

ABSTRACT
WA-II-143
Grossnickle Farm
Hagerstown Vicinity
private

Late 19th Century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-143
District 16
Map 15
Parcel 43
MAGI # 2207425635

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Grossnickle Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Beaver Creek Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Raymond A. Grossnickle

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 9, Box 319

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 198

Folio #: 598

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

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X—EXCELLENT	—DETERIORATED	—UNALTERED	X—ORIGINAL SITE
—GOOD	—RUINS	X—ALTERED < 50%	—MOVED DATE _____
—FAIR	—UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located on the north side of Beaver Creek Road, west of White Hall or Dunkard Church Road, southeast of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are situated on a slight ridge above the road and face south.

The house is a turn of the century period brick structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. It is a two story, three bay house with numerous extensions and projections. Bricks forming the walls are laid in all stretcher and common bond. Centered in the front elevation is a cross gable or wall dormer of brick with scroll cut wood trim in its peak. The bays at each end of the front wall are semi-octagonal projecting structures topped with elaborate ornamental iron work. Each surface of the projecting bays has a window. Windows and doors have segmentally arched tops formed by a double course of angle cut header bricks. All windows have large single pane double hung sashes except for a six over six window in the cross gable. Most retain shutters with pairs of movable louvers.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. It is framed similarly to the windows and includes a three part transom divided by mullions and side lights. Each of these elements is glazed by a single pane of glass. Secondary entrances are located in the side and rear walls. A one story porch with a low hipped roof extends across most of the front elevation. It is supported by delicate columns following an ionic motif and has a frieze trimmed with machine made foliage swags. A matching smaller entrance porch is located at the east end wall.

The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles and extends beyond the gable walls. Brick chimneys with several courses of corbeling at their tops are located inside the end walls.

According to the present owner, the house was built between 1895 and 1900 and replaced a log house which stood somewhere in the present yard. Southeast of the house is a root cellar with a stepped gable stone facade.

West of the house is a large stone end bank barn with an added forebay.

The buildings appear to be in excellent condition and stand on a tract containing 83.24 acres.

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		
<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 checked="" 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 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 late	<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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 83.24 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Hagerstown

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

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