

ABSTRACT  
WA-II-144  
Stotler Farm  
Hagerstown Vicinity  
private

19th Century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MA-II-144  
District 16  
Map 58  
Parcel 16  
MAGI # 2207435435

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Stotler Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

White Hall Road and Mt. Aetna Road

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

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

Ralph Stotler, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 72

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 538

Folio #: 801

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

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

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone farm complex is located at the southeast corner of the intersection of White Hall and Mt. Aetna Roads southeast of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. Although the house is now approached from the west, its principal facade is its east elevation. The barn faces south.

The house is a two story, five bay structure of roughly finished limestone. Small blocks which suggest keystones are centered over window and door openings which appear to be spaced evenly in the front elevation. Openings have narrow frames which hold two over two pane sashes. Hinge pins for shutters remain.

The original front door is located in the center bay of the front elevation. It has been enclosed with German siding and is no longer used. A transom remains exposed at its top. Now being used as the principal entrance is a door in the second bay from the north end of the west wall. Another door reached by a long flight of stairs is located at the second story level of the north end wall. A Victorian porch supported by turned posts with scroll cut brackets extends along the west elevation.

The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

A board and batten wash house or out kitchen is located immediately south of the house.

The stone bank barn is located north of the house. It has the characteristic vertical ventilator slits and appears to have had its wooden fore bay added. Other related secondary buildings are located nearby.

The complex appears to be in excellent condition and is part of a farm containing 90.75 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**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            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

**SPECIFIC DATES**

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This farmstead is a 19th century complex utilizing the native limestone, a prominent feature of the regional environment. The house displays exterior characteristics which suggest that it was constructed during the second quarter of the century. Building with stone in the area was prevalent during the latter part of the 18th century and the first half of the 19th century.

The present owner related a story of an incident about this farm that is said to have occurred during the Civil War. Apparently at that time there was a well with a pump in the yard near the house that was operated by dogs which turned a tread mill. According to the legend, soldiers who had stopped at the farm entertained themselves by forcing the dogs to pump the well dry. It was further related that a family by the name of Hartle was living on the property during the Civil War.

**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 90.75 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

February 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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

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FUNKSTOWN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-WASHINGTON CO.  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW/4 HAGERSTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE

5463 11 NE  
(SMITHSBURG)

271 40'

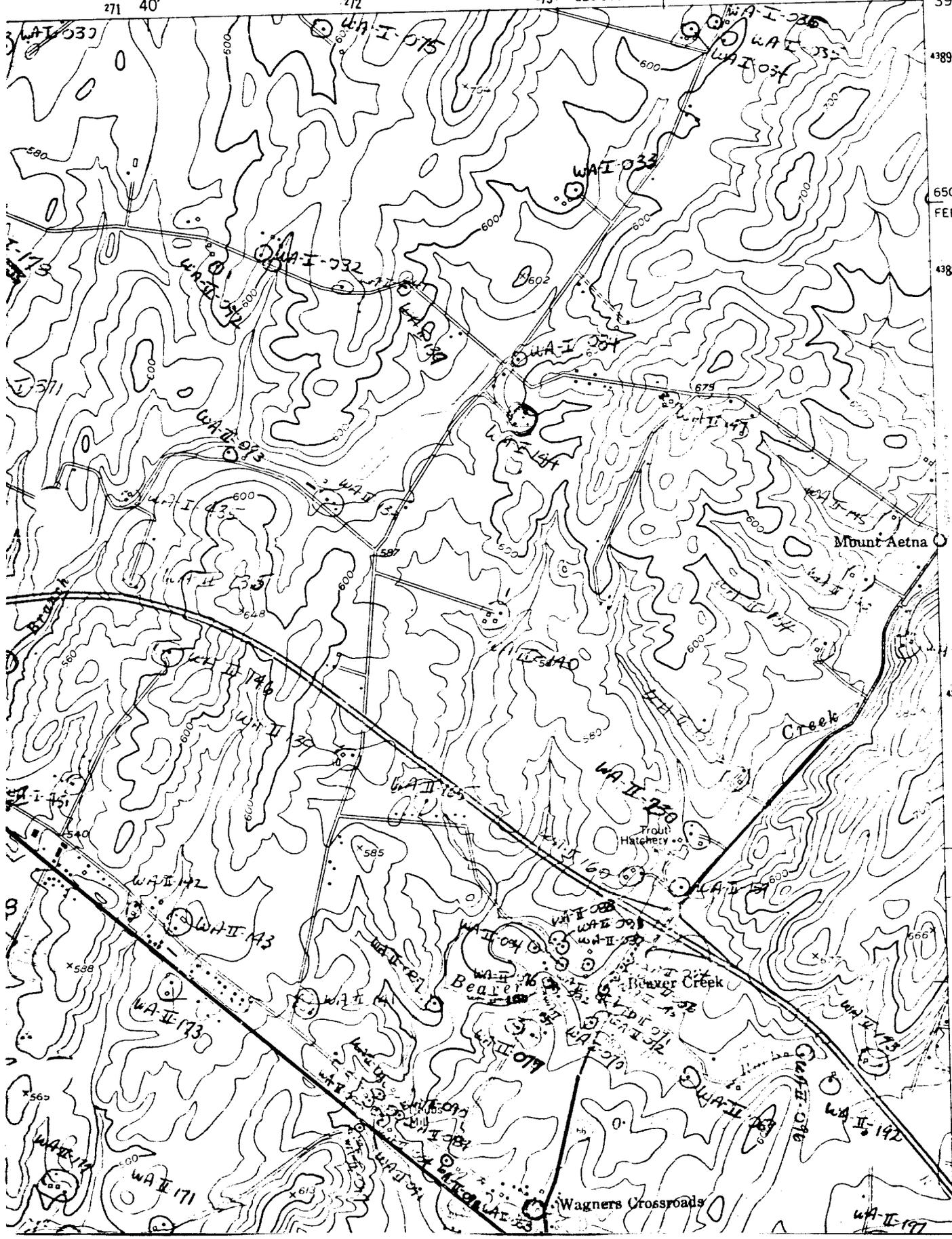
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273 620 000 FEET

274

77°37'30"

39°37'30"



4389

650 000  
FEET

4388

4387

4386

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35'

4384

Mt. Aetna

Creek

Trout  
Hatchery

Bear

Bear

Wagners Crossroads

WA-I-032

WA-I-075

WA-I-036

WA-I-037

WA-I-033

WA-I-032

WA-I-032

WA-I-034

WA-II-093

WA-I-035

WA-I-035

WA-II-035

WA-II-171

WA-II-171

WA-II-094

WA-II-197



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