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OLD STONE TAVERN 1760

Frederick Street, Taneytown private

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Stone Tavern

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 7 Frederick Street (MD 194) ___ not for publication

city, town Taneytown ___ vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	x no	___ military	___ other:

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

name George Hemler

street & number 7 Frederick Street telephone no.: 756-6145

city, town Taneytown state and zip code MD 21787

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_x_ original site
___ good	___ ruins	_x_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
_x_ fair	___ unexposed		

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

SUMMARY: The Old Stone Tavern was a prominent vernacular structure in Taneytown. It occupied a corner lot on the square in Taneytown, and a late 19th century photgraph shows that it became a ten-bay by two-bay stone structure of two stories with a gable roof. The photograph also shows the 1760 datestone on the main facade of the building. The westernmost portion (on the corner) of the structure was demolished in the early 20th century and replaced by a brick building. However, the five easternmost bays of the building still stand on Frederick Street.

DESCRIPTION: The Old Stone Hotel stood on the southwest corner of the square in Taneytown. The main facade faced north while the east facade was the two-bay gable end of the vernacular structure. Its siting (as shown in the late 19th century photograph) followed the vernacular town traditions of the region with the structure built right up against the sidewalk with trees in the brick sidewalk lining the edge of the dirt road.

The late 19th century photograph shows the evolution of the building by that time. It had become a ten-bay by two-bay structure, although it is difficult from the photograph to decipher the width of the original building and how many of the ten bays were additions. The easternmost section has a datestone on the second story that is inscribed "1760". The first story of the main facade has a two-bay plate glass window of late 19th century origin in the easternmost bays. From there, the bays running east to west contain the following: a single two-over-two sash window with transon; a six paneled door with four-pane transom; the next three bays have two-over-two sash windows; a six-panel door with transom; and the next two bays with two-over-two sash windows. The second story bays all contain two-over-two sash sindows, although the fourth bay from the east is an altered opening which once contained a door.

The tavern had a gable roof covered in wood shingles. Brick chimneys rose from each gable end and one from an interior location approximately between the third and fourth bays from the west. The east gable end had a plate-glass window and entrance on the first story, two two-over-two sash windows on the second story and a shingled gable with two windows. There was also a shed-roofed porch on this facade.

The easternmost portion of the building was demolished in the early 20th century for the erection of a brick commercial building. However, the five westernmost bays of the structure still stand, sandwiched between two buildings on Frederick Street. This section retains its basic characteristics from the late 19th century photograph, including the central chimney. The only major change is the conversion of the easternmost window into a door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	_x_ architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
_x_ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	_x_ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1760 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B x C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state x local

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

SUMMARY: The Old Stone Tavern was one of the earliest structures in Taneytown and became a prominent building throughout the town's early history. A portion of the stone structure was demolished, but a five-bay section still stands on Frederick Street. A late 19th century photograph shows the intact building with its 1760 datestone. The architecture represents the vernacular tradition of this region for a community building such as a tavern.

HISTORY: The Old Stone Tavern was outdone in Taneytown by the Adam Good Tavern which hosted General George Washington on a visit in 1791. There is much documentary material about the Adam Good Tavern in local histories, but very little on the Old Stone Tavern. The best source of information about the structure is the late 19th century photograph that exists in the collection of the Historical Society of Carroll County and which was probably taken by Ed Zepp, a Taneytown photographer.

The fact that the datestone identifies the building as being constructed in 1760 is significant for the history of Taneytown. The town plat was not completed and recorded until 1762, so this structure was apparently one of the first in the community. It was located on lot number three of the original plat, but extensive work in the land records by Dr. Arthur G. Tracey does not identify the original lot owner.

The 1862 Martenet's Map of Carroll County and the 1877 Illustrated Atlas of Carroll County both identify the structure as a hotel.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Historical Society of Carroll County, photographic files Bulletin of the Historical Society of Carroll County, September, 1954.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Westminster	**state**	Maryland

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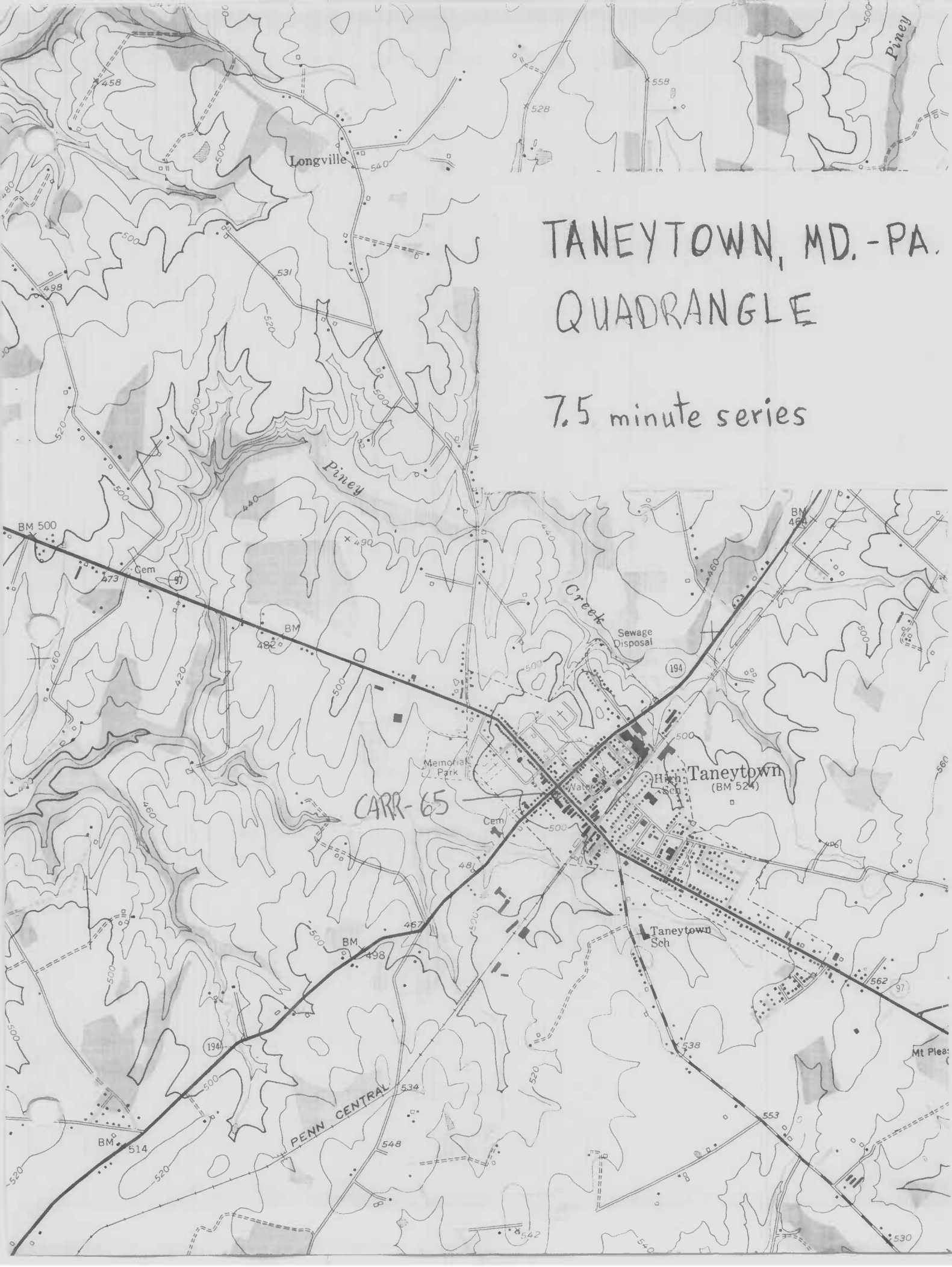
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2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty copy from C.C. Hist. Soc
4. late 19th c.
5. Md. Hist. Trust
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