

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-II-189**

**19th Century**

**Schlosser-Crane Farm**

**Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity**

**private**

This farm complex includes a two story, four bay brick dwelling, a small stone spring house with a massive exterior stone chimney and two large bank barns. Together these structures form an important group representing Washington County's vernacular architecture.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: <b>Schlusser-Grane Farm</b>				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Manor Church Road, East of the Antietam Creek.</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Tilghmanton-Boonsboro Vicinity</b>				
STATE <b>Maryland</b>			COUNTY: <b>Washington</b>	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Pork	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i>	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: <b>Clarence B. Crane</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>Route # 1</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Boonsboro</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	
			<b>21713</b>	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: <b>Washington County Court House</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>West Washington Street</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Hagerstown</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	
			<b>21740</b>	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): <b>557/432</b>				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: <b>Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 2041</b>				
DATE OF SURVEY: <b>Summer 1967</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: <b>Maryland Historical Trust</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: <b>21 State Circle</b>				
CITY OR TOWN: <b>Annapolis</b>			STATE: <b>Maryland</b>	
			<b>21404</b>	

**7. DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered $\leq$ 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncluttered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located off Manor Church Road on the opposite side of the Antietam Creek from WA-II-188, another part of the land which was for many years owned by the Schlosser family. The house is situated on a high bluff overlooking a small spring. It faces south.

The house is a two and one half story brick structure set on fieldstone foundations which are a full story in height at the front elevation. A two story, two bay ell with a double porch along its west wall extends to the rear or north. It appears contemporary with the main section of the house. The bricks are laid in Flemish bond at the front elevation while other elevations display common bonding. Flat arches are located above the openings. All elevations have been coated with red paint. A modern lean-to addition of brick has been attached to the end of the ell.

Windows appear to have been spaced evenly in the front elevation. Their frames are narrow with rounded edges. Six over six pane double hung sashes are employed at all full sized windows. Pairs of shutters with low relief panels flank most first story windows while louvered shutters are used at many of the second story level windows.

The main entrance is located at the east end bay of the front or south elevation. The door is topped with a plain transom. A one bay entrance porch shelters the front door. It displays a decorative stepped gable and is supported by chamfered posts with elaborate brackets. Other entrances are located in the ell. Those at the first story level have four light transoms.

The roof is covered with pressed tin shingles and extends beyond the end walls. Several courses of molding finish the eaves. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

Just south of the house is a one story stone spring house with a large exterior stone chimney capped with brick. Openings in this structure are framed with wide wooden members. According to the Maryland Department of Geology, Minerals and Water Resources, the spring which emerges from this structure has an average annual flow of 50 gallons per minute.

Southeast of the spring are two large bank barns of frame construction and smaller buildings also related to agricultural use.

All of the structures appear to be in good condition and are located on a tract containing 153.84 acres.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <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 type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this farm complex is its architecture. The main dwelling, constructed of brick would appear to date from the latter part of the second quarter of the 19th century. The stone structure is representative of an earlier building type and may be older than the brick dwelling. Together the structures form an important group representing Washington County's vernacular architecture.

In deeds the property is described as that which was conveyed by John Schlosser and his wife to Joel Schlosser by a deed dated April 6, 1841. (YY/382). The property remained in the Schlosser family until 1973. Williams' History of Washington County, relates that during the Civil War, Joel Schlosser lost several horses and an amount of grain to soldiers camped near his farm.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> T.J.C. Williams, History of Washington County. Vol. II Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co. (1906) p. 873.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Slaughter, Turbit H. & John M. Darling, The Water Resources of Allegany and Washington Counties. Baltimore: Maryland Department of Geology, Minerals and Water Resources. 1962.

Washington County Land Records.

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

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **153.836 acres.**

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historical Sites Survey**      DATE: **December 1975**

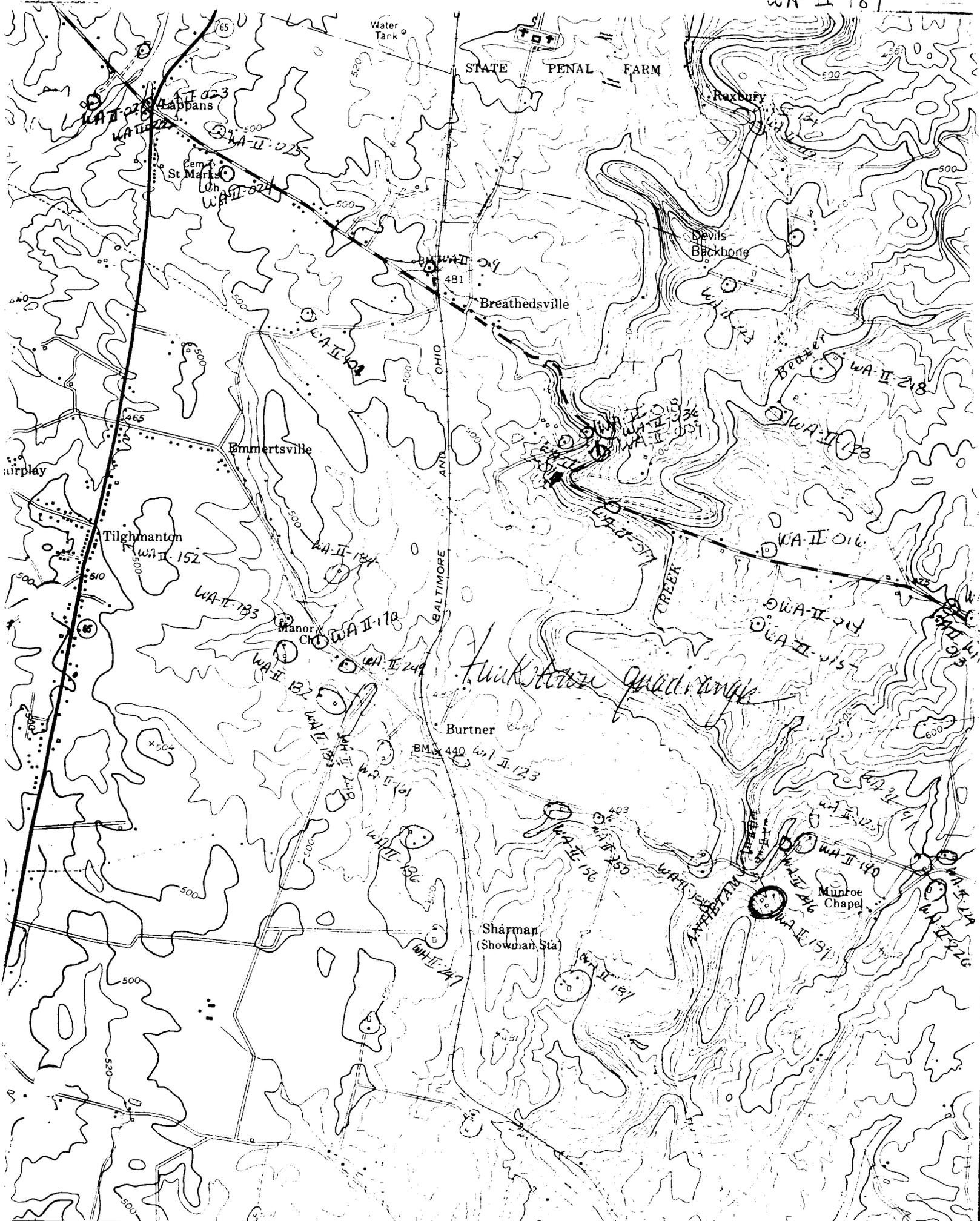
STREET AND NUMBER:  
**Court House Annex**

CITY OR TOWN: **Hagerstown**      STATE: **Maryland**

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

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Signature





PAULA STONER DICKEY  
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WA-II-137

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WAH-IT-130

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WH-IT-139

Room = Air-Conditioning

S. F. View

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