

ABSTRACT  
WA-I-313  
Log House  
Fairview  
private

19th Century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Log House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER (Fairview Church Road)  
Maryland route 494 and Rockdale Road

CITY, TOWN

Fairview

VICINITY OF Clear Spring

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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

Clifton D. Shank

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 310

CITY, TOWN

Clear Spring

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21722

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 176

Folio #: 302

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the west side of Maryland route 494, the Fairview Road, just north of Rockdale Road in Washington County. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces north east.

The structure is a two story, three bay log dwelling sheathed with German siding. A one story ell extends to the rear. The building rests on low fieldstone foundations.

Windows and doors appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation. All windows observed at the main stories have six over six pane double hung sashes trimmed with architraves with pointed top pieces. Hinge pins indicate that shutters were present at one time.

Doors are located in the first and second bays from the east corner of the front elevation. The center entrance is topped with a transom. Above the other door are marks in the siding suggesting that the height of the opening has been altered. Other entrances are located in the southeast elevation of the ell which is protected by a deep overhanging porch. A one story hipped roof porch extends across the front elevation. It is supported by pairs of turned posts, between which runs a balustrade with vertical and diagonal balusters.

The roof of the main section is sheathed with corrugated sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. A standing seam tin roof is present on the back section. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end, the larger being at the northwest elevation. An exterior stone and brick flue is attached to the ell. Plain boxing finishes the eaves.

The house appears to be in fair to good condition and stands on a tract containing 82.59 acres, where a tannery once operated.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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For much of the 19th century this property was owned by the Fiery (also spelled Firey) family who apparently operated the tannery. They owned a large amount of land in the vicinity of present day Fairview and still retain several farms in the area.

In an equity court case (13/305) this particular tract was described as having been improved with two comfortable two story log houses, a stable, tannery and bark house. The exact location of the other structures is not known at present.

The land is part of "Kreigh's Establishment" a land grant to the Kreigh family who held this property until the early 19th century. In 1873 the property was conveyed by Joseph Middlekauff and Joseph Fiery, trustees to David C. Herbert (WMcKK5/632). It remained in the Herbert family until it was purchased by the present owner in 1927.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**Washington County Land Records.**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 82.59 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

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ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**July 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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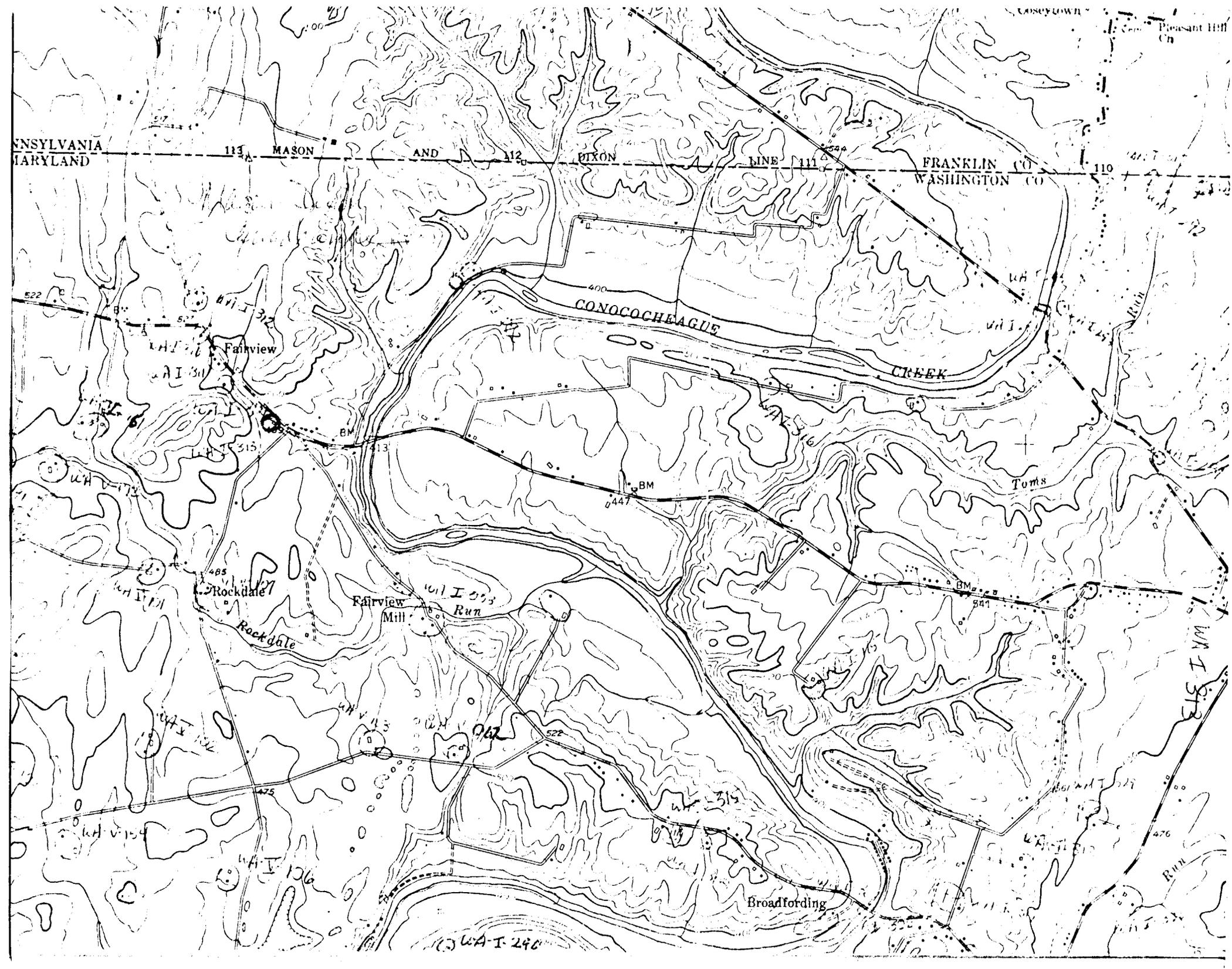
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