

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-II-196**

**19th Century**

**Toms Farm**

**Boonsboro-Funkstown Vicinity**

**private**

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WA-II-196  
District 16  
Map 63  
Parcel 52  
MAGI # 2207805535

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Toms Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Off Toms Road at Beaver Creek

CITY, TOWN

Benevola

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Boonsboro-Funkstown 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

Harry L. Toms, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Boonsboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21713

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 652

Folio #: 092

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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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmstead is located at the end of a long private lane which extends in a northerly direction from Toms Road, near Benevola, between Boonsboro and Funkstown in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are situated on rolling ground along Beaver Creek and face south.

The house is a two story, five bay brick structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. Bricks forming the walls are laid in American bond at all elevation with five courses of stretchers between header rows. Flat arches of bricks are present above the openings. Windows have narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Six over six pane sashes are used at both first and second story windows. The upper story levels are, however, considerably smaller than those at the main story. Hinge pins for shutters and shutters "dogs" remain. Several pairs of louvered shutters are present at windows at the back of the house.

Entrances are located in the third and fourth bays from the west end of the front elevation. The doors appear to be treated similarly, each having a transom. They are both protected by a one story, two bay shed roofed entrance porch supported by pairs of square pillars. This porch has been enclosed with screen and has an early 20th century wooden framed screen door. Other entrances are located in the rear elevation where a one story porch is enclosed with glass.

The roof is sheathed with standing seam sheet metal. Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls. Several courses of molding finish the eaves.

The farm has a variety of outbuildings including a log smoke house with a steeply pitched hipped roof with wood shingles, a small log cabin and a stone spring house along Beaver Creek. The spring house has a finished upper story. It has openings with massive wide frames with pegged joints and doors with raised panels. A frame bank barn is also present. Numerous fieldstone fences could be seen along the lane entering the property and along Beaver Creek.

The buildings appear to be in good condition and stand on a tract containing 145 acres.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 145 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

**March 1978**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

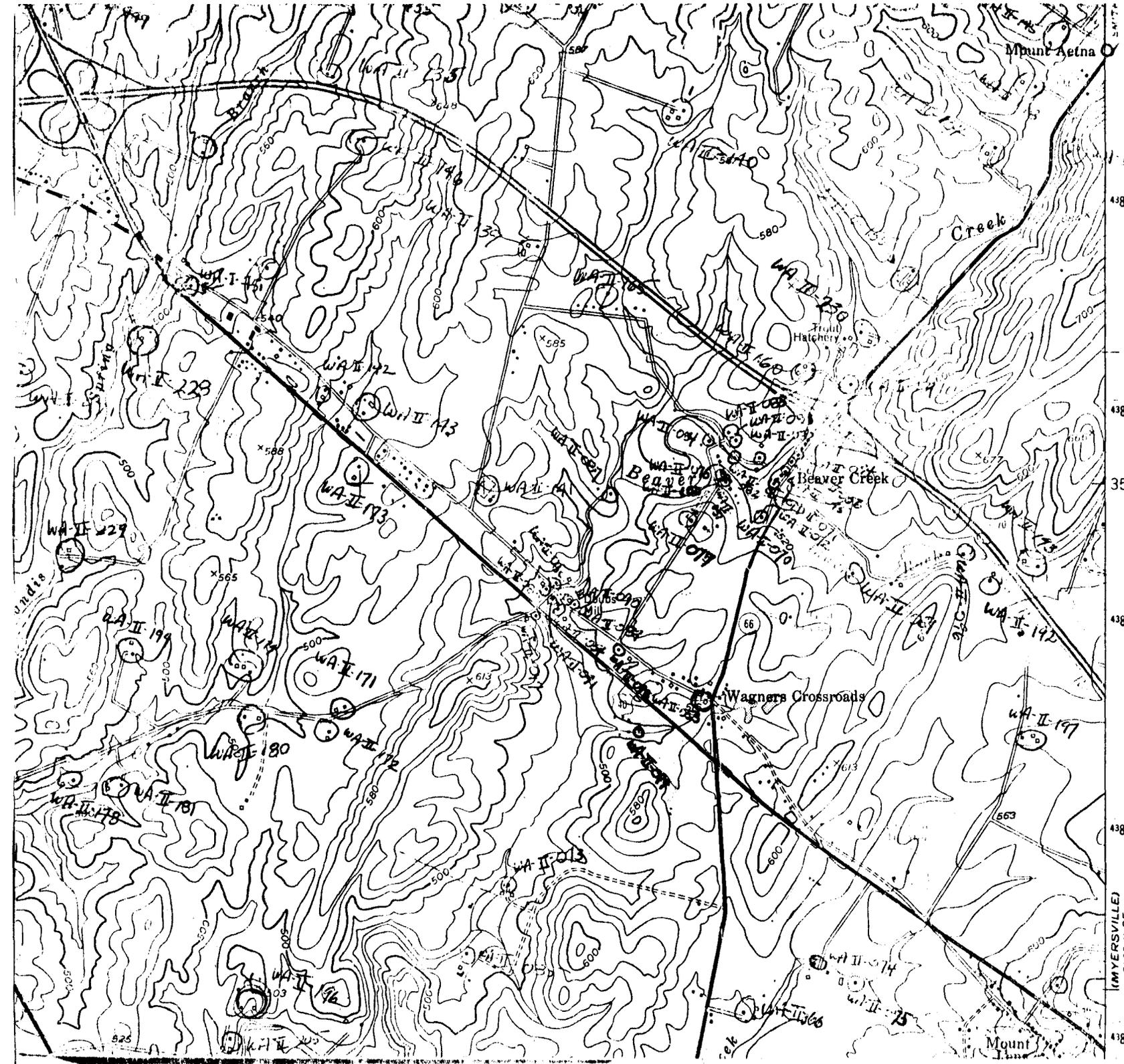
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**Maryland 21740**

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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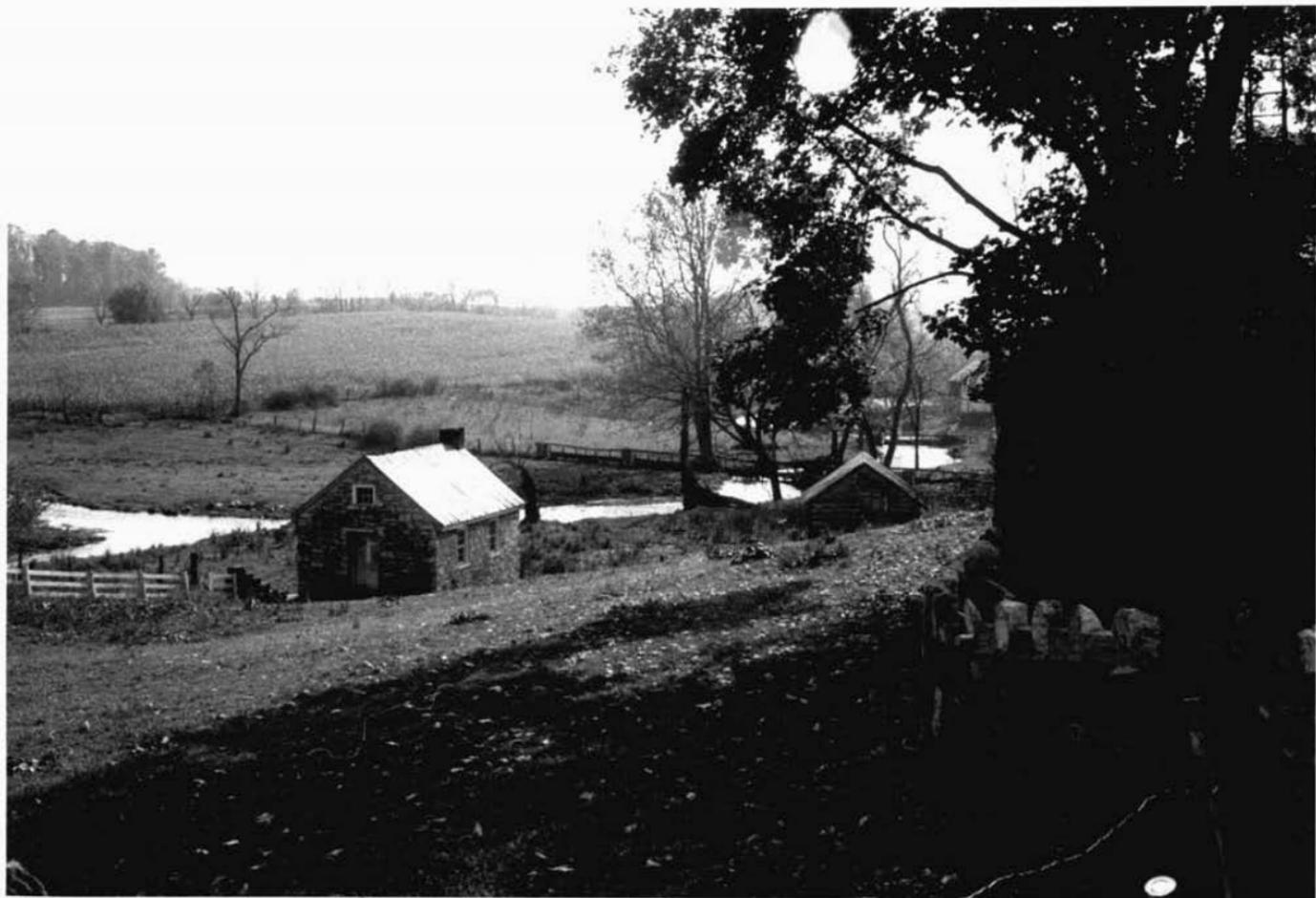
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Boonsboro, Md.

October 1915

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Oct. 1975

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