

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-I-258**

**1885**

**Miller's Asparagus Farm**

**Hagerstown Vicinity**

**private**

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Miller's Asparagus Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER (Cearfoss Pike)  
North of Route 58, just west of Hagerstown

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Amos A. Miller

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 6

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 #: 465

Folio #: 300

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

WA-1-25?

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Miller's Asparagus Farm is located on a private lane which extends in a northerly direction from Salem Avenue extended, Maryland route 58, between Hagerstown and Cearfoss in Washington County, Maryland. The house and barn stand on an area of level ground and face southwest.

The dwelling is a two story, five bay brick structure painted white and resting on low fieldstone foundations. A one bay, two story addition is attached to the southeast end wall. A date stone centered in the front wall at the second story level indicates that the house was built by Samuel and Lydia Horst in 1885.

The house has an unusual window and door arrangement at the front elevation with five openings at the first story level and four at the second story. The front of the house appears symmetrical. Windows have narrow frames which carry two over two pane double hung sashes. Windows at the first story are flanked with pairs of two panel shutters while those at the second story level have louvered shutters. Entrances are located in the second and fourth bays of the front elevation. The entrances are sheltered with a three bay one story porch with a balustraded flat roof.

The roof of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Brick chimneys with corbeling at their tops are located inside each gable end.

Just east of the house is an unusually long frame bank barn with louvered ventilators in its end walls. The buildings are in excellent condition and stand on a tract containing approximately 84 acres.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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

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SPECIFIC DATES	Built 1885	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Samuel and Lydia Horst
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 84.01 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**March 1977**

STREET & NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

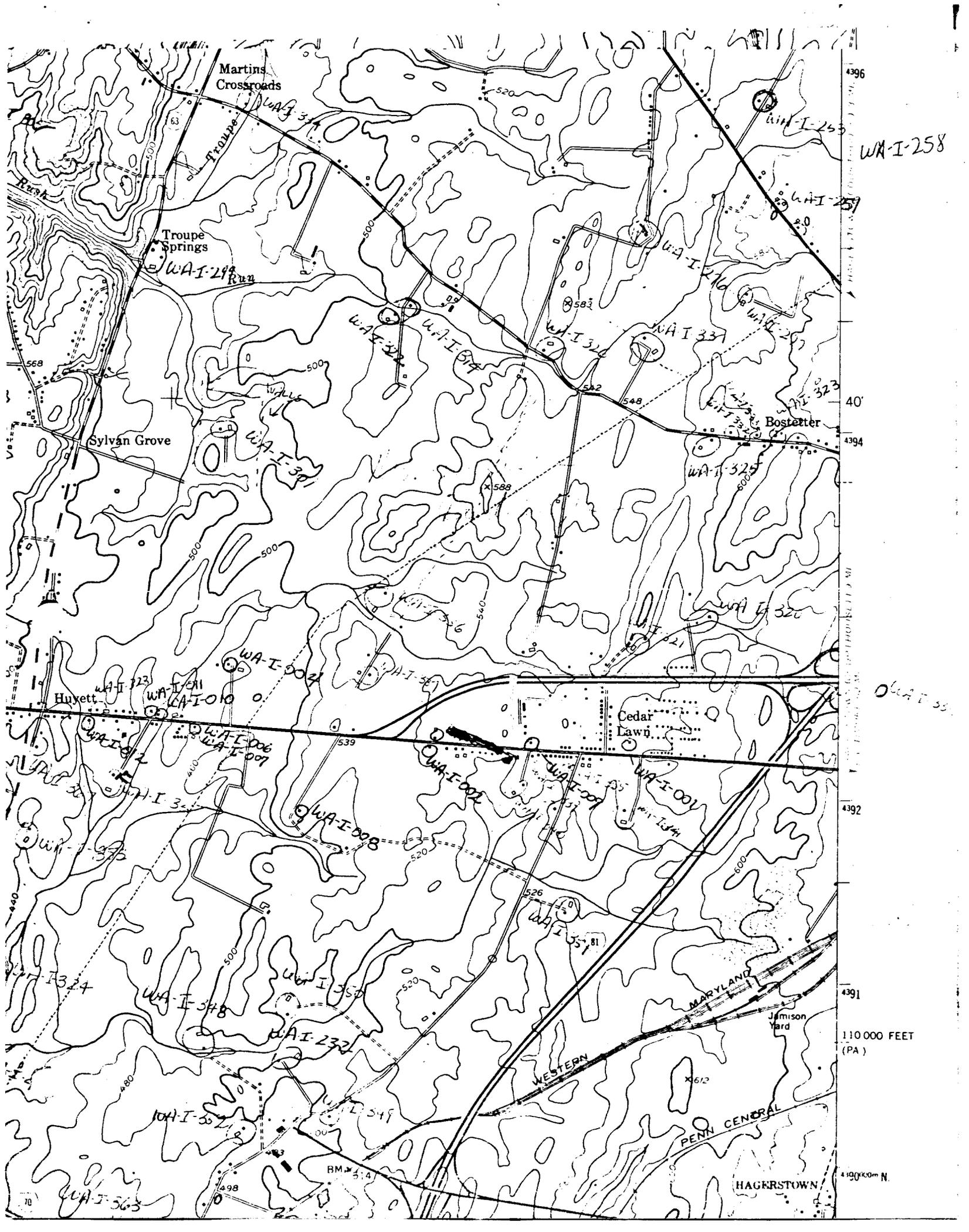
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**Maryland 21740**

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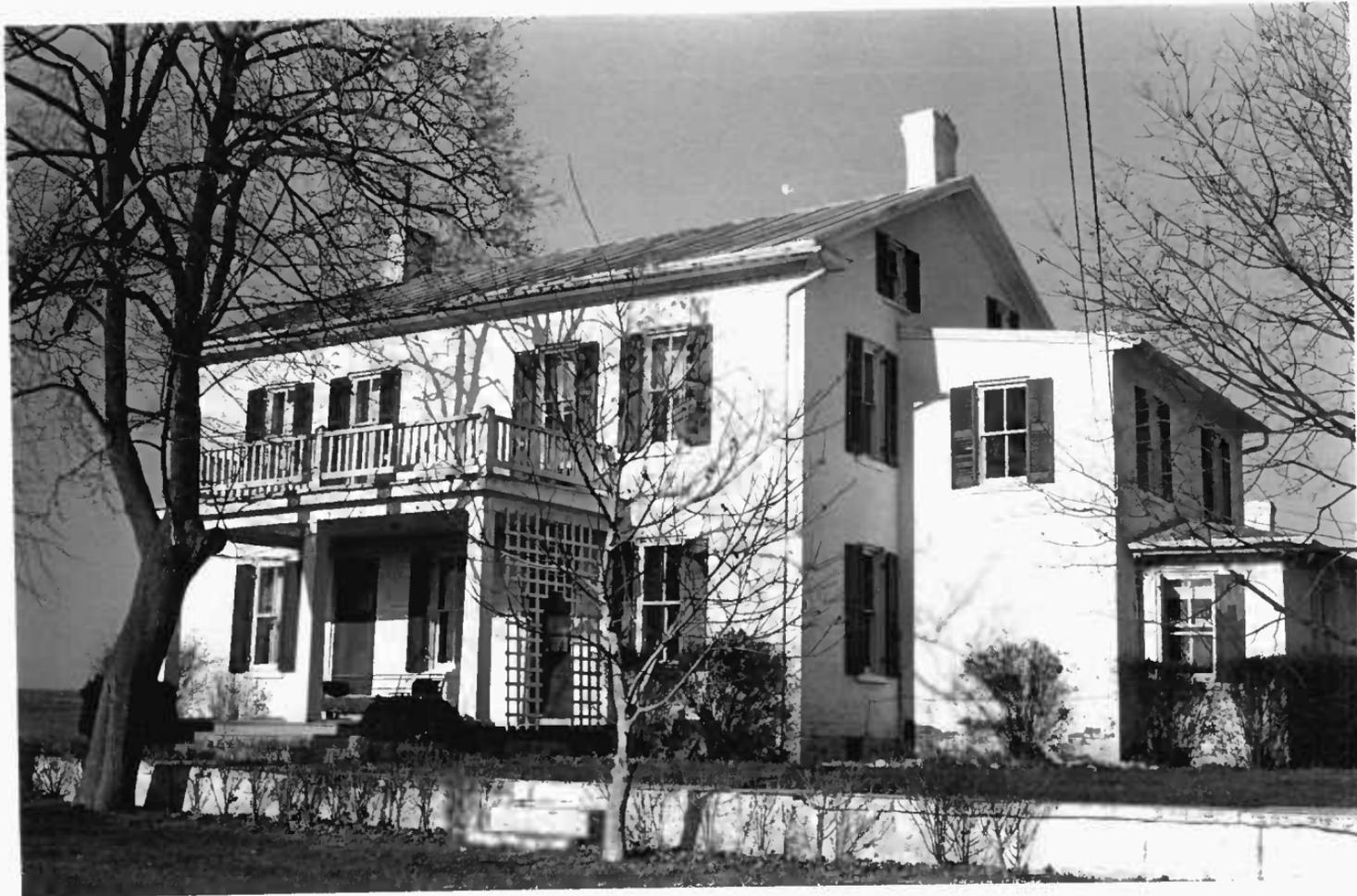
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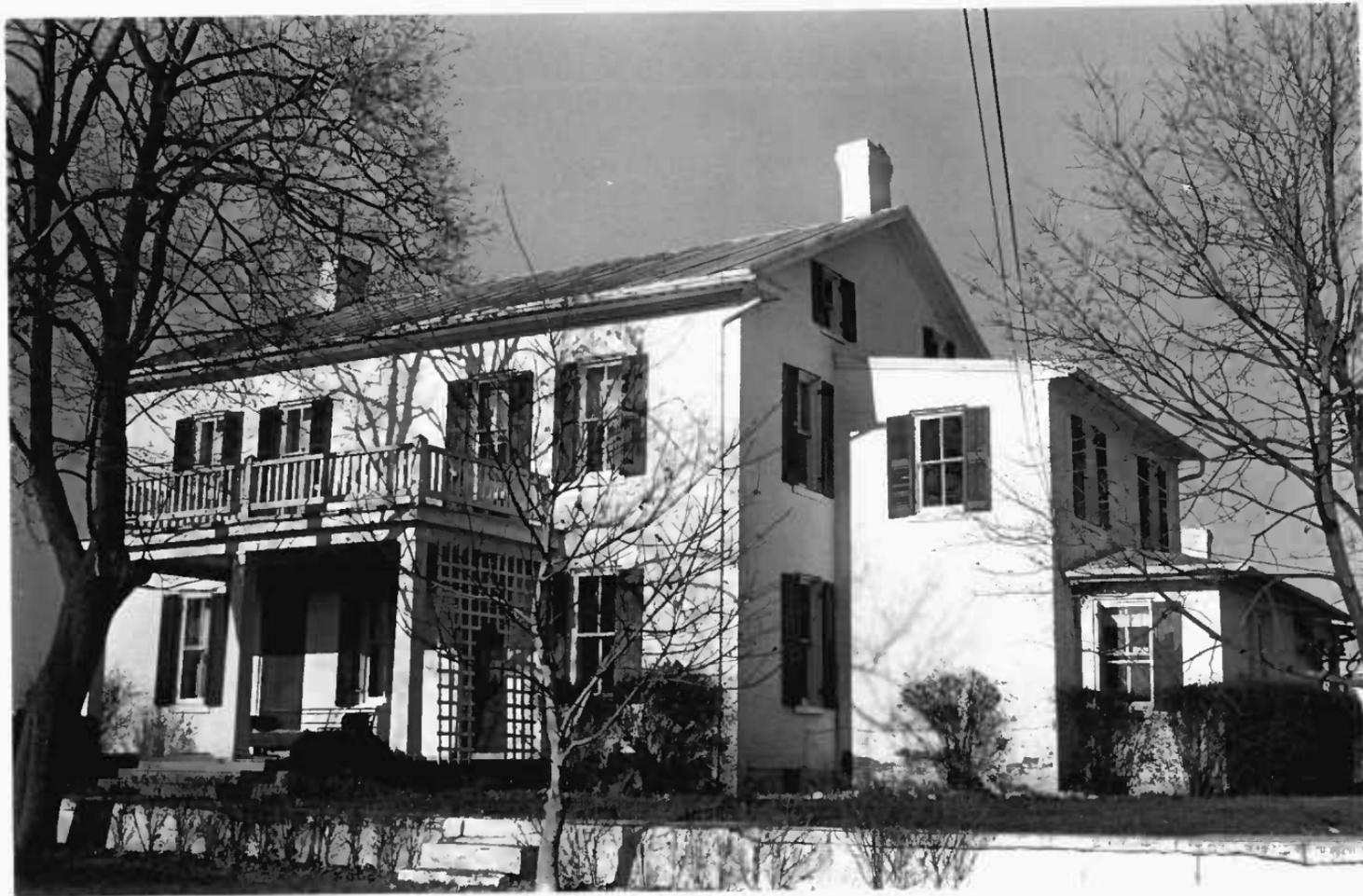
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