

ABSTRACT

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Stone House Southeast of Leitersburg
Leitersburg Vicinity

Ca. 1800

Private

This two story, four bay stone dwelling and two pen log barn are important as representing a large number of vernacular buildings in Washington County. The house, constructed of stone, reflects the popularity of this building material in Southern Pennsylvania and Western Maryland. The four bay, off center front door plan is also prominent in the area and may be linked to German building traditions. The log barn, an example of a type of structure once prevalent in the area is significant since few such buildings remain in Washington County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

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1. NAME
 COMMON:
 Stone House Southeast of Leitersburg
 AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 Off Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road near Little Antietam
 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <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 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"/> Pork	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" 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:
 Chester H. and Mildred M. Sollenberger
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 Route # 5, Box 339
 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. #): 396/432

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE OF SURVEY:
 Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3087
 DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 Federal State County Local
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
 Maryland Historical Trust
 STREET AND NUMBER:
 21 State Circle
 CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland 21401

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <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
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This farm complex is located west of the Leitersburg-Smithsburg Road about one half mile southeast of Leitersburg in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on the north bank of Little Antietam Creek and faces east.</p> <p>The dwelling is a two story, four bay stone structure with a two story, three bay ell extending to the rear or west. The walls are constructed of coursed local fieldstone displaying somewhat more careful cutting at the front elevation. A rough stone watertable extends along the front wall. Openings in this elevation are topped with flat arches which have prominent keystones at the first story level. Set in the north gable is a round opening lined with brick and filled with white plaster. The north elevation of the ell is sheathed with stucco and is recessed to allow for a double porch. A modern addition is attached to the south wall of the ell.</p> <p>Although windows are aligned with each other, they are not spaced symmetrically in the walls. Their frames are wide, joined with wooden pins and trimmed with quarter round molding. Nine over six pane double hung sashes are present at the first story while six over six light sashes are employed at the second story level. In the ell windows display narrower framing with six over six sashes at both stories.</p> <p>The main entrance is located in the second bay from the south end of the front elevation. The door and door trim are modern. An alcove has been installed in the bay immediately north of the main entrance. Evidence in the masonry suggests, however, that a door was located in this position.</p> <p>The roof is covered with asphalt shingles and extends beyond the end walls. A course of simple molding finishes the eaves. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end. A modern concrete block flue is attached to the exterior of the south gable wall.</p> <p>One of the most notable features of the interior of the house is the stairway which is located in the northwest corner of the main section. As is the case with several houses in the Leitersburg vicinity the stair rises along the exterior wall cutting across the face of a window.</p> <p>The house is in excellent condition. Some distance northwest of the dwelling is a two pen log barn sheathed with vertical boarding. The barn is in deteriorated condition. The property contains 56 acres.</p>	

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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 Ca. 1800			
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- losophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humon- itorion <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The area of significance of this house is its architecture. It is representative of a large number of vernacular dwellings in Washington County as evidenced in the building material used and in its general form. Constructed of stone it reflects the popularity of this building material in Southern Pennsylvania and Western Maryland. The four bay, off center front door plan is also prominent in the area and may be linked with German building traditions. The appearance of this house; the type of masonry used in the wall construction, the wider window frames with pegged joining and the use of flat arches with keystones over the openings all suggest a building date of Ca. 1800. The log barn, an example of a type of structure once prevalent in the area is important since few such buildings remain in Washington County.</p> <p>The history of ownership of this house has been difficult to trace; the property changed hands numerous times during the late 19th and 20th centuries. It would appear that the house was in the Johnson family during the early 19th century.</p> <p>Prior to 1937, this farm included slightly more than 109 acres embracing parts of the land grants, "Johnston's Lot," "Small Timber" and "Gordon's Chance." Johnston's Lot which contained 172 acres was granted to John Johnson in 1798-99. This tract was a resurvey on earlier patents including "Small Timber" for 293 acres which was granted to John Rensch in 1765; "Strawberry Bottom" granted to Richard Mucklefish in 1760 for 51 acres; and "Lambert's Strife" containing 25 acres which was granted to John Lambert in 1760.</p> <p>On June 10, 1796, the heirs of John Rensch sold to John Johnson 293 acres of "Small Timber" and 180 acres of "Strawberry Bottom" for £2000. (Deed Liber I, Folio 885). It would appear that portions of this land were resurveyed into a tract, "Johnston's Lot." In 1827, the real estate of John Johnson, deceased was sold to Margaret Johnson and Sarah Simpson. The property was sold out of the Johnson family in 1837 (Deed Liber SS, Folio 754). It would seem likely that the house was built during the John Johnson's Ownership.</p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

Tracey, Arthur G., Notes compiled on Washington County Land Grants, Westminster, Md: 1954.

Washington County Land Records.

Washington County Patent 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	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **56 acres.**

Acreege Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

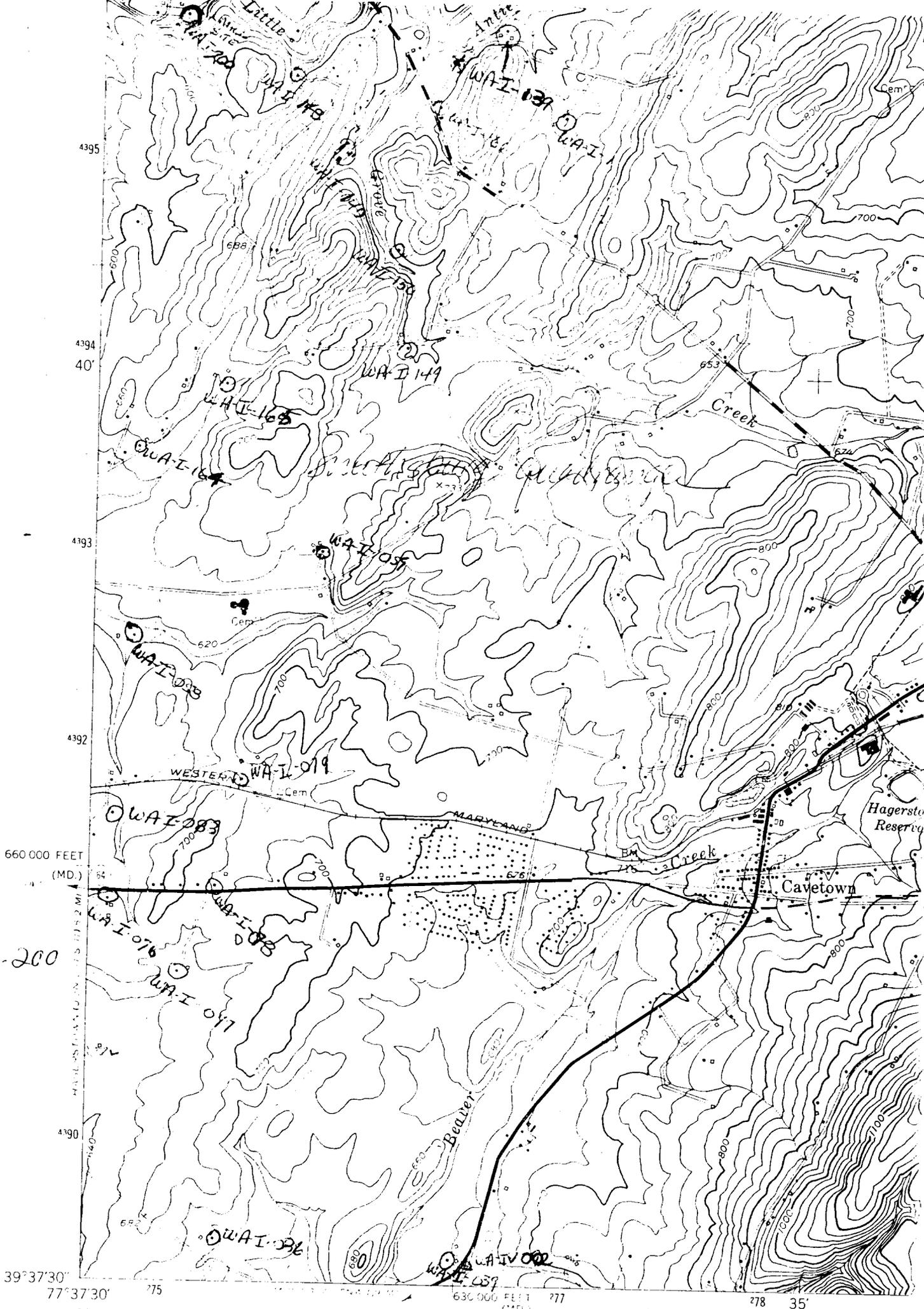
NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE: January 1976
ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE: Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature



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39°37'30"
77°37'30"

630 000 FEET (MD.)

278 35'



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