

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-II-117**

**Mid 19th Century**

**Ruins of Stone Dwelling**

**Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity**

**private**

These ruins of a limestone house and stone culvert along Manor Church Road are significant for the record they provide of a 19th century dwelling complex. Situated in a hilly meadow at the side of the Antietam Creek, they also have great scenic value.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/DR COMMON

**Ruins of Stone Dwelling**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**Manor Church Road Near the Antietam Creek**

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF **Tilghmanton-Boonsboro**

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
- OTHER: **ruins**
- MILITARY

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Clarence B. Crane**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

**Route # 1**

CITY, TOWN

**Boonsboro**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21713**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Washington County Court House**

Liber #: **557**

Folio #: **432**

STREET & NUMBER

**West Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<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"/> GOOD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

These stone ruins are located on the south edge of Manor Church Road just east of the Antietam Creek between Tilghmanton and Boonsboro in Washington County, Maryland.

The remains of the two story dwelling are set into a steep bank at the edge of a grassy meadow. The building was constructed of coursed local limestone with its gable ends placed perpendicular to the road. Large stone lintels are set over the openings, some of which retain narrow wooden frames with mitered corners. An inside end chimney is constructed into the south gable wall.

Just east of the dwelling are stone foundations enclosing a small rectangular area. Immediately south of the ruins are the remains of a stone culvert consisting of a segmental arch of carefully cut local stones. The upper surface of the bridge is gone. The culvert apparently carried an old road across a small run which empties into the nearby Antietam Creek. The course of this road can be traced through the meadow.

The dwelling is said to have fallen down some years ago when blasting was done in the area. The ruins are located on a farm which contains about 154 acres. Also on this farm is a complex of dwellings described in form WA-II-189.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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
400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		<b>Scenic Value</b>

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These ruins along Manor Church Road are significant for the record they provide of a 19th century dwelling complex. The dwelling and the course of the old road which passed south of it are shown on a plat depicting the present route of Manor Church Road made in 1861 and included in Volume 2, Page 34 of the Washington County Road Records. The earlier road crossed the Antietam Creek at a place known as Schlosser's Fording, named for the family who had owned land in this area since the 18th century.

These ruins, situated in a hilly meadow at the side of the Creek also have great scenic value.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Road Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 154 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

**April 1976**

STREET & NUMBER

**Court House Annex**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland**

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## Deed Records

Liber 589, Folio 222, December 20, 1974

Grantors: J. Maury Werth and Elizabeth H. Werth

Grantees: Ronald L. Charles and Shirley C. Charles  
5.24 Acres

Liber 481, Folio 597, January 3, 1969

Grantors: Walter M. Metz and Catherine E. Metz

Grantees: J. Maury Werth and Elizabeth H. Werth  
292.7 Acres

Liber 445, Folio 687, September 8, 1966

Grantor: Ruth D. Miller

Grantees: Walter M. Metz and Catherine E. Metz  
300 Acres, "Cedar Grove"

The property was devised to Ruth D. Miller by last will and testament  
of Frederick M. Miller, 1956.

Liber 158, Folio 608, March 18, 1920

Grantor: Leo H. Miller

Grantee: Frederick M. Miller

Liber 131, Folio 457, April 1, 1909

Grantor: Martin Luther Stock and Wife

Grantees: Henry M. Miller and Emma A. Miller

Liber WW, Folio 204, May 5, 1840

Grantors: Frisby Tilghman and John R. Dall, Trustee

Grantor: Joseph Emmert

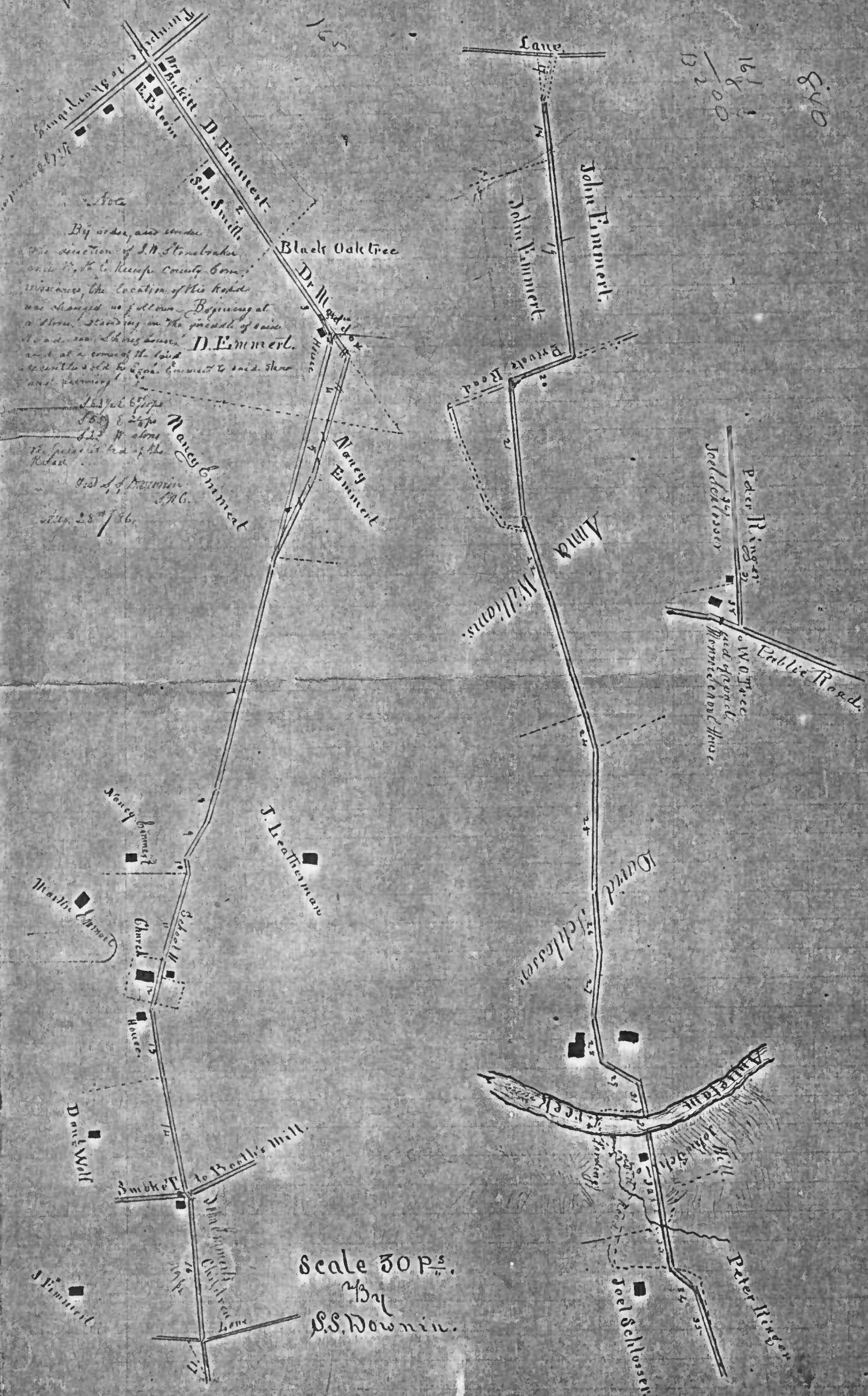
Liber T, Folio 109, June 24, 1808

Grantor: Samuel Ringgold

Grantee: Frisby Tilghman

\$5,000 parts of "Conococheague Manor" and No. 5,  
being a reserve on the Manor 494 1/2 Acres

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By order and under  
 the direction of S.D. Stonebraker  
 Clerk of the County Court  
 witnesses the location of his hold  
 was changed as follows: Beginning at  
 a stone standing in the middle of said  
 road, run along house D. Emmert.  
 and at a corner of the land  
 recently sold by John Emmert to said John  
 and returning

Land of John  
 100 ft along  
 the parcel at head of the  
 Rabbit  
 1/2 of 1/2 of 1/2  
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Scale 30 P<sup>s</sup>.  
 By  
 S.S. Downin.

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