

ABSTRACT

WA-I-285

1860

The Herman Farm

Hagerstown Vicinity

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-285
District 13
Map 24
Parcel 471

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
The Herman Farm
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Showalter Road
CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

COUNTY

STATE
Maryland

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES RESTRICTED

YES UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Fairchild Industries Inc., C/O Ronald Zielinski

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Showalter Road

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 #: 627
Folio #: 53

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Maryland Historical Trust Survey

DATE
Summer 1967

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21402

7 DESCRIPTION

WA I-285

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the north side of Showalter Road between I-81 and U.S. Route 11, just south of the Hagerstown Airport in Washington County, Maryland. The house and barn stand on an area of level ground and face south.

The house is a two story, three bay brick dwelling with a two story, two bay ell extending to the rear. The building rests on low fieldstone foundations and is dated, according to a former owner, June, 1860. It would appear that the entire structure was built at one time. The walls which have been painted white display Flemish bonding at the front elevation while common bonding is used at the side and rear elevations.

Windows have narrow frames which hold six over six pane sashes at both main stories and the attic. Pairs of paneled shutters flank the windows. The main entrance is located in the east bay of the south or front elevation. Flanking the door are sidelights above which is a broad, eight light transom.

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

The interior of the house features a large stair and entrance hall. Doors are trimmed with decorated corner blocks, and the parlor fireplace with a beveled central panel.

West of the house is a frame bank barn with high limestone foundations. It is dated 1856.

The buildings are in excellent condition and stand on a tract containing 25.22 acres.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PERIOD | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1860. Barn 1856 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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George Herman acquired this property in 1853 (IN7/613, IN7/614). In 1892 his executors sold it to William Sperow (99/416) who in turn sold it to Moab Showalter in 1900 (112/355). It remained in the Showalter family until 1945 when Henson Flying Service, Inc. purchased the farm (231/490, 148/665, 259/354). The property includes part of the land grant, "Garden of E. . ." According to a former owner, the house was built by a Dr. Herman.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 25.22 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

May 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

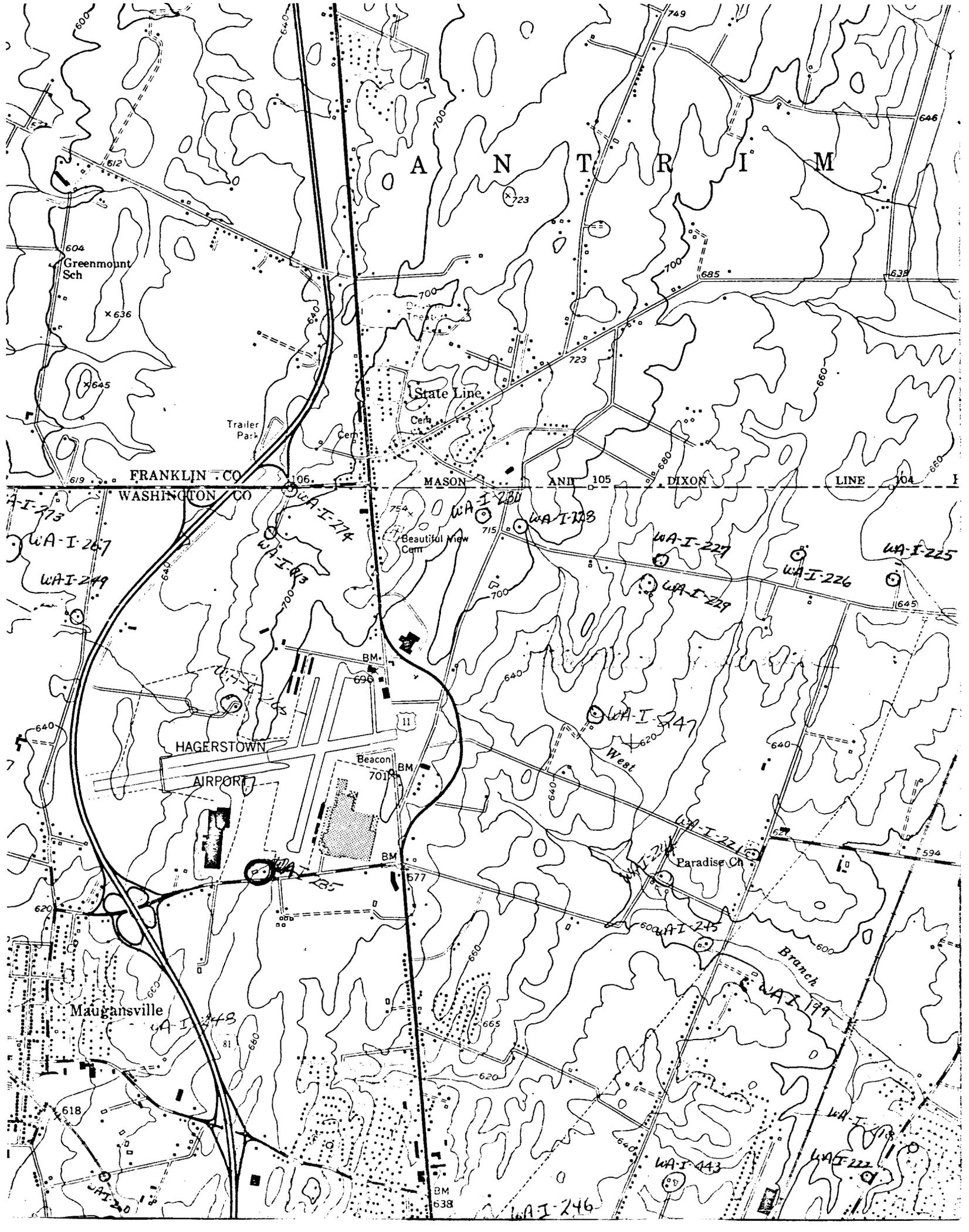
STATE

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maugansville

State Line

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Greenmount Sch

Trailer Park

Beacon

West

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