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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wilson-Miller Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West of Millers Sawmill Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

24

CODE

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Wolfgang Mueller

STREET & NUMBER

10609 Woodsdale Drive

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE

20901

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 567

Folio #: 367

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

Maryland

STATE

21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-II-332

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<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

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The house is a two-story, two-part, eight-bay log building sheathed with wood siding. It rests on fieldstone foundations which become nearly a full story in height at the north elevation. The building is divided nearly in half by a vertical seam in the foundations and an interior log wall marking the jointure of the two sections of the house. The westernmost, and presumably older, part is sheathed with siding with a heavy bead at the bottom edge. The other section displays German siding. A recessed double porch included under the main roof span extends along the south elevation of the east section of the building.

All windows have narrow frames, many of which contain two-over-two pane sash which appear to be replacements. Beneath the double porch, windows retain nine-over-six pane sash. Six-over-six sash remain in windows of the north foundation wall. Most windows at the two main stories are flanked with pairs of shutters with movable louvers.

Entrances have framing similar to that of the windows. The original front entrance appears to be located in the first bay from the west end of the south elevation. Here a six-pane door is hung beneath a four-light transom. Other doors are located at both levels of the double porch. An exterior stair under the double porch gives access to the upper level of the porch as well as to the cellar. One door is also present in the north elevation at the west end, and doors lead to the cellar through the foundations in the east and north walls.

The roof is sheathed with standing seam tin and extends beyond the end walls. There are three brick chimneys, each painted red. Two are located inside the end walls and the third extends from the interior of the west section near its center.

The interior of the house shows 18th century work in parts of the west section with evidence of major renovations during the third quarter of the 19th century and again during the late 19th or early 20th century. The west section has a three-room first floor plan which would appear to be Germanic in origin with a large central fireplace facing into what was probably a kitchen (the east room of the west section). Behind or west of this large room are two smaller rooms, one of which has been partitioned for a modern bath. The southwest room has a fireplace with a mantel which would appear to date from the third quarter of the 19th century as does the other woodwork in this portion of the house. An unusual feature is the enclosed stair with its bottom step cut at angles to accommodate entrances from two rooms on opposite sides of the stair.

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Washington County

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The age of the eastern section of the house is difficult to assess because of alterations. Most of the first story is sheathed with modern paneling while the second story has woodwork which would appear to date from the late 19th or early 20th century. The general form of this portion of the house, as well as remaining nine-over-six light windows, would suggest a construction date during the third quarter of the 19th century.

Northeast of the house is a one-story, stone springhouse with a wood shingle roof. A frame bank barn typical of the 19th century also stands on the property. A small, intermittent stream passed near the springhouse and east of the main dwelling. Evidence remains of a wagon road which led along the stream toward Millers Sawmill, the C & O Canal and the Potom River. Several hundred feet south of the buildings are ruins of a small dwelling. All that remained when the site was visited in 1976 were stone foundations and a brick flue.

The main buildings in the complex appear to be in good condition and are located on a tract containing ~~2.2~~⁴ acres. It includes parts of the land grants "Resurvey on the Addition to Piles Delight" and "Antietam Bottom."

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below					
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SIGNIFICANCE

This farm complex, consisting of a large, two-part, two-story sided loghouse, barn and other outbuildings, would appear to date from both the 18th and 19th centuries. The buildings provide an example of regional vernacular architecture in a setting unchanged from that which Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia saw on the retreat from the Battle of Antietam (1862). The property is significant for its contribution to commerce and industry since the Miller family (owners in late 19th and early 20th centuries), in addition to farming, operated a saw mill on the C & O Canal. The barn is said to have housed mules which pulled canal boats.

Architecturally, the house displays several generations of construction. The remaining 18th century features in the west section are unusual in the area. The massive roof framing system is particularly worthy of note. Apparently the original house underwent substantial modernization, probably at the time the east wing was added. Possibly at that time the chimney in the west end wall was added. The house appears to have been renovated again in the late 19th or early 20th century.

HISTORY

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 41 acres

Quadrangle name Sheperdstown Quad

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #3

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

organization Washington County Historical Sites Survey date November 1977

street & number County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street telephone (301) 791-3065

city or town Hagerstown state Maryland 21740

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature *J. M. H.* 8-20-79

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

For HCERS use only I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	date
Keeper of the National Register	date
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	date

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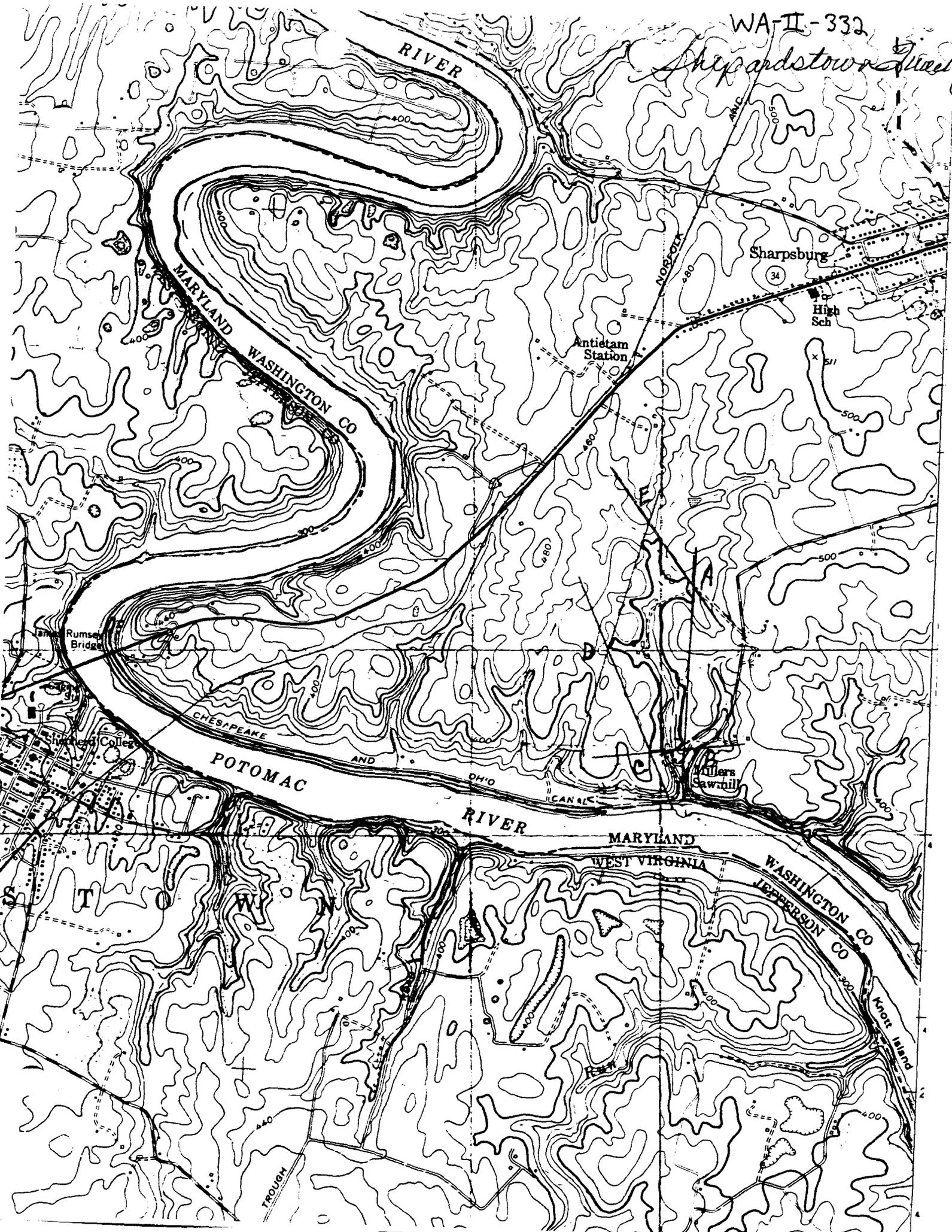
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The 41 acres surrounding the Wilson Miller Farm constitutes a narrow, long, irregularly shaped boundary based on topographical features. The boundary on the west, north and east constitutes a line demarking the 400' elevation on the surrounding hill. The southern boundary is continuous with the present property boundary which constitutes a convenient definition of the Wilson Miller Farm, exempting the village of Miller's Saw mill. The southern boundary is approximately 800 feet long connecting the points of 400 foot elevation of a point approximately 1,000 feet north of the C & O Canal (exempting the village of Miller's Saw Mill).

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Shepardstown Street



RIVER

MARYLAND WASHINGTON CO

Sharpsburg

High Sch

Antietam Station

Rumsey Bridge

Shepherd College

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL

Millers Sawmill

POTOMAC RIVER

MARYLAND WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON CO JEFFERSON CO

West Island

TROUGH

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- C. 18/261960/4368450
- D. 18/261720/4369000
- E. 18/261940/4369700

ABSTRACT

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Wilson-Miller Farm
Sharpsburg Vicinity
private

18th-19th Centuries

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Wilson-Miller Farm
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
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CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Sharpsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

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Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

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			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Wolfgang Mueller

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
10609 Woodsdale Drive

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20901

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Folio #: 367

STREET & NUMBER
West Washington Street

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Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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TITLE

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FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 212 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

November 1977

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.

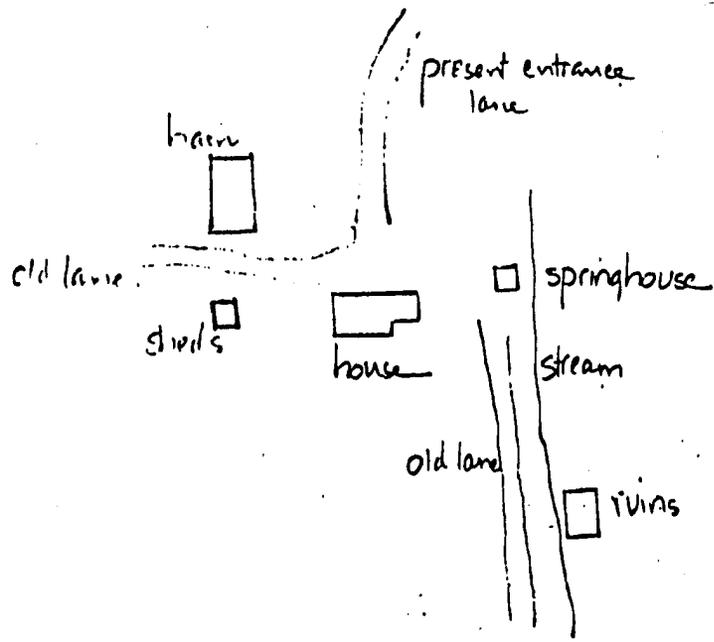
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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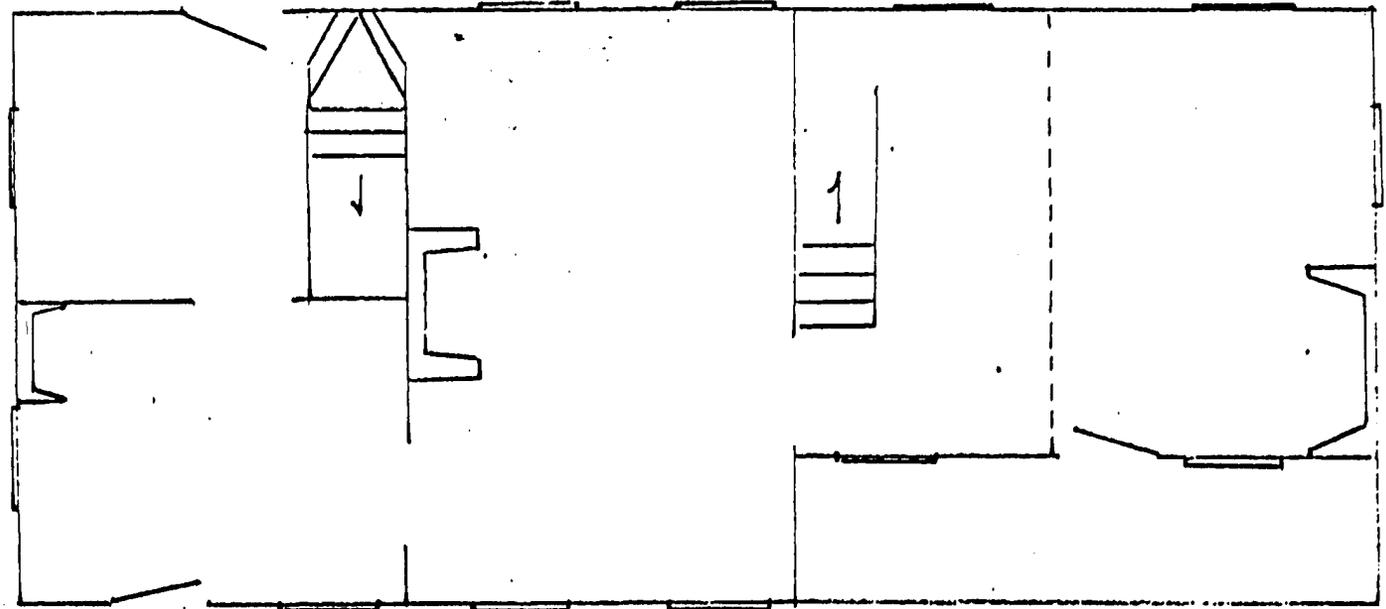
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Northeast of the house is a one story stone springhouse with a wood shingle roof. A small intermittent stream passed near the springhouse and east of the main dwelling. Evidence remains of a wagon road which led along the stream toward Millers Sawmill, the C & O Canal and the Potomac River. Several hundred feet south of the buildings are ruins of a small dwelling. All that remained when the site was visited in 1976 were stone foundations and a brick flue.

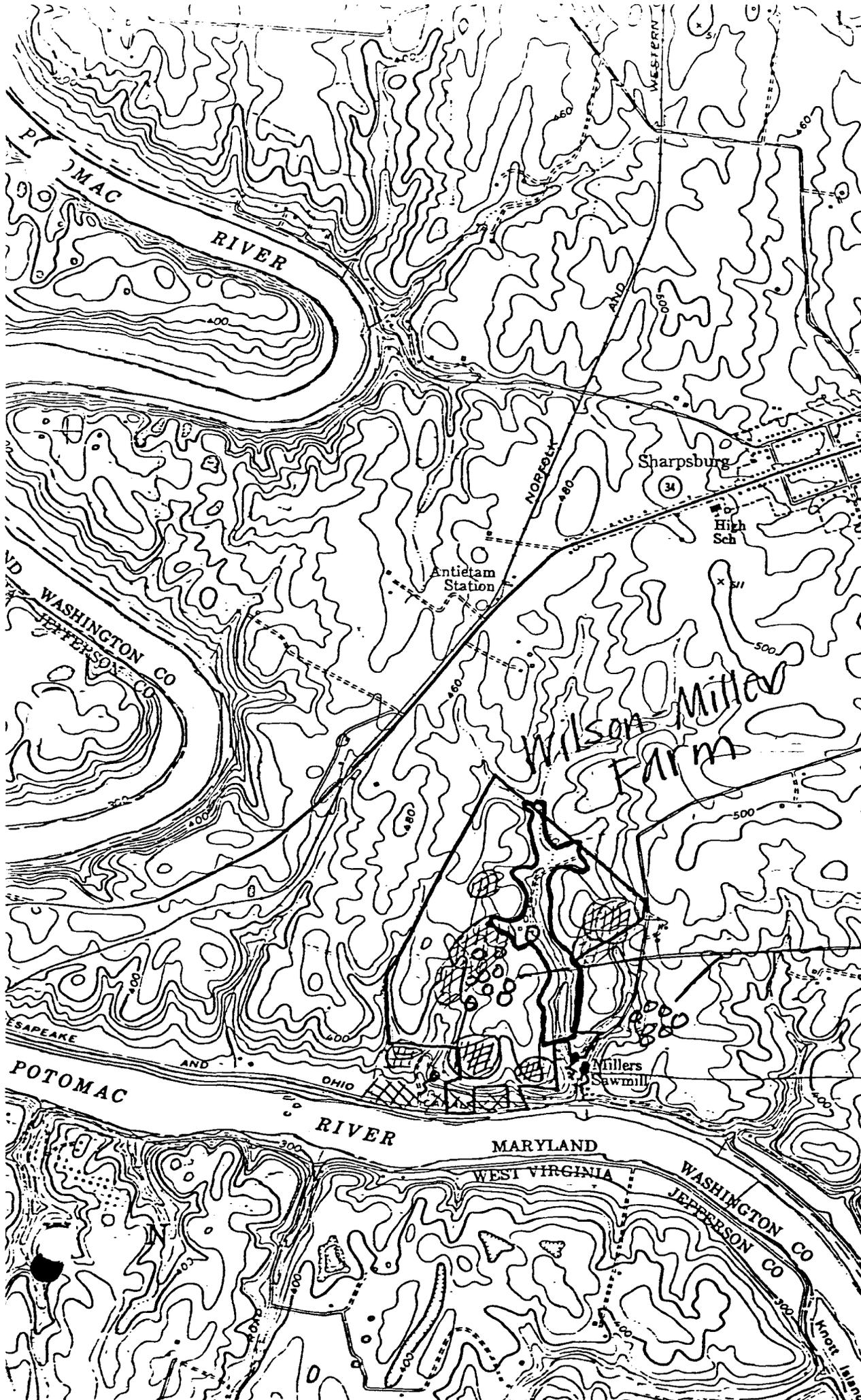
The main buildings in the complex appear to be in good condition and are located on a tract containing 212 acres. It includes parts of the land grants "Resurvey on the Addition to Piles Delight" and "Antietam Bottom."



WA-II-332 Approximate floor plan
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Shepherdstown
quad

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KEEDYSVILLE 3.7 MI.
BOONSBORO (JUNC. ALT. U.S. 40) 6.6 MI

27°30'

145'

4370

(KEEDYSVILLE)
3942' (NW)

4368

4367

red
green line -
final NR
boundary.

terrace
gravel
deposits

Springhead

 highest
probable
areas

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1175

4374

600 000 FEET (M.D.)

4373

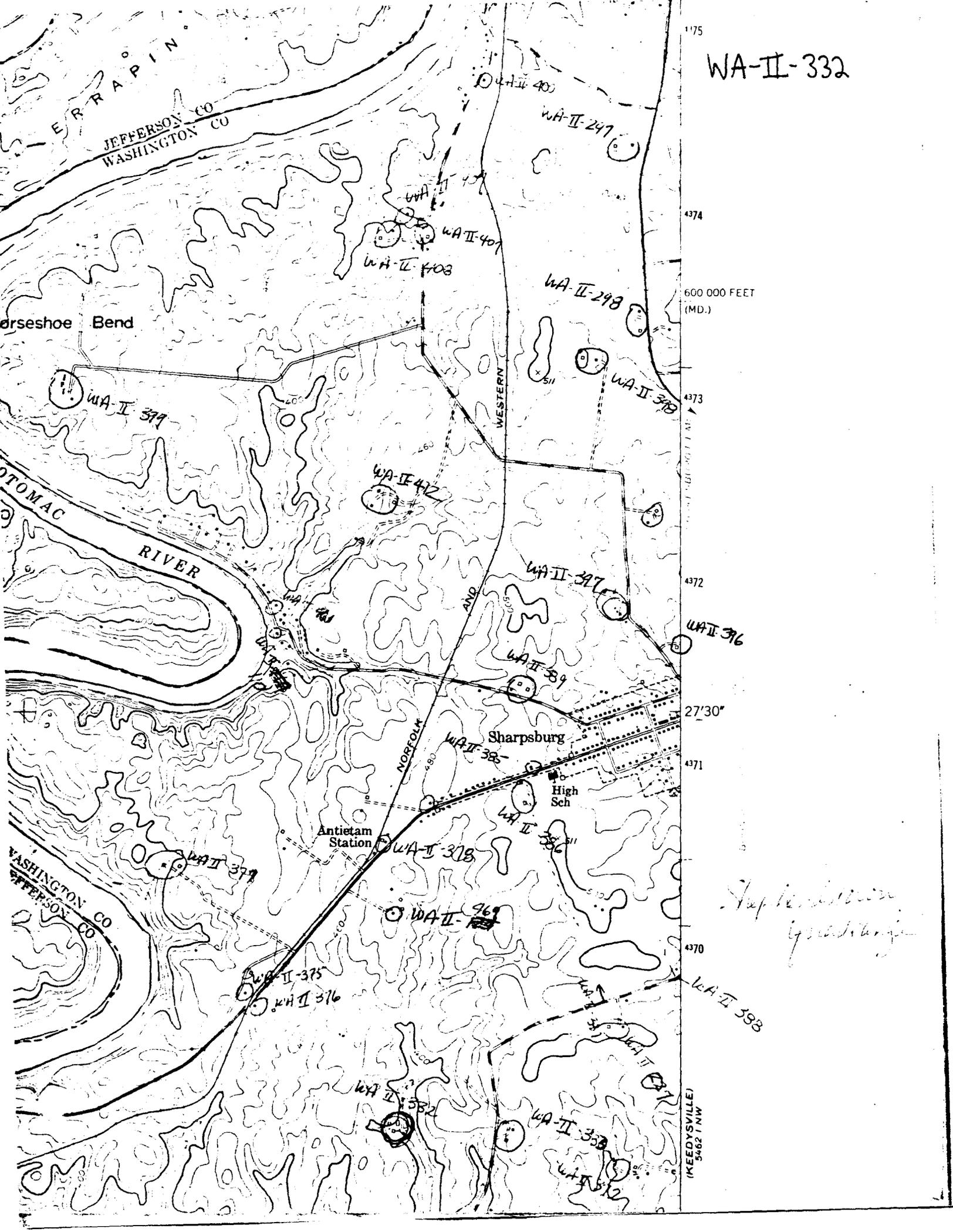
4372

27'30"

4371

4370

(KEEDYSVILLE)
5462 (NW)



*Topographic
quadrangle*



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S.W

March 1916

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Stair, west section

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fireplace, 1st floor, S.E. Room

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outbdy. S.E.

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accounting N.W.

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ruins of dwellings, W.

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