

ABSTRACT

WA-I-203

Late 18th Century

Fowler and Zeigler Distillery Property

Leitersburg Vicinity

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WA-I-203
 District 9
 Map 25
 Parcel 47
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Fowler and Zeigler Distillery Property

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lehman's Mill Road near Md. Route 60

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

 VICINITY OF **Leitersburg**

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Storage

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Menno A. Martin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 5

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**Washington County Court House**

Liber #: 449

Folio #: 713

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED < 50%

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one story stone building is located on the east side of Lehman's Mill Road north of its junction with the Leitersburg Pike, Maryland Route 60, in Washington County. The structure is situated on an area of level ground above the Antietam Creek and faces west.

Presumed to be part of the former Fowler and Zeigler Distillery complex the three bay building is constructed of uniformly coursed limestone. Flat arches of stone are present above the window and door openings.

Windows and doors have moderately wide frames joined with wooden pegs. The inside edge of each frame is finished with a bead. The two windows in the front elevation have each received modern double hung sashes. The entrance set toward the north end of the building has a plank door.

The roofing material for this structure is a relatively recent sheathing of sheet metal. A metal pipe flue extends from the interior of the structure near its south end.

The structure appears to be in good condition and is located on a tract containing 89.5 acres.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This one story, three bay stone building believed to have been used as a distillery is significant for its contribution to commerce and industry in Washington County. It is also important for its architecture. The unusually fine masonry displayed in the building is of a type associated with the late 18th or very early 19th centuries in Washington County. It may have been connected with distilling and milling businesses since the late 1700's.

The Fowler and Zeigler Distillery was in operation during the third quarter of the 19th century. Robert Fowler and Frederick K. Zeigler purchased the property then containing slightly more than 82 acres from John Byer on May 21, 1850 (IN5/188). Byer had acquired the land from George Lantz and Lewis Zeigler as two tracts. According to Herbert C. Bell's History of Leitersburg District, Frederick K. Zeigler was the son of Frederick Zeigler who resided in the large stone house across the Antietam Creek from this building (WA-I-159). Frederick Zeigler, Sr. was a farmer who also had a milling and distillery business. Bell also states that Christian Lantz, Jr. father-in-law to both Frederick Zeigler and John Byer was in the grist milling business with his father Christian Lantz, Sr. on this property shortly after 1775.

For further information on these families, see form WA-I-159.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 89.5 acres.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

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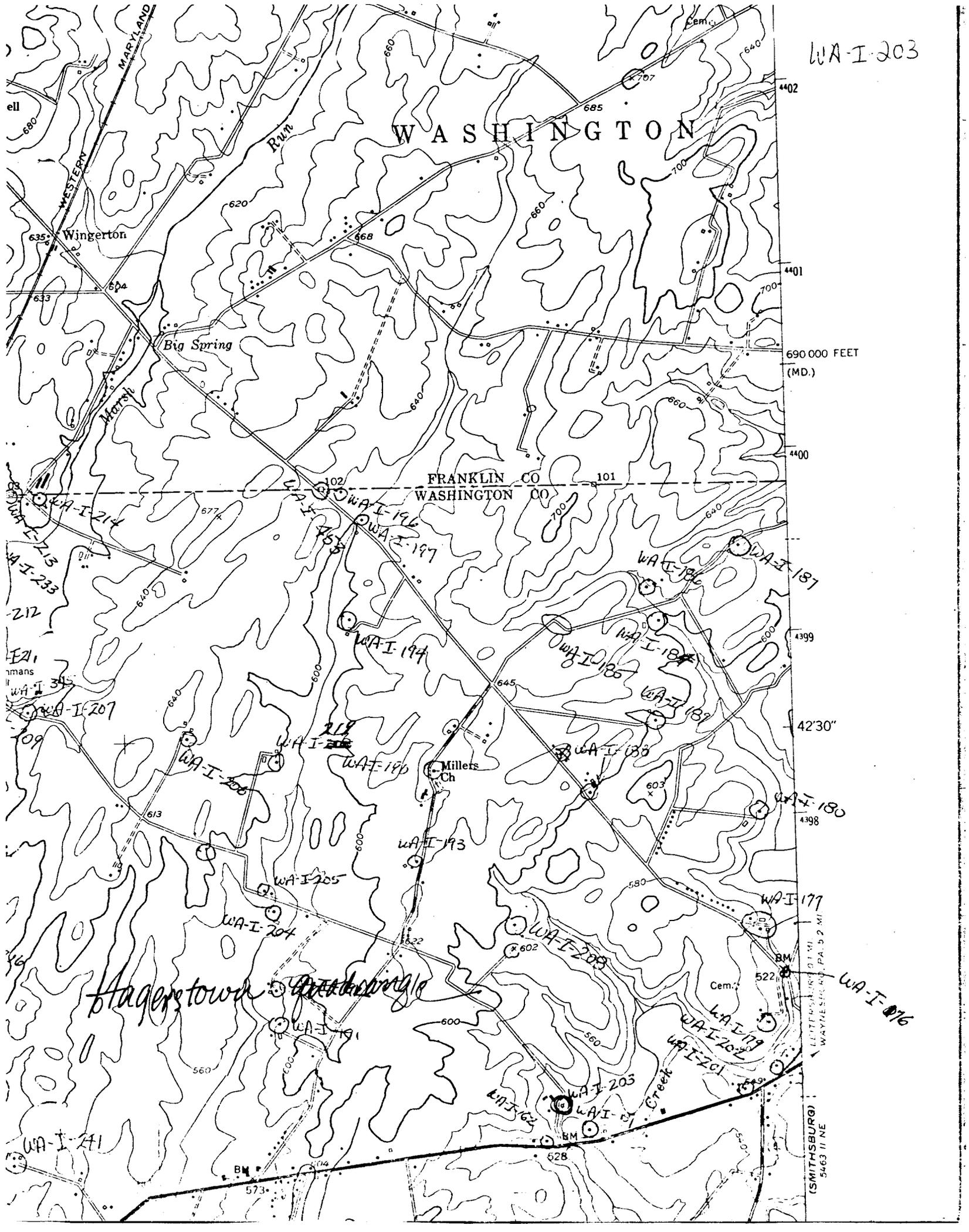
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