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National Register of Historic Places
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Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic

and/or common Hogmire-Berryman Farm

2. Location

street & number North of Maryland Route 63 not for publication

city, town Spielman X vicinity of Fairplay congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Dr. John Berryman

street & number 2400 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

city, town Washington vicinity of state D. C. 20037

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse

street & number West Washington Street

city, town Hagerstown state Maryland 21740

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

This farm complex, dating from the late 18th or early 19th century, is located at the end of a private land which extends north from Maryland Route 63 at Spielman, about 1 1/2 miles west of Fairplay in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are located near a spring west of St. James Run. Included in the complex is a brick house, a stone secondary dwelling, ruins of a stone outbuilding, a stone root cellar, a brick privy, and a large stone end bank barn.

The main brick farmhouse is a multipart structure showing initial construction from the first decade of the 19th century or earlier. It had additions made and renovations in the mid-19th century and again during the 1890-1910 period.

As it stands today, the house is a two-story, five-bay structure with irregular door and window placement. Its entire surface has been painted. Extending across the four southern bays of the front elevation above the foundation is an ovolo molded brick watertable. Flemish bond brickwork is used at the front (east) elevation. At the south end wall and the south bay of the rear (west) elevation common bonding is used with a 3:1 stretcher to header row ration. Other areas have common bond in a 5:1 ration. Flat arches of brick are present above the windows at the front and south end walls. There is a brick arch above the entrance. A vertical seam in the masonry appears from the top of the first story level to the eaves just south of the third bay from the south end of the house. A horizontal seam appears above two first story windows, the third and fourth bays from the south end of the house. Also at the front elevation is a second vertical seam in the masonry from the ground level to the top of the first story height, north of the fourth bay from the south end. These seams suggest major additions to the house in the mid-19th century. At the back of the house, a vertical seam is evident from ground to eaves, north of the southernmost bay.

Windows are placed irregularly in the front wall. All have six-over-six pane sash with narrow frames. The full-sized windows have pairs of two-panel shutters. One small four-over-four light window, located in a stair landing, is set against the addition's seam at the rear wall. One window opening above the main entrance has been bricked shut.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the south end of the front elevation. Above the six-panel door is a narrow three-light transom.

An entrance into the cellar from the north end of the front elevation has been bricked shut. At the rear wall, a door is located in the second bay from the north end wall. Another door just to the south of this entrance has been bricked shut.

The roof of the house is covered with standing seam sheet metal. Brick chimneys are located inside the gable ends and at the interior of the house.

INTERIOR

The main entrance opens into a large parlor which extends the entire width of the house. On the fireplace in the south wall of this room is a painted slate mantelpiece of late Greek Revival period with an arched opening and pilasters. Dividing this room from the rest of the house is an interior brick wall formerly an exterior wall for this, the older

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DESCRIPTION, continued

portion of the house, Cut in the wall is a large opening with a pair of six-panel doors. To the north of this room is another large room extending the width of the house. A winding staircase has been constructed in its southwest corner, its steps beginning against the west wall. In the north wall of this room is another fireplace set in a second interior brick wall. Cupboards beside the fireplace appear to date from the turn of the century period. North of this large room is a kitchen with a large service fireplace. The kitchen contains a secondary winding stair leading to the cellar and to the second floor.

Most interior woodwork dates from the 1890-1910 period when it would appear that there was a major renovation of the house. Evidence indicates that the roof and its framing system were replaced at this time as well.

A number of secondary buildings surround the house. These include a stone dwelling which appears to date from the early 19th centy. It is build of coursed local limestone and seems to have begun as a one-story, two-bay structure to which a second story and two-bay extension were added. In its east end wall is a small unglazed opening for an unknown purpose. This building is located northeast of the main house. Between the stone and brick dwelling is a partially subterranean root cellar consisting of a stone barrel vault over a brick paved floor. Northwest of the root cellar is a bri privy dating from the late 19th century.

Southwest of the brick house are ruins of a stone service building which had a large stone end bank barn with frame gables. Built of coursed native limestone, it has characteristic vertical slits in its masonry to prvide ventilation. Also present is a wagon shed.

The buildings are generally in good condition, although the barn requires stabilization. Preservation work on it is planned.

Records indicate that the buildings stand on part of the land grant, "Conococheagu Manor." The property also includes parts of the land grants "Resurvey on Chew's Farm" and "Resurvey on Water Sink."

8. Significance

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 is significant for its architecture, which is representative of the early 19th century and later construction and techniques used in the Cumberland Valley. It is also worthy of note because it retains a complete set of period outbuildings typically found on farms in this region. Unfortunately, today many rural outbuildings have fallen into disuse and have been removed. This complex retains many of the major outbuildings expected in a 19th century farmstead: a secondary dwelling for hired help or slaves, a root cellar for food storage, a service building probably for butchering and smoking, and a privy. The root cellar with its vaulted top is particularly important because so very few remain.

Architecturally, the house is perhaps most noteworthy for the changes it has undergone; rather than high style, these have been typical vernacular alterations to suit the family's needs. The house is also an unusually early brick building in Washington County. According to visible architectural evidence, the original part of the existing house, dating from the late 18th or early 19th century, was the south two bays, two stories in height. It appears that to this was attached a one-story extension to the north wall. This wing was not as wide as the main part of the house. Later in the mid-19th century an addition was built, raising the one-story brick wing to two stories and widening it to the full breadth of the main section. The building was further extended to the north by one bay on the east and two bays on the west wall. A still later renovation, circa 1890-1891, produced the woodwork present throughout most of the house.

The early brick masonry in the oldest parts of the house is evidenced by the presence of a water table and common bond brickwork laid in a 3:1 stretcher to header row ration. The later 19th century masonry work is as clearly evident. Without more thorough examination of the structure, involving dismantling, no other 18th century evidence would be seen.

Brick construction dating from before the second quarter of the 19th century is quite rare in Washington County and in the larger Cumberland Valley. Therefore, examples of brick architecture from the 18th and early 19th centuries are particularly significant.

HISTORY

This property is located along the southeastern edge of a large land holding in Washington County known as "Conococheague Manor." Consisting of nearly 11,000 acres this land was held by Lord Baltimore until 1767, when it was sold in its entirety to a John Jordan. Later most of Conococheague Manor was acquired by Samuel Ringgold, a flamboyant gentleman of the early 19th century, who maintained a large mansion on the site of what is now St. James School, about two miles north of this complex.

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SIGNIFICANCE, continued

Much of the early history of this farm is conjectural since no recorded deeds prior to 1859 could be found. It is know, however, that Andrew Hogmire owned the farm in 1858, and later in the 19th century the property was still known locally as the "Old Andrew Highmire Farm." It seems likely that Andrew Hogmire inherited it from his father Jonas. In his will made on May 13, 1846, Jonas Hogmire bequeathed "the whole of my plantation in Washington County whereon I now reside" to Andres (Will D/708). Jonas also directed that any of his slaves over the age of 36 were to have their freedom and those younger would receive their freedom when they reached the age of 36.

Possibly this property is the same that Jonas inherited from his father, Conrad Hogmire. Conrad Hogmire's will is dated June 11, 1796 (A/390). In this document he leaves to his son, Jonas, the "plantation on which he [Jonas] now lives consisting of a part of Chews Farm."

The land grant, "Chews Farm" is one of the three oldest in Washington County, dating from June 23, 1735. It was located adjacent to Conococheague Manor.

On November 30, 1858, Andrew Hogmire conveyed his real estate to trustees in order that it could be sold for the benefit of his creditors. On September 14, 1859, Susan A. Spielman bought 184½ acres, half of Hogmire's land. It remained in her ownership until 1898 (IN 14/457, 98/158). During the time that Susan A. Spielman owned the farm, the Norfolk and Western Railroad was built through the property. Today, the area where the railroad crosses Maryland Route 63 is known as "Spielman."

The purchaser of the property in 1898 was Henry C. Morin. It was possibly he who was responsible for the turn-of-the-century renovations. Possibly Susan Spielman made the major additions upon her purchase of the property in 1854.

In the deed transferring Susan Spielman's property to Henry C. Morin, an exception was made for the "negro graveyard" along the road. No evidence of this graveyard can be seen today.

According to Williams' History of Washington County, Henry C. Morin, merchant, was probably not a resident of the farm, as he built a brick house in Fairplay and was living there in 1890. Speaking of Henry C. Morin, Williams continues, "He owns the old Andrew Hogmire farm of 152 acres, one of the fine farms of this section. On this farm is a large brick house and an old time stone barn, 100 by 45 feet."¹

The property remained in the Morin family until 1933 (192/627). It has changed hands numerous times since.

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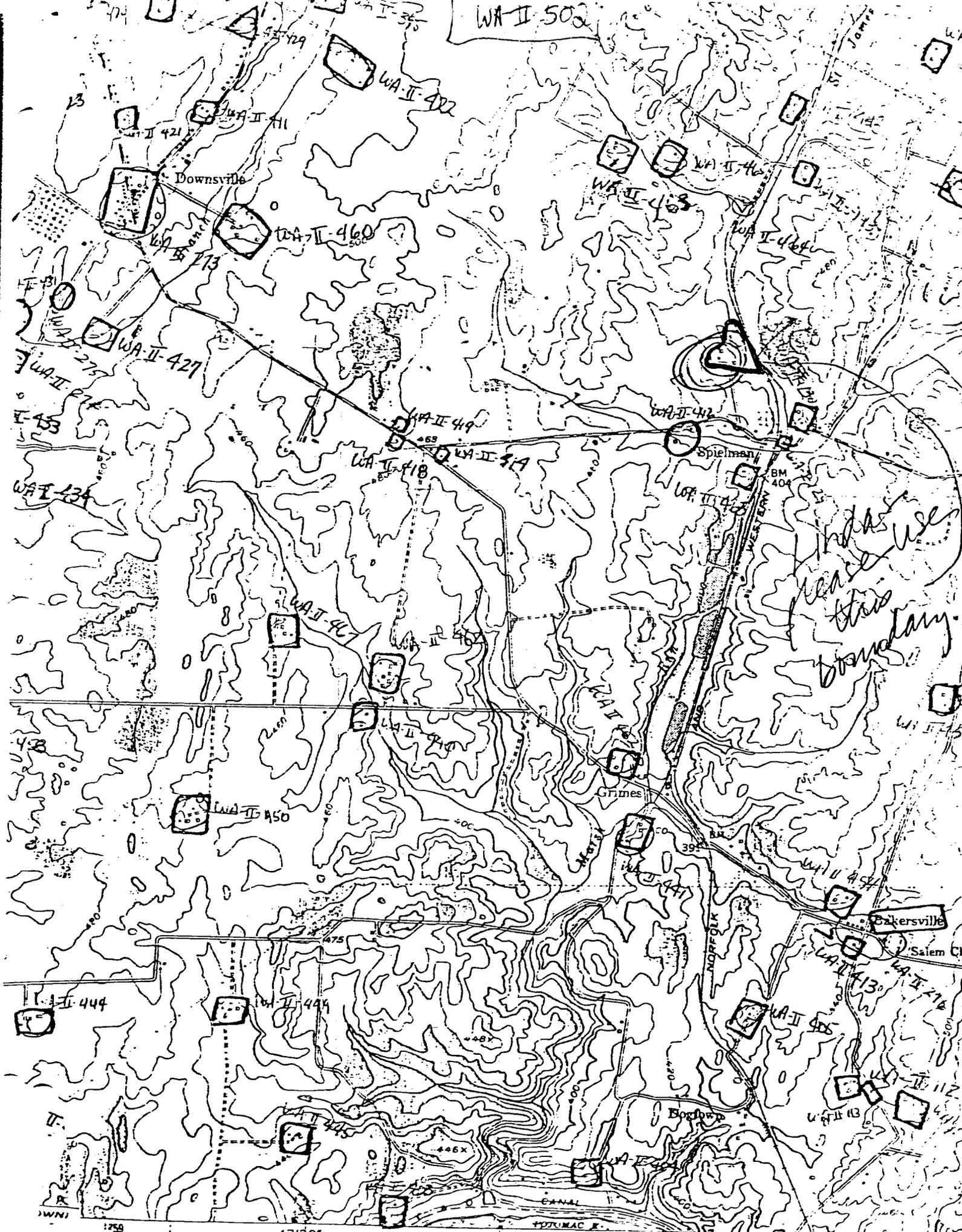
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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The five acres included in the nomination follow the west side of St. James Run to the north edge of a pond; southwest, across the 420-foot contour line and passing northwest of the building to the 440-foot contour line; following the 440-foot contour line south to a point opposite the beginning point, and running east to the place of beginning.



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