

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Stone House near Leitersburg

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Andrew Bell Farm

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
West of Grove Road, South of Maryland Route 418

CITY OR TOWN:
Leitersburg Vicinity

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"/> 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
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" 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:
Breese M. Dickinson

STREET AND NUMBER:
750 Preston Road

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland 21740

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 21740

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 589/326

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	(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 < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located about 3/4 mile east of Leitersburg at the end of a long private lane extending south from Maryland Route 418 in Washington County. The house is situated on level ground and faces southwest.

The structure is a two story, four bay stone dwelling with a one story, two bay stone wing extending from the southeast gable wall. At present the house is approached from the east, causing a northeast elevation to be the principal facade.

The walls are constructed of roughly coursed local limestone, with all elevations receiving equal treatment. There is no decorative masonry associated with window or door openings.

The openings appear to have been spaced evenly in the original front or southwest elevation. Windows at the first story level are noticeably longer than those at the second story. Most windows retain their original wide frames joined with wooden pegs and trimmed with quarter round moulding. Victorian period two over two pane sashes have been installed at all windows.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the south corner of the house. Its original framing appears to have been replaced with more modern work, but is simple in treatment including a three light transom. Other entrances are located in the front and rear elevations of the wing, and in the rear elevation of the main structure. All display simple treatment. A three bay shed roof porch extends along a portion of the rear elevation. Modern aluminum siding encloses what appears to have been a porch at the northeast elevation of the wing.

The roof is of slate with the exception of the northeast slope of the section covering the wing. A tapered barge board set directly against the end walls terminates the roof structure. The eaves boxing is trimmed with a band of simple molding at the front elevation.

The interior of the house was extensively altered during the late nineteenth century. Originally, according to *a past* owner, the entrance led into a small room with a stair which was set against the front wall and cut across a main story window. Some early interior doors with six raised panels remain. It would appear that the interior room arrangement may have been similar to that of a nearby contemporary house, (WA-I-141).

There is evidence of an early road which led past the front of the house and northwest toward the Leitersburg-Ringgold Road. A small cemetery was present near the road northwest of the house. Interred were two children, one named H. Miller who died in 1829 at the age of one year. The stones are no longer visible.

Immediately behind the house is a small single story log building covered with narrow weatherboarding. It has a massive exterior chimney of stone, topped with brick. North of the house is a large bank barn.

The buildings are in excellent condition and are located on a tract containing 110.6 acres.

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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) C 1800			
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			
<p>The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Constructed of stone in the four bay, off center front door plan, the house is an example of a major architectural group in south central Pennsylvania and western Maryland. Such structures appear frequently in areas settled by Pennsylvania Germans.</p> <p>The appearance of this house as well as documentary evidence suggests that it was built circa 1800. During the closing years of the eighteenth century, this property and that adjoining to the southwest was held by Henry Solmes. Solmes died in 1799, leaving the property to his two daughters, Catherine and Margaret. Margaret and her husband, Andrew Bell acquired the eastern portion of the property. According to Herbert Bell's <u>History of Leitersburg District</u>, Margaret and Andrew Bell settled on the land in 1800 and built the present improvements.¹ The Bell family held the property until 1834. In 1854 the farm was purchased by Joseph Clopper. It was owned by Clopper and Hartle families until 1942.</p>			
<p>1. Herbert C. Bell, <u>History of Leitersburg District</u>. Leitersburg, Md: the author. (1908) p. 214.</p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bell, Herbert C., History of Leitersburg District. Leitersburg, Md: the author, 1908.

Washington County Land Records.

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: **107 acres.**

Acreeage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE: September 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

Liber Folio
589/326

December 27, 1974

Grantors: Earl H. Stouffer & Dorothy G. Stouffer

Grantee: Breese M. Dickinson

Parcel # 1. "Resurvey on Well Taught" 70 square perches.

Parcel # 2. Parts of "Burket's Lot" "Resurvey on Well Taught"
105 acres, 51 perches excepting a tract of 3.607 acres.

Parcel # 3. "Burkhart's Establishment" 7 acres.

Parcel # 4. Road 12 feet wide, 25 square perches.

Liber Folio
251/277

April 1, 1949

Grantors: Howard Hartle & Blanche Hartle

Grantees: Earl H. Stouffer & Dorothy G. Stouffer

Liber Folio
238/437

October 28, 1946

Grantors: James O. Snurr & Carrie L. Snurr

Grantees: Howard Hartle & Blanche Elizabeth Hartle

Liber Folio
238/437

October 28, 1946

Grantors: Howard Hartle & Blanche E. Hartle

Grantees: James O. Snurr & Carrie L. Snurr

Liber Folio
218/137

February 26, 1942

Grantors: W. Earl Barkdoll & Daisy I. Barkdoll

Grantee: Howard Hartle

Liber Folio
218/136

February 26, 1942

Grantors: Charles C. Hartle et al, Executor for Charles E. Hartle

Grantee: W. Earl Barkdoll

Liber Folio
191/90

April 21, 1932

Grantors: Elias B. Hartle & I. Keller Shank, Trustee

Grantees: Charles E. Hartle & Sarah E. Hartle

Parcels # 1&2. \$5,900.

Liber Folio
102/108

April 12, 1893

Grantors: Upton Clopper & Annie M. Clopper

Grantee: Leonard Senger

"The Resurvey on Well Taught" $\frac{1}{2}$ acre.

Liber Folio
80/390

September 10, 1878

Grantors: Franklin Clopper & Catherine Clopper et al

Grantee: Upton Clopper

\$6,000. The property is described as being part of the real estate
of which Joseph Clopper late of Washington County died seized.

Liber Folio
IN8/385

January 7, 1854

Grantors: Abraham Newcomer & Molly Newcomer

Grantee: Joseph Clopper

\$5681.89

Parcel # 1. "Burket's Lot" & part of "Well Taught" 105 acres-50 perches

Parcel # 2. "Great Rock Forest" South Mountain 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Liber Folio

WW/139

March 31, 1840

Grantors: Christian Freet & Esther Freet

Grantee: Abraham Newcomer

\$6,000. 105 acres, 50 perches

Liber Folio

PP/61

March 21, 1834

Grantors: Andrew Bell & Margaret Bell

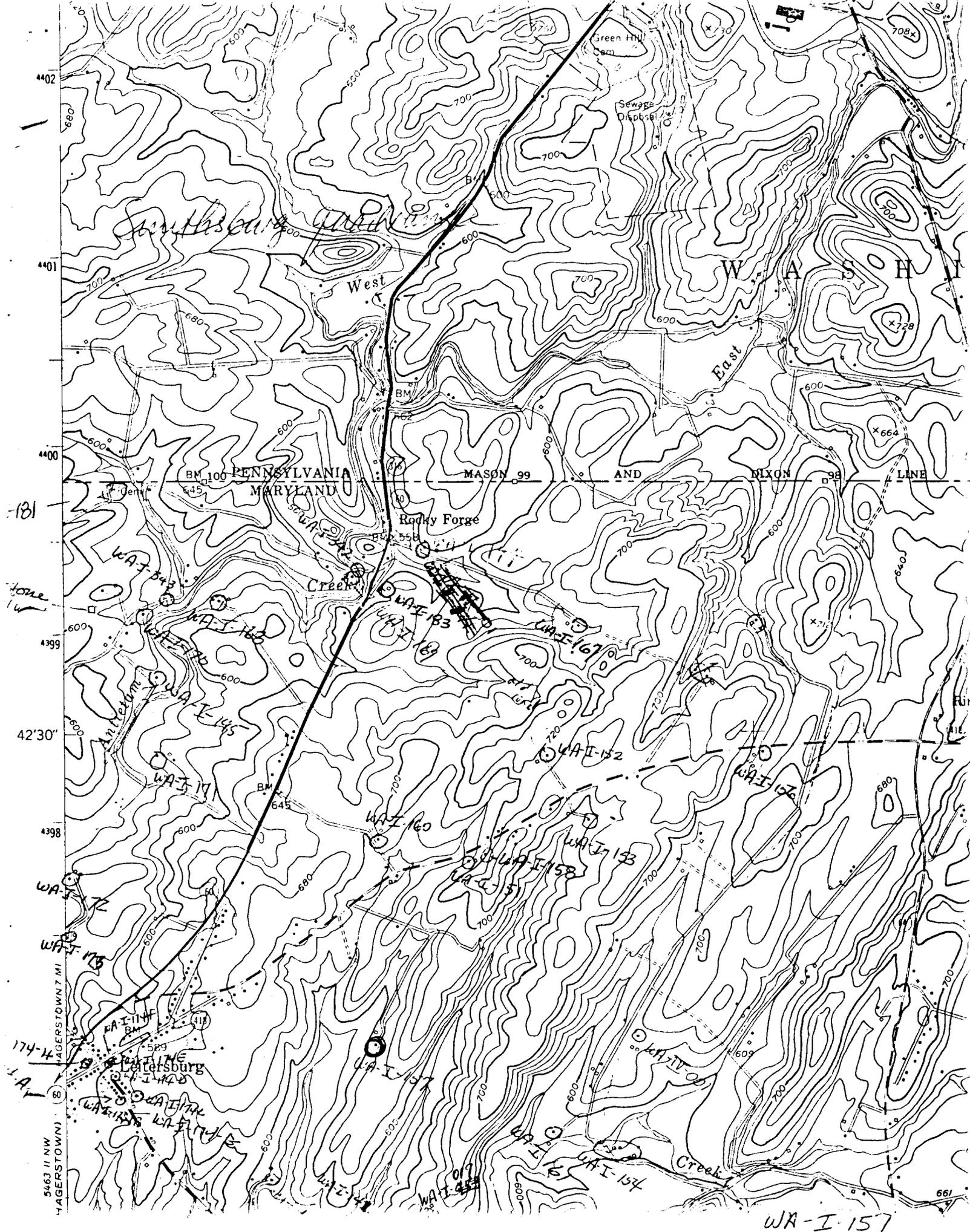
Grantee: Christian Freet

\$5,400. 107 acres, 64 perches

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Watersburg

West

W A S H

East

PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND MASON AND DIXON LINE

Rocky Forge

Creek

Creek

181

Stone

42'30"

4398

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WA-I-175

174-4

5463 11 NW HAGERSTOWN

HAGERSTOWN 7 MI

WA-I-143

WA-I-145

WA-I-147

WA-I-160

WA-I-158

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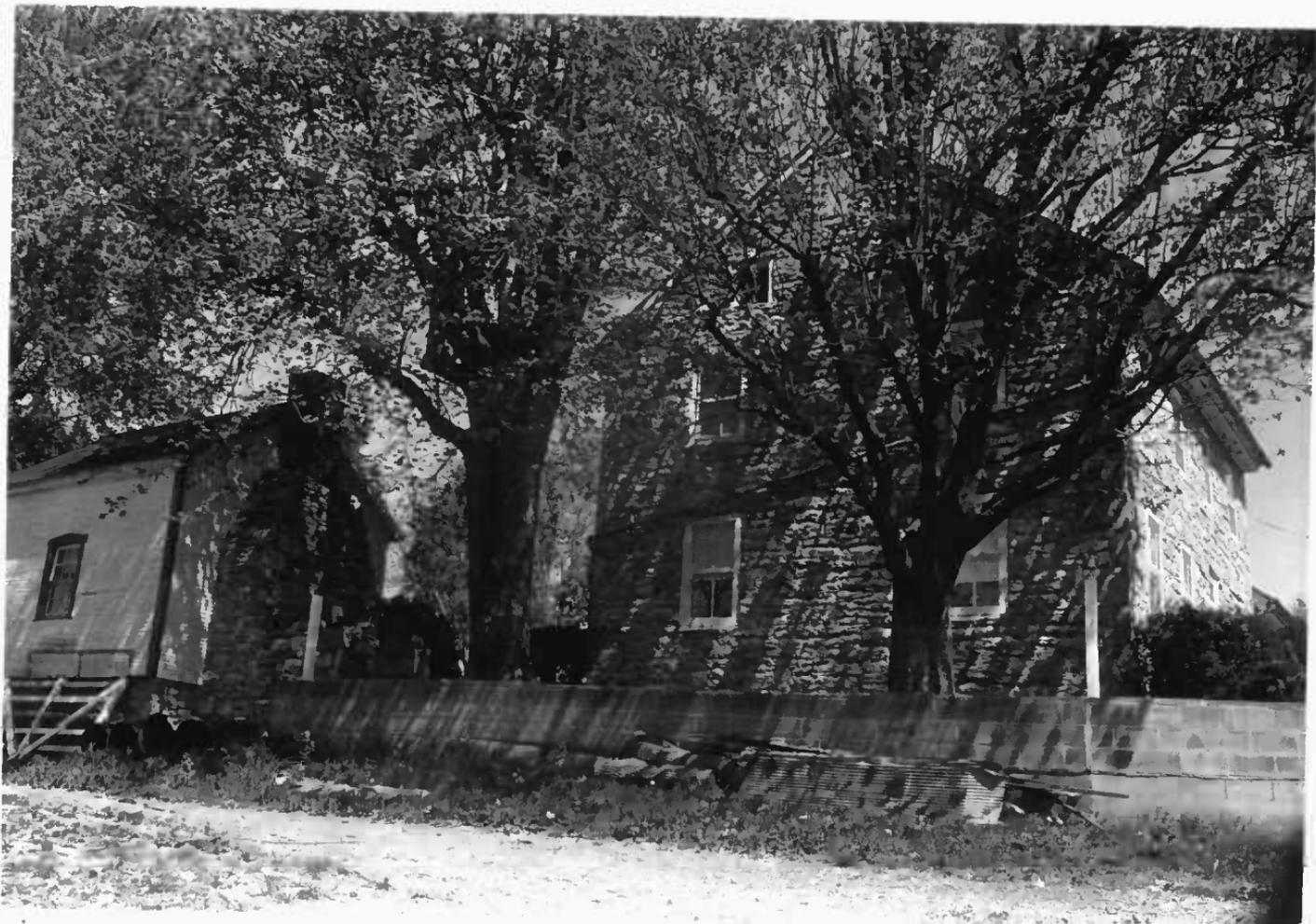
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