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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Meyers Hillenbrand Farm Survey Number: WA-II-372

Project: ISTEA Scenic Easement Acquisition Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on information provide by SHA, no eligible buildings remain on the property which was originally recorded in 1976. At that time, the property included a late 18th century log house with rear stone wing and large frame bank barn, likely dating to the 19th century. In 1976, the house was described as in "deteriorated or ruined condition." According to SHA, the house is no longer intact and the entire site is overgrown and inaccessible. Recent photographs show the bank barn to be a ruin. Only non-historic, mid to late 20th century structures remain on the property. As neither the historic house or barn retain integrity, the Meyers Hillenbrand Farm would not meet the National Register criteria for evaluation as an above ground resource.

However, according to SHA archeologists, the property does have high potential for prehistoric and historic sites, including the 19th century farmsted, which served as a hospital during the 1862 Battle of Antietam.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project file, Maryland Inventory  
form WA II-372

Prepared by: Paula Stoner Dickey (1976 form), Rita Suffness, SHA

Elizabeth Hannold August 15, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
*(Standing Resources)*

Peter E. Kurtz 9/11/96  
Reviewer, NR program Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

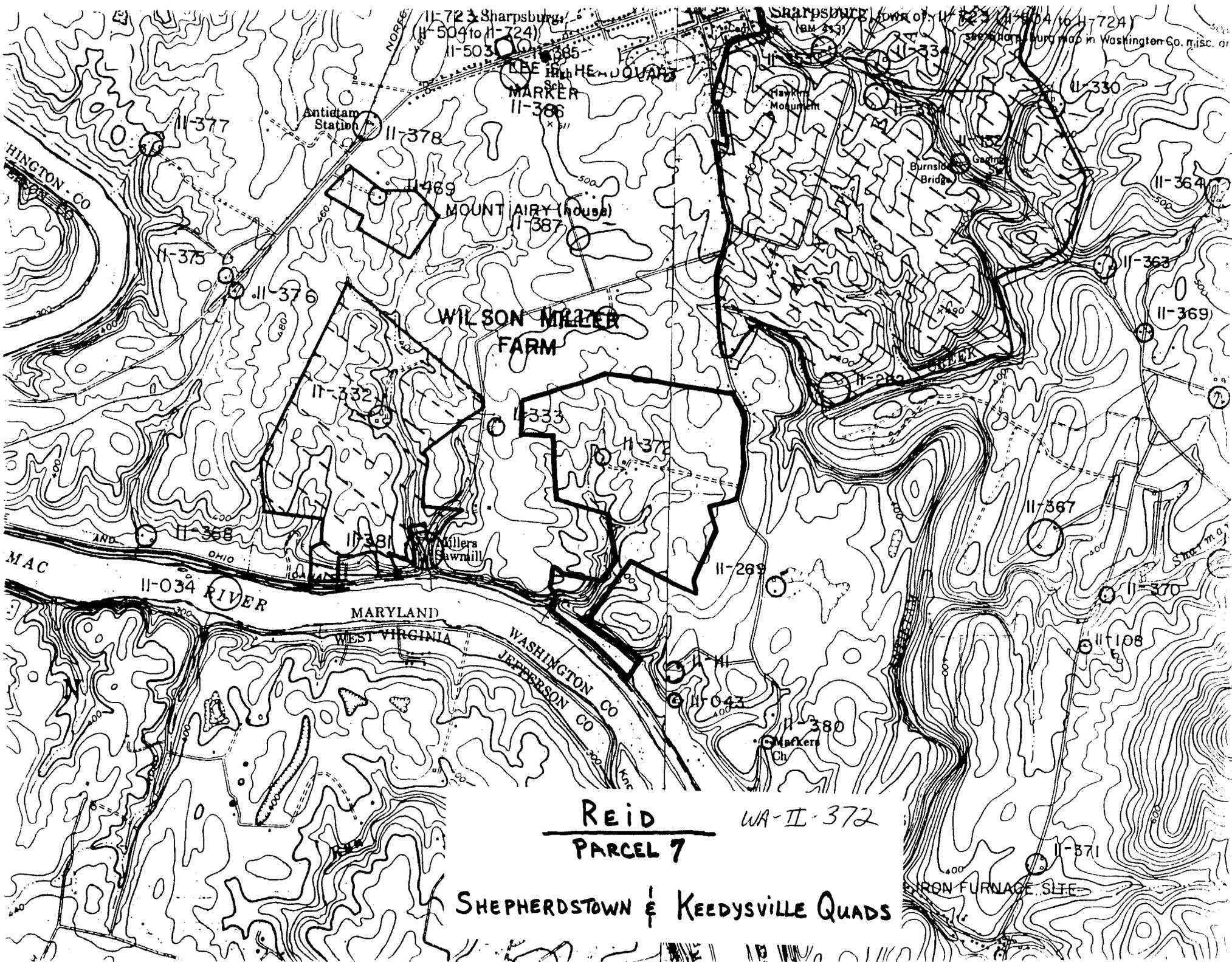
V. Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic-Single family residenc, Agricultural

Known Design Source: na



11-723 Sharpsburg  
11-504 to 11-724  
11-503  
KBE High  
MARKER  
11-386

SHARPSBURG TOWNSHIP  
11-723 11-804 to 11-724  
see SHARPSBURG map in Washington Co. misc. ar

WASHINGTON CO

MAC RIVER

11-034 RIVER

MARYLAND  
WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON CO  
JEFFERSON CO

WILSON MILLER FARM

MOUNT AIRY (house)  
11-387

Antietam Station

Warrenton Monument

Burnside Bridge

Millers Sawmill

REID  
PARCEL 7

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SHEPHERDSTOWN & KEEDYSVILLE QUADS

IRON FURNACE SITE



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**ABSTRACT**

**WA-II-372**

**Ca. 1790**

**Myers-Hillenbrand Farm**

**Sharpsburg Vicinity**

**private**

The primary area of significance of this house is its architecture. Constructed of logs it is representative of a major group of buildings in Washington County, southern Pennsylvania and the Appalachian region. More particularly, this dwelling is important for the fine 18th century interior woodwork it displays. Since this property has been in use as a farm since the 18th century, it is important for its contribution to agriculture in Washington County. It was held by one family from before 1785 until 1897.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Myers-Hillenbrand Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West of Harpers Ferry Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**Building not  
in use.

NAME

Bernard F. Hillenbrand

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

5104 Moorland Lane

CITY, TOWN

Bethesda

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 405

Folio #: 711

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 is located at the end of a long private lane leading in a westerly direction from Harpers Ferry Road about two miles south of Sharpsburg in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated near the base of a hill in an area with numerous limestone outcroppings and faces south.

The dwelling is a two story, four bay log structure sheathed with weatherboarding and set on fieldstone foundations. Extending to the rear or north is a one story, two bay ell or kitchen addition constructed of roughly coursed local limestone. The walls of the main section of the house are constructed of hewn logs displaying "V" notched corner joining. The exterior wall surface has been sheathed with lapped boards finished with a bead at the bottom edge. The walls of the kitchen wing are without decorative masonry work. Its east elevation is sheltered by a deep overhang of the roof.

Windows in the log portion of the house appear to be aligned with each other. In the end and rear elevations they are small in size in relation to wall area. In the facade the windows are somewhat larger. In this wall the entrance opening appears to be near the center of the building. Two bays or window openings per story are located east of the entrance while one set of openings is located to its west. Windows have wide frames with quarter round trim. At the front elevation the frames hold nine over six light double hung sashes. In the side and rear walls six over six pane sashes were used. Hinge pins in the window frames indicate that shutters were present at one time. The main entrance is framed similarly to the windows and had a four light transom. A second entrance is located opposite the main doorway in the north wall.

The roof is more steeply pitched than many in Washington County and is sheathed with sheet metal. It terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Plain boxing finishes the eaves. Small brick chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside each gable end.

The interior of the log house is divided by a central stair and entrance hall with two rooms on each side. All woodwork that was observed appears to be original. Interior doors have six raised panels finished with quarter round molding. Door frames facing the hallway are also trimmed with quarter round and have decorative crossettes at their upper corners. The exterior door in the back or north wall of the hallway is faced with vertical boards and held to its frame with long strap hinges. Other doors are secured with H hinges. The stair had turned balusters and newel posts. In the two rooms located east of the hallway the interior walls are sheathed with tongue and grooved boards. The only fireplace on the first story is located in the southwest room. A large fireplace is present in the kitchen wing.

Among the Chancery Records of Washington County is a trustee's sale bill for this property dated November 6, 1890. In the advertisement this farm is described as improved with a two story weatherboarded house with nine rooms and a kitchen; a wash house and other necessary buildings; a good log barn, weatherboarded; a corn crib; two good wagon sheds; a hog pen and a large cider house with a good press in it. The property is further described as containing two never failing wells of water near the house and a large cistern at the kitchen door. It also had a good apple orchard (Chancery Record book 34, page 31).

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 Ca.	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> 1790 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

The primary area of significance of this house is its architecture. Constructed of logs, it is representative of a major group of buildings in Washington County, southern Pennsylvania and the Appalachian region. More particularly, this dwelling is important for the 18th century interior woodwork it displays. Much of its detail remains intact and shows evidence of having had little alteration. One of the most notable interior features is the door treatment as observed from the entrance hall. Decorative crossettes on the door frames, stylistically characteristic of the finer homes of the 1780's and 1790's in inland areas, are particularly outstanding because they are unusual in Washington County and are especially rare in log dwellings. Other important features are the turned balusters and the raised panel doors secured with H hinges which are generally associated with 18th century construction.

Since this property has been in use as a farm since the 18th century, it is important for its contribution to agriculture in Washington County. It is also distinguished by the fact that it was held by one family from before 1785 until 1897. In his will dated September 14, 1785, Michael Meyer of Sharpsburg devised a farm to each of his four sons, Michael, Jacob, Adam and Frederick (Will Liber A, Folio 121).<sup>\*</sup> These four farms apparently adjoined each other. Because names were carried from generation to generation, there is some confusion as to how this particular farm descended through the Myers family. The land is described as being parts of the "Addition to Pile's Delight" and Pile's Delight." The portion of Michael Meyer's estate being devised to his son, Michael, is described in the will as the "old place" suggesting that by 1785 the Meyer family had held property in the vicinity for some time. It is not known at the present time when or from whom Michael Meyer acquired his land.

Through either purchase from other members of the family or by inheritance this farm was owned by Hezekiah Meyer when he died intestate in January, 1890. (Chancery Record 34/31). As the result of an equity case the farm was sold on June 2, 1891 to Mary A. Myers (97/256). On March 11, 1897, Lillie G. Myers and Emma D. Myers sold the farm to Samuel S. Stouffer for \$8660. (106/282). The farm remained in the Stouffer family until 1928 when Mary Stouffer Ryder and Harry M. Ryder sold it to Victor Sweeney and Nora A. Sweeney (165/307, 181/438). In 1944 the farm was acquired by Herbert F. Myers and Oscar D. Myers (228/523). It was purchased by the present owner from Herbert F. Myers in 1964, (252/93, 405/711).

The land grant "Pile's Delight" containing 724 acres was surveyed for Richard Spriggs on September 4, 1734. According to Unpublished research by the late Arthur G. Tracey, Pile's Delight was located west of Sharpsburg. "Addition to Pile's Delight" surveyed January 30, 1750, for Col. Edward Spriggs, containing 2617 acres was situated between "Pile's Delight" and the Potomac River.

\* In the records associated with this property, the name Myers is spelled variously Myers, Myer and Meyer.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Tracey, Arthur G., Unpublished Research on Early Land Grants in Western Maryland, 1954.

Washington County Chancery Records.

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Probate Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 199.16 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

June 1976

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

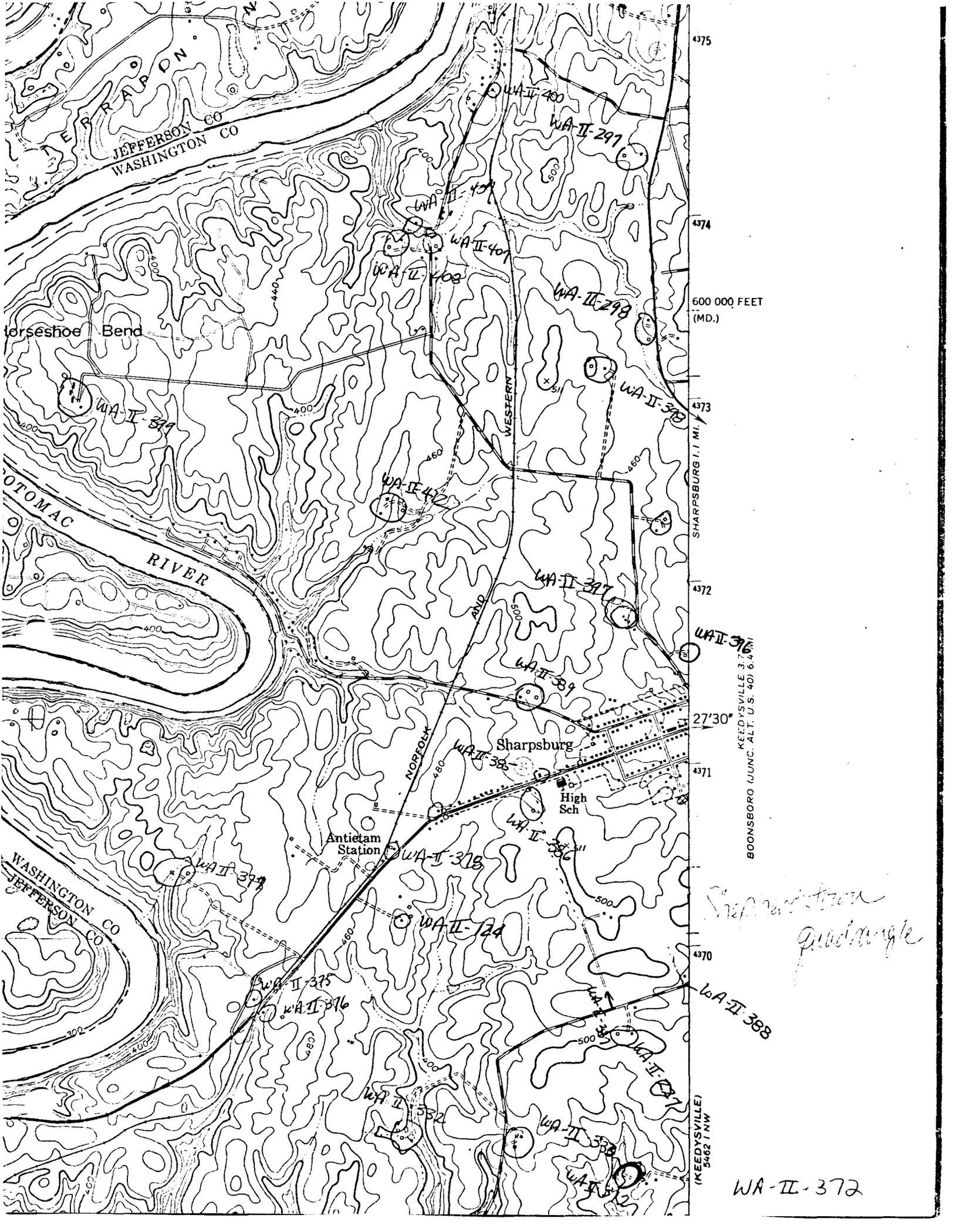
Maryland 21740

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

The house is at present in deteriorated or ruined condition and stands on a tract containing 199.16 acres. Some distance east of the house is a large frame bank barn with metal ventilators attached to its roof. Further field-work is necessary to determine the location of the barn and outbuildings described in the 1890 sale bill.



JEFFERSON CO  
WASHINGTON CO

Horseshoe Bend

POTOMAC RIVER

WESTERN

NORFOLK

Sharpsburg

High Sch

Antietam Station

WASHINGTON CO  
JEFFERSON CO

4375  
4374  
600 000 FEET (MD.)  
4373  
SHARPSBURG 1:1 MI. 1:1  
4372  
4371  
27°30'  
4370  
4370  
SHARPSBURG (KEEDYSVILLE) 5462 1 NW

KEEDYSVILLE 3.7 6.4  
BOONSBORO (UNCL. ALT. U.S. 401 6.4 4)

*Sharpsburg quadrangle*

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S.  
April, 1976

PIELA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



WH-11 377

S.W.

April, 1976

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY

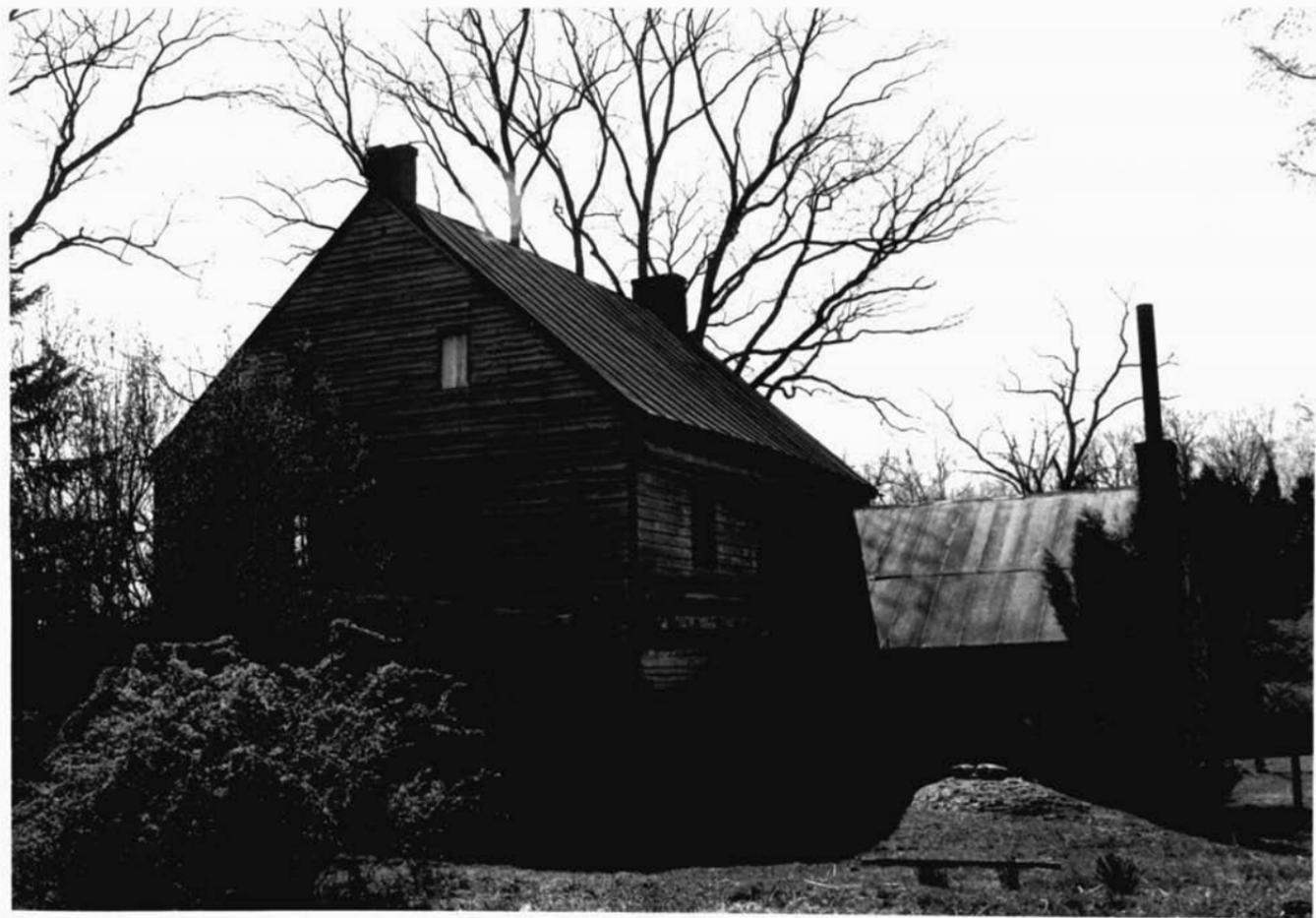


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S.E.

April 1916

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY

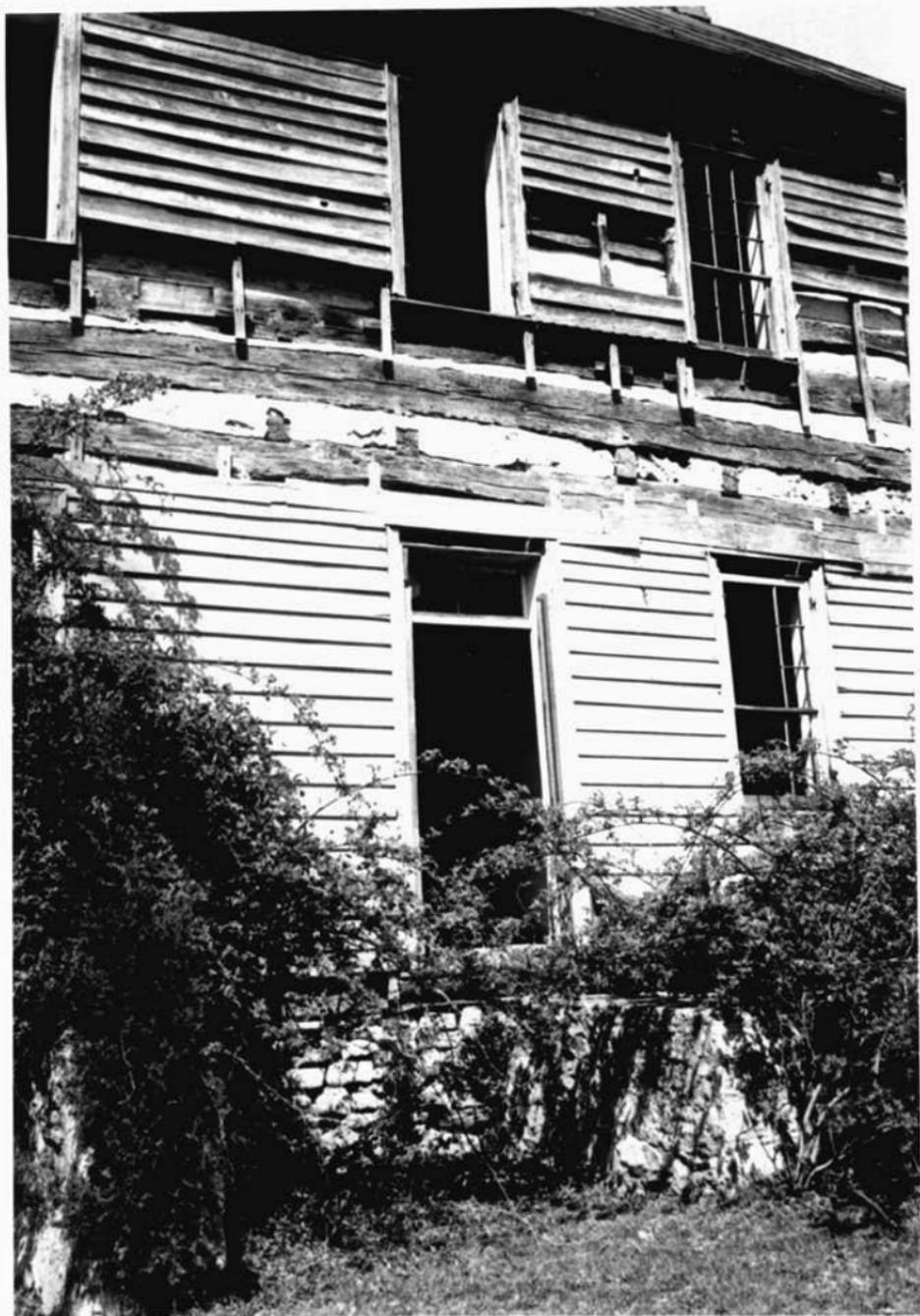


WA-II-31<sup>st</sup>

N.E.

April 19/6

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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S. Detail

June, 1916

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



Oct 27 - 31  
Lara Sw.  
April 1976

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



WA-II-311

N.W.

April 1976

PAULA STONER DICKET  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



WA-II-312

N.E.

April, 1976

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



WA-II-312

Hallway and S.C. 100

Apr. 1916

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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Interior, trace-way.

April, 1916

PAGLA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.,  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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Inventory of sites

April, 1916

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY