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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Huyler House

AND/OR HISTORIC: John Newcomer Homestead

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Beaver Creek Church Road at Beaver Creek, Route 9

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☒ Site ☐ Structure Mill ☐ Object on property.	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☒ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Coulter D. Huyler, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER: Route 9, Beaver Creek Road

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland

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

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 499/105, 505/97

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed	
	(Check One) ☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered	(Check One) ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(If known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Huyler House is located along the west side of Beaver Creek Church Road just south of the Beaver Creek in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated near the road and faces east.

The structure is a two-story, four-bay stone dwelling with black and white trim. A three-bay, one and one half story wing extends from the north gable end and a two-story three-bay shed roof el was added to the rear of the main section. The el is said by local historians to date from about 1850.

All walls of the house are constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone. At the south elevation of the main section, the windows are topped with decorative flat stone arches. An entrance at the rear of the main section shows similar stone work. Other windows are without decorative embellishment.

Windows are located on all elevations of the structure. Most contain two-over-two pane Victorian period sashes. However, at the rear or west wall of the one and a half story section are two sets of nine-over-six light sashes. Windows of the two main stories are held within narrow frames which are finished with a bead. At the attic level, however, wider window frames may be seen. First story windows are flanked by paneled shutters.

The main entrance is located in the third bay from the south end of the house, near the center of the facade wall. The doorway is treated quite simply and includes a narrow transom. The door is framed similarly to the windows.

An early 20th century period one-story porch extends along the front of the house.

The roof of the main section of the house and the porch is of grey-green asphalt shingles. The roofing material of the wing is sheet metal. A Victorian period gable with decorative shingle work and wooden trim has been added to the attic of the wing. A gable roof dormer protrudes from the west slope of the roof at the rear of the main section. Large brick chimneys rise from inside each gable of the main section and inside the end of the extension.

The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 30 acres. Also on the property are ruins of a mill operated by the Newcomer family.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Columbian
- ☐ 15th Century
- ☐ 16th Century
- ☐ 17th Century
- ☐ 18th Century
- ☒ 19th Century
- ☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☒ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☒ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other *(Specify)*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this house lies in its architecture. Apparently built during the early 19th century, it is one of a number of stone houses along the Beaver Creek. The property is also important for its association with the Newcomer milling business, an operation which included several mills in the Beaver Creek area (see also Doub's Mill, WA-II-090).

In the Washington County deed records, this property is identified as the "Homestead of the late John Newcomer." John Newcomer, son of Henry Newcomer was born December 19, 1797 and died April 21, 1861. He represented Washington County in the Maryland Senate from 1840-46 and later served as County Commissioner.[1]

Records indicate that John Newcomer's land was previously that of his father, Henry Newcomer who operated a mill. Ruins of a mill can still be seen a short distance southeast of the house.

Milling was a major commercial enterprise in the area and contributed substantially to the economy of 18th and 19th century Washington County.

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[1]Thomas J. C. Williams, History of Washington County, Hagerstown, Maryland, 1906 Mail Publishing Co., Vol. 1, p. 454.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Washington County, Maryland
Probate Records, Washington County, Maryland
Williams, Thomas J. C., History of Washington County, Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.
1859 Map of Washington County.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 30 acres

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historic Sites Survey

DATE: May , 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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Liber 505, Folio 97, May 18, 1970
Grantor: Vergie C. Reese
Grantee: Coulter D. Huyler, Jr. and Sarah C. Huyler
30.0 acres. This deed replaces defective deed dated December 5, 1969 in Liber 499, Folio 105.

Liber 268, Folio 111, March 3, 1952
Grantor: Ethel C. Altenderfer and Willis L. Altenderfer
Grantee: Charles R. Reese and Vergie C. Reese
The property is described as part of "Stull's Forest" and being the same farm known as the homestead of the late John Newcomer.
122 acres.

Liber 265, Folio 335, August 31, 1951
Grantee: Naomi McCauley
Grantor: Ethel C. Altenderfer and Willis L. Altenderfer
122 acres.

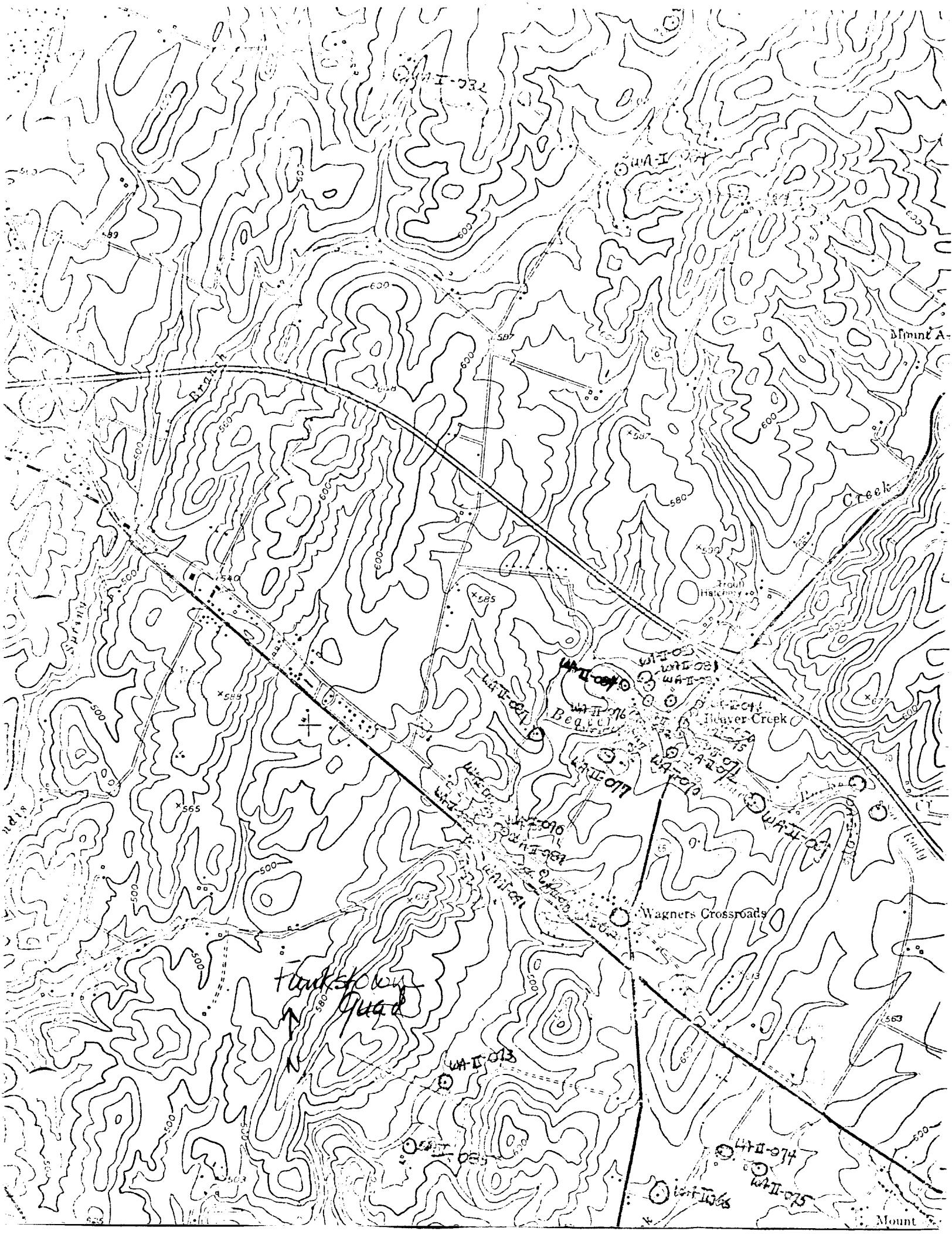
Liber 220, Folio 432, September 14, 1942
Grantor: Robert H. McCauley, Trustee to William McCauley and Lavina N. McCauley
Grantees: Williwm McCauley, Lavina N. McCauley and Naomi McCauley
Parcel 1, 122 acres.

Liber 220, Folio 431, September 14, 1942
Grantors: William McCauley and Lavina McCauly
Grantee: Robert H. McCauley, Trustee
Parcel 1, devised to William McCauley by the last will and testament of his mother, Mary McCauley.

Will Book I, Folio 201, Will of Mary McCauley, probayed July 21, 1896
Executor, William Newcomer
The property was bequeathed to William CcCauley, "The home farm upon which I now reside containing 122 acres."

Liber 101, Folio 543, March 26, 1894
Grantor: William Newcomer, Attorney-in-fact for heirs of Charles McCauley
Grantee: Mary McCauley
$6,710, 122 acres

Liber 80, Folio 22, September 27, 1880
Grantors: Catherine Newcomer et al, heirs of the late John Newcomer
Grantee: Charles McCauley
$9,500, 122 acres.



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Creek
Trout Hatchery
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