

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Brick House, North of Boonsboro				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Routes 40-A and Maryland 68				
CITY OR TOWN: Boonsboro Vicinity				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Washington	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Austin Flook (John J. Flook)				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route # 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Keedysville			STATE: Maryland	
			21756	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown			STATE: Maryland	
			21740	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 232/295				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located in the southwest corner of the junction of Maryland Route 68 and 40-A just north of Boonsboro in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on high ground, behind a double row of trees leading to the entrance, and faces east, overlooking Route 40-A.

The structure is a two story, three bay brick dwelling with a two story, four bay ell, also of brick construction extending to the rear or west. The walls are set on low fieldstone foundations. Common bond brickwork is in evidence at all elevations with, generally, five courses of stretchers between header rows. Decorative masonry includes flat arches of brick over all openings at the two main stories. The south elevation of the ell which appears to have at one time been a double porch has been sheathed with odd pieces of siding.

Openings appear to have been arranged symmetrically in the front elevation. Narrow rounded window frames hold six over six pane double hung sashes. Window framing and size is consistent at all elevations except for the modern work at the east elevation of the ell and the use of small six over six pane sashes lighting the attic. The main entrance is located in the southern bay of the east or front elevation. The door framing includes a transom and matches that which is used for the windows. The front entrance is sheltered by an ornate wrought iron porch with a hipped roof. No other original entrances were observed.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with a plain barge board set directly against the end walls. An unusually large flue of brick with decorative corbel at its top rises from inside the north gable end. Moderately sized chimneys, also of brick with corbeled tops are located inside the other gable walls and at the interior of the ell. Simple boxing finishes the eaves.

The house is in fair condition and stands on a tract containing 131.4 acres.

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9. SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humon-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itorion	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Owned by several prominent physicians, the structure derives some importance from Social and Humanitarian considerations.</p> <p>Constructed of brick this house is an example of Washington County's domestic architecture dating from the mid 19th century. The use of common rather than Flemish bond at the front elevation and the rounded window frames are among features which suggest a building date in the 1840's or 50's. The house would appear to have received few alterations; it thus relates a complete picture of the 19th century building practices. The wrought iron porch is also important as representing a type of ornate ironwork rare in Washington County.</p> <p>The house stands on a tract of land which includes parts of the patents "Nelson's Folly," "Resurvey on Nelson's Folly," and "Ironfield." Maria French was deeded 534 1/3 acres of "Nelson's Folly" by her father, John Booth in 1825 (Liber HH, Folio 498). She subsequently acquired two other small parcels of "Nelson's Folly" from George Neikirk and George Kennedy in 1827 and 1832 respectively (II/117, MM/911). In 1845, Maria French sold 140 acres to George French for \$5985 (IN1/419). This deed states that the 140 acres included a seven^{acre} tract conveyed by Maria French to George French in 1841 (YY/399). In 1855 George French and William Itnyre, Trustees, sold the property to Otho J. Smith and Josiah F. Smith for \$9460.75. (The property had previously been conveyed by French to George Itnyre who died before the transaction was completed.) The price paid in the Smith purchase of 1855 is substantially higher than that paid by George French ten years earlier. The property remained under Smith ownership until 1945 when it was sold to the family of the present owner.</p> <p>According to Thomas J. C. Williams' <u>History of Washington County</u>, Otho J. Smith, who purchased the property in 1855, practiced medicine in Boonsboro after about 1833, being one of the first physicians in the town. Otho B. Smith, son of Otho J. Smith was educated at Villanova College near Philadelphia, returning to the Boonsboro vicinity to engage in farming. He later moved to a farm near Sharpsburg to return again to Boonsboro some time after the Civil War. Doctor E. T. Smith, son of Otho B. also practiced medicine in Boonsboro during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.⁽¹⁾ Williams' <u>History</u> does not indicate whether these members of the Smith family actually lived in this house.</p>			

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¹ Thomas J. C. Williams, History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., (1906) p. 753

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 131.48

Acreege Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant		DATE October 1975
ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey		
STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Annex		
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National State Local

Signature

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MYERSVILLE (MUNC. NO. 1714) VI. FREDERICK 15 MI.

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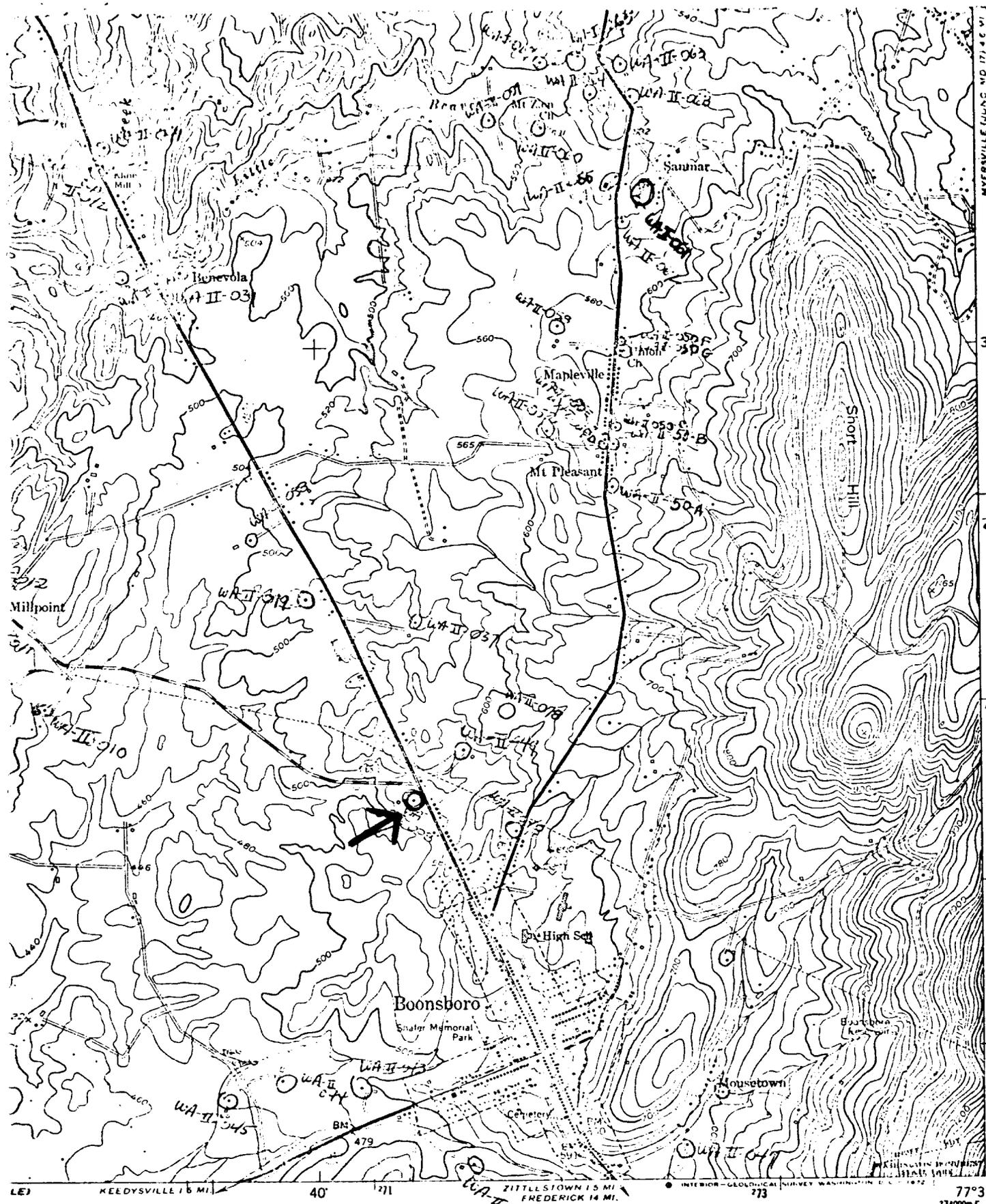
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39°30'

77°37'30"

2740000 E.

(MIDDLETOWN)
5667 1/2 E.

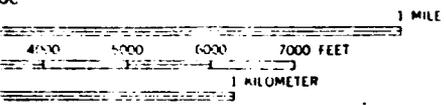


ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy duty 4 LANE 16 LANE
- Medium duty 4 LANE 16 LANE
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt

- U. S. Route
- State Route
- Interstate Route

N.A



1:20 FEET
A LEVEL



FUNKSTOWN, MD.
SW 1/4 HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE



1947-48
1/10/48

PAULA STIMMER DICKEY

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Parlor Mantle

Nov. 1976

PAULA STONER SILKEY
CONSULTANT WASHINGTON CO
HISTORICAL SITE SURVEY



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fireplace on E11

Nov 1976

FRANK RICHIE DICKET
CONSULTANT WASHINGTON CO
HISTORICAL ARCHIVES SURVEY



WA-11 008

Entrance Hall

Nov. 1976

PAULA STONER JICKLY
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