

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: Kretsinger Farm Inventory Number: WA-IV-049  
 Address: 13654 Kretsinger Road City: Smithsburg Zip Code: 21783-1214  
 County: Washington USGS Topographic Map: Smithsburg, MD-PA  
 Owner: Lewis W. Persons, et al. Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 77 Tax Map Number: 27 Tax Account ID Number: 14-005404  
 Project: Ringgold Wireless Facility Agency: FCC  
 Site visit by MHT Staff: X no \_\_\_yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district \_\_\_yes Eligible district \_\_\_yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_

*If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)*  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible Xyes \_\_\_no

Criteria: X A B X C \_\_\_D Considerations: \_\_\_A \_\_\_B \_\_\_C \_\_\_D \_\_\_E \_\_\_F \_\_\_G \_\_\_None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This property is located west of Kretsinger Road. Five buildings comprise this farmstead: a brick house, barn, agricultural storage building, spring house, and an abandoned frame dwelling. The farm is located on parcel of 64.52 acres.

**House**

The house at this historic property is a square-plan 2.5-story brick Colonial Revival building constructed on a brick foundation. The house faces the southeast and its main entrance is in the southeast façade. The building measures 3x5 bays and has a wrap-around porch supported by Tuscan columns infilled by a wood balustrade. There is a 2-story side (north) addition and porch. There is one interior brick chimney in the rear (west). The building's exterior is brick laid in a common bond. The front door has a fanlight and sidelights. Windows are 1/1 double-hung sash (metal) in segmental arch surrounds with wood sills. The building is capped by a slate hipped roof with cross gables and lightning rods.

Prepared by: David S. Rotenstein, Ph.D.

Date Prepared: July 2002

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <u>X</u>	Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: <u>X</u> A <u>B</u> <u>X</u> C ___D	Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments: <u>Info provided is not sufficient to enable evaluation of potential RHD</u>	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>8/9/02</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>8/9/02</u> Date

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

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**Barn**

The barn is located west of the house and is a posted forebay standard banked barn with a detached silo. The barn is constructed on a stone rubble foundation and is clad by vertical wood siding; the roof is clad by standing seam metal. There are louvered vents in the gable end walls.

**Agricultural Outbuilding**

This rectangular brick building, constructed on concrete foundation has a symmetrical five-bay façade (west), a shed roof, and fixed nine-light windows.

**Spring House**

The spring house is located south of the house. It is a rectangular building constructed of squared and coursed rubble. The gable front building is oriented east-west and there is a single door in the east façade.

**Abandoned Frame House**

This house is located southeast of the spring house and main house. It is a rectangular building constructed on a squared and coursed rubble foundation over what appears to be a continuation of the spring to the west. The original block of this building rises to 2.5 stories and there are several additions to the north and south façades. The original block appears to be a frame building clad first by clapboard siding and later by asbestos shingles. The remaining windows in this deteriorated building are 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows. There are two gable end interior brick chimneys. The roof is clad by composition shingles and there are wood snow guards at the base of the roof slope.

This historic property appears to retain a considerable degree of its integrity (setting, feeling, design, location, materials, construction, and workmanship). Although there have been some alterations to the original fabric of the brick house (replacement windows) these alterations do not diminish the capacity of the building to convey its significance as an early twentieth century farmhouse. The combined elements of this historic property are consistent with regional German-influenced farmsteads composed of multiple dwellings, agricultural outbuildings, and fields. Additional research on this property may reveal that it is a component (contributing element) in a larger rural historic landscape district.

# MERLIN Online Map

## Real Property

WA Property Map 27



WA Property Map 26



## Historic Sites

WA MD Inventory of Historic Properties 1999

WA-VI-047, WA-VI-019...

National Register of Historic Places 2000

Historic Register

## Base Maps

Smithsburg NW 3.75' CIR  
04/20/1994



Smithsburg SW 3.75' CIR  
04/20/1994



Smithsburg SE 3.75' CIR  
04/07/1993



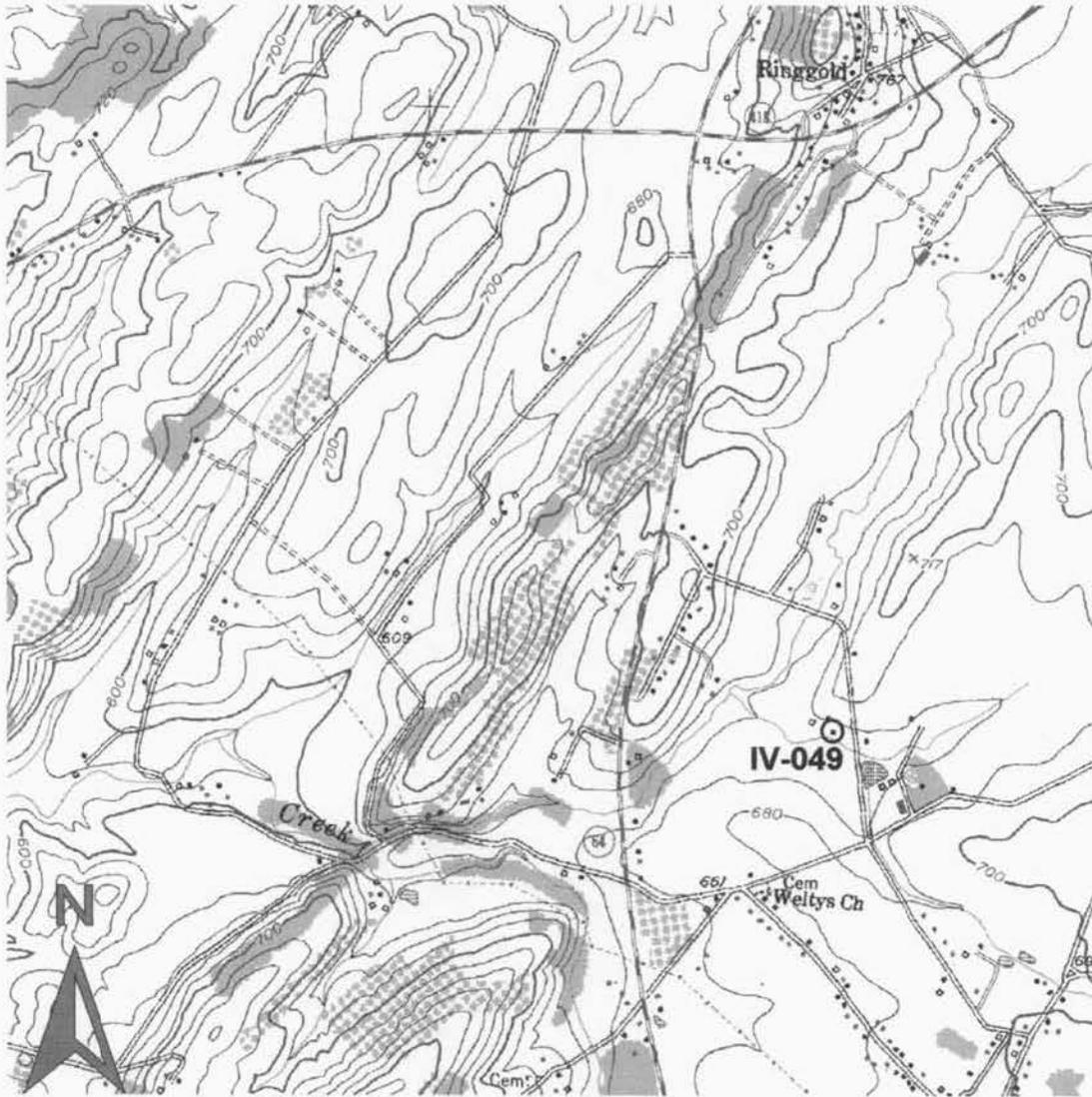
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Coordinates at center of image in Maryland State Plane, NAD 1983 meters  
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Proposed NRHP Boundary  
WA-IV-049



Smithsburg, MD-PA Quadrangle



WA-ED-049

Ketsinger Farm  
Washington Co, MD  
D.S. Rotenstein

July 2002  
MO SHPO

House: view to NW

#116



WA-IV-049

Kretzinger Farm  
Washington Co. MD  
D.S. Rotenstein

July 2002  
MDS HPO

House (rear) North  
facade. View to  
South

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WA-12-049

Kretsinger Farm  
Washington Co, MD

D.S. Rotenstein

July 2002

MD SHPO

Barn view to

South

#314



WA-TR-049

Kretzinger Farms  
Washington Co., MD

D. S. Rotenstein

July 2002

MD SHPO

Agricultural Outbuilding  
View to NW

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Kretsinger Farm  
Washington Co., MD

D.S. Rotenstein

July 2002

MD 5400

Springhouse,  
view to Wrt

#5/6



WA-IV-049

Kretzinger Farm  
Washington Co, MD  
D. S. Kretzinger

July 2002  
MD SHPO

Abandoned house,  
view to NW

#6/b

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-IV-049  
District 14  
Map 27  
Parcel 77  
MAGI # 2211395735

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**Kretsinger Farm**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**Kretsinger Road**

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF **Smithsburg**

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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<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

**Frank N. Kretsinger**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

**Route # 3, Box 360**

CITY, TOWN

**Smithsburg**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21783**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

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

Liber #: **171**

Folio #: **366**

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**

WA-IV-049

<b>CONDITION</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**  
 UNALTERED  
 ALTERED < 50%

**CHECK ONE**  
 ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small farm includes an early 20th century brick house with a hipped roof interrupted by cross gables. All windows and doors have segmentally arched heads. Near the house is a secondary dwelling, a small one and a half story, two bay structure built over a spring. Sheathed with asbestos shingles, it may be either of log or timber frame construction. A frame bank barn is also present.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

WA-IV-049

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This complex would appear to date from the early 20th century. It presents a collection of period form buildings.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 64.5 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

**July 1978**

STREET & NUMBER

**109 West Main Street, Box 202**

TELEPHONE

**301-432-5466**

CITY OR TOWN

**Sharpsburg**

STATE

**Maryland 21782**

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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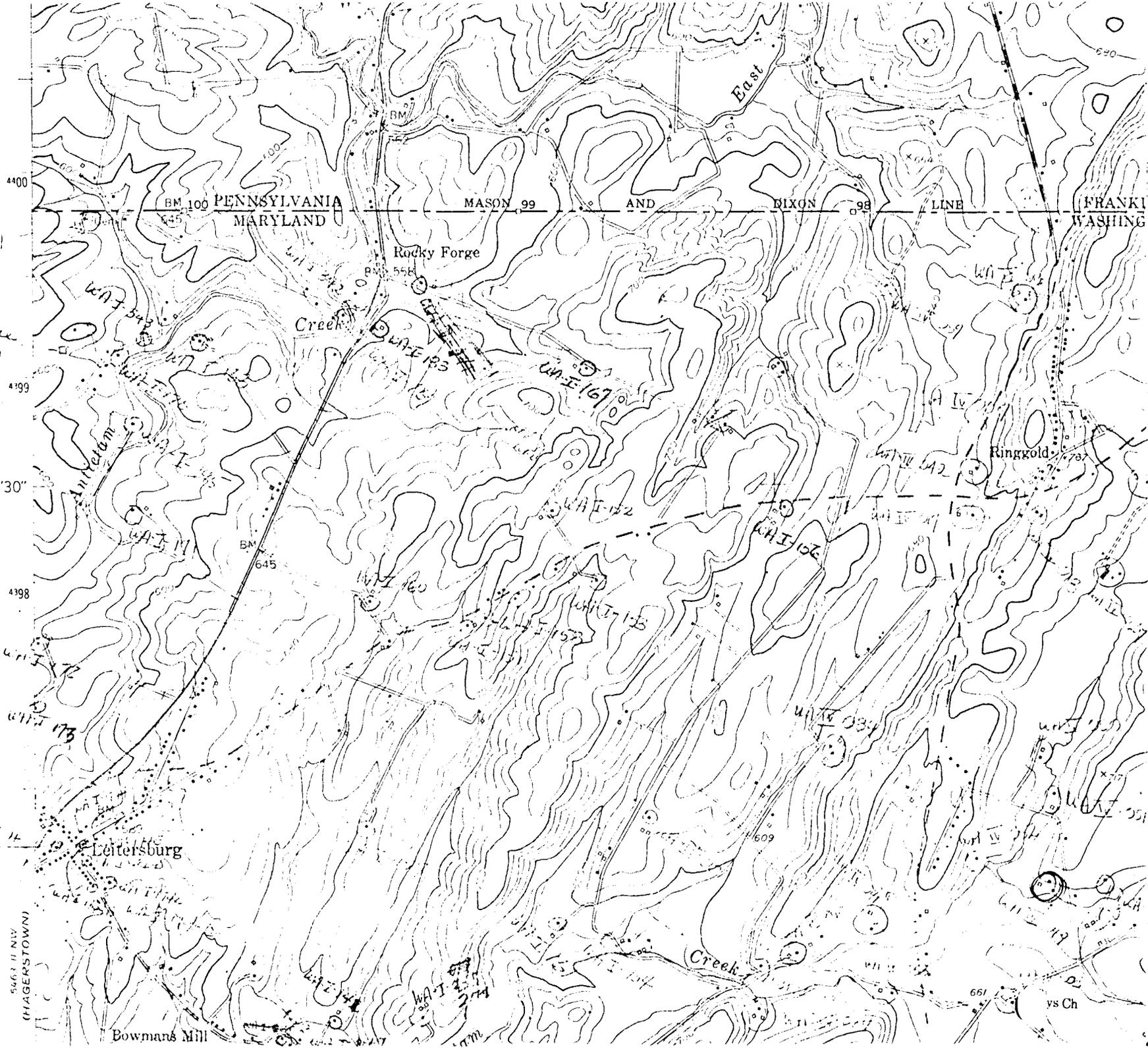
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Rocky  
Creek

42°30'

burg  
quad  
WA-I-174  
WA-I-174

5463 II NW  
(HAGERSTOWN)



Bowmans Mill

vs Ch



WA-TU-0449

N. E.

Nov. 1976

Kretsinger Farm

Kretsinger Road  
Smithsburg Vicinity

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



WA-TV-049

E.

Nov. 1976

Kretsinger Farm

Kretsinger Road  
Smithsburg Vicinity

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