ABSTRACT
WA-I-423 19th Century
Rocky Knolls
Funkstown Vicinity
private

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District 10
Map 63
Parcel 157
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Rocky Knolls

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Route 40-A

CITY, TOWN
X VICINITY OF Funkstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
James R. Mullendore

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Route # 9, Box 404

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 477 455
Folio #: 234 742

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED < 50%	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm house is located at the end of a private lane leading in a westerly direction from Route 40-A, south of Funkstown in Washington County, Maryland. The house stands on an area of relatively level ground and faces east. The farm consists of limestone land situated between the Antietam Creek and Route 40-A.

The house is a two story, five bay brick structure resting on low fieldstone foundations. A frame one and a half story, two bay wing is attached to the south end of the rear or west elevation.

The bricks forming the walls are laid in American bond at all elevations with, generally, six courses of stretcher bricks between rows of headers. Flat arches of brick are present above the windows. A massive one story front porch which appears to date from the early 20th century extends along the front elevation of the house. The porch showing elements of the Greek Revival Style is supported by doric-form pillars with square posts at the corners. A balustrade extends along the top of the porch above a decorated frieze.

Windows in the house have narrow rounded frames which hold two over two pane double hung sashes. Hinge pins set in the frames indicate that shutters were present at one time.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. It has trim which appears to be contemporary with the porch.

The roof is covered with slates and extends beyond the end walls. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

South of the house are barns and other agricultural buildings. Also present are ruins of what appear to be stone barn foundations.

The buildings are in good to excellent condition and stand on a tract containing 145.6 acres.

The owner of the farm has stated that the buildings were originally located along Route 40-A. Destroyed by fire, they were rebuilt at the present site during the late 19th century. A cemetery located on the property is a burial plot for the Breathed family with grave markers dating from the early 19th century.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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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In a deed dated December 18, 1847, John Breathed and others, presumably heirs of James and Frances Breathed sold the farm, then containing 203 acres to Isaac Breathed (IN3/93). This deed suggested that the farm was acquired in various transactions involving parts of the tracts "Kelly's Delight," "Town Hill," "Kelly's Chance" and "Kelly's Prospect" which were conveyed by William Breathed, et al to James and Frances Breathed on March 14, 1810. Also included were two small tracts, "Safety" and "Breathed's Desire" surveyed for John Beard on February 13, 1811, and conveyed to James and Frances Breathed. Additionally conveyed was part of "Jeremiah's Chance" which Jeremiah Cheney deeded to Edward Willis, November 14, 1812, who in turn conveyed part of the ground to James and Frances Breathed.

In his will probated January 19, 1858, Isaac Breathed who had substantial land holdings in Washington County and in Virginia, left this farm to his son John W. Breathed. (Will Liber E/404). The will suggests that Isaac Breathed was not living on this farm at the time the document was written. The attached information on John W. Breathed which is published in Williams' History of Washington County, indicates that he did not live on the property either.

On March 27, 1866, John W. Breathed sold the farm, then containing approximately 150 acres to William Brosius (IN19/377). Brosius in turn sold it to David Sprecher in October of the same year. (IN19/125). In 1868 the farm was purchased by Elias Rowland who owned it for nearly 30 years, selling it in 1897 to Daniel R. Doub (LBN2/334, 106/341). It remained in the Doub family until 1923 when it was sold to George Martz (165/159). The farm was then purchased by Harvey J. Leatherman (173/272). In 1933 the farm was acquired by Donald B. and Katherine S. Mullendore (184/208, 193/293). It has remained in the Mullendore family to the present.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Washington County Probate Records.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 145.6 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
October 1976

STREET & NUMBER
County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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CITY OR TOWN
Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

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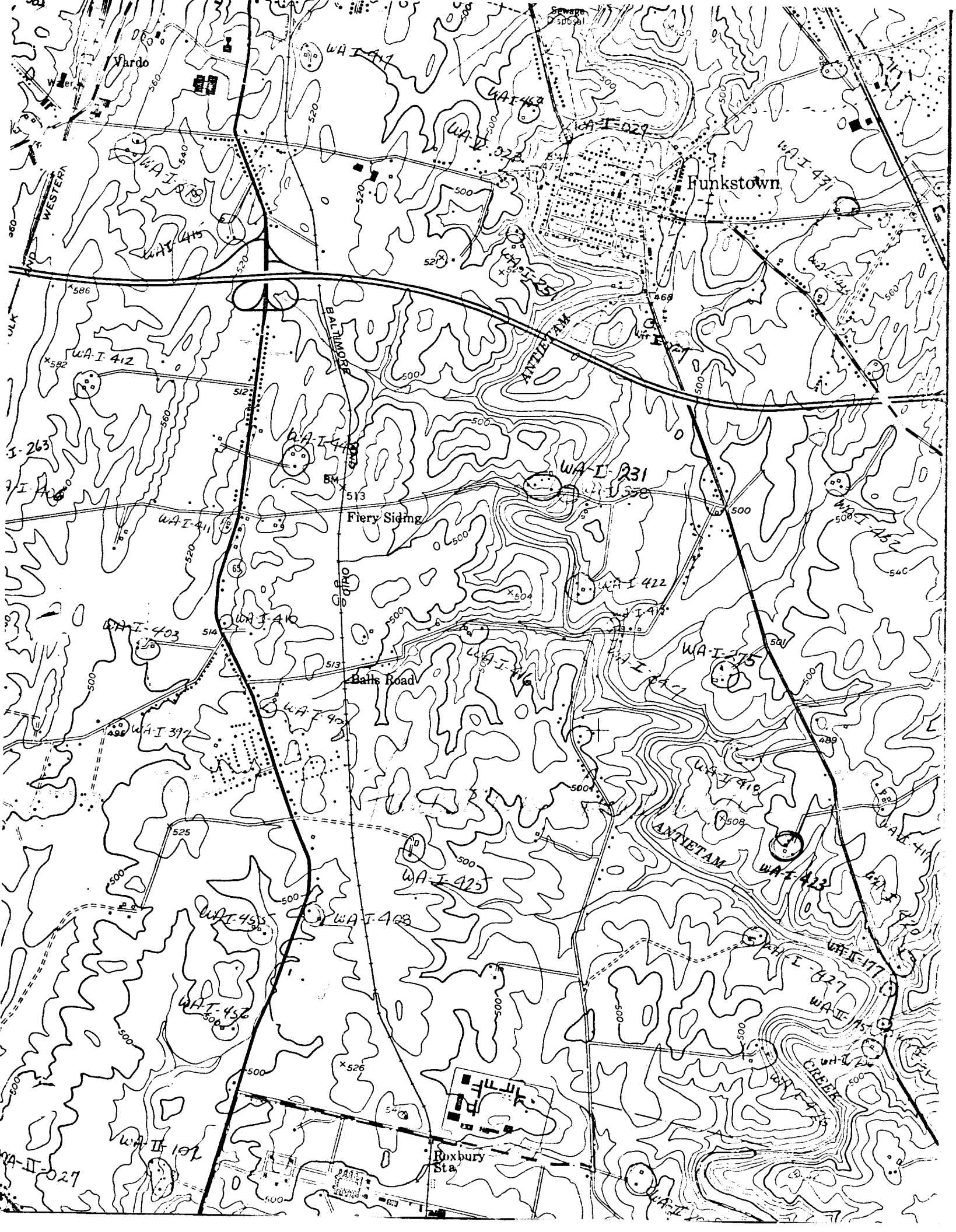

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Funkstown
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WA-I-463
WA-I-029
WA-I-431
WA-I-415
WA-I-412
WA-I-231
WA-I-411
Fiery Siding
WA-I-422
WA-I-410
WA-I-403
WA-I-275
Balls Road
WA-I-397
WA-I-418
ANTIETAM
WA-I-423
WA-I-425
WA-I-408
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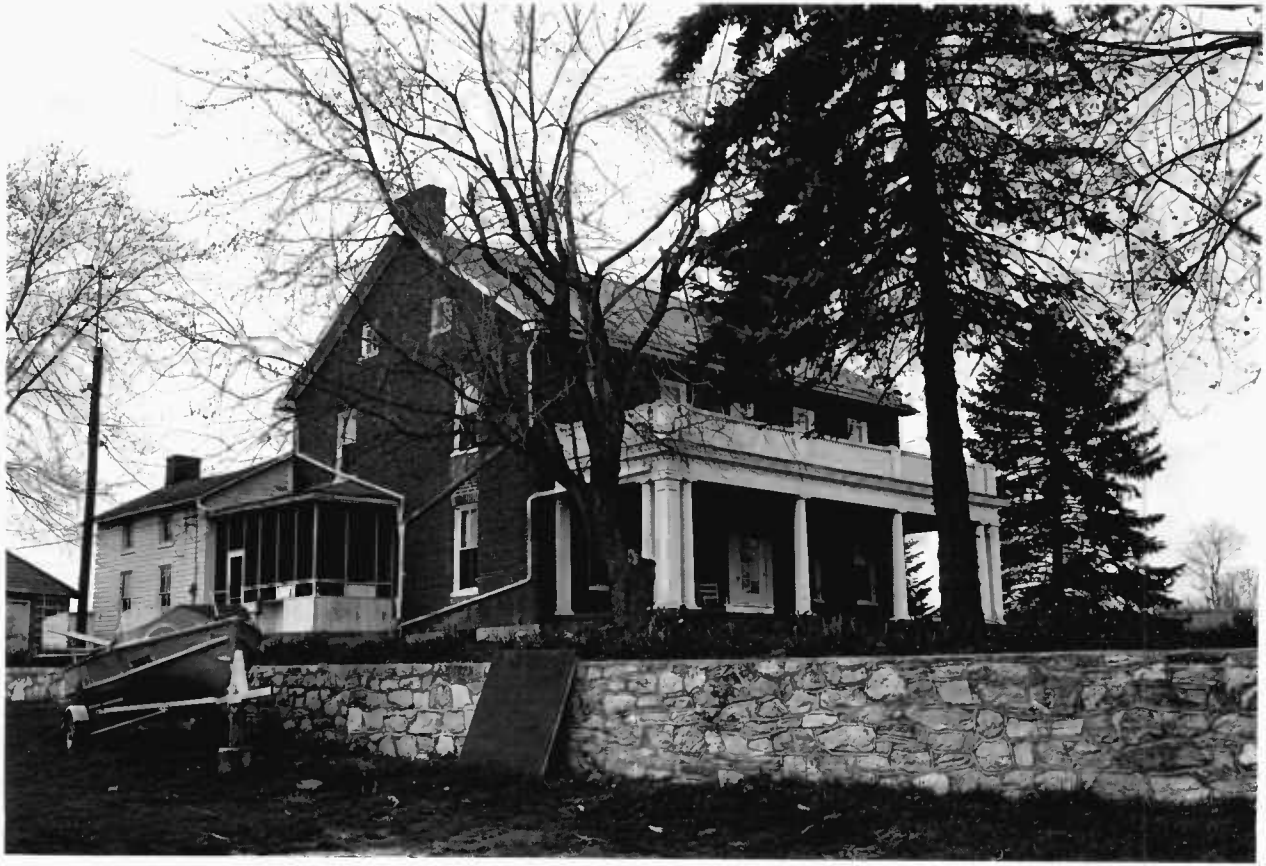

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