

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-I-407**

**18th-19th Century**

**"Agreed in Peace"**

**Rowland-Forsyth Farm (common)**

**Hagerstown Vicinity**

**private**

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-I-407  
District 10  
Map 57  
Parcel 94  
MAGI # 2206145235

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

"Agreed in Peace"

AND/OR COMMON

Rowland-Forsyth Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rench Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ronald P. Forsyth

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 3

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #: 558

Folio #: 564

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

WK I-407

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<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				

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located south of Rench Road, west of the Norfolk and Western Railroad tracks, east of the Downsville Pike in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of level ground beside a small stream and faces north. The building is a two story, three bay log house resting on fieldstone foundations. Extending to the rear or south is a one story, three bay log addition with a central chimney. Attached to the west end wall of the main house is a two story, two bay solid brick addition.

The walls of the main or oldest standing section are sheathed with composition siding. The log addition has had its siding removed revealing hewn logs with "V" notched corner joining. Most of the mortar in the chinking has fallen away. Also observable is the summer beam projecting through the south end wall.

In the main section windows and doors are small in size with massive frames. Most windows have two over two pane double hung sashes which are not original. The door is located in the center bay of the front elevation. Although there is no opening to be seen from the exterior at the second story level above the front door, according to the present owner, there at one time was an upper door at this location. This suggests that the front of the house had a two story porch.

The log addition also has wide window and door frames where the originals remain. Windows in the brick addition have narrow frames which hold a nine over six sash at the first story of the front elevation. A second story window of the same size has a modern single pane double hung sash. At the rear elevation, smaller windows are used, two with six over six lights and one with a new two over two pane sash. An entrance is located in the west end bay of the front elevation of the brick section. Common bond brick work is used at all elevations of the addition. Brick corbeling finishes its eaves.

The roof of all parts of the building is sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. A brick chimney is located inside the west end wall of the main log section. A brick chimney also extends from inside the end wall of the brick section. As mentioned earlier, a brick central chimney is located in the log addition.

Modern dairy barns stand west of the house. The dwelling appears to be in fair condition and stands on a tract containing 148.97 acres.

**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"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input 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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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 148.97 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

**December 1977**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

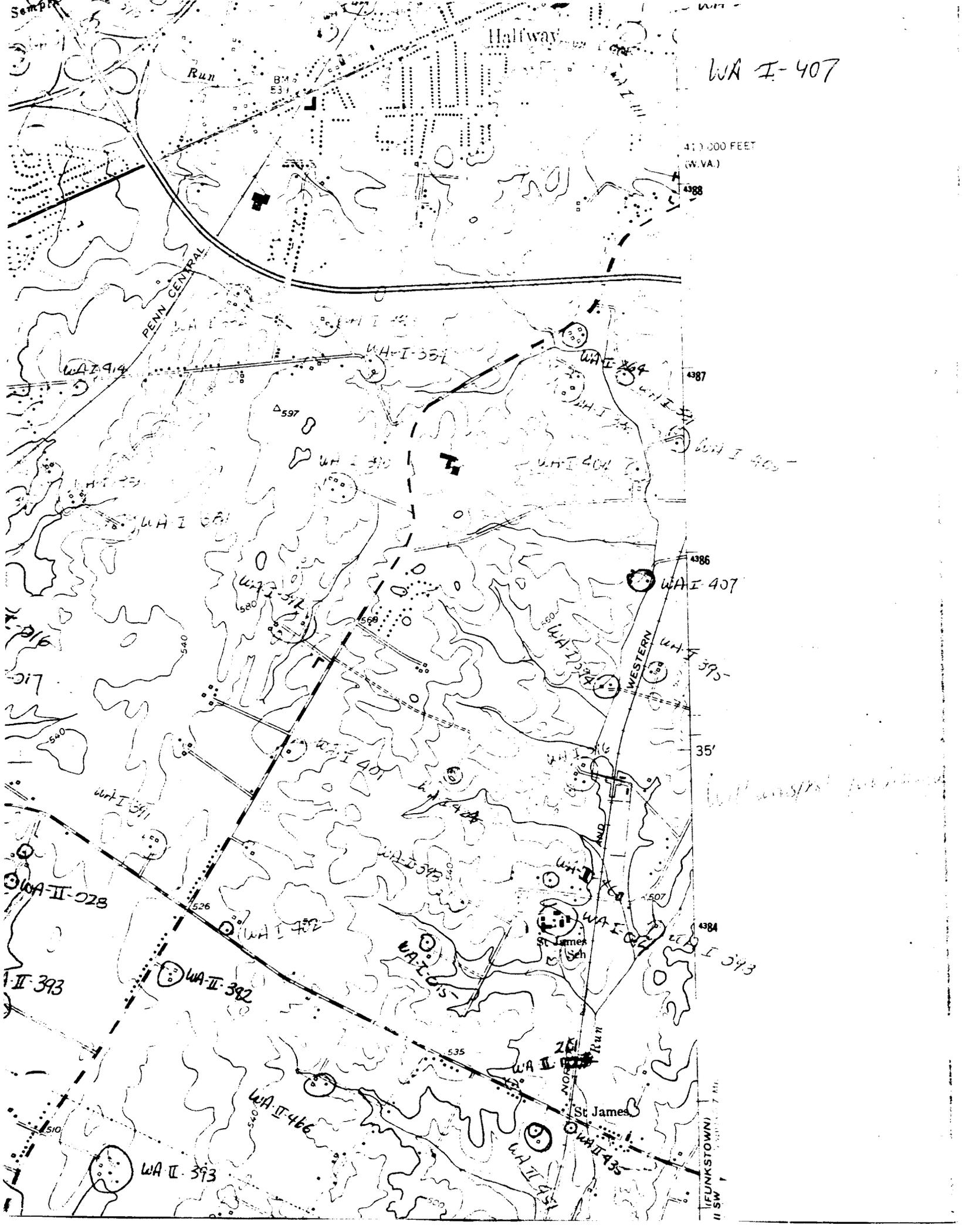
STATE

**Maryland 21740**

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



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41,000 FEET  
(W. VA.)

Halfway

Run

PENN CENTRAL

WESTERN

St James Sch

St James

(LUNKSTOWN)  
II SW



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Ignored in Peace

Hand - 1000 ft. down

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Lot 7-401

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Agreed in Peace

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Apr 1871

Agreed in Peace

Rowland. Lowyth Farm

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