

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Dennis Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: South of U.S. 40, 1/4 mile east of St. Paul's Church Road				
CITY OR TOWN: 2-1/2 miles east of Clear Spring				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<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 (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. Hazel M. Dennis				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 3				
CITY OR TOWN: Clear Spring		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 103/252				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #4039				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This building is the main dwelling house in a complex of agricultural structures on a property known as the "Dennis Farm." It is located south of U.S. 40, 1/4 mile east of St. Paul's Church Road, 2-1/2 miles east of Clear Spring. The house faces east and is situated on a rise of ground near a spring and a small stream, the Meadow Brook.</p> <p>The house is a six-bay, two-story brick dwelling with buff and dark green trim. Double brick chimneys with corbeled caps are located inside each gable end. The shingles which cover the roof are not original.</p> <p>The facade and the north gable wall are laid in Flemish bond brick work. American bond is displayed in the construction of the rear and south side walls. The foundations are of coursed local field stone. Flat brick arches are present over all windows including those at the attic level.</p> <p>The woodwork which frames the window and door openings is quite simple, consisting of an architrave molding. The eaves are finished with a neoclassically inspired entablature which includes a return at the gable ends as well as the raking cornice.</p> <p>Numerous windows are located on all sides of the house. All have nine over six sashes, except the small four-light openings at the attic level. Four doors are present at the main floor of the facade. Only one door, situated in the second bay from the south end of the house, has a transom. The purpose of the transom is probably to light a stair hall. The other doors enter directly into rooms.</p> <p>A recessed double porch extends across the four north bays of the facade of the house. The porch is enclosed on the north side by the end wall of the house. A one-bay entrance porch, probably dating from the late 19th century shelters the front door. It is Victorian in style but has a cornice that is consistent with the eaves cornice. Another Victorian style porch is present at the rear of the house. It is supported by four turned posts and extends across the two north bays.</p> <p>There is no substantiated date indicating when this house was built. The building complex of which it is a part includes a large brick end barn with lattice work ventilators, a secondary dwelling house, described in form WA V-026, a spring house and various other outbuildings, all in excellent condition. The property contains approximately 120 acres. The buildings are now in no danger of alteration or destruction.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this dwelling is its architecture. Although there is no known date of construction for this house, it appears to have been built during the mid-19th century. This approximate date is suggested by the numerous and large windows which tend to be found in greater numbers and size in houses built after the early part of the 19th century. The large size of the house and the presence of double chimneys would also indicate a mid-19th century building date.

The house is an example of a type of dwelling frequently found in Washington County. Structures with recessed double porches comprise a significant architectural group in the area. Most such buildings which are dated were constructed between 1830 and 1860.

Double porches included under the main roof span were used in some traditional architectural types in Great Britain. They appear to have originated in structures where cattle and other animals occupied the first floor and humans the second. The gallery or second story porch provided a covered air space which was used for living area. It is possible that the mid-19th century double porch houses are descended from prototypes in Great Britain.

This house is particularly important as an architectural example because it is in excellent condition and appears to have received few alterations. The Victorian porches located at the front and rear of the house do not appear to be original. The roof with its rather deep overhang at the gables may also date from the late 19th century.

In addition to its architectural merit, this structure is significant as part of a complex of well preserved buildings. All of the structures are being maintained and preserved by the owner. They are a complete and carefully maintained example of rural architecture of the mid-19th century.

The farm has been in the Dennis family since 1895 when it was purchased by Tobias Dennis.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **120.41 acres**

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historic Sites Survey** DATE: **June, 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown** STATE: **Maryland**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature

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