

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-641

ADDRESS: 229 West Chapline Street, Sharpsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: William L. Myers, 875/446, private

BUILDING DATE: late 18th/early 19th century

229 West Chapline Street is a south-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half-story, stone, freestanding, residential structure set directly at the public-right-of-way. The stone is rock-faced and randomly coursed. The slate, side-gable roof has an interior, endwall rebuilt brick chimney; open eaves; and gable returns. A raised, hipped-roof, open porch, which extends across the length of the building, rests on stone piers. The porch roof is supported by slender Ionic columns and pilasters resting on frame pedestals. A turned balustrade connects the pedestals. The east-bay entrance is obscured by a modern storm door. Fenestration consists of replacement double-hung, one-over-one windows. The building has a one-story, gable-roof, brick wing to the rear and a one-story, detached, laundry. The property is abutted by farmland to the rear.

According to the owner, this is one of the original Chapline family houses. The building is noted on the 1877 map of the town as being owned by J. Chapline. The 1922 Sanborn notes the extant dwelling without an address. The brick addition is noted, however, the frame outbuilding is not (this may be because the map ends with Chapline Street and the backs of the properties on the north side of the street are not illustrated).

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the possible Development Period of Rural Agrarian Intensification, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning.

WA-II-641

Prepared by Julie Mueller, June 1991

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN:**

**STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT**

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Development Periods: Rural Agrarian Intensification

Historic Period Theme: Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and  
Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: buildings

Historic Environment: small, rural town

Historic Function and Use: residential

Known Design Source: Joseph Chapline, II

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WA-II-641

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic The Joseph Chapline, II House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 229 West Chapline Street  not for publication

city, town Sharpsburg  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Washington

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
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			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. William Myers

street & number 229 West Chapline Street telephone no.: 301-432-4173

city, town Sharpsburg state and zip code Maryland 21782

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse liber 935

street & number Summit Avenue and West Washington Street folio 0162

city, town Hagerstown state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. WA-II-641

<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

## The Setting

This house is located in Washington County at 229 West Chapline Street (lot 875/446) in Sharpsburg. It sits at the head of Potomac Street and commands a view southward. Chapline Street is the northernmost street in Sharpsburg, thus the houses which line its north side are abutted by farmland to their rear. The town is laid out to their south. This site, which is located on a 80' x 206' lot, includes the mid 18th-century house, a summer kitchen, an outhouse, and a cinderblock garage. The house is flanked on either side by residential structures.

## Exterior

229 West Chapline Street is a south-facing, horizontally massed, symmetrical, two-and-a-half story, stone, freestanding, residential structure set directly at the public-right-of-way. The stone is rock-faced and randomly coursed. Due to deterioration, the outer wall of the west facade and the chimney were dismantled in 1990 and rebuilt by an English stonemason. (The current owners have photographic documentation of the dismantling and rebuilding. The photos include pictures of the interior stone wall which has no mortar holding it in place. According to the owners, no artifacts were found between the two walls.) Other elevations have been repointed with cement in places, but much of the older mortar is intact.

The slate, side-gable roof has an interior, endwall, rebuilt brick chimney; open eaves; and gable returns. A raised, hipped-roof, open porch, which extends across the length of the building, rests on stone piers. The porch roof is supported by slender Ionic columns and pilasters resting on frame pedestals. A turned balustrade connects the pedestals. The east-bay entrance is obscured by a modern storm door. Fenestration consists of replacement double-hung, one-over-one windows. The building has two, one-story wings to the rear that form a gable roof. Half of the wing is built of brick, the other half of wood that is now covered with aluminum siding. Outbuildings include a one-story, detached, summer kitchen; an outhouse (now used for storage of garden equipment), and a cinderblock garage. The property is abutted by farmland to the rear. A wrought-iron and wire fence defines the front property line at the side of the house.

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# 8. Significance

Survey No. WA-II-641

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates 1769? Builder/Architect Joseph Chapline, II

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

According to the owner, this is one of the original Chapline family houses that was constructed in the late 18th to early 19th century. Base on the style of construction, the house could have been erected during this period. According to the Banner history of Sharpsburg, however, the house was constructed by Joseph Chapline, II, the son of the founder of the town. This history states that it was the first stone structure erected in the town, most of which Joseph had inherited in 1769--the year he erected the house on a three-parcel lot. Neither deed books or tax records could substantiate this information. An 1808 map of Washington County depicts a few houses on it, including one noted as Joseph Chapline's. The drawing closely resembles the extant structure. However, since all the houses are depicted in a similar fashion, it is possible that the artist employed a standard and could be referring to Mt. Pleasant, another Chapline home at the time. The house is currently one of several distinctive stone structures in Sharpsburg.

Joseph Chapline, II was a local businessman and military leader. During the Revolutionary War he organized a group of local volunteers and, in the summer of 1781, fought in a battle at Georgetown. His business enterprises included membership in the Ohio or Potowmack Company of which George Washington was also a member. In 1790, hoping to gain from his father's friendship with Washington and his own business associations, Chapline sought to establish Sharpsburg as the national's capital. He later served briefly during the War of 1812. Having inherited much of Sharpsburg, he continued to sell lots as the town grew, selling a total of 42 lots by the time of his death in 1821 at the age of 75.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See attached sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .38

Quadrangle name Shepherdstown, West Virginia-Maryland Quadrangle scale 7.5

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Julianne Mueller

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date July 1991

street & number 2730 Ordway Street, N.W. telephone 202-364-6594

city or town Washington, D.C. state \_\_\_\_\_

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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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

## 7. DESCRIPTION

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Interior

The house has a side hall plan. The hallway includes the stairs which line the east elevation, chair rails, a door into the front parlor, a door into what is believed to have originally been a kitchen, and a door at the end of the hall. This door originally lead outside, but now serves a powder room that was installed in the last three years. All doors in the house are six panel.

The front parlor has two windows on the south (front) elevation and a fireplace with mantel on the west wall. There is a chair rail around the room and molding around the door and window surrounds. There are no ceiling moldings. The floors are oak, are at least 55 years old (they appear to date to the 20th century), and have baseboards. A wide opening leads from the front parlor into a room that now serves as a sitting room but is believed by the owners to have been a kitchen at one time. The north wall of this room marks the original back elevation of the house. A niche in this wall is a converted window. There is one window on the west elevation in this room. A doorway leads into a one-story, brick, back addition that, according to the current owner, is believed to date from the early 19th century. This addition holds a dining room (with a dropped ceiling). A second, one-story frame addition next to this one holds the kitchen. This addition has exposed chestnut beams in the cellar. The kitchen has been extensively remodeled and has a door leading to the outside.

The second floor is located only above the original section of the house. The stairs leading up to it turn at a landing almost at the second-floor level. There are only three steps from the landing to the second floor. The identical floor plan is identical to that on the first floor. The front room serves as a bedroom with a bathroom in the rear room. There is a fireplace in the bedroom. The bedroom has had its walls furred out in order to preserve original plaster, chair rails and baseboards that the current owner could not restore. Rather than removing the historic fabric, he built new walls approximately three inches in front of the original wall. Window and door moldings are still visible. The window on the north wall in the bathroom was boarded up because the toilet is located directly beneath it. There is a window in the bathroom on the west elevation.

The attic is accessed by a staircase from the second floor and is one large, unfinished room. The rafters have mortise and tenon joints with wood pegs. Slate tiles are held to the framing with nails. The pattern of squared and fishscale tiles appears to date from the late 19th century.

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The building is noted on the 1877 map of the town as being owned by J. Chapline (a descendent of Joseph Chapline, II?), however deed research indicates that John A. Adams was the owner at the time. The house changed ownership many times over the years. The deeds reveal little about the house, except for a 1905 deed that notes the house, a kitchen, and outbuildings. The 1922 Sanborn notes the extant dwelling without an address. The extant brick addition is noted, however, the current frame outbuilding is not.

The chain of title was traced to 1853.

1769, Will of Joseph Chapline to Joseph Chapline, II

Date? Joseph Chapline, II to ?

January 15, 1853 (IN 8/250), Deed from J. Dixon Roman and G. Claggett, Trustees to Daniel I. Grove for the sum of \$216

November 22, 1853 (IN 8/248), Deed from Daniel L. and Margaret C. Grove to John A. Adams, lot 135

June 29, 1885 (87/583), Deed from Kentucky heirs of John Alexander Adams to Solomon Lum

May 21, 1894 (102/1448-9), Deed from Solomon Lum to Arnolphus R. Renner

February 14, 1905 (121/287-8), Otho C. Middlekauff, assignee for Arnolphus R. Renner to James Snyder for the sum of \$385

March 28, 1905 (121/467), Deed from James Snyder to William H. and Nora Bowers for the sum of \$580 "...improved by two-story stone house, kitchen and outbuildings..."

October 19, 1921 (161/196), Deed from William H. and Nora V. Bowers to Samuel F. Hebb for the sum of \$1100.

December 11, 1923 (167/133), Deed from Scott M. Wolfinger and Elias B. Hantle, assignees for the mortgage of Samuel and Sallie Hebb, to Clarence and Mary Myers for the sum of \$1500

May 14, 1935 (198/353), Deed from Howard P. Hartman, assignee of mortgage for Clarence and Mary Myers to McClellan and Anna Renner for the sum of \$710

December 3, 1940 (214/90), Deed from McClellan and Anna Renner to Cyril B. and Helen Ford for the sum of \$1525

May 9, 1988 (875/446), Deed from the representatives of the Estate of Cyril B. Ford to William and Patsy Myers for the sum of \$52,999

November 15, 1989 (935/0162), Deed from William and Patsy Myers to William and Patsy Myers and Robert E. Poffenberger, Jr. for the sum of \$0

### Significance

A preliminary architectural evaluation of 229 West Chapline Street was made in April 1991 by Julianne Mueller during a survey of Sharpsburg. At that time a survey site number WA-II-641 was

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assigned and it was determined that the house is a contributing element to Sharpsburg's historic architectural character. A summary sheet on the building with photographs was submitted to the Maryland Historical Trust in June 1991. The summary provides a basic description of the building and places it with the Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Plan: State Historic Context (Western Maryland Geographic Organization; the probable Development Period of Rural Agrarian Intensification; the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning).

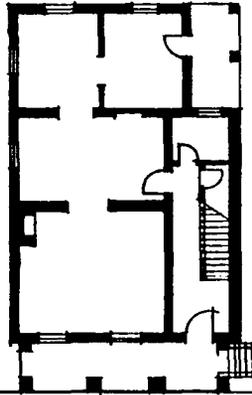
Upon the suggestion of members of the Sharpsburg community, the general history of the building was researched. It was concluded that the building is a fine example of distinctive stone construction and representative of late 18th-/early 19th-century architecture in Sharpsburg, is associated with the founding family of Sharpsburg, and may meet two of the eligibility Criteria (B and C) for listing on the Maryland Register.

Criterion A -- The property is not associated with significant historical events.

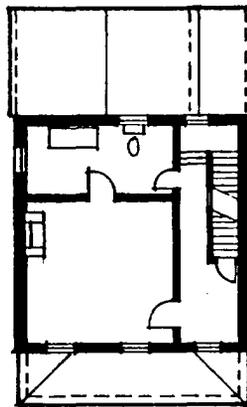
Criterion B -- The property is associated with a significant person. If this property is, in fact, the family home of Joseph Chapline, II, it is important for its association with this early Sharpsburg military and business leader.

Criterion C -- The building exhibits exceptional architectural design, method of construction, or craftsmanship, or is the product of a trained architect. As possibly one of the first houses erected in Sharpsburg, for its fine stone construction, and as an excellent example of (possibly) mid 18th-century architecture in Sharpsburg, this building is a contributing element to the architectural character of the town.

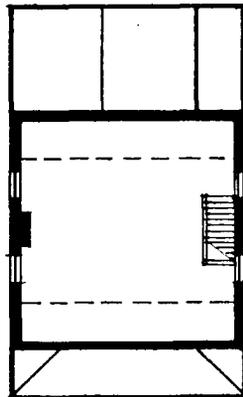
Criterion D -- The property may provide important information about history or prehistory. The property has not been assessed for its archeological potential. Because of its long association with this site, it is possible that historic archeological remains from as early as the mid to late 18th century are present.



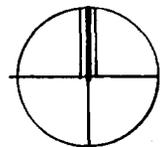
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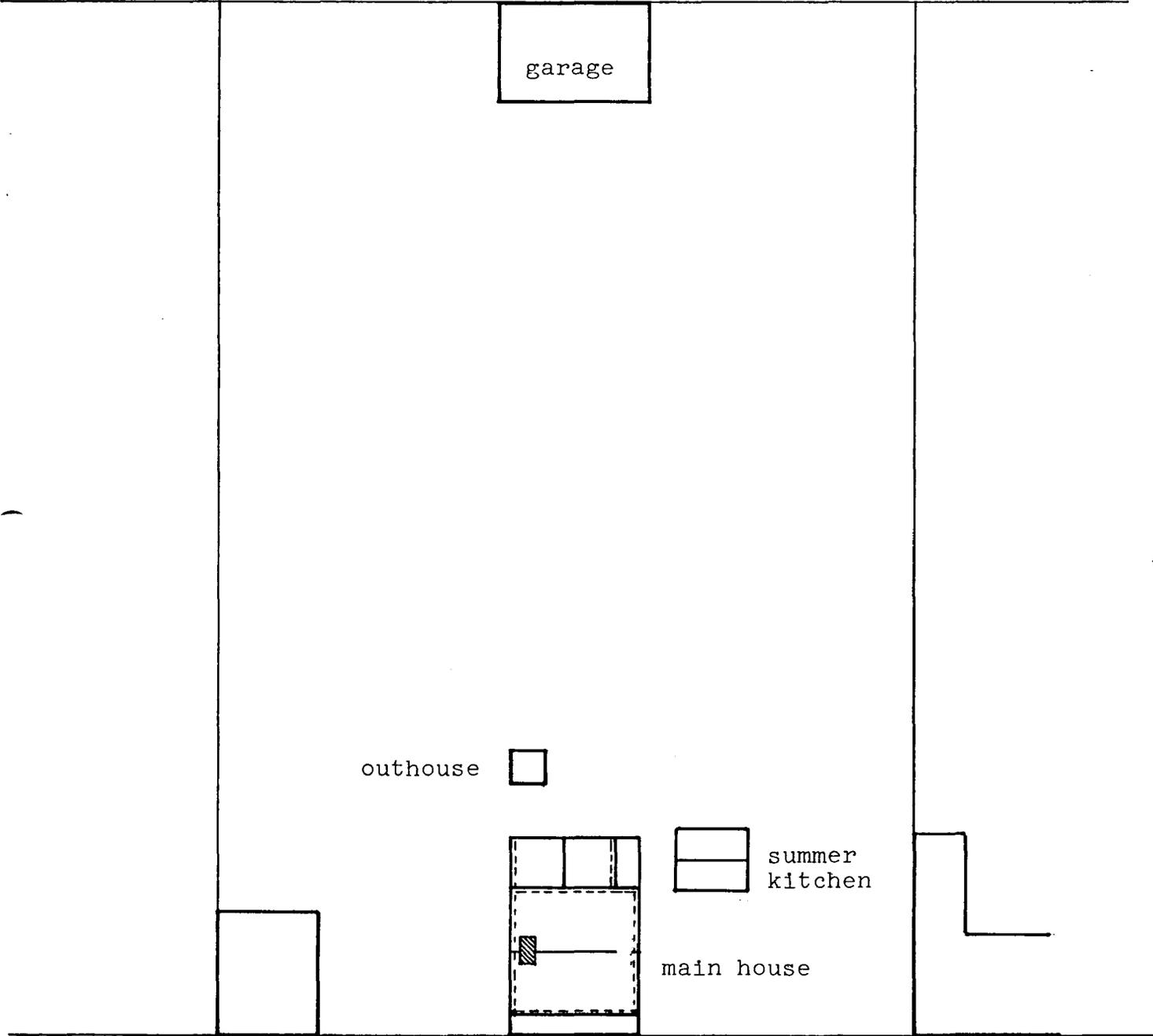
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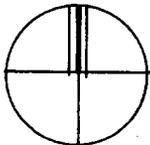


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WEST CHAPLINE STREET



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Washington and Frederick County Deeds and Tax Records

Will of Joseph Chapline, 1769

MAPS:

1808 Charles Varle Map of Frederick and Washington Counties

1877 uncited map

1922 Sanborn Map

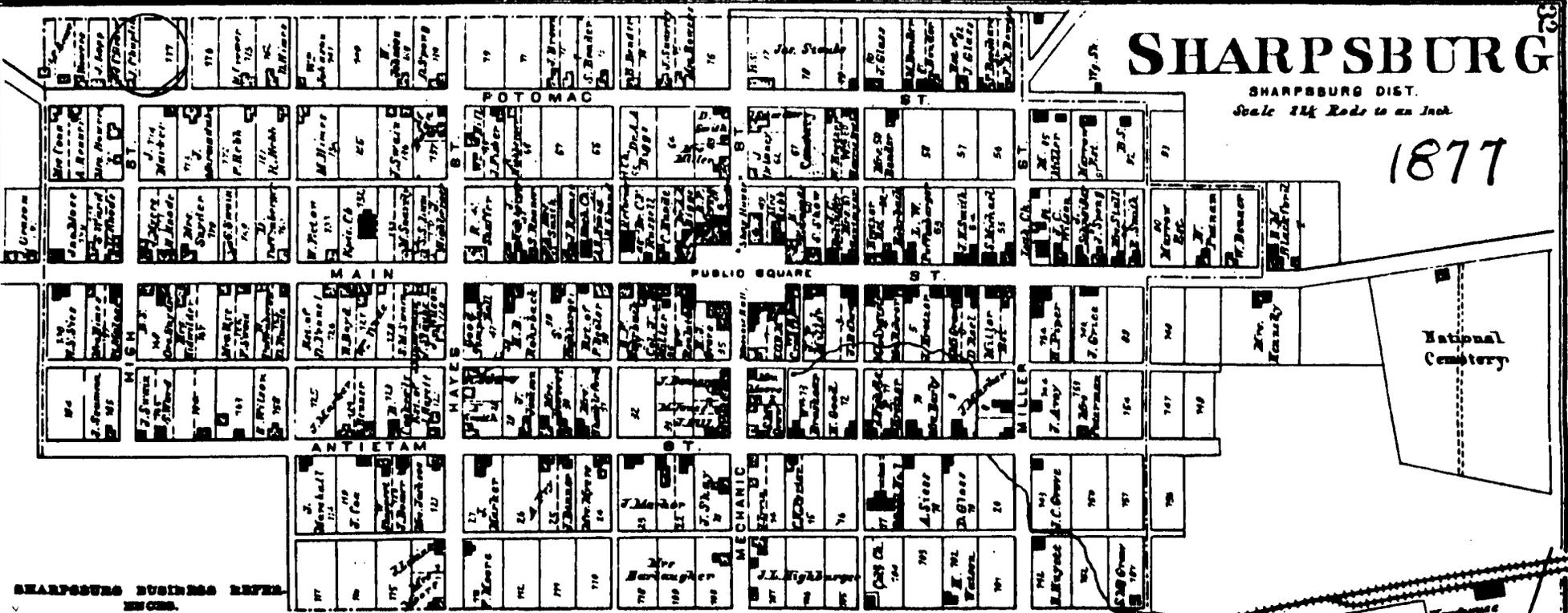
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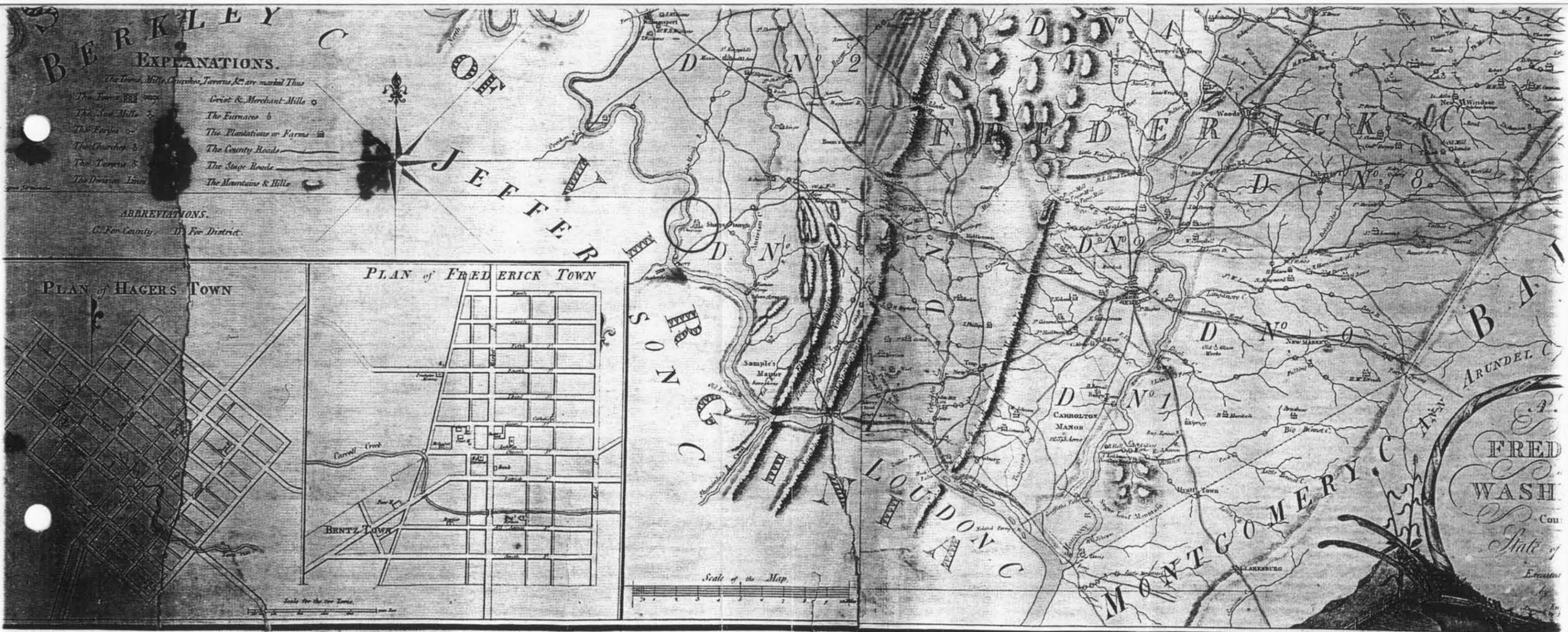
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- C. W. Adams & Co., (C. W. Adams and W. F. Macford) Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Hardware, Quincannon, Groceries, Hats, Caps and Coats. Sole agents of Foreign Goods.
- C. W. Porter, Proprietor of People's Saloon. Dealer in all kinds of Liquors, Wines, Brandy, &c. Public Square.
- C. F. H. Russell, M.D., Physician and Surgeon. Office on Main street, 4 doors west of Public Square. John Gray, Proprietor of "Gray Messes." Good accommodations at reasonable rates. Public Square.
- J. C. Wilson, Dealer in Dry Goods and all kinds of Ladies and Gents' Dressing Goods. Main street.
- L. W. Pittman, Dealer in Coal, Hay, Grain, Lumber, Coal, and all kinds of country Produce. C and O Canal, opposite Shubert's, W. Va.
- J. B. Douglas, Collector of Tolls on C and O Canal. P. O., Shubertstown, W. Va.
- A. A. Ryan, M. D., Office on Public Square. Messrs Miller, Justice of the Peace and Conveyancer. Deeds, Mortgages, &c. carefully prepared.
- J. J. Collins, Professional School Teacher. Possessible a specialty. P. O., Sharpsburg.
- Joseph A. Myers, Proprietor of Union Mill. Dealer in Grain, Flour, Feed, &c. Lumber Sawed to order on short notice. 1 mile east of Sharpsburg.

Exhibit 2c

F. C. McCombs





re 89. Charles Varlé, *A Map of Frederick and Washington Counties*, 1808. F. Ross Myers Collection, MdHR G 1213-433.

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CHAS E ROULETTE  
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MARTIN  
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BUSSARD  
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GILBERT A. HOLMES  
741/454

LEVIN  
BENNER  
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FRANCES C. JAMISON  
887/599

WILLIAM L.  
MYERS  
875/446

KELLER  
R.  
SCOTT  
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NORA M.  
BOWERS  
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PATSY  
POFFENBERGER  
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ELIZA J. HILL  
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DONALD L. HUGHES 809/836

GARY M. MUCK 715/288 752/538

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FRANK J. GALVIN, ETAL 800/581

RALPH H. HAMMOND 496/410

ARTHUR C BAKER 379-168

FLOYD KOONTZ 221-656

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HENRY A POFFENBERGER 252-156

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WM T DELAUNEY 253/510

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JOYCE Y. QUINN 586/447

JOHN GAMPERL 257-298

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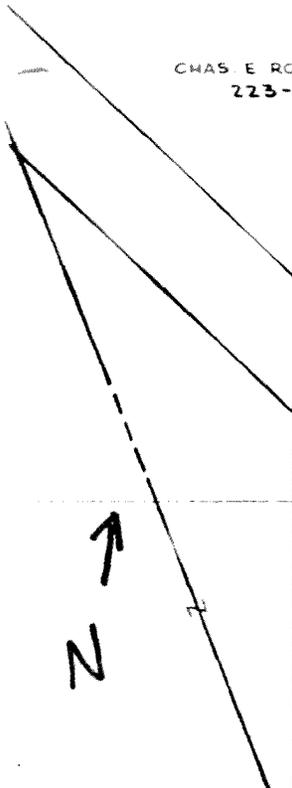
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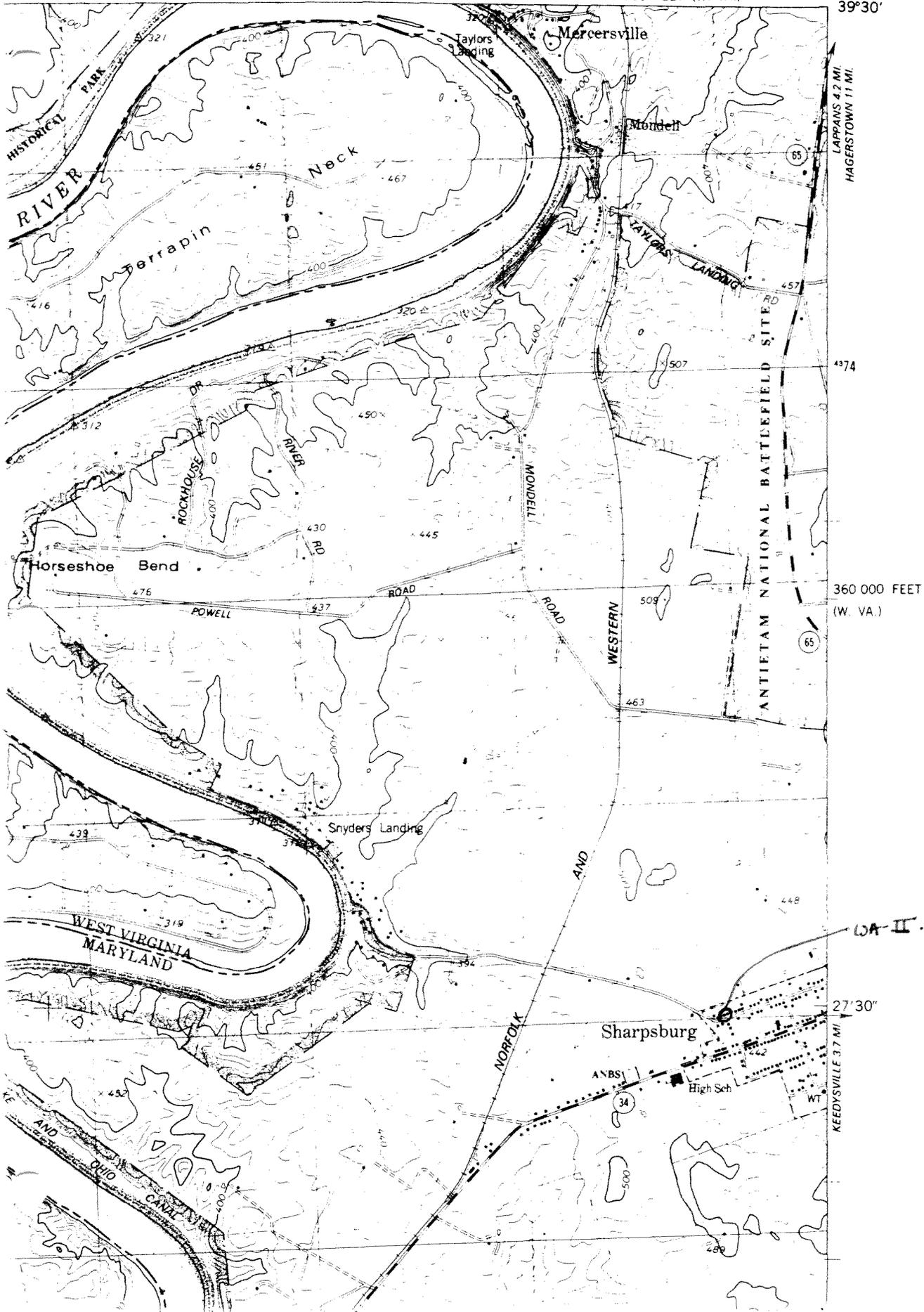
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360 000 FEET  
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KEEDYSVILLE 3.7 MI.

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J. M. Weller

N. elev.



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Summer Kitchen, S. elev.



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Summer Kitchen, N+W elev.



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front stair hall



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Living room mantel



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229 W. CHAPLINE, SHARPSBURG, MD

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P. SACCEMI CHRISMAN

looking NE