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District 18
Map 38, Parcel 21

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Antietam Forge Property - "Surveyor's Last Shift"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Forge Road and Antietam Creek

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown vicinity

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☐ Building ☐ Site ☒ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☒ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Forrest G. Sharp

STREET AND NUMBER: Route 5 , Box 48

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. #): 219/588

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:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed	
	(Check One) ☒ Altered <50% ☐ Unaltered	(Check One) ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (*If known*) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located a short distance south of Old Forge Road, east of the Antietam Creek in Washington County. It is situated on a high bluff overlooking the creek and faces north.

The structure is a two-story, six-bay fieldstone dwelling with white trim. The building is constructed of coursed local limestone with pronounced quoins at its corners. There is no decorative stonework associated with the window or door openings.

All windows which retain original or early frames display wide wooden members secured with pegs. The openings are relatively small, most containing six-over-six pane double-hung sashes. Other windows display more recent two-over-two light sashes or modern casements. The two end bays of the second story of the south or rear elevation show evidence of alteration. Seams in the masonry suggest that these openings at one time may have been doors.

Entrances are located in the end bays of the front or north and rear elevations. All entrances are extremely plain and appear to have framing similar to that of the windows. Small shed roof porches are present over each entrance.

The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and terminates with a plain barge board set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys extend from inside each gable end. The eaves are finished with plain boxing at the front and rear elevations.

The house is in fair condition and is located on a tract containing 233.87 acres. Just east of this structure are two other dwellings, one of fieldstone, the other covered with a coating of stucco. Presumably all three houses were associated with the forge and mill which were located beneath them on the banks of the Antietam. A large barn and outbuildings related to agricultural use are located southeast of the dwellings.

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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)*

- Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☒ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☒ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☒ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☒ Other *(Specify)* Association with the Hughes family, prominent in 18th century Washington County

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture as well as for its assocation with the milling and iron industries in Washington County. The house is also worthy of note for its connection with the Hughes family, who were prominent in 18th century Washington County and Maryland history.

Architecturally, the house, which is not dated, is a very plain structure and apparently was used to house iron or mill workers at the nearby complex. Its appearance, although simple is quite formal with the front and rear elevations being quite symmetrical. The placement of doors and windows suggests that the house was constructed as a double or multiple unit dwelling. The building reflects construction techniques used in Washington County during the late 18th or early 19th centuries.

Located at the base of the steep cliffs on which this house is situated, is a low level area and a fording of the Antietam now spanned by a stone arch bridge (see WA-I-104). At the fording were located the Antietam Forge and a grist mill. The forge was situated on the west bank of the Creek, south of the present Old Forge Road. According to historians, it was the last of several iron making operations established by Daniel and Samuel Hughes. The Hughes brothers were prominent in Washington County's and Maryland's early history, being ardent supporters of the American Revolution who produced cannon and ammunition for the American armies. Barnabas Hughes, father of Samuel and Daniel, emigrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1750. His family later settled on the banks of the Antietam having acquired thousands of acres of land much of which was included in a grant called "Surveyor's Last Shift." The grist mill was located on the east bank of the Antietam just north of Old Forge Road and west of Clopper Road. No physical evidence of the forge or mill could be observed. Additional information on these sites and the Hughes family is recorded in form WA-I-054.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hays, Helen Ashe, The Antietam and Its Bridges, New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1910.

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Scharf, Thomas J., History of Western Maryland, Vol. II, Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1882.

Williams, Thomas J. C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY							OR	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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"		°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 233.87 acres

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE: February, 1975

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

DEED RECORDS -- WA-I-082

Liber 219, Folio 588, July 16, 1942
Grantor: Edward S. Hager & David H. Hager
Grantees: Forrest G. Sharpe & Clara E. Sharpe
$9,650, Parcel #1 "Surveyor's Last Shift," beginning at the north corner of a point of rocks on the east bank of the Antietam Creek just below the fording ... 234 acres, 2 rods and 10 perches of land. Parcel #2 -- part of Lahm's Folly, 5 acres, 1 rood, 30 perches.

Liber 167, Folio 176, December 11, 1923
Grantor: G. Harry Hager & Gertrude V. Hager
Grantee: Scott M. Wolfinger, Trustee
$11,817.00, 234 acres.

Liber 167, Folio 175, December 10, 1923
Grantors: Scott M. Wolfinger & Alexander Armstrong, Trustees
Grantees: G. Harry Hager
$11,817.00, Parcel #1 "Surveyor's Last Shift" 234 acres; Parcel #2 Lahm's Folly

Liber 74, Folio 605, August 31, 1876
Grantor: Samuel H. Bowers & wife
Grantee: David T. Stouffer
$5,277.67, "Surveyor's Last Shift," an undivided 1/2 interest of land which was conveyed by John H. Harp, Trustee, to David T. Stouffer. 117 acres, 45 perches.

Liber WMcKK 4, Folio 131, April 4, 1871
Grantor: John H. Harp, Trustee
Grantee: David Stouffer
"Surveyor's Last Shift" beginning... at the north corner of a point of rocks on the east bank of the Antietam Creek and just below the fording on said creek and at a point north 35-1/4° east 3-7/10 perches from the north edge of the stone bridge at the Old Forge Mill ..., 234 acres, two roods, 10 perches

Liber IN 5, Folio 102, April 15, 1850
Grantor: Jonathan Middlekauff
Grantee: Jacob Harp
$12,184.00, "Surveyor's Last Shift," 258 acres.

Liber IN 4, Folio 351, June 16, 1849
Grantor: Abraham Strite, Trustee
Grantee: Daniel Middlekauff
$11,331. "Surveyor's Last Shift," 262-3/16 acre, "...being the land which the said Shiess was in possession of at the time of his death and which he purchased from Doctor Frederick Dorsey as trustee for the use of the Hagerstown Bank," by agreement bearing the date, March 20, 1829.

Liber IN 4, Folio 352, June 19, 1879
Grantor: Frederick Dorsey, Trustee for Hagerstown Bank
Grantee: Daniel Middlekauff, Sr.
land which was sold to George Sheiss by agreement dated March 20, 1829. "a tract which had been conveyed to said Dorsey in trust by Franklin Anderson by deed bearing the date the 24th day of January 1826 and recorded in Liber HH/Folio 774."

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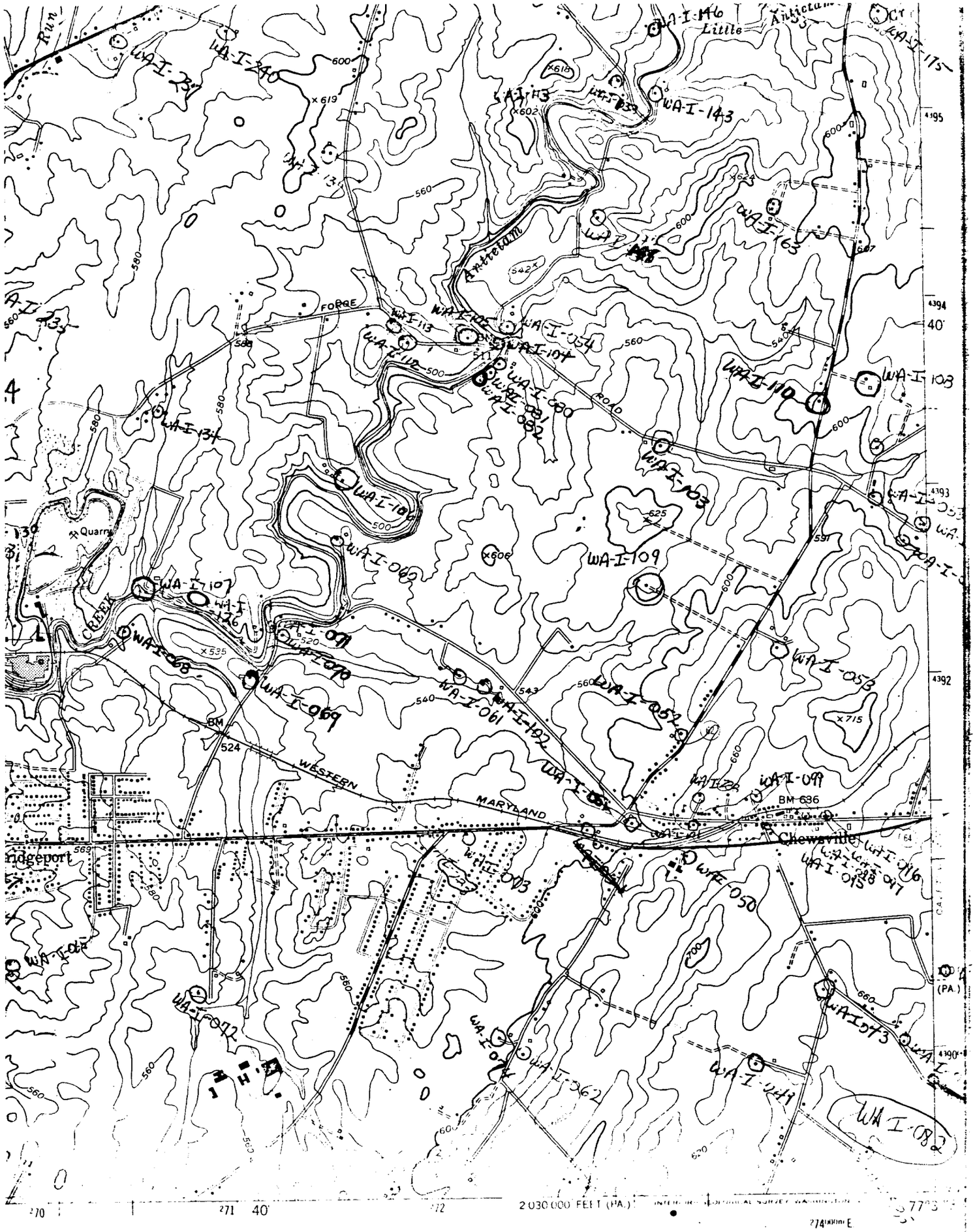
Liber HH, Folio 774, January 24, 1826
Grantor: Franklin Anderson, Trustee
Grantee: Frederick Dorsey

"Whereas a certain Joseph I. Merrick and Mary Ann /Hughes/ his wife by their certain deed of bargain and sale bearing date the 23rd day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty one ... sold and conveyed to a certain Upton Lawrence ... all that interest, right, property, claim and estate of them the said Joseph I. Merrick and Mary Ann his wife, in and to all that estate formerly called the "Antietam Forge" ... containing about 800 acres of land, consisting of different tracts, together with the Forge Mills and other erections and improvements thereon, in trust to sell the same for the payment of the debts of the said Joseph I.Merrick and whereas by a decree of Washington County Court as a Court of Equity, bearing date the 12th day of March, 1822, in a case in which the said Joseph I. Merrick and Mary Ann his wife, Susan Huges, Esther Hughes & Rebecca Hughes were parties a partition was made of the said 800 acres of land among the said parties, tenants in common thereof ...

264-¼ acres allotted to Mary Ann Merrick conveyed to Frederick Dorsey, $5,945.62½.

And whereas Upton Lawrence died before he had fully executed the trust, Franklin Anderson by decree of Court, November 6, 1824 was appointed Trustee ..."



1 MILE

7000 FEET

1 KILOMETER

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty — Light duty

Medium duty — Unimproved dirt

U. S. Route — State Route

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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

HAGERSTOWN, MD.--PA.

NW/4 HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

N3937.5--W7737.5/7.5

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