

ABSTRACT

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1807

**Bostetter Farm
Hagerstown Vicinity
private**

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bostetter Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Broadfording Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Broadfording Road near Bostetter

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF **Hagerstown**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Martin V. B. Bostetter Estate

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

520 Salem Avenue

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 #: **261**

Folio #: **599**

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

WX-I-331

7 DESCRIPTION

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 farm is located on the north side of Broadfording Road, just west of the village of Bostetter, west of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. The house and barn are situated on level land on either side of a private lane.

The house is a two story, five bay brick structure built in 1807 by Jacob Bostetter. It rests on low fieldstone foundations. The walls display Flemish bond brickwork at the front elevation while common bonding with three courses of headers between stretcher rows are used in the south, west and north walls. Flat arches are present above main story windows and a round arch of brick finishes a window in the rear elevation. A two story wing with a shed roof, also of brick construction is attached to the north end wall. It would appear to date from the late 19th century.

Openings seem to have been spaced symmetrically in the front and rear elevations. First story windows are noticeably larger than those at the second floor level. Generally the windows are small in relation to wall area. Windows at the two main stories have narrow casings trimmed with a bead at the inside edge. The original sashes have been replaced with two over two pane double hung windows. At the front elevation all windows are flanked with pairs of louvered shutters. Those at the upper story have movable louvers. At the rear elevation pairs of two panel shutters remain at the first story level. Of particular significance in the west wall is a long narrow window with a round arched head centered in the second story. Above a nine or six sash are six smaller panes held within curved muntins, filling the arch. The window appears to be original and lights the main stair landing. It has a moderately wide molded frame. In the south gable are two small attic windows having wide frames joined with pegging.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The door has six raised panels and is hung beneath a transom. The interior surface of the door is of vertical boards. Opposite the front door is another entrance in the rear elevation which also has a door with six raised panels and what appears to be an original elbow lock. Some sort of entrance porch was once present at this door. At the east elevation a three bay, one story porch appearing to date from the late 19th century shelters the front door. Double porches are present along the front and rear elevations of the addition.

The roof of the main house is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. A band of cove molding finishes the eaves. Large brick chimneys with several courses of corbeling at their tops are located inside the gable end walls. The south end chimney is placed slightly west of the center. Its flues are separated by a decorative brick filled arch.

The interior of the main section has four rooms at the first story, two on each side of a central hall. The stair is constructed into a recess in the hallway. Interior doors have six raised panels which match paneled window jambs. Mantelpieces are trimmed with decorative reeding. Most have central tablets, some with oval medallions. Chair rail and baseboards appear to be original.

Behind the house is a small brick outbuilding or kitchen which does not appear to be as old as the main dwelling. Several hundred feet east of the house is a large frame bank barn which faces east. It, too, appears to be newer than the house.

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **Built 1807** BUILDER/ARCHITECT **Jacob Bostetter**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Architecturally the house provides an example of early brick construction in the Cumberland Valley. Generally, brick did not become a favored building material for rural houses in the region until after 1820. This house, being fairly well documented provides a good basis for comparison with other brick structures in the area. Among its notable early 19th century features are the wide pegged original window frames, the use of common bonding with only three courses of stretchers between header rows as well as its general form and proportion. Interior early 19th century features are the federal style detailing in the use of reeding and oval panels in the woodwork. The house has several unusual features for Washington County, such as the arched window in the stair landing and the corbeled south chimney with its decorative arch. The form of the house follows the basic Georgian inspired plan consisting of four rooms at each story divided by a central stair hall. Although the house is a sophisticated example among Washington County's farm dwellings it displays a certain naive quality in its off centered south end chimney and irregular window placement in the gable of that wall.

The builder of the house according to local histories was Jacob Bostetter who purchased 235 acres of land acquired in various transactions during the late 18th century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 145 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

August 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

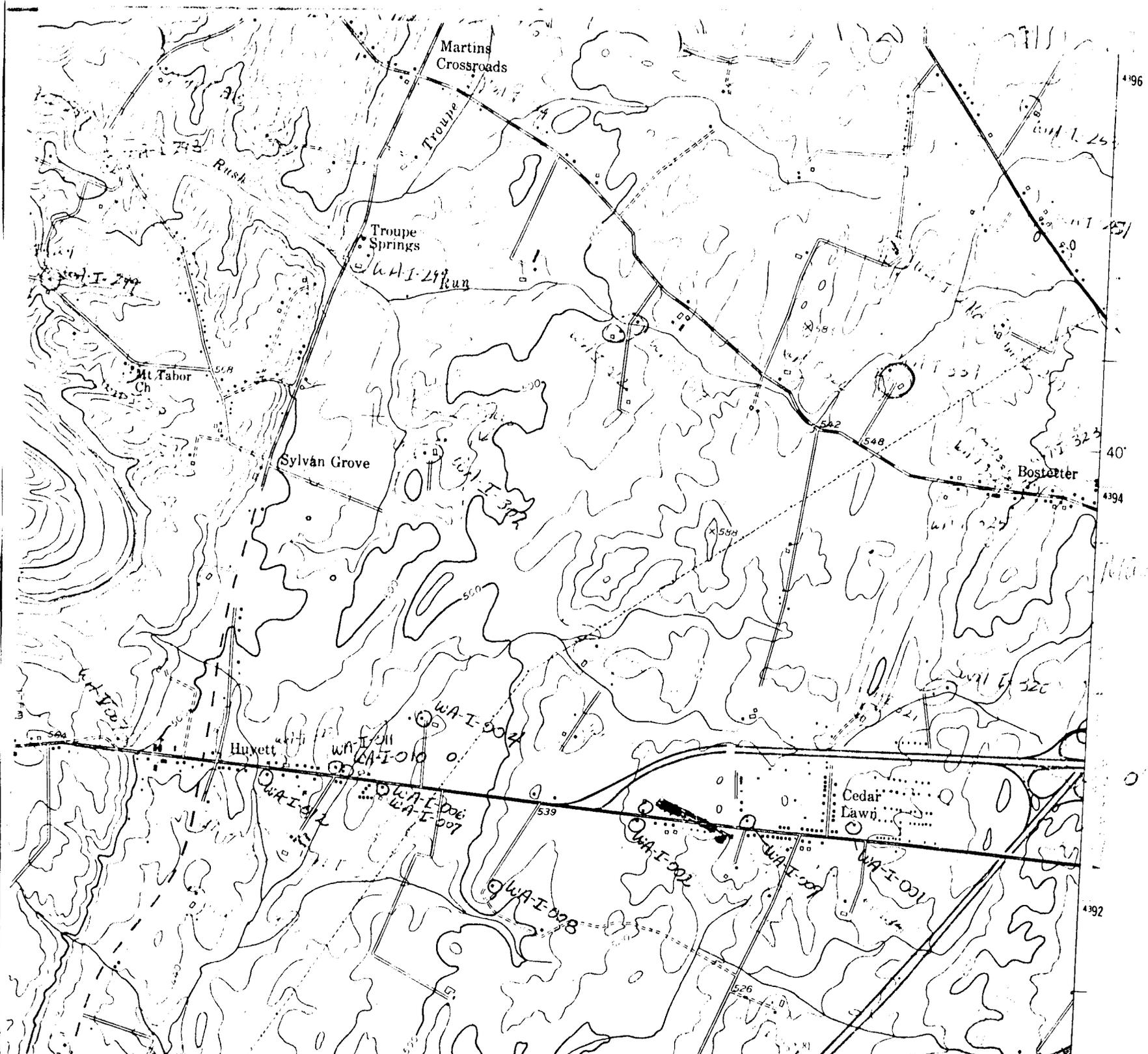
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Southeast of the house is a cemetery which includes markers inscribed with the surnames Murray, Gearhart and Foutz, all of whom were relatives of the Bostetter family. According to the present owner, Bostetter graves were moved from this cemetery. Also present is a farm lane south of the house which leads in a westerly direction. It may have been an early road, possibly a route to the nearby Salem Church.

The house and barn appear to be in good condition. At the time the property was visited in 1975, the house was being renovated. The farm includes parts of the land grants, "Resurvey on the Swamp of Experience," "Clyde's Dale," "Wolf's Purchase," "Troxell's Resurvey" and "Tom's Chance." It contains 145 acres and has been in the Bostetter family since before the house was built in 1807.



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Handwritten notes:
Martins Crossroads
Troupe Springs
Sylvan Grove
Huxett
Cedar Lawn
Bostetter

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