MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

Property Name: 17811 Reiff Church Road Inventory Number: WA-I-261

Address: 17811 Reiff Church Road Historic district: ___ yes X no

City: Hagerstown Zip Code: ___ County: Washington

USGS Quadrangle(s): Hagerstown

Property Owner: Preston Horst Tax Account ID Number: 495

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 2 Tax Map Number: 24

Project: Hagerstown Airport 5-year CIP Agency: FAA

Agency Prepared By: Martin Abbott, URS

Preparer's Name: ___ Date Prepared: 9/1/2001

Documentation is presented in: MIHP Form

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: ___ Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: ___

Inventory Number: ___ Eligible: ___ yes Listed: ___ yes

Site visit by MHT Staff ___ yes X no Name: ___ Date: ___

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attatch map and photo)*

17811 Reiff Church Road does not appear eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criteria A, B, C or D. The resource does not appear significant for its method of construction or architecture. 17811 Reiff Church Road represents an early example of the duplex type, a common building type in Washington County and originated with the migration of Pennsylvania Germans into Washington County during the 18th and nineteenth centuries. 17811 Reiff Church Road has been altered from its original appearance, compromising its architectural integrity. This resource was documented on an MHT survey form in 1977 and changes since then include the replacement of window sash, the enclosure of the rear porch, the application of stucco and aluminum siding on the two-story west section. As a result of these changes the property's integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised. Archival research conducted at local and county libraries and historical societies, and investigations of cultural resource studies at MHT have produced no information indicating the resource to be significant for its association with significant events or persons, or for its ability to yield information important in historic or prehistory.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ___ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D **Considerations:** ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G

MHT Comments:

Tania Georgiou Tully Wednesday, October 17, 2001

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

___ ___

Reviewer, National Register Program **Date**

Summary Table- Historic Architectural Resources

URS Survey No.	Resource	MIHP Inventory No.	Historic Resource	Date or Period	Style/Type	NRHP Status
2	Swisher-Martin Farmstead	WA-I-247	Barn and Outbuildings	c. 1880	n/a	NE
3	18910 Air View Road	WA-I-479	Farm Complex	c. 1910	Duplex-Type	NE
4	14201 Pennsylvania Avenue	WA-I-470	Dwelling	1916	Four-square	NE
5	14511 Byers Road	WA-I-694	Dwelling	1897	Side-gabled vernac.	NE
6	14225 Basore Road	WA-I-695	Dwelling	Mid-20th c.	Cape Cod	NE
7	14216 Maugansville Road	WA-I-696	Dwelling	1926	Four-square	NE
8	14219 Maugansville Road	WA-I-697	Dwelling	Late-19th c.	n/a	NE
9	14220 Maugansville Road	WA-I-698	Dwelling	Mid-20th c.	Cape Cod	NE
10	14225 Maugansville Road	WA-I-703	Dwelling	Late-19th c.	Side-gabled vernac.	NE
11	14402 Maugansville Road	WA-I-699	Farm Complex	moved 1925	Duplex-Type	NE
12	17701 Reiff Church Road	WA-I-701	Farm Complex	Mid-19th c.	Duplex-Type	NE
13	17706 Reiff Church Road	WA-I-702	Dwelling	Late-19th c.	Side-gabled vernac.	NE
14	17806 Reiff Church Road	WA-I-262	Farm Complex	c. 1855	Duplex-Type	NE
15	17811 Reiff Church Road	WA-I-261	Farm Complex	1790	Duplex-Type	NE
16	14204 Daley Road	WA-I-700	Dwelling	Late-19th c.	Duplex-Type	NE

E = Eligible
NE = Not Eligible

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ____ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: ___A___B___C___D **Considerations:** ___A___B___C___D___E___F___G___None

Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date 10/17/08

Reviewer, NR program — Date

WA-I-261

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WA-I-261

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

2. Location

street and number	17811 Reiff Church Rd.	__ not for publication
city, town	Hagerstown	x vicinity
county	Washington	

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Preston Horst				
street and number	17811 Reiff Church Road			telephone	
city, town	Hagerstown	state	MD	zip code	21740

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Washington County Register of Deeds Office			liber	646	folio	151
city, town	Hagerstown	tax map 24	tax parcel 2		tax ID number	496	

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
__x__ Other: Previous Survey Form (WA-I-261)

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
_____district	_____public	__x__agriculture	_____landscape	3	_____ buildings
__x__building(s)	__x__private	_____commerce/trade	_____recreation/culture	_____	_____ sites
_____structure	_____both	_____defense	_____religion	_____	_____ structures
_____site		_____domestic	_____social	_____	_____ objects
_____object		_____education	_____transportation	3	_____ Total
		_____funerary	_____work in progress		
		_____government	_____unknown		
		_____health care	_____vacant/not in use		
		_____industry	_____other:		

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

_____

7. Description

Inventory No. WA-I-261

Condition

___ excellent	___ deteriorated
x good	___ ruins
___ fair	___ altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

17811 Reiff Church Road's main block is a stone, two-and-one-half story, four-bay, two-pile, side-gabled, duplex-type dwelling. The duplex type is defined by a four-bay front facade with a pair of front doors in the inner bays. The resource faces south. The stone is native limestone and is rough cut and laid in regular course on the front façade. On the side and rear facades, the stone is uncut and without coursing. The side-gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Two interior brick chimneys are located at each gable end. A datestone, with the year 1790 and the initials M.B., is located in the west gable end. The dwelling has a simple wood cornice with gable end returns. Window openings are rectangular and contain one-over-one replacement sash. The front doors have rectangular transom windows. The dwelling contains a full-width, single-story front porch with a half-hipped roof. The porch has turned post supports with decorative brackets and was added to the main block sometime in the late nineteenth century.

A two-and-one-half story section is attached to the main block's west end. It has a stone foundation and its exterior walls are covered with stucco and aluminum siding. A brick gable end chimney is located at its west end. (A 1977 survey form speculates that this section may be of brick construction.) A single story enclosure with aluminum siding, originally partially a porch similar to the one on the front façade, is located on the north façade.

A butchering business, Horst's Meats, is operated out of the numerous outbuildings located in the vicinity of the dwelling. Most of the outbuildings are modern. The bank barn was built circa 1900 and has been modernized with a concrete block foundation and replacement vertical board siding. A brick smokehouse located east of the house retains its original fabric.

8. Significance

Inventory No. WA-I-261

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
x 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
__ 1800-1899	__ architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
x 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce		__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ ethnic heritage	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning	__ exploration/ settlement	__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates house – 1790, barn – c. 1900

Evaluation for:

__x__ National Register _____Maryland Register _____not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Based upon the datestone visible in the west gable, 17811 Reiff Church Road was built in 1790. The dwelling is depicted on the 1859 Taggart map and the 1877 Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson atlas as owned by David Horst. The first member of the Horst family in Washington County was John Horst, a Mennonite farmer who moved from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania in 1837 and settled in the area northwest of Hagerstown. John Horst and his wife had eleven children, including David. The Horst's still own 17811 Reiff Church Road.

17811 Reiff Church Road does not appear eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, C, or D (as specified in 36 CFR 60.4). The resource does not appear significant for its method of construction or architecture (Criterion C). 17811 Reiff Church Road represents an early example of the duplex type, a common building type in Washington County that originated with the migration of Pennsylvania Germans into the county during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. 17811 Reiff Church Road has been altered from its original appearance, compromising its architectural integrity. This resource was documented on an MHT survey form in 1977 and changes since then include the replacement of window sash, the enclosure of the rear porch, the application of stucco and aluminum siding on the two-story west section. As a result of these changes, the property's integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised. Archival research conducted at local and county libraries and historical societies, and investigations of cultural resource studies at MHT have produced no information indicating the resource to be significant for its associations with significant events or persons, or for its ability to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criteria A, B, and D).

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. WA-I-261

See Section 8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 92.68 acres
Acreage of historical setting
Quadrangle name Mason-Dixon Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Martin Abbot, Architectural Historian		
organization	URS Corporation	date	September, 2001
street & number	671 Moore Road	telephone	610-337-3666
city or town	King of Prussia	state	PA

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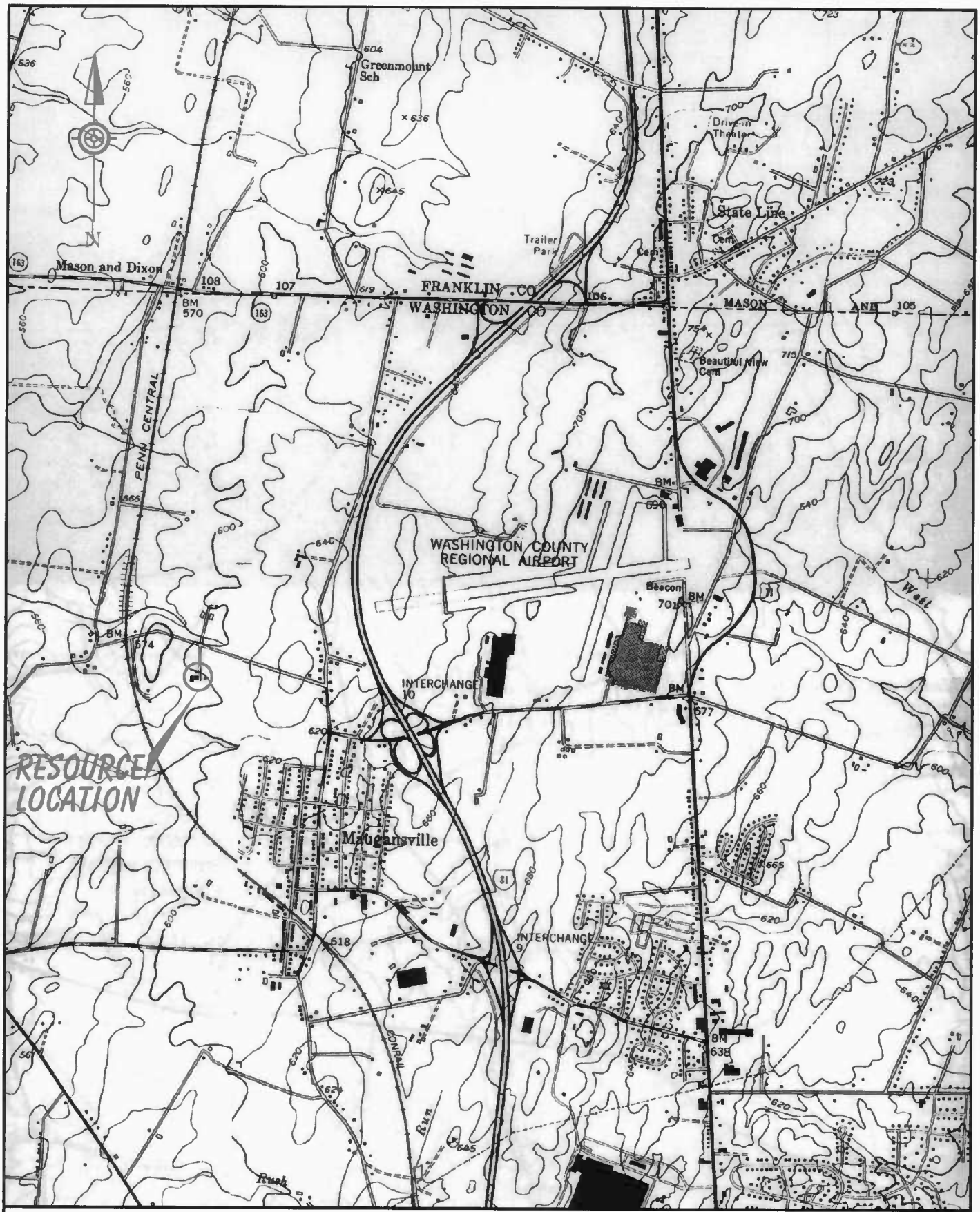

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17811 REIFF CHURCH RD.

Washington County, MD

Martin Abbot

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URS Corp. 671 Moore Rd.
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Looking S @ rear ~~ent~~ elevation
from entrance driveway

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Looking N @ front elevation

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King of Prussia, PA

Looking SW @ house w/
smokehouse to left

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King of Prussia, PA

Cooking SE @ house

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WA-I-261
17811 REIFF CHURCH RD.
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MD

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King of Prussia PA

Looking SE @ Smokehouse

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17811 Reiff Church Rd.

Washington County, MD

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Looking SW @ barn complex

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ABSTRACT
WA-I-261 1790
"Diamond Square Farm"
Maugansville Vicinity
private

Although extensively altered at the exterior, this two story, four bay stone farmhouse built in 1790 provides an example of the type of housing that was in use late in the 18th century in Washington County. Constructed of the native limestone over the four bay, two front door plan, the house reflects Pennsylvania building traditions.

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WA-I-261
District 13
Map 24
Parcel 496
2202475204

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
"Diamond Square Farm"

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Reiff's Church Road

CITY, TOWN

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Cearfoss-Maugansville

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X 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
Jacob E. Horst

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Route # 6, Box 186

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 216
Folio #: 537

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Washington County Court House

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

WR I-86

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
_EXCELLENT	_DETERIORATED	_UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	_RUINS	X ALTERED > 50%	_MOVED DATE_____
_FAIR	_UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farmhouse is located at the end of a private lane leading in a southerly direction from Reiff's Church Road just east of the Penn Central Railroad between Maugansville and Cearfoss in Washington County, Maryland.

The structure is a two story, four bay dwelling constructed of native limestone which displays careful coursing at the front elevation. It stands on relatively level ground and faces south. Set high in the west gable is a datestone with an arched top and trimmed in brick, indicating the year 1790 and the initials M.B. The rear elevation of the house displays masonry with less attention given to coursing. Attached to the west gable end of the stone structure is a two story, three bay wooden section which is possibly of log construction.

Windows in the stone house appear to be arranged symmetrically at the front elevation. All have had their original frames replaced with late 19th or early 20th century woodwork. Some window frames retain hinge pins for shutters. The first story windows at the rear of the house are topped with flat arches. The arches which are presumably at the front elevation are covered by the roof of a one story, Victorian period porch. All windows have two over two pane sashes which are not original. The wooden section has two over two pane windows surrounded by wide architraves.

The stone house has two front doors centered in the south elevation. Both are treated similarly with narrow transoms above the doors. Alterations in the masonry at the back of the house suggest that a door was present there at one time.

The house is roofed with what appears to be an early type of asphalt shingle. The roof extends beyond the end walls of the house. Small brick chimneys with corbeling at their tops are located inside each end wall. An exterior chimney also of brick extends up the west end wall of the wooden section.

A small brick outbuilding is located east of the house. A large barn is located to its west. The buildings appear to be in good condition and stand on a tract containing 113.18 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION	
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE	
__1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE	
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
X 1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER	
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION	
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		__INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Datestone-1790 M.B. BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although extensively altered at the exterior, this two story, four bay stone farmhouse built in 1790 provides an example of the type of housing that was in use late in the 18th century in Washington County. Constructed of the native limestone over the four bay, two front door plan, the house reflects Pennsylvania building traditions.

The farm has been in the Horst family since the mid 19th century (IN7/506). It includes rts of the land grants "Diamond Square," "The Swamp" and "Goodwill."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 113.18 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 DATE

Washington County Historical Sites Survey March 1977

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street 791-3065

CITY OR TOWN STATE

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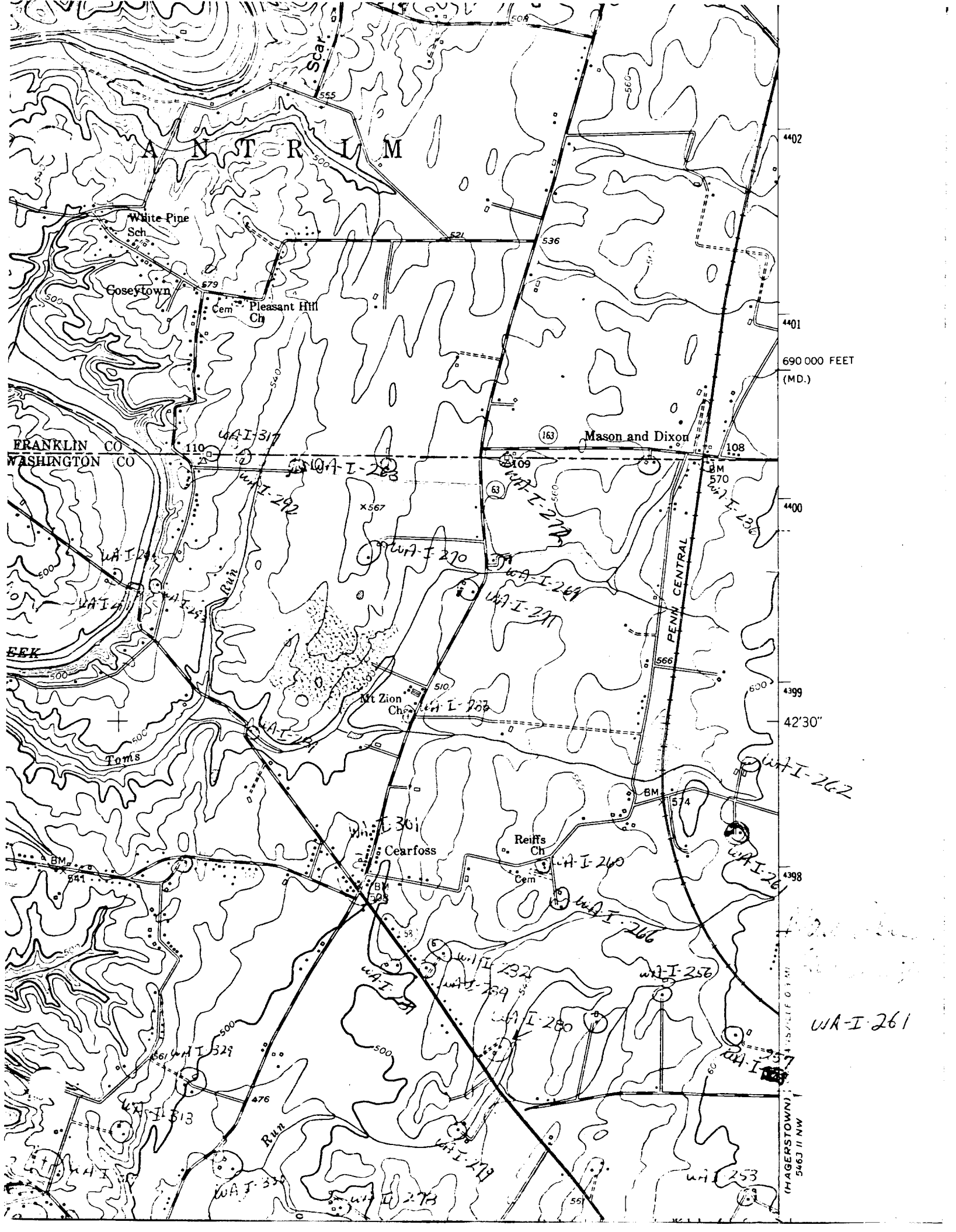
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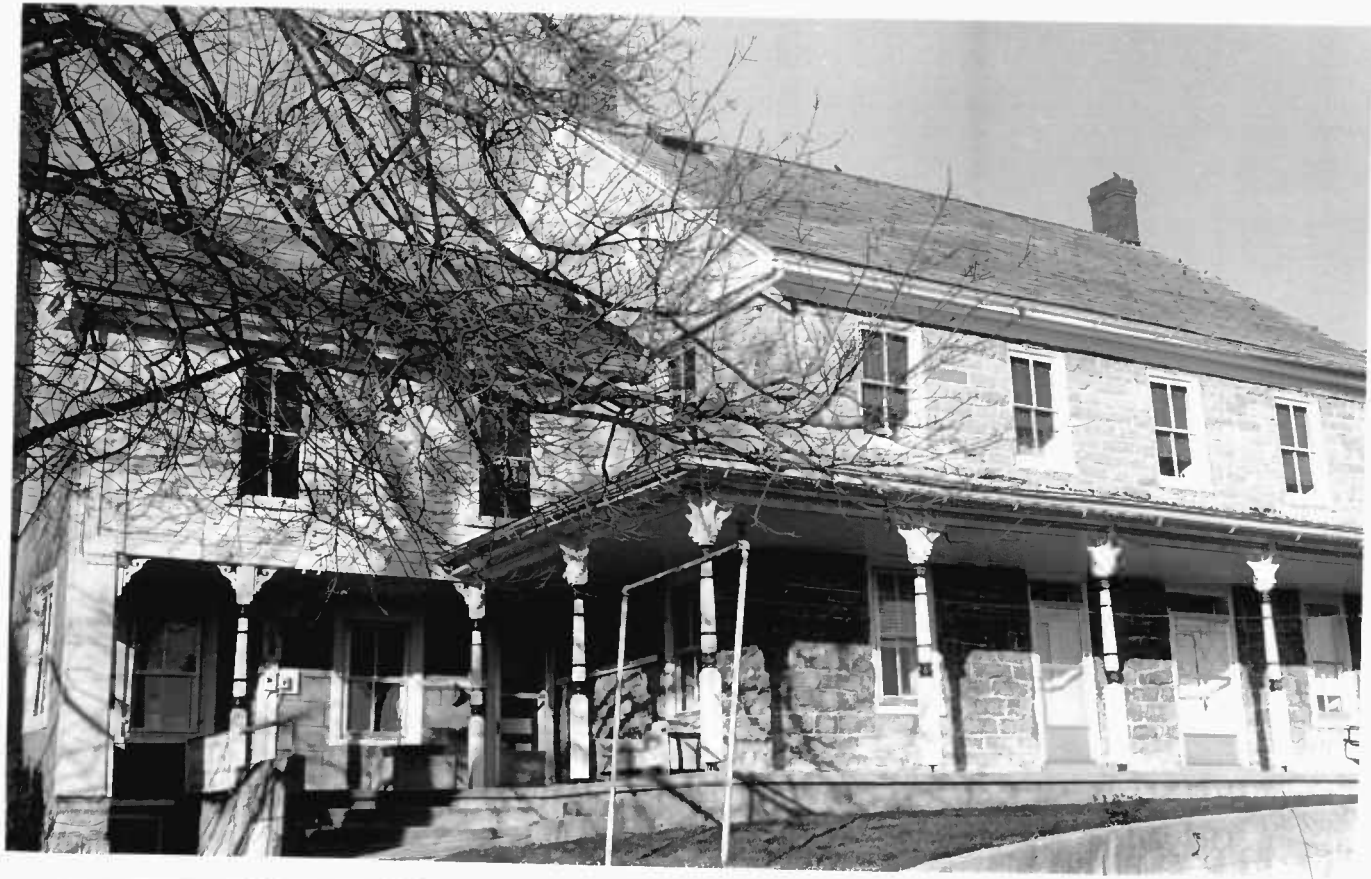

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