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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Stone house, Leitersburg Pike

AND/OR COMMON
Dorsey - Palmer House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Leitersburg Pike (MD 60), .2 mile southwest of its junction with Long Meadow Road

CITY, TOWN Vicinity of Hagerstown — VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth

STATE Maryland CODE 24 COUNTY Washington CODE 043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Rudolf M. Palmer

STREET & NUMBER
Route 5, Box 465

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown — VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

STATE Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS — FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7. DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	_ DETERIORATED	_ UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
_ GOOD	_ RUINS	X ALTERED - 50%	_ MOVED DATE _____
_ FAIR	_ UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located northwest of the Leitersburg Pike, Maryland Route 64, just southeast of Long Meadow Road in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated near the road and faces south.

The structure is a two-story, five bay stone dwelling with a two-story, four-bay el extending to the rear or north. The entire building is constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone with particular care reflected in the masonry at the front elevation of the house. No vertical seam is evident in the masonry between the front and rear sections. There is no decorative stone work associated with the window or door openings.

The windows appear to be spaced symmetrically at the front elevation of the house. Moderately wide frames are joined with wooden pegs and are trimmed with ogee molding. Nine-over-~~six~~ nine light, double-hung sash are present at the first story of the front section while all other major windows have nine-over-six light sash. Pairs of four-over-two pane sash illuminate the attic. Several pairs of louvered shutters are present.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the south or front elevation. The opening is framed similarly to the windows with an unusual transom, two panes in height and four in width. The four-panel door does not appear to be original. A second-story door is located directly over the main entrance. Three entrances are located in the rear elevation of the front or main section, while four are to be found in the east elevation of the wing. Several of the rear entrance doors have six raised panels as do the interior doors.

A double porch framed under the main roof span extends along the entire front elevation. It is supported by square posts trimmed with Victorian period carved brackets. A second double porch extends along the east elevation of the wing. It is supported by chamfered posts without trim. The roof structure is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. The eaves are finished with boxing trimmed with simple moldings. Brick chimneys, moderate in size, rise from inside each gable end.

The interior of this house retains much of its original woodwork. The front section is bisected by an entrance and stair hall. The stair case which has decorative applied trim at the ends of its risers is open to the attic. The rear el is divided into two rooms at each story. Interior doors throughout the house have six raised panels. Original exterior doors are hung on long strap hinges. Fireplaces are present in each room, with a large service or kitchen fireplace located in the north end wall of the el.

SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

—PREHISTORIC
—1400-1499
—1500-1599
—1600-1699
—1700-1799
X 1800-1899
—1900-

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

—ARCHEULUGY-PREHISTORIC
—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
—AGRICULTURE
X ARCHITECTURE
—ART
—COMMERCE
—COMMUNICATIONS
—COMMUNITY PLANNING
—CONSERVATION
—ECONOMICS
—EDUCATION
—ENGINEERING
—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
—INDUSTRY
—INVENTION
—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
—LAW
—LITERATURE
—MILITARY
—MUSIC
—PHILOSOPHY
—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
—RELIGION
—SCIENCE
—SCULPTURE
X SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—THEATER
—TRANSPORTATION
—OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is primarily significant for its architecture. It derives secondary importance from its use, according to tradition, as the residence and office of an early Washington County doctor.

Architecturally, the house is an example of a five-bay, center-hall plan dwelling with an extension to the rear. Vaguely Georgian in form, it is representative of a major architectural group in the Cumberland Valley with examples dating from the late eighteenth through the first half of the nineteenth century. Much of the interior woodwork appears original and suggests, along with the exterior appearance of the structure, a circa 1800 or early nineteenth century building date. An unusual feature of this house is the double porch extending across the front elevation. Such porches at the front elevation are not common among Georgian-inspired houses in Washington County. Another unusual feature of this house is the use of large transoms over entrances in the front elevation.

In 1819 the property on which this house stands, containing 294 1/2 acres, was purchased by Frederick Dorsey from George Beltzhoover for $23,760. Frederick Dorsey, a noted physician in Washington County, was born in Anne Arundel County in 1776. He settled in Washington County in 1795, studying medicine with Doctor Richard Pindell and residing in Hagerstown where he died in 1858. At the time of his death, Doctor Dorsey was engaged in the practice of medicine with his son, John Claggett Dorsey (born 1805), and his grandson, Frederick Dorsey, Jr. Although the senior Doctor Dorsey is said to have resided in Hagerstown, his son or grandson may have lived in this house and possibly maintained an office here. The presence of a door in the east bay of the north elevation of the main section could suggest that an office with a separate entrance was located in a portion of the house. The property on which the house stands was owned by Frederick Dorsey, Sr. when it was sold to Emanuel Synder in 1866.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Scharf, Thomas J. History of Western Maryland. Volume II. Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1882.

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

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.47

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
A				B			
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant sdh

ORGANIZATION
Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE
June, 1975

STREET & NUMBER
Court House Annex

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Hagerstown Maryland

STATE
21740

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ____ STATE ____ LOCAL ____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE State Historic Preservation Officer DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST: DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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District 18
Map 25, Parcel 284

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Stone house, Leitersburg Pike

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Leitersburg Pike just south of Long Meadow Road

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		

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STREET AND NUMBER: Route 5, Box 465

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland

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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. #): 527/051

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3059

DATE OF SURVEY: 1967 ☐ Federal ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

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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

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The house appears to be in excellent condition and is located on a tract containing 2.47 acres.

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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 (early)
- ☐ 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
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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: 2.47 acres

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE
June, 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-182

Liber 529, Folio 051, July 6, 1971
Grantor: Michael G. Callas
Grantee: Rudolf M. Palmer, Jr. and Shirley Kay Palmer
2.47 acres.

Liber 466, Folio 107, January 29, 1968
Grantor: Callas Contractors
Grantee: Michael G. Callas
2.47 acres, undivided interest.

Liber 447, Folio 758, August 1, 1966
Grantor: Hunter Hill Inn, Inc.
Grantee: Paul Ottinger and Callas Contractors
2.47 acres.

Liber 370, Folio 346, August 1, 1961
Grantor: Grace Elizabeth Warren, Exec. of the estate of Hunter B. Cunningham
Grantee: Hunter Hill Inn, Inc.
2.47 acres.

Liber 135, Folio 543, March 25, 1911
Grantors: Harvey H. Finfrock & Mary E. Finfrock
Grantee: Hunter B. Cunningham
$13,297; "Dawson's Strife," "Long Meadow Enlarged;" 132 acres, 155 perches.

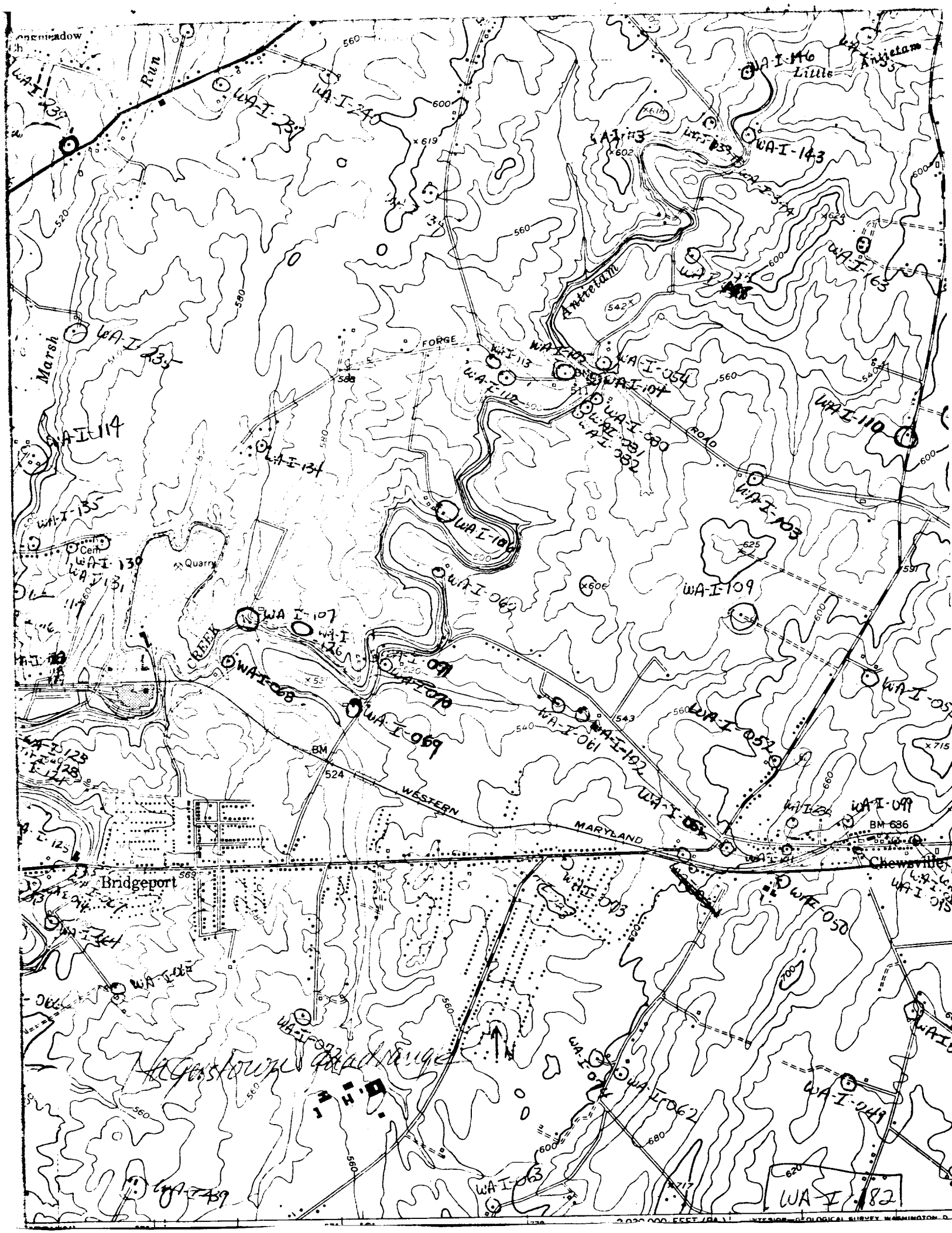
Liber 121, Folio 550, April 1, 1905
Grantor: David F. Nigh and Jane Nigh
Grantee: Harvey H. Finfrock
$11,600; "Dawson's Strife," "Long Meadow Enlarged'" 137 acres, 5 perches.

Liber 112, Folio 395, April 2, 1900
Grantor: Alice A. Small
Grantee: David F. Nigh
$7,536; 137 acres, 5 perches.

Liber 93, Folio 372, April 10, 1889
Grantors: H. H. Keedy & David Miles
Grantee: Alice A. Small
135 acres, 5 perches, 2 acres, entire parcel 137 acres, 5 perches.. being the entire estate of which Emanuel Snyder was in part seized at the time of his death and being that which was conveyed to him by Frederick Dorsey ... by deed bearing the date April 4, 1866, IN 19/368 with a parcel of 2 acres conveyed by H. F. Lehman and others dated Jany. 20, 1874 WMcKK 6/573.

Liber 19, Folio 368, April 4, 1866
Grantors: D. Frederick Dorsey & Jane Elizabeth Dorsey
Grantee: Emanuel Snyder
$10,802.50, 135 acres, 5 perches

Liber EE, Folio 191, September 2, 1819
Grantors: George Beltzhoover and Catherine Beltzhoover
Grantee: Frederick Dorsey
"Addition to Long Meadow," "Part of Dawson's Strife," 294½ acres; and part of "Vertant Mead," 2½ acres; $23,760.



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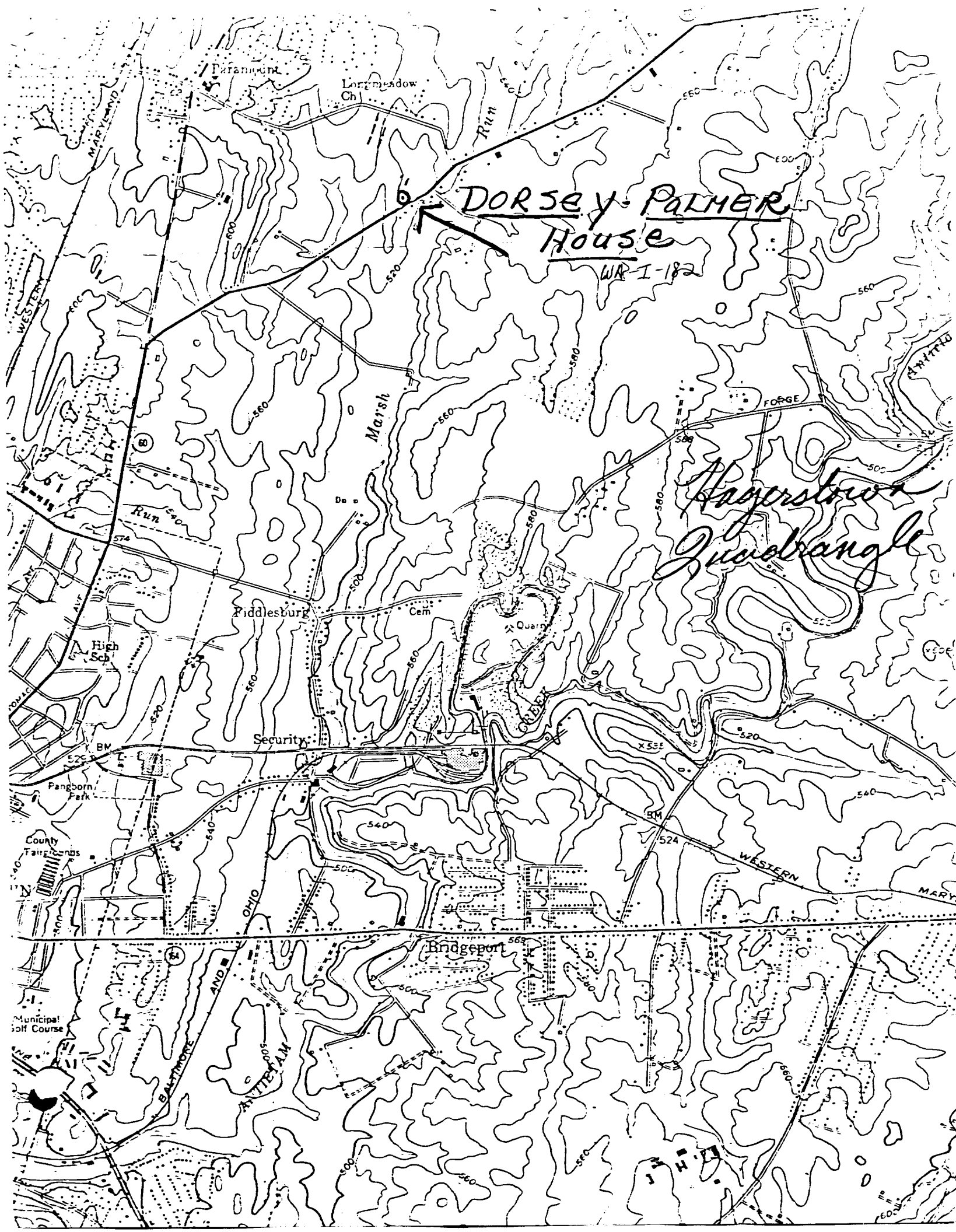
Hagerstown Quadrangle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Security
Pangborn
Park
County
Fairgrounds
Bridgeport
Municipal
Golf Course
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Dorsey-Palmer House

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