

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Stone house, Cedar Lawn

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Oster House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
1926 West Washington Street (MD 144)

CITY OR TOWN:
Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	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
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:
Lewis S. Horst

STREET AND NUMBER:
1050 Florida Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown 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. #): 581/725

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE		
<p>This house is located at 1926 West Washington Street on the north side of Maryland Route 144 about two miles west of Hagerstown in Washington County. It is situated on level ground and faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a two-story, seven-bay log and stone dwelling. A relatively modern one-story, two-bay frame addition extends to the rear or north.</p> <p>The three western bays appear to be of log construction sheathed with horizontal weatherboarding and set on rubble fieldstone foundations. The eastern four-bay section is constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone and appears to be an addition to the log structure. A stone in the east gable wall about four feet above ground level is inscribed with the initials J.O. and the date 1838. There is no decorative stone work associated with the window and door openings.</p> <p>All windows consist of two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes held within narrow frames in the stone section and trimmed with turn-of-the-century architraves in the log section.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the third bay from the west end of the front elevation of the log section. The door is flanked by a transom and sidelights and enters into a stair hall. Two entrances are present in the stone section. They are quite simple in appearance and had transoms which have been closed.</p> <p>A double porch framed under the main roof span extends the length of the front elevation of the stone section. The entire south wall of the stone section is recessed several feet behind the front wall of the log section.</p> <p>Asphalt shingles cover a roofing structure which extends beyond the end walls. There is no decorative work at the eaves. A large brick chimney extends from inside the east gable end. Smaller flues, also of brick are located inside the west gable end and extending from the interior at the jointure of the two sections.</p> <p>The interior of the stone section is divided into two rooms at each story with woodwork consistent with the 1838 date. All rooms in the stone section have fireplaces. In addition, a large service fireplace is located in the east wall of the cellar. The wooden section of the house appears to have been extensively altered at the interior with woodwork reflecting turn of the century and later design.</p> <p>The interior wall shared by the stone and log sections is apparently of wood, suggesting the log section of the house was built first.</p> <p>The house is in fair condition and is at present being restored. The house stands on a lot 120' X 200'.</p>		

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
- 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) stone section dated "1838 J.O."

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. The stone section with its 1838 date is a documented example of Washington County's vernacular architecture from the second quarter of the 19th century. The wooden section of the house, although it appears to be the older of the two, has received rather extensive exterior and interior alterations, which would tend to decrease its significance somewhat.

The initials "J.O." inscribed in the date stone presumably refer to someone in the Oster family who owned the property from 1789 to 1878. The property which contains parts of the frants, "Nicholas Ridenour's Pond," "Hanry's Last Shift" and "Hager's Delight" was purchased in 1789 by Conrad Oster from David Ridenour. Later, Eve Oster, Conrad's widow purchased 100 acres from her brother Nicholas Ridenour. In 1836, Eve Oster sold 50 acres which presumably included this house to Daniel Oster. Eve Oster apparently died a short time later. Remnants of stone walls east of the house suggest the presence of a barn in that location.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Taggart, Thomas, Map of Washington County, Md., Hagerstown, Md.: L. McKee and C. G. Robertson.

Land Records of Washington County, Md.

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 120' X 200'

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

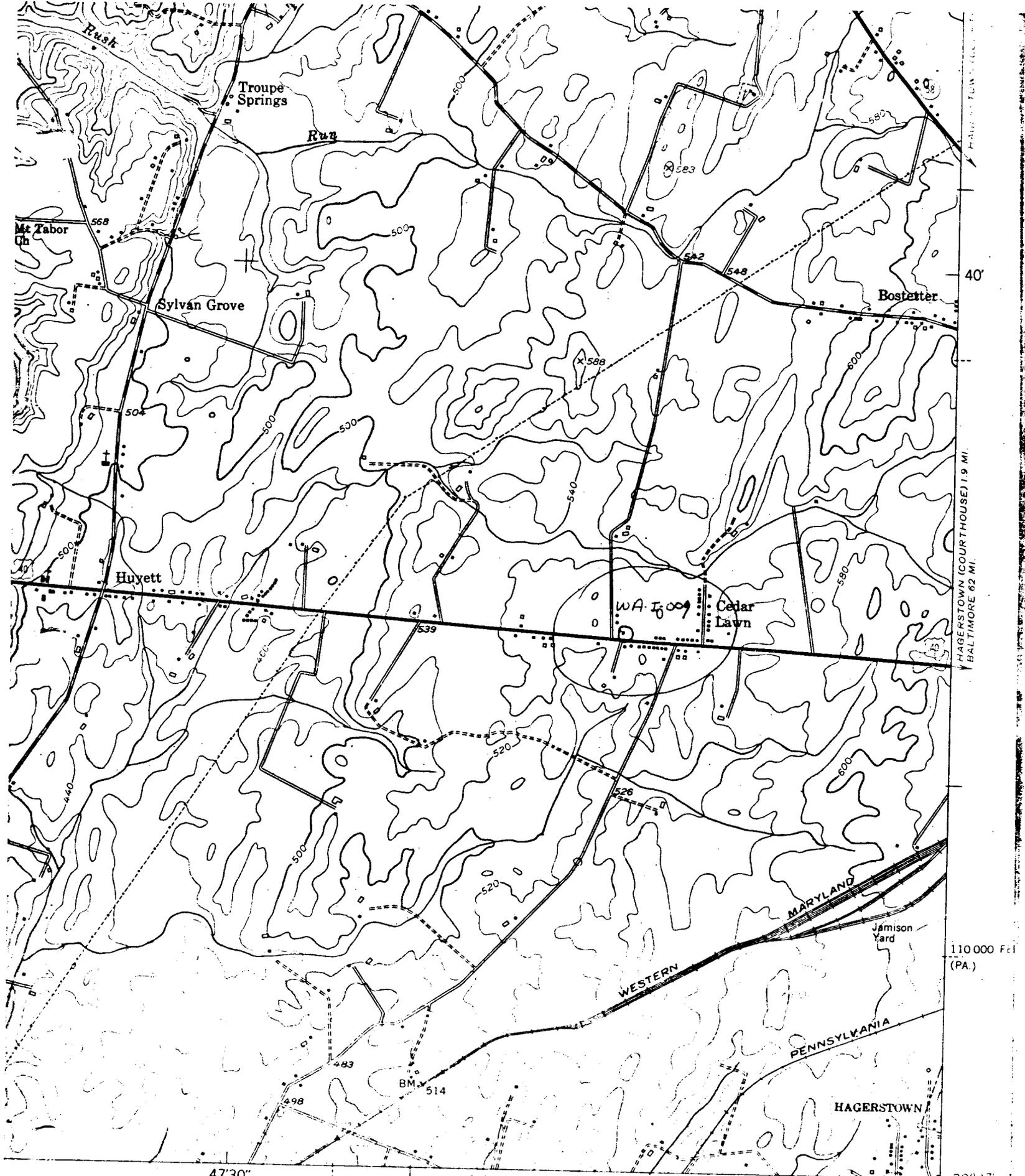
NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE January, 1975
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature



HAGERSTOWN (COURTHOUSE) 1.9 MI.
BALTIMORE 62 MI.

110 000 Feet (PA.)

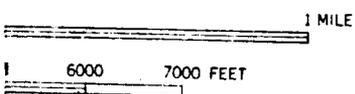
47°30' 1990 000 FEET (PA.)

INTERIOR GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 1884
M R. 4164

39°37'

77°45'

Mason-Dixon Quadrangle



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		4 LANE 16 LANE	Light-duty	
Medium-duty		2 LANE 6 LANE	Unimproved dirt	

(FUNKS)



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