

ABSTRACT

WA-II-189

19th Century

Schlosser-Crane Farm

Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity

private

This farm complex includes a two story, four bay brick dwelling, a small stone spring house with a massive exterior stone chimney and two large bank barns. Together these structures form an important group representing Washington County's vernacular architecture.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Schlosser-Crane Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Manor Church Road, East of the Antietam Creek.				
CITY OR TOWN: Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Clarence B. Crane				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro		STATE: Maryland		21713
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		21740
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 557/432				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 2041				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		21404

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered \leq 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This farm complex is located off Manor Church Road on the opposite side of the Antietam Creek from WA-II-188, another part of the land which was for many years owned by the Schlosser family. The house is situated on a high bluff overlooking a small spring. It faces south.</p> <p>The house is a two and one half story brick structure set on fieldstone foundations which are a full story in height at the front elevation. A two story, two bay ell with a double porch along its west wall extends to the rear or north. It appears contemporary with the main section of the house. The bricks are laid in Flemish bond at the front elevation while other elevations display common bonding. Flat arches are located above the openings. All elevations have been coated with red paint. A modern leanto addition of brick has been attached to the end of the ell.</p> <p>Windows appear to have been spaced evenly in the front elevation. Their frames are narrow with rounded edges. Six over six pane double hung sashes are employed at all full sized windows. Pairs of shutters with low relief panels flank most first story windows while louvered shutters are used at many of the second story level windows.</p> <p>The main entrance is located at the east end bay of the front or south elevation. The door is topped with a plain transom. A one bay entrance porch shelters the front door. It displays a decorative stepped gable and is supported by chamfered posts with elaborate brackets. Other entrances are located in the ell. Those at the first story level have four light transoms.</p> <p>The roof is covered with pressed tin shingles and extends beyond the end walls. Several courses of molding finish the eaves. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.</p> <p>Just south of the house is a one story stone spring house with a large exterior stone chimney capped with brick. Openings in this structure are framed with wide wooden members. According to the Maryland Department of Geology, Minerals and Water Resources, the spring which emerges from this structure has an average annual flow of 50 gallons per minute.</p> <p>Southeast of the spring are two large bank barns of frame construction and smaller buildings also related to agricultural use.</p> <p>All of the structures appear to be in good condition and are located on a tract containing 153.84 acres.</p>	

S E E M I N S T R U C T I O N S

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

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 type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this farm complex is its architecture. The main dwelling, constructed of brick would appear to date from the latter part of the second quarter of the 19th century. The stone structure is representative of an earlier building type and may be older than the brick dwelling. Together the structures form an important group representing Washington County's vernacular architecture.

In deeds the property is described as that which was conveyed by John Schlosser and his wife to Joel Schlosser by a deed dated April 6, 1841. (YY/382). The property remained in the Schlosser family until 1973. Williams' History of Washington County, relates that during the Civil War, Joel Schlosser lost several horses and an amount of grain to soldiers camped near his farm.¹

¹ T.J.C. Williams, History of Washington County. Vol. II Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co. (1906) p. 873.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Slaughter, Turbit H. & John M. Darling, The Water Resources of Allegany and Washington Counties. Baltimore: Maryland Department of Geology, Minerals and Water Resources. 1962.

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County, Md., Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY 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: **153.836 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historical Sites Survey** DATE: **December 1975**

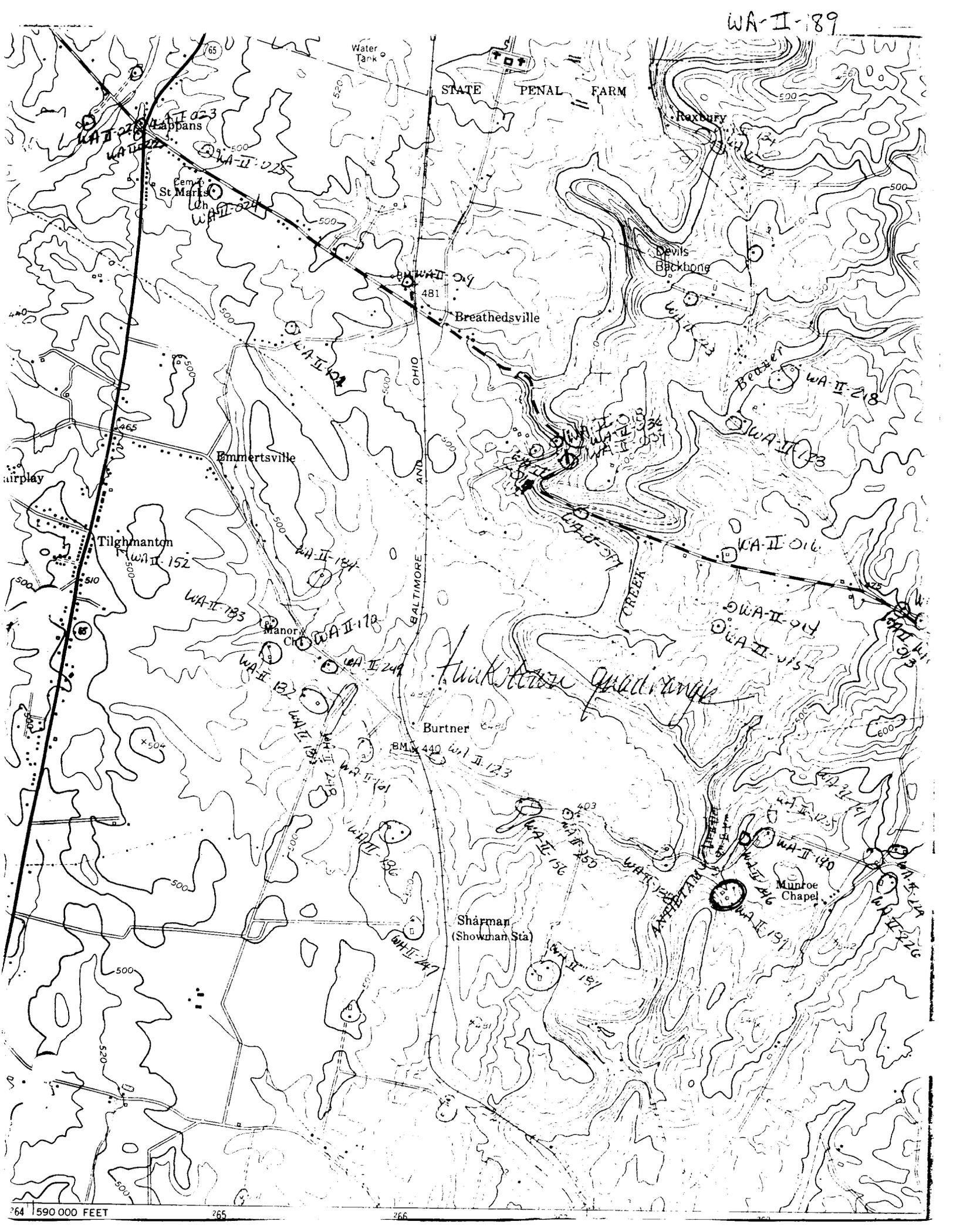
STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown** STATE: **Maryland**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature





1942

Oct 1942

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WA-II-189

W.

Oct. 1975

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E.

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WH-11-129

Barn & Outbuilding

S. E. View

Oct. 1915

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