

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Late 19th Century Brick Farmhouse Inventory Number: WA-III-005
Address: 20101 Marble Quarry Road Historic district: yes no
City: Keedysville Zip Code: 21756 County: Washington
USGS Quadrangle(s): Keedysville
Property Owner: Jo De Mar Inc Tax Account ID Number: 004447
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 213 Tax Map Number: 77
Project: Replacement of Marble Quarry Road Bridge W-6083 Agency: State Highway Administration
Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed & Assoc.
Preparer's Name: Merry Stinson Date Prepared: 2/8/2006

Documentation is presented in: May, Joanne and Gary: Interview and documentary collection; Woodring, Frank. " 'Santa Claus' Known for Kind Deeds Throughout Pleasant Valley." Maryland Cracker Barrel; Hagerstown, MD: December/January 1994, pp. 6-8.

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

This farm is historically associated with the Shifler family. It is located on the south side of Marble Quarry Road, stretching from MD 67 on the east to the Little Antietam Creek, Marble Quarry Road Bridge, and Elk Ridge on the west. The property includes a brick farmhouse, timber frame bank barn, several outbuildings, and three small springhouses. The site of the marble quarry for which the road was named is at the northeast end of the farm. As described in the APE statement, WA-III-022 Lime Kiln, also located on this farm, will be reviewed by archaeologists as site 18WA313, along with the nearby remains of the foundation and raceway for the Shifler Mill, 18WA316. These features are all found between the Little Antietam Creek and the base of Elk Ridge.

The two-story gable-roofed farmhouse faces east. A three-bay southern section adjoins a four-bay part to the north that is inset under a two-story galleried porch. As a two-bay northernmost addition was built circa 1914, the inset section now appears in the center of the house. A one-story porch covers the eastern façade of the addition. All the common-bond masonry is painted white.

Entrances are located in the middle of the south section, in the two central bays of the inset part, and in the southern bay of the addition. Transoms top all the doorways. 6/6 sash windows appear in the original house, and 2/2 windows are found in the addition. Four interior brick chimneys are located in the structure: one at either end of the house, and one at either end of the inset section. The farmhouse retains most of its original woodwork including six-panel doors, chair rails, and quirk-ogee moldings.

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MHT Comments:

Jim Johnson
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
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Reviewer, National Register Program

9/25/06
Date
9/26/06
Date

The house is covered with a metal roof and stands on a stone foundation. The common-bond masonry is painted white. A small one-story addition covered with aluminum siding was built recently at the north end. A stone date plaque set in the upper northern corner of the south section's east façade states that George Shifler built the barn in 1883, and the house in 1884.

The bank barn stands northeast of the house. The forebay of the large 100'X50' structure faces east. An earthen ramp leads to the western side's two sets of massive double doors opening into the threshing floor and haymow. The barn stands on a stone foundation. Metal covers the roof and vertical boards sheathe the walls. A small one-story frame shed encloses the north side of the barnyard. Black angus cattle are currently raised on the farm.

Five frame outbuildings which appear to date from the mid 20th century contribute to the farm complex. A milk house is located at the south end of the barn. A corncrib and tractor shed are located to the southwest, between the barn and the house. Two small buildings, one shed-roofed and one gable-roofed, are located south of the house. Two additional modern buildings located southwest of the house, a small concrete-block building and an aluminum-sided animal shelter, are not historical in character.

Several distinctive features contribute to the attractive appearance of the farm. Two large slabs of marble from the quarry stand as entry posts to the driveway. A pond on the west side of the driveway is fed by the overflow from watering the livestock. A decorative iron fence from the late 19th or early 20th century encloses the dooryard of the farmhouse.

A small stone spring enclosure is located on the east side of the Little Antietam Creek. The farmhouse was originally sited alongside this spring. This water source is no longer used because the creek floods the area. The farm's water supply is piped from the uppermost of two springs located at the top of a gully on Elk Ridge west of the creek. This small springhouse is built of rubble stone masonry at the rear, and large marble slabs from the quarry at the front.

Historical background:

According to the current owners of the farm, Joanne and Gary May, the original tract name is "The Three Brothers". Deeds show that the early 19th century owners of the farm included the surnames Rohrer, Easton, Thomas, Blackford, Haynes, and Rinehart. It is believed that the brick farmhouse was built in 1844 near the creek bank across from the grist and sawmill, but was moved to its present location due to flooding. In 1883 George J. Shifler (b. 1834) built the barn. He then disassembled the dwelling and stored it in the barn. Finally he reconstructed the house as it stands today, completing the building in 1884. According to deed records, John Shifler purchased this farm for \$11,200 from Samuel and Lydia Rinehart in 1853. Most of the land is on the tract "The Three Brothers" which was resurveyed for Frederick, Jacob and John Rohrer in 1788. It was part of an inheritance from their father, Samuel Rohrer.

The Mays also report being told by neighbors that Civil War gun emplacements were located on Elk Ridge across the creek.

In 1896 the Washington Marble Company leased land to open a quarry at the northeast end of the farm. A steam engine housed in a shed provided power to operate the quarry. Marble slabs were loaded onto farm wagons and transported several miles west to be transferred to railroad cars at Eakles Mills. It is believed that some of the marble was used to build the U.S. Department of Commerce building in Washington D.C. The quarry was filled in during the 1950's.

Evaluation:

The Shifler barn and farmhouse represent distinctive examples of late 19th century vernacular brick, stone, and frame construction methods. The structures retain high integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. Five frame outbuildings and three stone springhouses contribute to the farm complex. Therefore this farm meets National Register Criterion C for its architectural expression, dated examples of important regional types. The Shifler farm's wide variety of 19th century activities including farming, milling, lime burning, marble quarrying, and possibly brickmaking, represents a significant contribution to the broad historical patterns of the industrial and agricultural development of the region and therefore the property meets National Register Criterion A. There is no information produced by this research that would indicate significant association with important persons in the past (Criterion B). The connection with John or George Shifler is addressed

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more appropriately through Criterion A. Archaeological Assessment, Criterion D, was not a part of this evaluation of above-ground resources.

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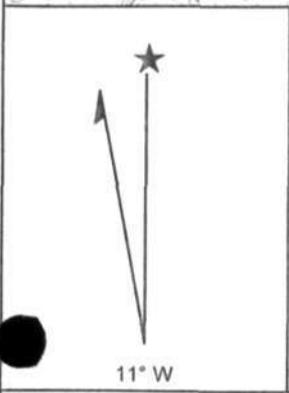
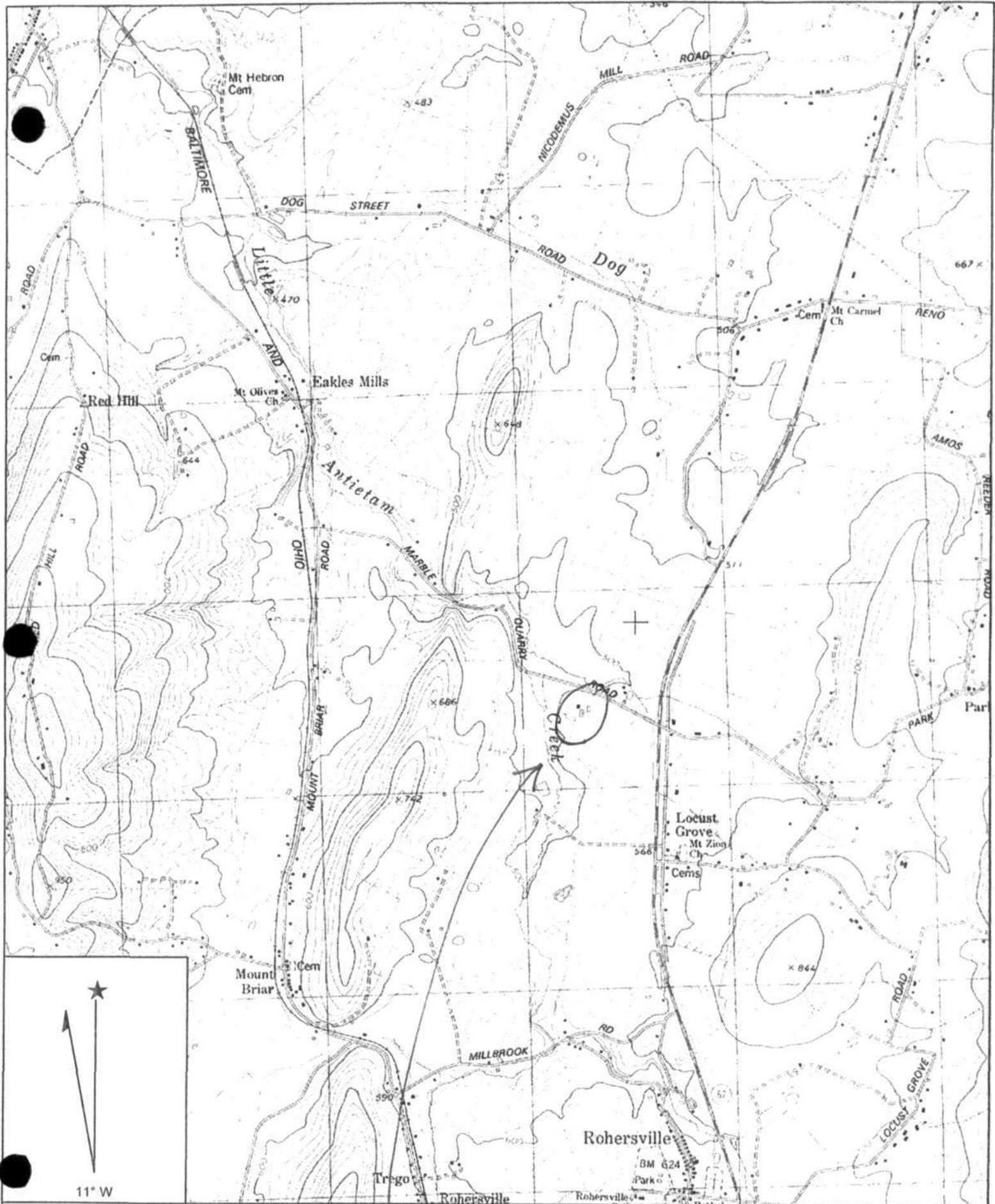
MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date



Name: KEEDYSVILLE
 Date: 2/9/2006
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 039° 27' 32.3" N 077° 40' 28.5" W

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WA-111-005
Late 19th Century Brick Farmhouse
WA CO MD
Merry Stinson 2/1/06
MD SHPO
E & N Elevations
Looking SW from WA-111-003
1 of 8 ✓



IVA-III-005
Late 17th Century Brick Farmhouse
WA Co MD
Merry Stinson 2/1/06
MD SHPO
E elevation
2 of 8



IVA-111-005
Late 19th Century Brick Farmhouse
WA Co MD
Merry Stinson 2/1/06
MD SHPO
W&S elevations
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WA CO MD
Merry Stinson 2/1/06
MD SHPO
barn: E & N elevations
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11777 MD
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MD SHPO
barn - N & W elevations
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MD | SHPD

Barn: WAS elevations & milkhouse

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WA CO MD
Merry Stinson 2/1/06
MD ISTPO
L-corner crib R-tractor shed
Elevation
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IVA CO MD

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MD SHPO

Springhouse: E & N elev.

E & S

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 District 8
 Map 77
 Parcel 213
 MAGI # 2210505635

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Late 19th Century Brick Farmhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Marble Quarry Road just West of Maryland Route 67

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Boonsboro

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<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"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jo-Demar, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

10730 Connecticut Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Kensington

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 536
 Folio #: 85

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

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED < 50%

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large farmhouse is a two story, nine bay structure with the four more central bays of its front elevation recessed beneath a double porch. Painted white, the house is constructed in common bond at all elevations and has a date tablet at the second story level in the third bay from the south end that indicates that the house was built by George J. Shifler, July 1, 1884. An occupant of the house stated that the building once stood in a nearby meadow and was moved to its present site in 1884. It is also said that the barn dates from 1880. The house has six over six pane windows and eight and six panel doors hung beneath three light transoms.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES July 1, 1884 (moved) BUILDER/ARCHITECT George J. Shifler

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house although it reflects 19th century building traditions is unusually large among the areas farm dwellings.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 108.70 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 & NUMBER

109 West Main Street, Box 202

TELEPHONE

301-432-5466

CITY OR TOWN

Sharpsburg

STATE

Maryland 21782

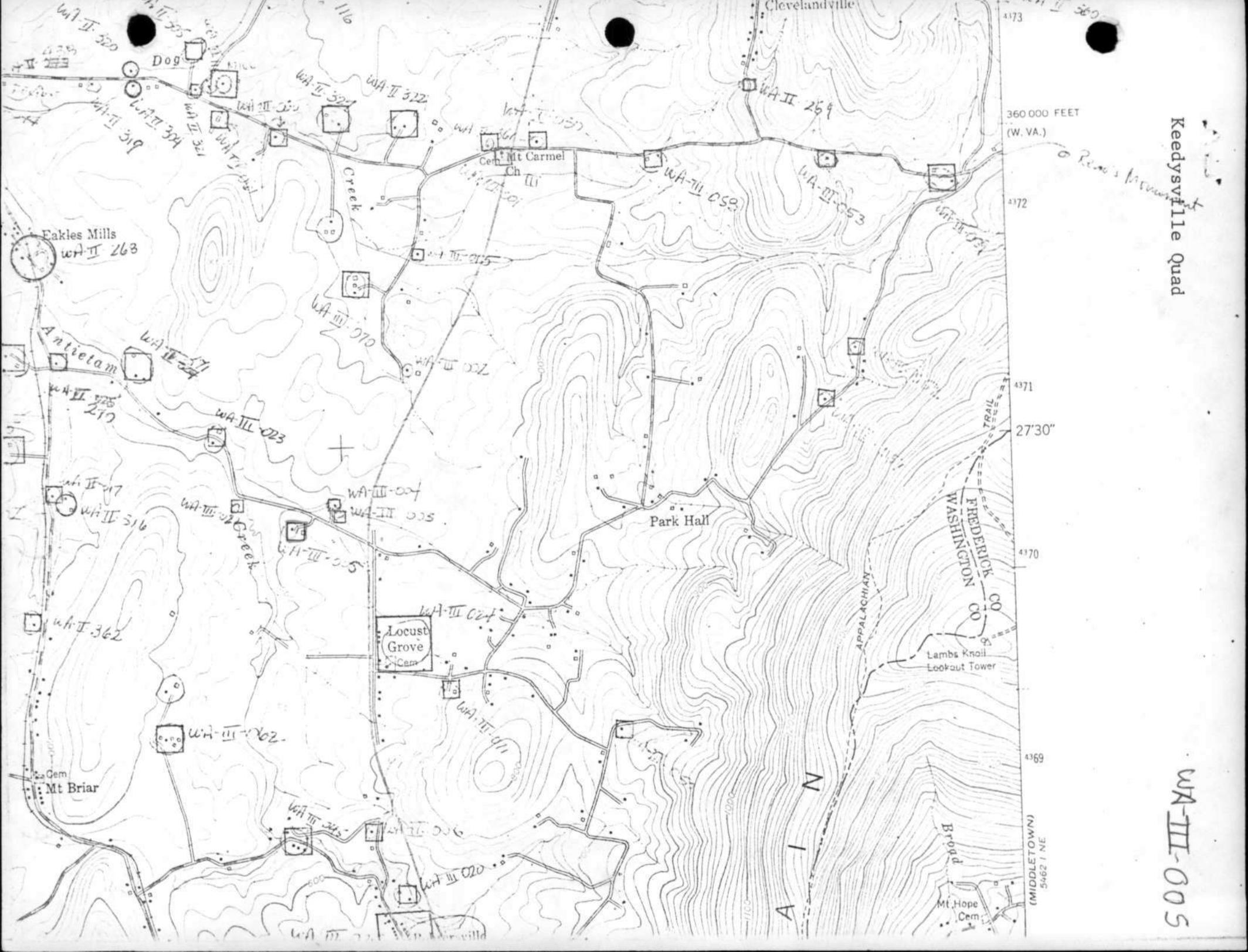
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The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

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Farmhouse

Marble Quarry Rd., just W.
of Md. Rt. 67, Boonsboro

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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