

7. DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | (Check One) | | | | | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Good | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins | <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed |
| | (Check One) | | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located about 1/4 mile south of U.S. 40 and about 1/2 mile east of State Route 66 in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated over an unusually strong spring which according to the Maryland Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, produces an average of 950 gallons per minute.¹ The house faces south.

The structure is a five-bay, stone dwelling with black and white trim. Its front elevation has two stories while the side and rear walls show three floors above ground level.

The walls are constructed of coursed local fieldstone but the front elevation has been painted grey. Some decorative work is associated with the exterior of the building in the form of flat arches which are present over windows of the west end wall. At the peak of each gable are decorative circular plaques lined with bricks. They are now filled with cement but are said to have at one time contained date inscriptions.

Windows are present on all elevations of the house. The openings show wide frames with pegged joining trimmed with quirked quarter round molding. All windows contain two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes with openings at the first story being considerably larger than those at the second floor and ground levels.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the facade. An enclosed entrance area of wood obscures the doorway. The entrance does appear to be treated simply and is framed similarly to the windows. A four-light transom is present over the door. Another entrance is located in the east gable end at ground level and opens into the cellar.

A one-story shed roof entrance porch extends along the entire front elevation of the house. Supported by wooden posts, it rests on a stone retaining wall providing a partially enclosed area below.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and extends for several inches beyond the end walls of the house. The eaves are finished with boxing under which is a band of cornice molding. Brick chimneys are located inside the gable ends.

Adjacent to the house are numerous outbuildings of the period. Among them are a stone smoke house and a two-bay, one-and-a-half story stone secondary dwelling. Nearby is what appears to be a root cellar with a brick arched top. Also present are ruins of a large barn. The buildings are in deteriorated to fair condition.

On the same property is another dwelling complex with a log and a stone house. These structures are considered in form WA-II-074. The property contains 154.68 acres.

¹Turbit H. Slaughter and John M. Darling, The Water Resources of Allegany and Washington Counties, Md., Baltimore: Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, 1962, p. 243.

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century (late) | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century (early) | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Geological. The</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>house is located</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | <u>directly over an</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | <u>unusually strong</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <u>spring.</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. It is an outstanding example of early vernacular building in stone of the Cumberland Valley and Western Maryland. Of the five bay, center hall plan, it is representative of a major architectural group in the area. The house is also worthy of note for its location directly over a very active spring which according to statistics from the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, is among the strongest in Washington County.

The appearance of the exterior of this house would suggest that it was built before 1815. Unfortunately its date stone has fallen away.

During the 19th century, the property was in possession of the Martin, Barr (also spelled Bear) and Funk families, all of whom were related by marriage. According to local histories they were prominent Washington County families.

Although deed records are incomplete, there is information that Jacob Martin purchased part of the property from John Norris and Rachel Norris in 1801. There is a possibility that Norris is a misspelling of the name Orrs, who, according to a 1794 map of the County, operated a tavern in the vicinity. There is no information, however, to substantiate a link between the Orrs and Norris names.

It is also interesting to note that the house faces south, away from the present Route 40, suggesting the possibility that the road once passed in front of the house.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Slaughter, Turbit H. and John M. Darling, The Water Resources of Allegany and Washington Counties, Md., Baltimore: Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, 1962.
 Williams, T. J. C., A History of Washington Co., Md., Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906, (Information on the Bear (Barr) and Martin families) 1794, 1859, 1877 maps of Washington County.

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 | | |
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| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 154.68 acres

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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| STATE: | COUNTY: |

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historic Sites Survey DATE: June, 1974

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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Deed Records -- WA-II-075

Liber 389, Folio 269, January 18, 1963

Grantors: Charles H. Cosens and Jane C. Cosens

Grantees: Drag Racing, Inc.

160.0 acres.

Liber 352, Folio 103, October 21, 1959

Grantor: Warren Stultz, Trustee

Grantee: Charles H. Cosens and Jane C. Cosens

Liber 308, Folio 375, April 2, 1956

Grantors: William P. Kreykenbohn, Trustee

Grantees: Charles H. Cosens

Liber 276, Folio 188, June 23, 1953

Grantor: W. Edward Heimel, Trustee

Grantee: Charles H. Cosens and Jane C. Cosens

186 acres.

Liber 276, Folio 186, June 24, 1953

Grantor: Charles H. Cosens and Jane C. Cosens

Grantees: W. Edward Heimel, Trustee

186 acres.

Will Liber 22, Folio 142, Will of Clarence A. Cosens, Sr.

Liber 225, Folio 508, March 3, 1944

Grantors: Clara E. Weagley and Charles A. Weagley

Grantees: Emma K. Cosens and Clarence A. Cosens

The deed is for parts of tracts called "Trap," "The Resurvey on Discontent" and "The Resurvey on Trap."

221-3/4 acres.

Liber 114, Folio 27, February 18, 1901

Grantor: William O. Funk, executor for Samuel Funk

Grantees: Clara E. Weagley

\$11,098.75, 221-3/4 acres.

Liber 112, Folio 484, April 17, 1900

Grantor: Henry Funk

Grantee: Smauel Funk

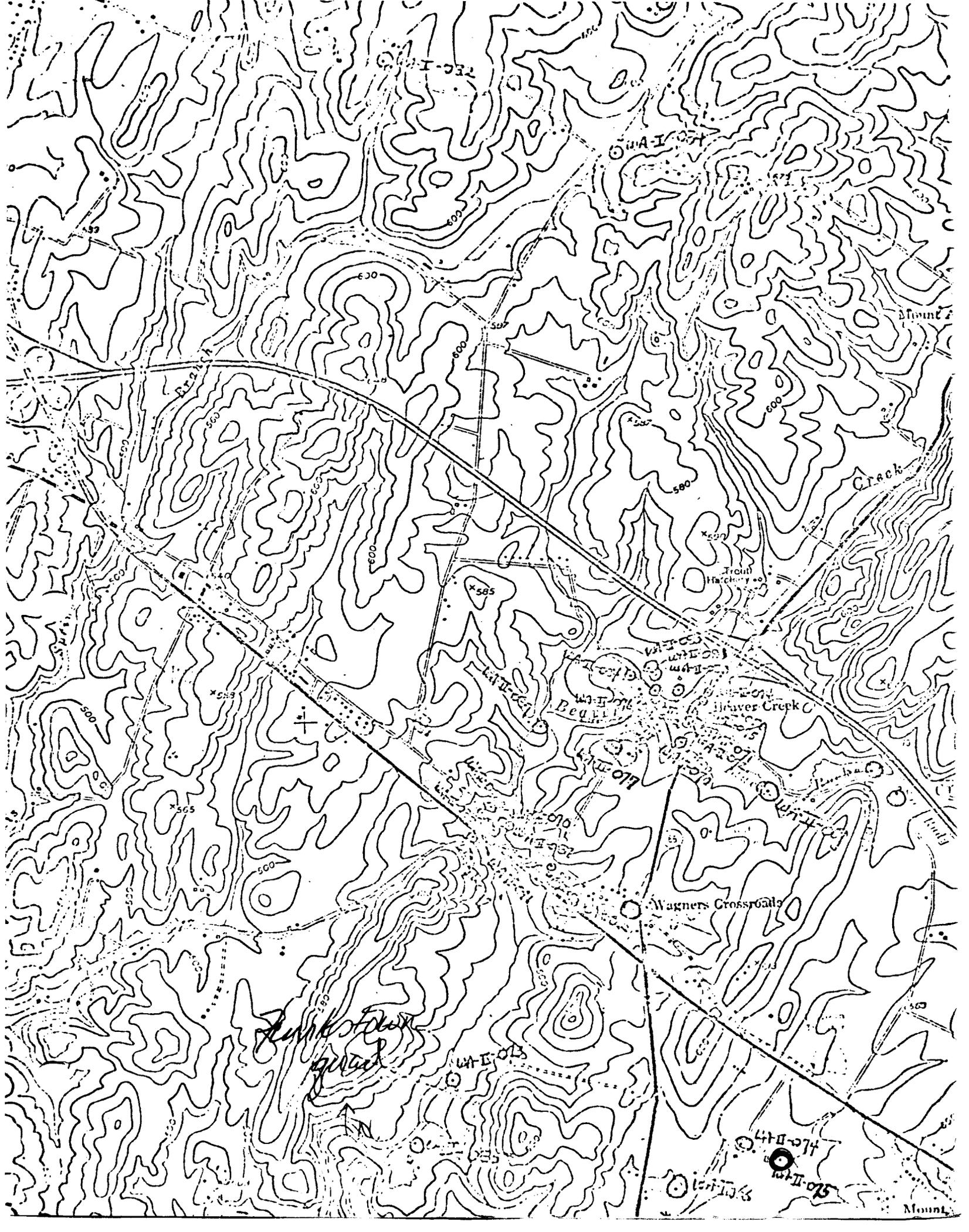
\$13,318, 211-3/4 acres.

Liber 73, Folio 247, March 31, 1875

Grantor: Jacob M. Funk et al, heirs of Jacob Bear

Grantee: Henry Funk

\$12,534.40, 236-1/2 acres.



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Crack

South
Hatchery

Beaver
Creek

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Wagners
Crossroads

*Faint from
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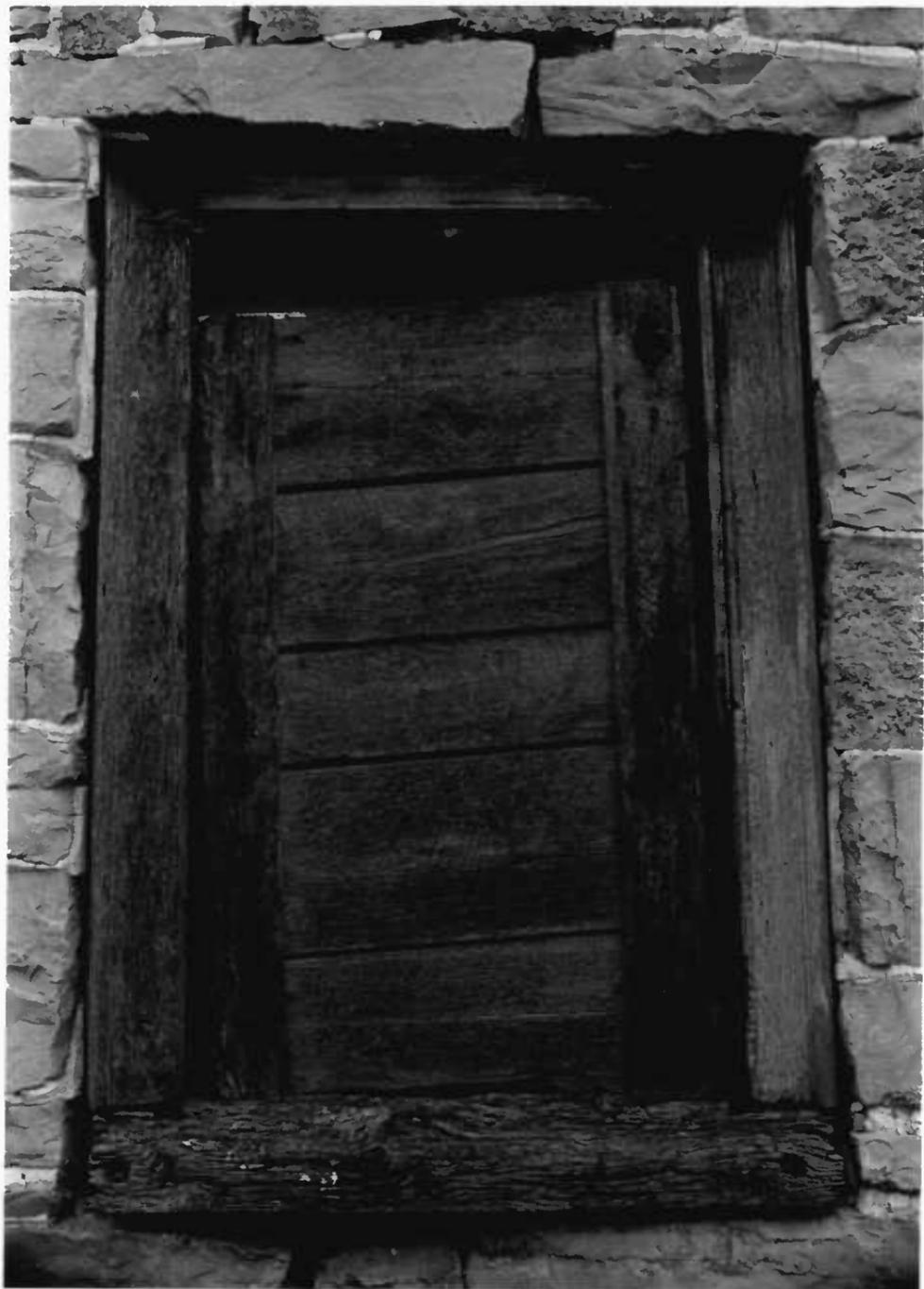
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