

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-462  
 District 12 - 20  
 Map 66  
 Parcel 16  
 MAGI # 2208825435

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
 "Chews Farm"  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
 Shaeffer Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Downsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 6

STATE  
 Maryland

COUNTY  
 Washington

**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
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
 Rachel W. Pease

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
 26 E. Salisbury Street

CITY, TOWN  
 Williamsport

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
 Maryland 21795

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Court House

Liber #: 628

Folio #: 197

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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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 complex consists of an unusual two story, six bay brick house, a brick barn dated 1831, and various stone and frame outbuildings. The house is constructed in common bond at all elevations and apparently had a double porch along the entire front elevation. It now has two story early 20th century doric columns. The main story consists of two rooms flanking a large stair hall with a spiral staircase. The hallway and each room has a separate entrance in the front elevation. Interior woodwork features some mantelpieces with colonnettes and some with rectangular tablets. Several doors have elbow locks. To the side of the house is a mounting block of three cut limestones. A one and a half story brick wing extends to the rear of the house. The barn is a large brick structure with decorative open work ventilators. A tablet in its east gable indicates that it was build by Daniel Schnebly, July 11, 1831. A long narrow stone outbuilding, now a hog pen is said to have been slave quarters.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 checked="" 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES      Barn, July 11, 1831 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Daniel Schnebly

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This complex merits further study. The barn is dated 1831 and the house would appear also to have been built during the second quarter of the 19th century. The house has an irregular exterior appearance which disguises unusual interior refinements. Most outbuildings remain intact.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 252.9 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, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Preservation Associates

DATE

June 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE

301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

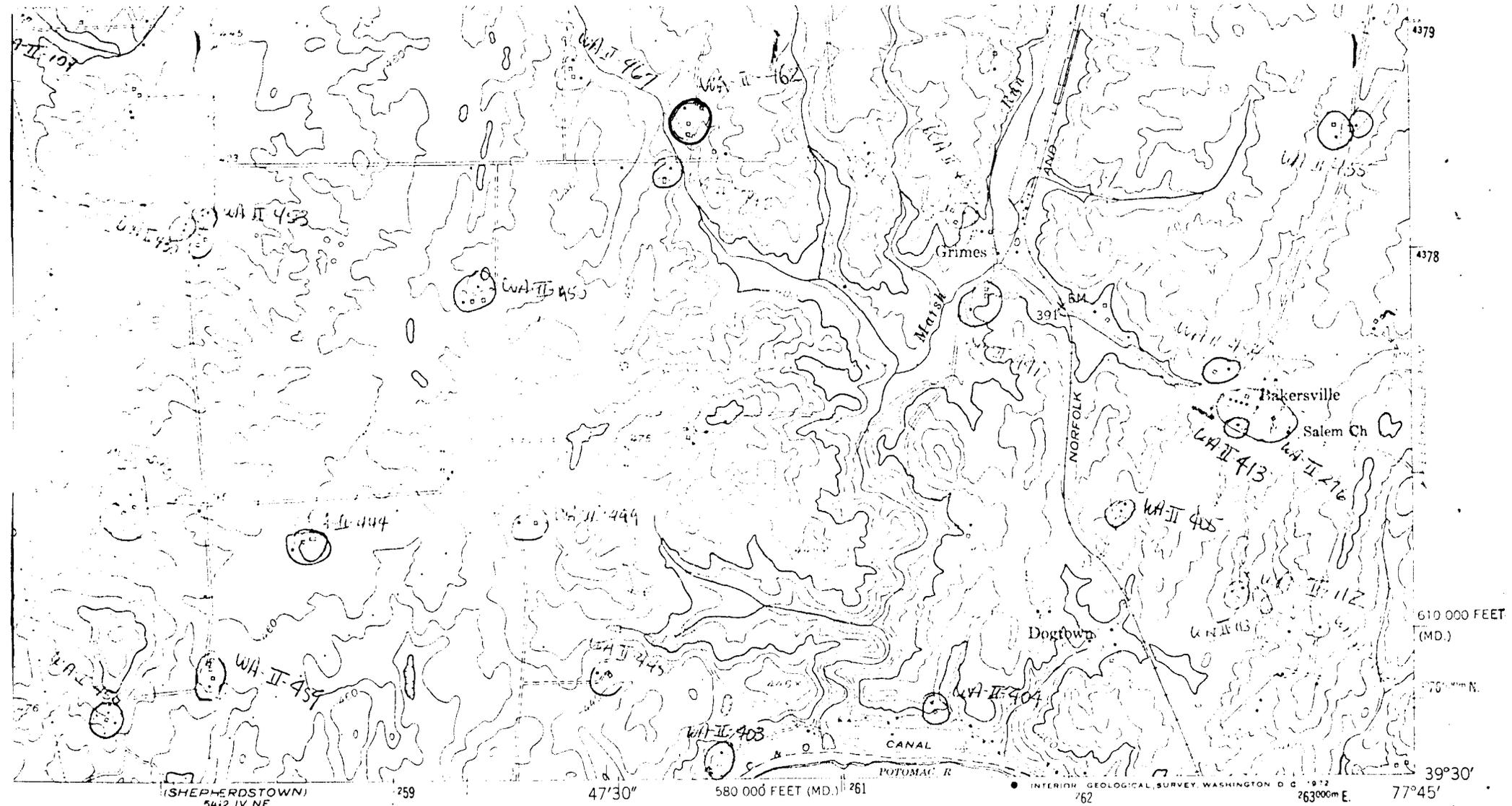
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Maryland 21782

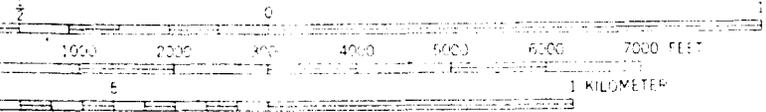
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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



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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty Light duty   
 Medium duty Unimproved dirt   
 U. S. Route State Route   
 Interim State Route

WILLIAMSPORT, MD.-W. VA.

SE 1/4 WILLIAMSPORT 10' QUADRANGLE  
 N 39° 30' W 77° 45' E

1953

AMS 5463 III SE SERIES V833

'KEDYSN  
 5462 INW  
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MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 BY U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242.  
 PRINTING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Boundaries shown in part are compiled by the Geological Survey from  
 aerial photographs taken in 1971. The information and data shown  
 hereon are not intended for navigation.



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S.E.

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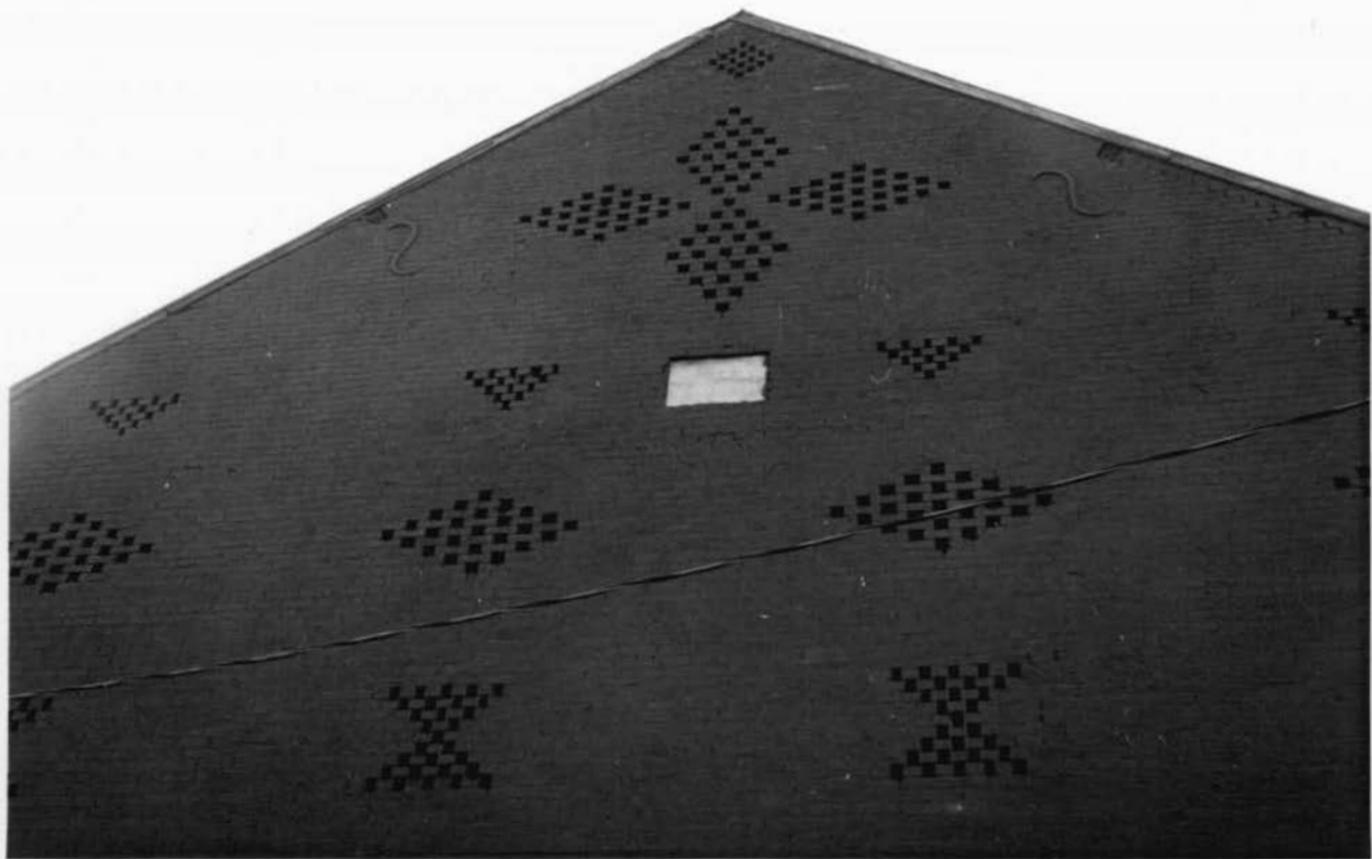
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Barn, detail E. wall

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