

ABSTRACT

WA-II-151

19th Century

Avey-Stransky House  
Sharpsburg Vicinity  
private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-151  
District 1  
Map 76  
Parcel 239

MAGI #2205345504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Avey-Stransky House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

High Street

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Stransky

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 194

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 624

Folio #: 437

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**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 group of buildings is located on the south side of High Street just outside the town limits of Sharpsburg in Washington County, Maryland. The house is built into the side of a hill and faces east.

The dwelling is a two story, three bay ell shaped brick and frame structure resting on fieldstone foundations. The front portion of the house is of brick construction in American or common bond at all elevations and has been painted white. Since the house is constructed into a slope, the foundations at the front elevation are almost a full story in height.

Openings are not aligned with each other in the walls. They have narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge beneath flat brick arches. Nine over six pane sashes are used at the first story windows while six over six sashes are used above. The windows have hinge pins indicating that shutters were present at one time. The main entrance is in the center bay of the front elevation and is offset to the south of the central window at the second story. The door appears to be framed similarly to the windows and is topped with a four light transom. A hip roofed front porch supported by stone piers extends across the main story of the front elevation. Chamfered square posts with carved brackets secure a plain wooden balustrade. A similarly constructed one bay entrance porch is located in the frame section of the north elevation. A one story shed roofed porch extends the length of the south wall of the ell.

The entire structure is roofed with sheet metal. The roof is constructed in such a way that its south and west ends are gabled while the section of the roof constructed at the junction of the front and ell sections at the north wall of the house is hipped. The roof is finished with a brick corbeled cornice at the front elevation. Wooden cornice is used at the other elevations. Brick chimneys are located inside the north and south end walls and at the interior of the ell.

Just south of the house is a board and batten outkitchen with an exterior stone chimney having a modern brick top. East of the house near the edge of Burnside Bridge Road is a stone springhouse with frame gables.

At the time this site was visited in 1975, the buildings were in fair to good condition. The property contains 20 acres.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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

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Located at the southeast corner of Sharpsburg, just outside the town limits the farm was in close proximity to the Battle, particularly during the afternoon hours of September 17. Although no specific action has been recorded on the property, its nearness to Burnside's Bridge, one of the focal points of the Battle, would suggest that there was at least movement of troops in the immediate vicinity.

The appearance of the house would suggest that at part or all of it was standing at the time of the Battle. The exterior features of the brick portion are characteristic of construction during the middle third of the 19th century in Washington County. One notable feature of the house is its combination of gable and hipped roof systems. A number of houses having this type of roof are to be seen in the Sharpsburg vicinity. Most date from the mid 19th century.

For most of the 19th century the property was owned by the Avey and Ecker families. It was held by Jacob Avey at the time of the Civil War. Upon his death in 1863 it was left to his wife Catherine and his children. During the latter part of the 19th century the property was known as "The Bowers Farm." This name may suggest that Jacob Avey's daughter Margaret Bowers, wife of Eligah Bowers lived on this farm. For further information on the ownership of this land see deed records: Y/920, F/612, LBN/254, 74/126, 93/375, 98/496, 115/264, 202/173, 202/300, 498/545, 570/733 and Mill Liber F/15.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20 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

May 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

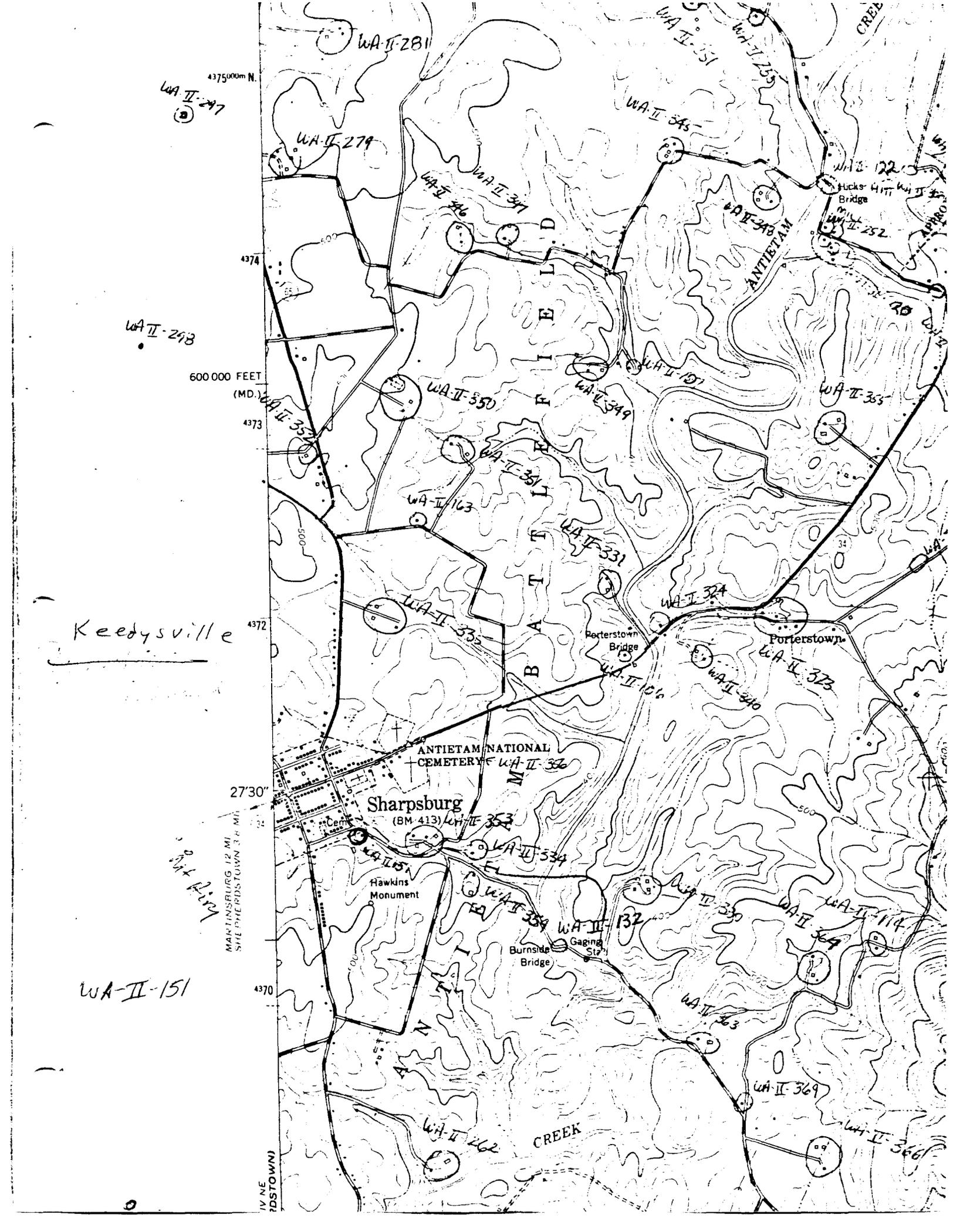
STATE

Maryland 21740

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



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WA-II-298

600 000 FEET  
(MD.)

Keedysville

27 30'  
MARTINSBURG 12 MI  
SHEPHERDSTOWN 3 MI

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IV NE  
DSTOWN

WA-II-281

WA-II-279

WA-II-346

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WA-II-348

WA-II-122

Hicks Hitt Bridge

WA-II-252

WA-II-550

WA-II-349

WA-II-101

WA-II-353

WA-II-163

WA-II-351

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WA-II-333

Porterstown Bridge

Porterstown

WA-II-340

WA-II-323

ANTETAM NATIONAL  
CEMETERY

Sharpsburg  
(BM 413)

WA-II-353

WA-II-151

Hawkins Monument

WA-II-354

WA-II-359

WA-II-132

Burnside Bridge

Gaging Sta

WA-II-335

WA-II-114

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WA-II-363

WA-II-369

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WA-II-262

CREEK



AVEY-STRANSKY HOUSE

N.W.

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BATTEN OUTKITCHEN

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