

ABSTRACT

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Brick House, Battletown Road
Leitersburg vicinity
private

18th-19th Century

This two story, five bay brick dwelling with its attached two bay weather boarded section outwardly appears to be typical of many of Washington County's vernacular houses dating from the middle third of the 19th century. However, the ceiling of one cellar room in this house displays heavy timbers laid side by side carrying a layer of rocks and mortar upon which rest the floorboards for the room above. This manner of ceiling framing has been observed in several 18th century houses in Washington County and could suggest that part or all of a pre-1800 structure has been incorporated into a later dwelling.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

1. NAME

COMMON:
 Brick House, Battletown Road

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Battletown Road, West of Maryland Route # 60

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 type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
 Edwin V. Erickson

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Route # 5

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. #): 237/165

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)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" 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"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located north and east of Battletown Road near the Antietam Creek, west of Maryland Route 60 about one and a half miles north of Leitersburg in Washington County. It is situated on gently sloping ground and faces south.

The structure is a two story, seven bay brick and siding covered dwelling with its two east bays recessed beneath a double porch, and sheathed with single siding and weatherboarding.

The walls are set on low fieldstone foundations and display common bonding at the front elevation. Flat brick arches are present over the openings. The wall construction of the weatherboarded section could not be observed.

Openings appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation of the brick section. Moderately wide wooden frames with mitered corners hold single pane double hung sashes. Hinge pins set in the frames suggest that shutters were present at one time. Narrower frames holding two over two pane sashes are located in the weatherboarded section.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of front elevation of the brick section. The door treatment is plain with narrow framing which includes a simple transom. The entrance is sheltered by a hipped roof entrance porch supported by pairs of square posts with decorative brackets. A second entrance is located in the front elevation of the weatherboarded section.

The roof of modern wooden shingles extends beyond the end walls. Brick chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside each gable end of the brick section and inside the east end of the weatherboarded portion.

The ceiling of one of the cellar rooms in the brick section is constructed of heavy timbers laid side by side which carry a layer of rocks and mortar upon which are floorboards for the room above. This method of construction has been noted in several 18th century structures in Washington County. The presence of a cellar room with this ceiling framing in this house could suggest that part or all of an 18th century structure has been incorporated into a later dwelling.

The house appears to be in good condition and is located on a tract containing 88.12 acres. Near the house is a frame barn and other buildings related to agricultural use.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" 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)

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

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Outwardly it appears to be a brick and frame dwelling typical of many of Washington County's vernacular houses dating from the middle third of the 19th century. However, the presence of an early floor framing technique as observed in one room of the cellar suggests that parts of the house could actually be much older. The farm on which this house is located includes parts of the following land grants: "Burkhart's Establishment," "Cumberland," "Altenangle" (also spelled Allamangle), and "All That's Left."

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

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
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 88.12 acres.

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey DATE: October 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 _____

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