

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-II-133**

**Coffman-Varron Farm  
Tilghmanton Vicinity  
private**

**19th Century**

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Coffman-Varron Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest of Tilghmanton

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF **Tilghmanton**

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
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Angelo J. Varron

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 317-A

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 #: 506

Folio #: 499

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**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input 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

This dwelling complex is located at the end of a private lane extending in a southwesterly direction from the village of Tilghmanton in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated on a small bluff and faces east.

The dwelling is a two story, four bay structure built of roughly coursed local limestone. Attached to its south gable is a two story four bay frame addition set on old fieldstone foundations. No decorative masonry is associated with the exterior of the house. Pairs of roughly uniform rectangular blocks are centered over the window and door openings.

Windows and doors appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation. In other walls first and second story openings are aligned with each other. All windows have narrow frames trimmed with a bead at the inside edge. At the side and rear elevations they hold six over six pane double hung sashes while those in the front wall have been replaced with six over six light sashes. In the frame addition, most windows have two over two sashes surrounded by applied trim with pedimented tops.

The main entrance to the stone portion of the house is located in the north end bay of its front elevation. The doorway is framed similarly to the windows and includes a transom. The original door has been replaced. A second entrance in the stone section is located approximately opposite the front door in the rear elevation. The entrances open into a stair hall.

The roof of both sections is covered with sheet metal. It terminates at the north end with a tapered, beaded barge board set directly against the stone wall. At the south end the roof over hangs the end wall. The eaves are finished with boxing which is at the front elevation finished with several courses of molding. Rather small brick flues are located inside the gable walls of the stone section.

Although the frame structure is clearly a late 19th century addition, it is set on apparently older stone foundations. The exterior of the south gable wall of the stone section to which the addition is attached was revealed during interior repair work. The masonry in that portion of the wall appears never to have been finished. This evidence suggests that an earlier structure preceded both the frame and stone buildings and that the stone section was constructed against the older building.

South of the house is a one and a half story log outbuilding with a large exterior stone and brick chimney. The structure has been sheathed with vertical board siding.

A large bank barn is located north of the house.

The buildings are in fair to good condition and are being refurbished by the present owner. The property contains 10.04 acres.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This property is part of a farm which was purchased by John Snavely from Michael Emmert on February 26, 1848 (IN3/287). The Emmert family owned several hundred acres of land in the Tilghmanton vicinity. John Leonard Emmert, father of Michael, bought 410 acres of land called "Delemere" from John Booth in 1798. Two other stone houses, one dated 1798 and one dated 1811 are located on the original Emmert tract. John Snavely owned the farm until his death in 1888. It was sold in 1889 to Simon Coffman and remained in the Coffman family until 1946 (93/238), (K/6), (204/121), (235/75). In the deed records the land is described as being parts of the tracts "Resurvey on Three Springs" and "Paris."

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Taggart, Thomas. Map of Washington County, Maryland. Hagerstown, Md: L. McKee & C.G. Robertson, 1859.

Washington County Land Records.

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

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10.04 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		DATE	
<b>Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant</b>		<b>May 1976</b>	
ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE	
<b>Washington County Historical Sites Survey</b>		<b>791-3065</b>	
STREET & NUMBER		STATE	
<b>County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street</b>		<b>Maryland</b>	<b>21740</b>
CITY OR TOWN			
<b>Hagerstown</b>			

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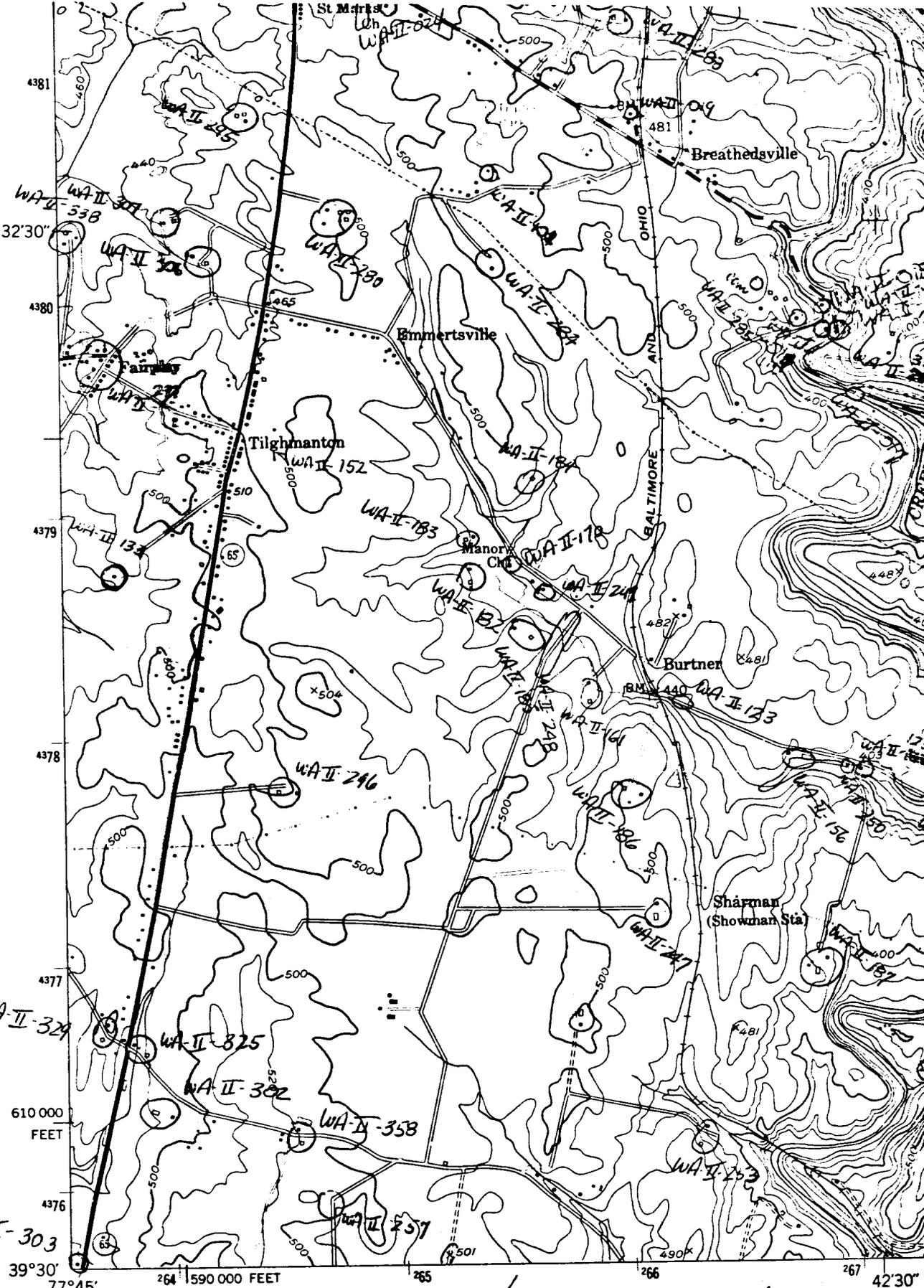
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

Revision Sheet  
WA-II-133  
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#7 Description, south end wall of the stone section.

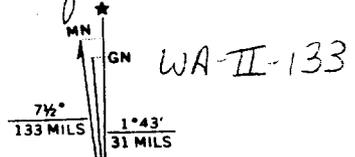
During further interior repair work additional wall area of the exterior of the south elevation of the stone section was exposed. Unlike the portion revealed earlier, this section of the wall against which the frame addition was built displays evidence of having been finished or pointed prior to construction of the addition.

(SHEPHERDSTOWN)  
5462 IV NE



SHARPSBURG 28 MI  
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Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric  
methods. Aerial photographs taken 1943  
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10,000-foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system

*Funkstown quadrangle*





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