

ABSTRACT

WA-II-210

19th Century

"Barren Hill"

Benevola-Boonsboro Vicinity
private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

"Barren Hill"

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 40-A

CITY, TOWN

Benevola

VICINITY OF Boonsboro

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Holmes L. Haller

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 86

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 #: 389

Folio #: 652

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
<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 house and barn are located on the east side of U.S. Route 40-A at the south end of the settlement known as Benevola, north of Boonsboro in Washington County, Maryland. They stand on high ground, facing west.

The house is a two story, four bay brick cased log structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. A two story, two bay ell of solid brick construction extends to the rear. The front section of the house displays all stretcher bond. Wide wooden lintels are present above most openings. Windows and doors are aligned with each other in the walls. They have narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Windows have two over two pane double hung sashes and pairs of shutters with movable louvers. The house has two front doors located side by side in the center bay. The doors are treated similarly each hung beneath a transom. A massive one story porch supported by square pillars resting on brick piers extends across the front elevation. It is partially enclosed by a plain wooden balustrade.

A series of 19th century brackets finish the eaves at the front elevation.

The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls.

Small brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

Behind the house is a small frame bank barn with a heart shaped opening high in its gable.

The buildings appear to be in excellent condition.

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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
<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 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	<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

This complex includes a log house which has been cased with brick. Having two front doors located side by side, it follows a prominent regional form which seems to be associated with Germanic building traditions.

The actual age of this house is not known. Its exterior appearance suggests that the house was cased during the late 19th century.

According to deed records this area was called "Barren Hill." Two tracts of land were purchased from Jacon Fasnacht by Henry Rice during the 1830's. One tract, the earlier conveyance (about 1831) contained two acres and 13 perches and was sold with the restriction that it was not to be subdivided and that only one dwelling be built on the property. The second transaction occurred in 1838 and contained 20 1/4 acres of land. (See deeds MM/404, TT/650). Later the property was owned by Elizabeth K. Watson who sold it in 1869 to Susan Maria Lovell, presumably a relative, and her heirs. (WMckk2/107). It remained in the Lovell family until 1928. It was purchased by the present owner in 1963. (181/188, 195/90, 197/603).

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.43 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 & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

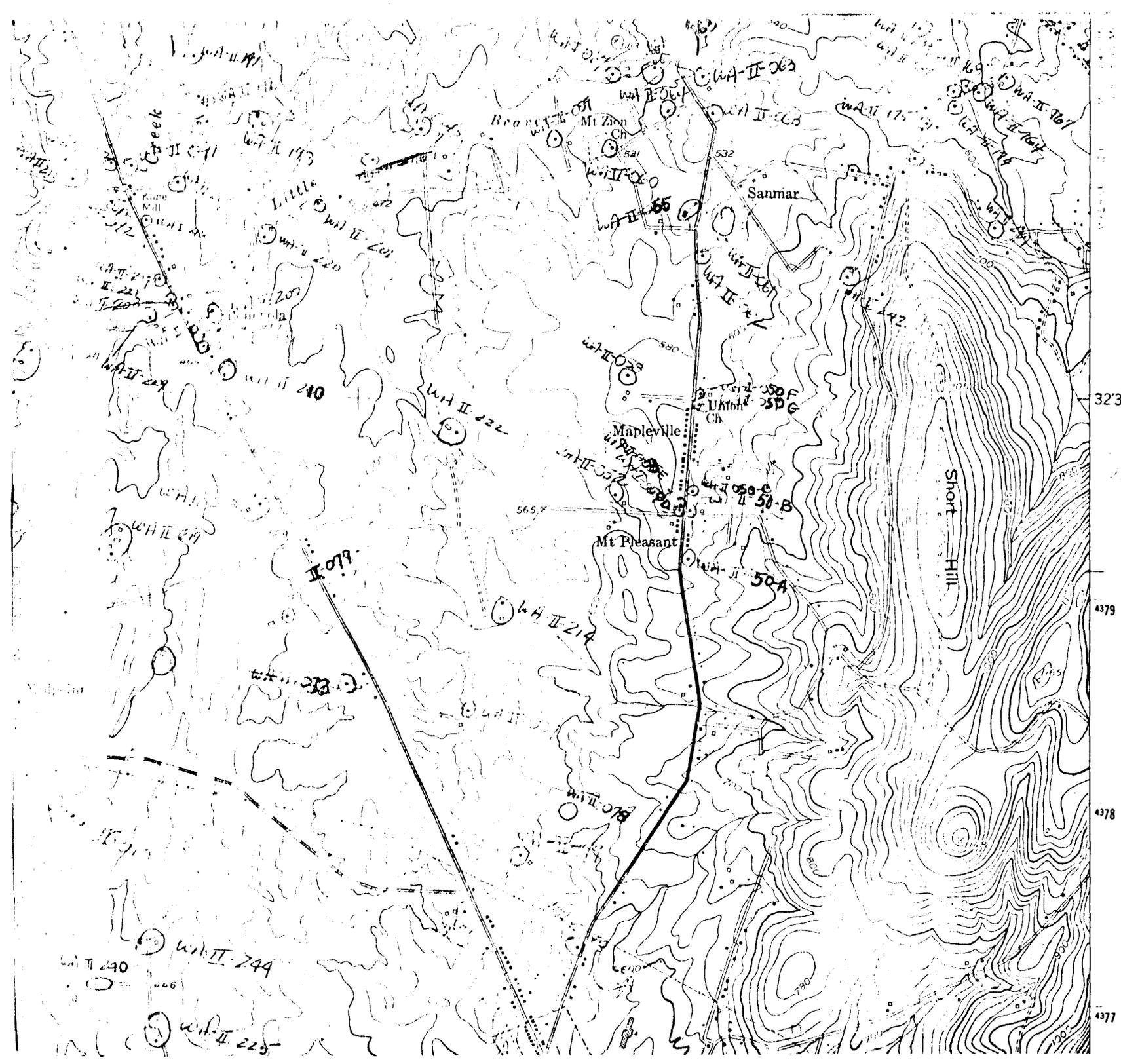
STATE

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Oct. 1975

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Route 40-A

Benevola-Boonsboro Vicinity

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Oct 1915

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