

ABSTRACT

WA-II-291

18th Century

Mt. Hebron Church Road

Keedysville

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hebron Road

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Keedysville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Semi-Abandoned
County Road.

Board of County Commissioners of Washington County

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Washington County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #: Road Records 1/669

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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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	Sections <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Hebron Road, slightly greater than one mile in length, extends from Dog Street Road in a northerly direction to the main street of Keedysville, Washington County, Maryland. A partially improved County road, it passes through wooded, rolling terrain along the Little Antietam Creek. Like many of Washington County's older roads, it is flanked on one or both sides by limestone fences. Characteristic of the lower Cumberland Valley, these walls are made from flat pieces of native fieldstone laid without mortar. The walls are generally topped with a course of thin upright or diagonally placed stones.

Hebron Road passes by an abandoned small stone dwelling (WA-II-292), the Mt. Hebron Church site and cemetery (WA-II-290), and several early structures within the Keedysville town limits. Along the road evidence can be seen of other early trails or roads which led from Hebron Road in an easterly or northeasterly direction.

The total length of the road is one mile, 29 3/4 perches. Although it is in deteriorated to fair condition, its entire length can still be traversed with four-wheel drive vehicles or by foot.

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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 checked="" 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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Scenic Value	

SPECIFIC DATES Plat Recorded for County Maintenance, August 10, 1855. BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Hebron Road which extends from Dog Street Road to Keedysville in Washington County, Maryland is significant for a number of reasons. As part of an 18th century road system through Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley, it contributed to the development of commerce, communication and transportation in this region. The road has possible military significance as it is believed by some researchers to be part of the route used by General Braddock on his march to Fort Duquesne in 1755. Hebron Road is also important for its association with the establishment of the United Brethren in Christ Church, now the United Methodist Church, which took place at the Mt. Hebron Church site.

During the latter part of the 18th century, Jacob Hess established a mill on the Little Antietam Creek near Hebron Road at what is now Keedysville. Grist milling was an important 18th century industry in Washington County, providing farmers with a means of processing their grain. It appears that in Washington County many of the major roads served to link the milling complexes.

Eighteenth and early 19th century maps of Washington County suggest that two main roads leading from the east which were in use as early as the 1730's followed, in part, the routes of what are now Dog Street and Eakles Mill Roads and continued to Hess' Mill along the path of Hebron Road. The road then led from the mill in a westerly direction along a route approximating the present Keedysville-Bakersville Road.

Histories of the United Brethren in Christ Church indicate that a log meeting house was in use at the Hebron Road site by 1774. The structure was, according to historians, the site of the first meetings of the United Brethren in Christ congregation held under the direction of the Reverend George Adam Geeting. The establishment of this religious denomination at the "Geeting Meeting House", later the Mt. Hebron Church, adds to the significance of the road which led to the church. Further information on this church and cemetery is to be found in form WA-II-290.

Although Mt. Hebron Road was clearly in use during the 18th century, it became a County-owned thoroughfare in 1855. In the plat or survey of the route of Hebron Road filed among County Road Records, mention is made of the "old road" and certain changes of route are noted. A copy of the plat is attached.

Finally, the Hebron Road is important for its great scenic value. Passing through undisturbed farm land and rolling wooded countryside, it probably appears much as it did more than 200 years ago.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

June 1976

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.

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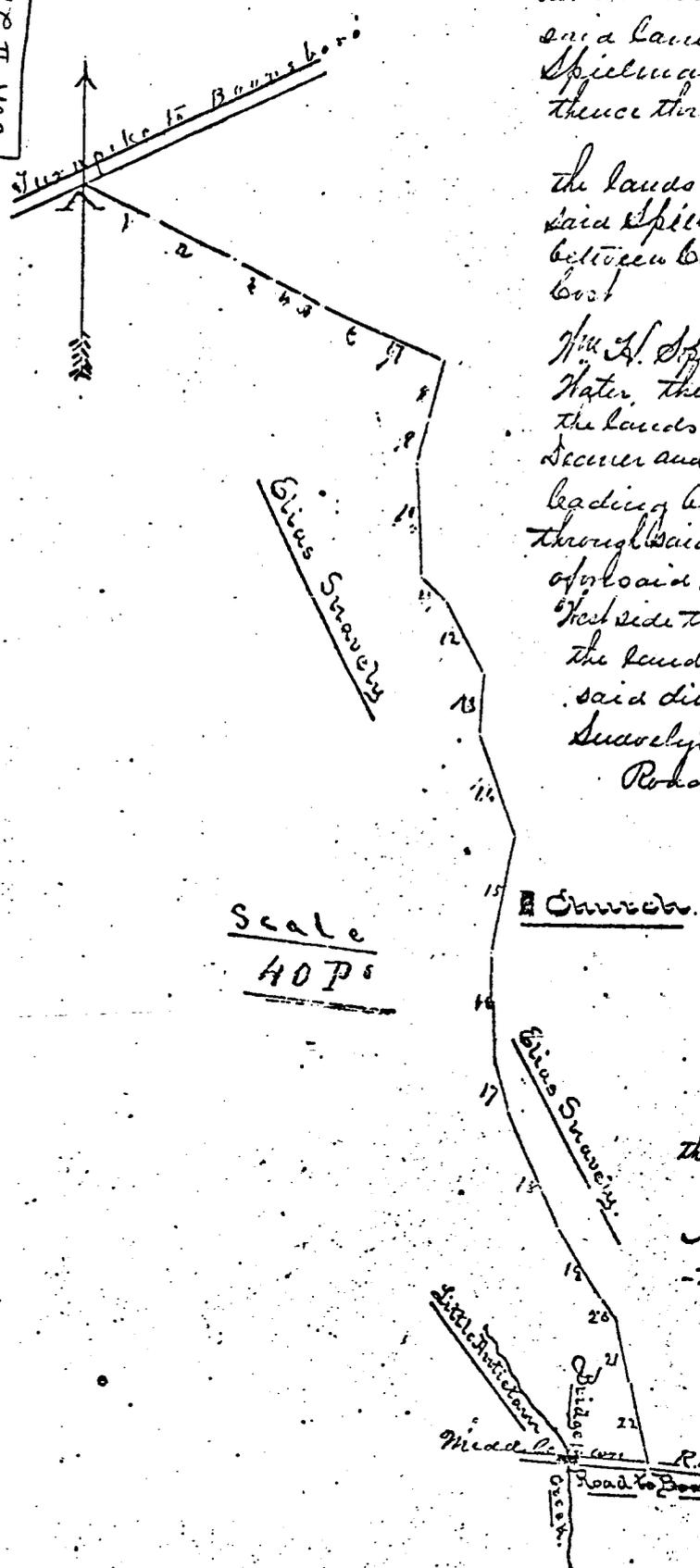
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Description of the Road. Beginning at a Rock at the south end of the Sharpsburg and Farmington pike, at the mouth of a lane and near Royal Hill's dwelling house, and ascending thence along said lane and through the lands of Samuel Cost land Wm. C. Spielman S. 64 1/2 E. 17 1/2 ps to the point of a Rock. thence through Samuel Cost's land

S. 63 E. 20 ps. to intersect the line between the lands of the said Cost and William C. Spielman thence through said Spielman's land S. 63 E. 9 ps to intersect the aforesaid line between Cost and Spielman. thence through the lands of the Samuel Cost S. 63 E. 7 ps to a stake. thence through Wm. C. Spielman's land S. 64 E. 5 ps to a stake. thence through said water. thence S. 64 E. 14 ps to the middle of a stream of water. thence S. 64 E. 16 1/10 ps to the division line between the lands of Wm. C. Spielman & Samuel Deaver. thence through said Deaver and Spielman's land S. 13 1/4 N. 14 ps to the middle of the road leading by said Deaver's dwelling house to the church through said Deaver's land S. 13 1/4 N. 9 1/10 ps to the West side of the aforesaid road leading to the church. thence along the West side thereof S. 3 1/2 E. 25 ps to intersect the line of the lands of said Samuel Deaver and Elias Swarley. thence along said division line S. 43 E. 8 ps thence through said Elias Swarley's land as follows S. 27 1/4 E. 18 1/10 ps. to the bed of the aforesaid Road and with it S. 4 1/2 N. 13 1/2 ps to a stake



- S. 19 E. 21 1/100 ps
- S. 10 1/2 N. 26 ps
- S. 1/4 N. 23 1/4 ps
- S. 13 1/4 E. 12 ps
- S. 22 1/2 E. 29 1/4 ps
- S. 30 1/2 E. 17 1/10 ps
- S. 37 1/4 E. 6 ps
- S. 12 1/2 E. 14 1/10 ps
- S. 13 1/2 E. 18 ps

the Charles de la town and Sharpsburg road and at N. 74 E. 4 1/10 ps from the east end of the North wing wall of the new Stone Bridge across Little Spring Creek near Elias Swarley's House. To be Opened 30 feet wide. 15 feet on each side of the line as run.

Whole length of Road 1 mile & 29 1/4 ps. runs through and occupies the following lands

Of Samuel Cost's	1 R.	20 ps.
Wm. C. Spielman's	3	7 "
Samuel Deaver's	1	36 "
E. Swarley's	2 As.	11 "
	3 As	3 R 31 ps. 27 1/2 "

Damages and Costs Allowed

To Samuel Cost for Land	\$ 28.12 1/2
Removing Fence	8.00
John Otto Exp 1 1/2 days	
John A. Wade "	
Otto Showman " 1 1/2 days	
J. J. Drumm. Surveyor	
John Friese. Ch. Cal 1 day	1.00
Wm. Keeting " 1 "	1.00

Scale.
40 P's in One Inch.
By S. S. Downin.

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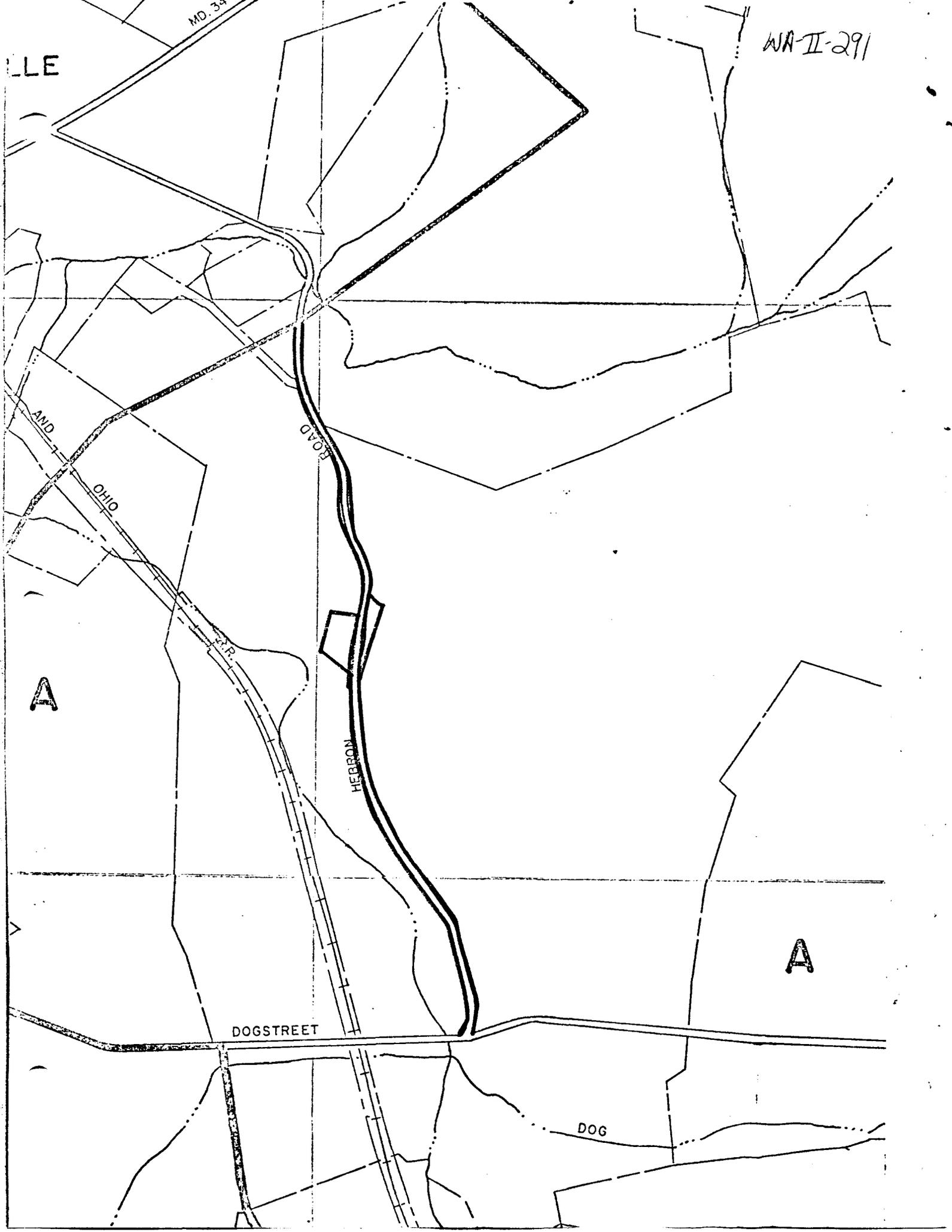
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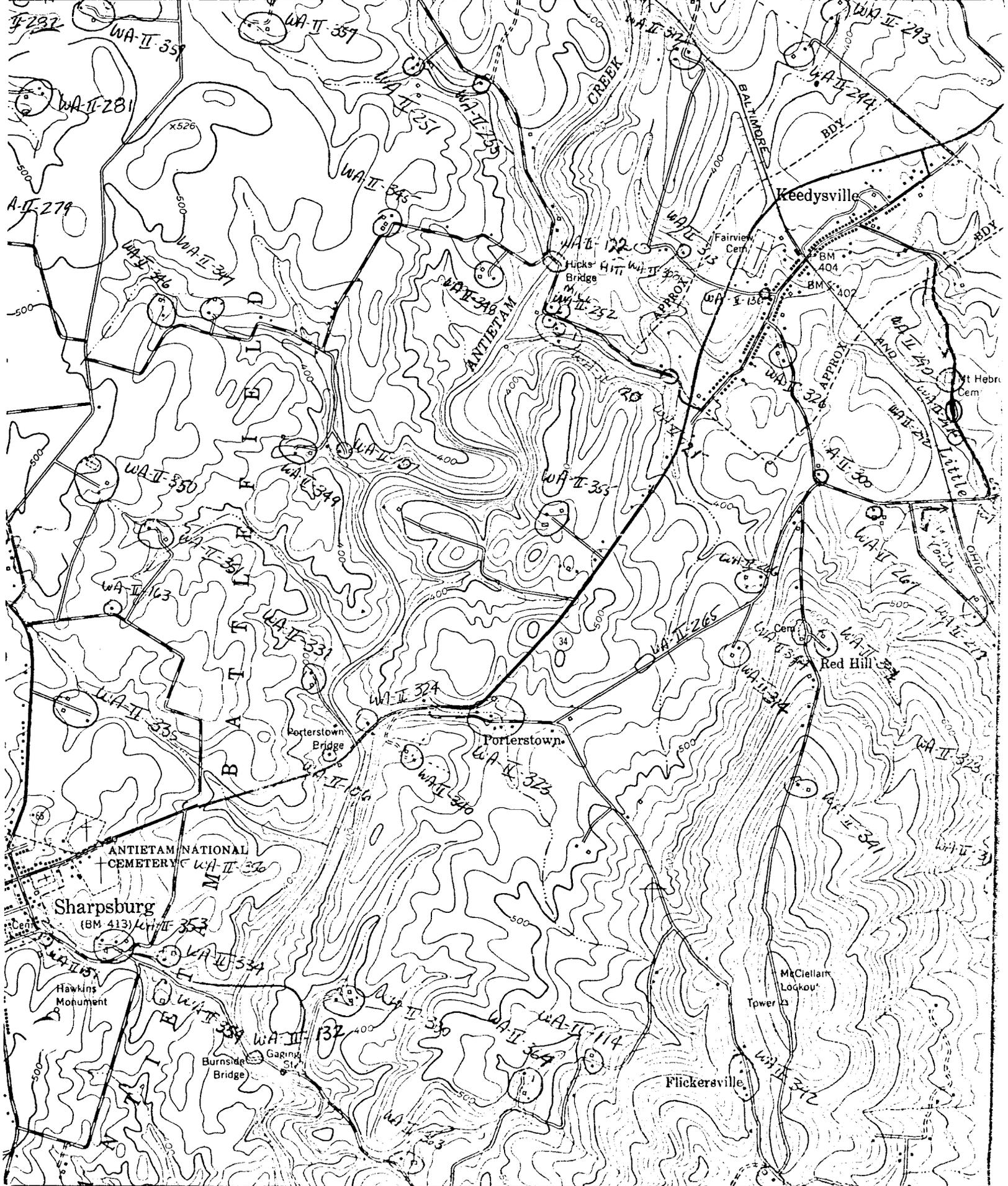
DOGSTREET

DOG



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1590 000 FEET (MD.) 265000m E. 266 267 42'30" 268





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N. view.

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THE STONE POINT
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N. view

~~E. view, segment leading
toward Boonsboro~~

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fork at Mt. Hebron cemetery N. view

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CONSERVATOR, WASHINGTON DC
HISTORICAL SITES DIVISION



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E. view. fork leading toward Boonsboro

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