

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<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
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The portion of "Rock Hall" known as "The Ground Farm" is located about one-half mile north of Maryland Route 64 off Belvedere Road, on the east bank of the Antietam Creek. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces southwest.

The structure is a two-story, three-bay brick dwelling painted white with dark green trim. A two-story, four-bay el with a shed roof extends to the rear. The house is set on foundations of roughly coursed local fieldstones. The bricks are laid in flemish bond at the front elevation and in common bond at the side and rear walls. Decorative trim associated with the brickwork includes flat arches over window and door openings and brick cornice trim at the eaves.

Windows appear to be spaced evenly in the front section of the house. Nine-over-six light sashes are held within narrow frames in all windows except the south elevation of the el where six-over-six light sashes are present.

The main entrance was located in southernmost bay of the front elevation. The doorway has since been made inoperable. The height of the entranceway would suggest that a transom was present. Other entrances are located in all elevations of the el.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with a barge set directly against the end walls. A large brick flue rises from inside the northwest gable wall. A newer brick chimney rises from the end of the el.

Also on the property is a modern clubhouse and the remains of an old field-stone springhouse.

The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 138 acres. The property is at present used by the North American Rod and Gun Club.

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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 house is its architecture. Constructed of brick in the three-bay plan with an end entrance which is sometimes termed "half Georgian," it represents a major building type in Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley. Most brick structures similar to this house date roughly from the second quarter of the 19th century.

This property is part of the original Rock Hall tract which contained 302-3/4 acres and was surveyed for William Shanyfield on January 14, 1807. According to Washington County Land Patent Records (Liber Z, Folio 323), Shanyfield received a warrant to resurvey into one tract various parcels lying contiguous. The parcels included parts of "Sheep's Land," "Littleworth," "Downey's Lott," "Locust Bottom" and five pieces of vacancy.

Upon William Shanyfield's death in 1813, Rock Hall was split with approximately 145 acres bequeathed to William's son, Andrew. In 1827, some time after Andrew's death, his real estate was sold. In 1830, this portion of "Rock Hall" was purchased by Joseph Ground. It remained in the Ground family until about 1920. The remainder of the Rock Hall tract is discussed in form WA-I-107.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1859 Map of Washington County.

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	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 138 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 Historical Sites Survey DATE: October, 1974

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Deed Records -- WA-I-068

Liber 364, Folio 641, January 31, 1961

Grantor: North American Cement Corporation

Grantee: Marquette Cement Corporation

"Rock Hill," generally known as the "Ground Farm," 76 acres.

Liber 158, Folio 588, October 1, 1920

Grantor: Hallie A. Price & Effie May Price

Grantee: Security Cement & Lime Co.

76 acres.

Liber 157, Folio 554, April 10, 1920

Grantor: J. A. Mason, Trustee

Grantee: Security Cement & Lime Co.

\$9,562.50, Parcel #1, 90-3/4 acres.

Liber 81, Folio 34, May 4, 1881

Grantor: Joseph Ground

Grantee: Josephus Ground

\$3,000, "Rock Hall," 41 acres, 1 rood, 10 perches

Liber LL, Folio 496, April 17, 1830

Grantor: Susanna Wolfersberger

Grantee: Joseph Ground

\$4,212, "Rock Hall," 131.5/8 acres.

Liber LL, Folio 492, April 17, 1830

Grantor: David G. Yost, Trustee

Grantee: Susanna Wolfersberger

131-5/8 acres, the estate of Andrew Shanafelt was sold for payment of his debts. David Yost did on February 17, 1877 sell the real estate to Susanna Wolfersberger ... the purchase money of \$3,520.97 having been fully paid.

Will Liber B, Folio 254, Will of William Shanyfield, made January 20, 1813.

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