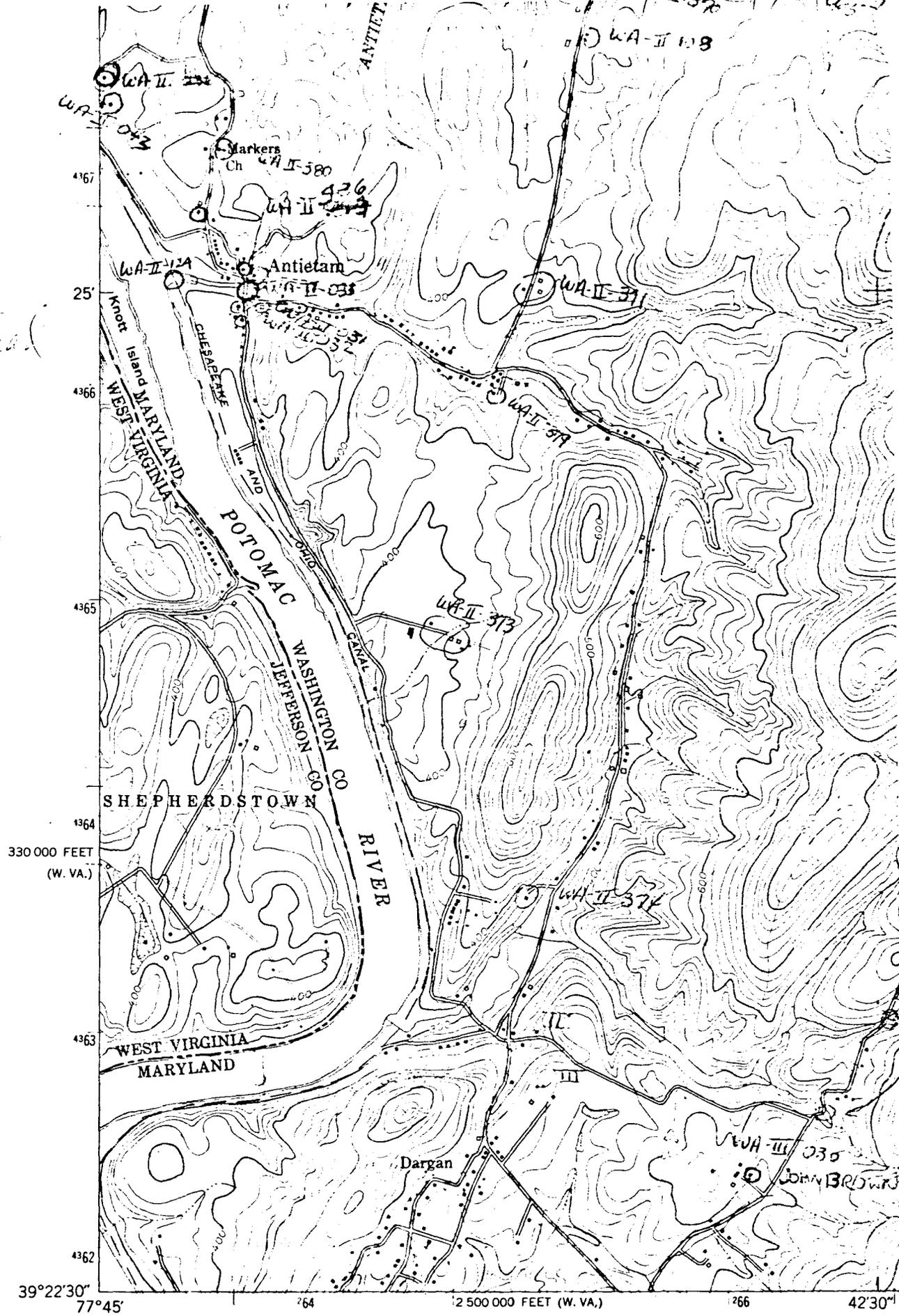
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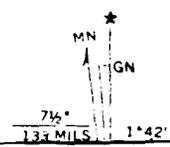
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Sharpsburg Vicinity

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