MARTIN FARM

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HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY

ABSTRACT
WA-I-281 19th Century
Martin Farm
Cearfoss
private

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District 13
Map 23
Parcel 83

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Martin Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Maryland route 58, Cearfoss Pike

CITY, TOWN
Cearfoss

X VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
- __DISTRICT
- X BUILDING(S)
- __STRUCTURE
- __SITE
- __OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
- __PUBLIC
- X PRIVATE
- __BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- __IN PROCESS
- __BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
- X OCCUPIED
- __UNOCCUPIED
- __WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE
- __YES: RESTRICTED
- __YES: UNRESTRICTED
- X NO

PRESENT USE
- X AGRICULTURE
- __COMMERCIAL
- __EDUCATIONAL
- __ENTERTAINMENT
- __GOVERNMENT
- __INDUSTRIAL
- __MILITARY
- __MUSEUM
- __PARK
- X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- __RELIGIOUS
- __SCIENTIFIC
- __TRANSPORTATION
- __OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Arlan E. Martin, et al

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Route # 6, Box 87

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 564
Folio #: 378

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

WA-I-251

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 farm complex is located south of Maryland route 58, the Cearfoss Pike, just east of Cearfoss in Washington County.

The house stands on relatively level ground and faces northeast. It is a two story seven bay brick structure built in two parts and resting on very low stone foundations. A small two story shed roofed addition is attached to the northwest end of the house while a newer, one story brick and frame addition has been built at the south corner of the house. The structure is divided by a vertical seam between the third and fourth bays from the east corner of the front elevation. The southeast part of the house appears to be older. It displays American or common bonding at all exposed elevations with five to seven courses of stretchers between header rows. This part of the house has six over six pane window sashes held within frames beneath wide wooden lintels. Many of these windows are flanked with pairs of louvered shutters.

The northwest part of the house which appears to be an addition also displays common bonding with, generally, seven or eight courses of stretchers between header rows. Windows have segmentally arched tops above two over two pane sashes with louvered shutters. Entrances in both sections appear to be framed similarly to the windows.

The entire roof is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. Narrow brick chimneys with corbeling at their tops are located inside the end walls and at the point where the two sections join.

West of the house is a large frame bank barn and other agricultural buildings. The structures appear to be in fair to good condition and stand on a tract containing 81.14 acres.

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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
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The farm was purchased by David R. Lesher from members of the Reiff family in 1895 and was owned by David Lesher until his death in 1940. It was purchased by the present owners in 1973. The current deed to the property mentions a graveyard on the farm.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 81.14 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
April 1977

STREET & NUMBER
County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE
791-3065

CITY OR TOWN
Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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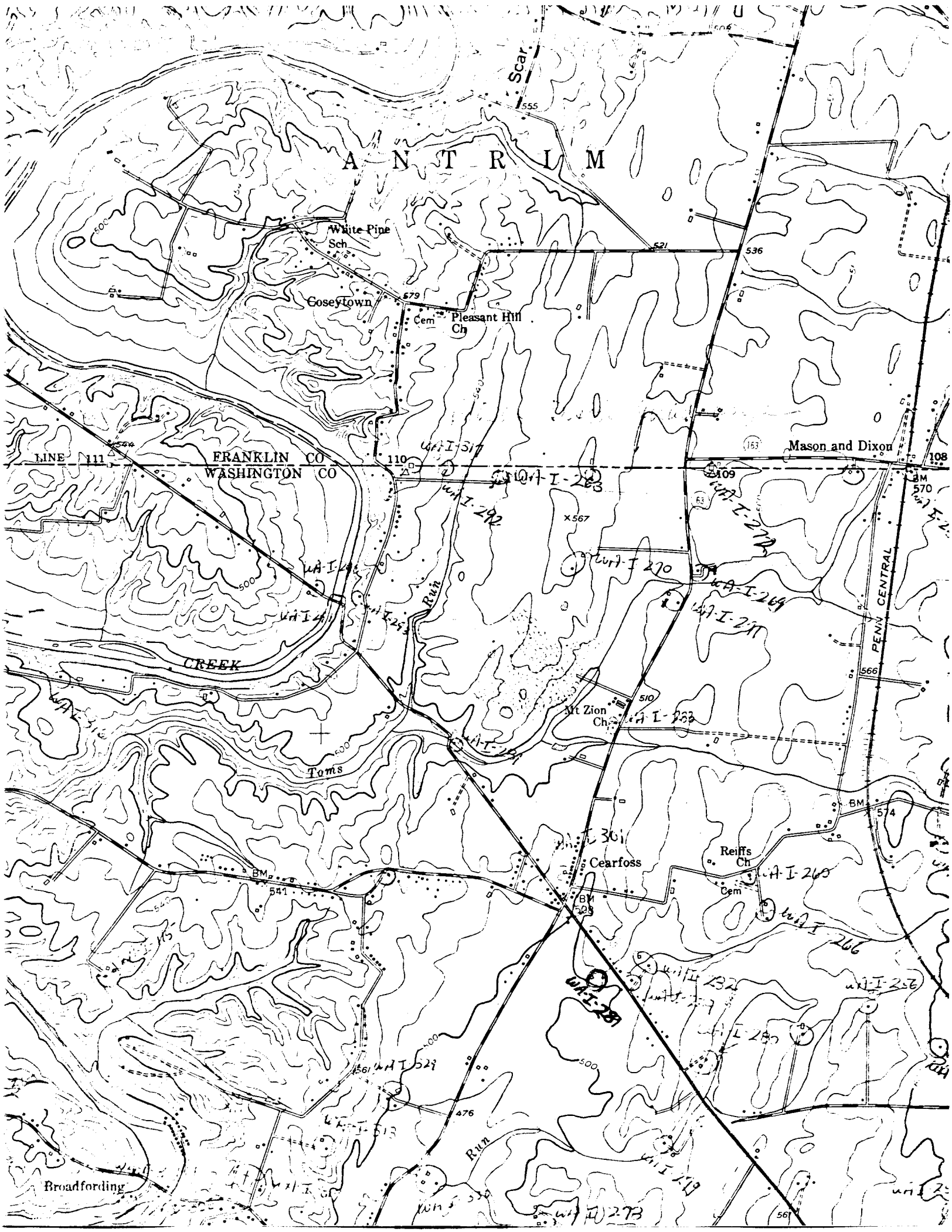

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