

ABSTRACT

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Brick House, St. James

Williamsport Vicinity

private

Mid-19th Century

This four bay, two story brick house with a double porch recessed into part of its facade wall is representative of an important group of mid-19th century dwellings in the Cumberland Valley.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON: <b>Brick House, St. James</b>					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Route # 68</b>					
CITY OR TOWN: <b>St. James Lydia</b>					
STATE: <b>Maryland</b>			COUNTY: <b>Washington</b>		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments	
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: <b>William E. Pennington</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: <b>St. James</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	<b>21781</b>	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: <b>Washington County Court House</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>West Washington Street</b>					
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	<b>21740</b>	
<b>Title Reference of Current Deed (Book &amp; Pg. #): 240/189</b>					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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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
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered &lt; 50%    <input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered           </div> <div>(Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This house is located on the north side of Maryland Route 68 at St. James, east of Williamsport in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on level ground and faces south.</p> <p>The dwelling is a two story, four bay brick structure set on low field-stone foundations. A frame addition is attached to the rear or north elevation. According to the owner, it was built about 1918. The front elevation is marked by a recessed double porch which includes the two eastern bays. The bricks are laid in common bond at all elevations with, generally, seven courses of stretchers between header rows. Flat arches of brick are present over first story and gable wall windows. The house is painted white.</p> <p>Openings display narrow frames with molded edges. Six over six pane double hung sash are used. The main entrance is located in the second bay from the west end of the house. Glass has been installed in the two upper sections of the four panel door. Above the door is a four light transom. Doors at both levels of the double porch have received similar treatment.</p> <p>The porch is supported by a modern square wooden post. A simple balustrade spans the upper level.</p> <p>The roof is covered with modern asphalt shingles and terminates at the eaves with simple cornice molding. Brick chimneys with courses of corbeling at their tops are located inside each gable end.</p> <p>The house is in excellent condition and is located on a tract containing 91.15 acres. A frame barn is located nearby.</p>	

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 (mid) |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | osophy                                  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture. Constructed of brick using common bonding at all elevations, and having a recessed double porch at part of its front wall, this house is representative of a major group of mid-19th century dwellings in Washington County. Varying from four to seven or more bays in length and usually of brick construction, local dated examples of these houses with double porches set into their facade walls were built between 1840 and 1860.

St. James, the name given to the area, is from the nearby St. James Academy, WA-I-014. This house is near St. James or Lydia where the Norfolk and Western railroad crosses route 68.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**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	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **91.15 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

(Empty space for Acreage Justification)

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historical Sites Survey**      DATE: **January 1976**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Court House Annex**

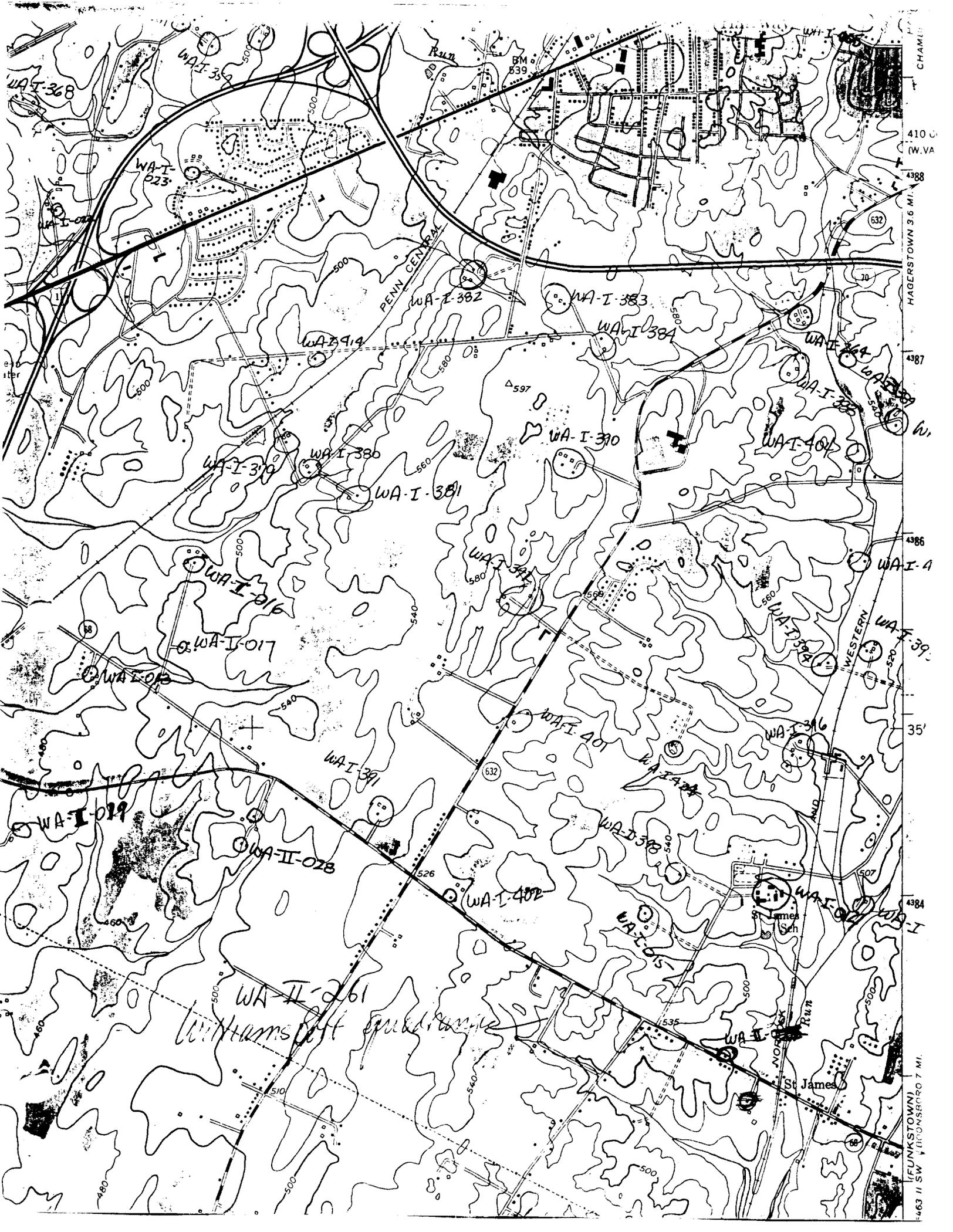
CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown**      STATE: **Maryland**

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

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

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