

ABSTRACT  
WA-II-193  
Krotzer "Home Farm"  
Hagerstown Vicinity  
private

Early 19th Century

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WA-II-193  
District 16  
Map 64  
Parcel 36  
MAGI # 2207775335

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

**Krotzer "Home Farm"**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**Black Rock Road and Ridenour Roads**

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF **Hagerstown**

**6**

STATE

COUNTY

**Maryland**

**Washington**

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Alfred C. Papa**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

**Route # 1**

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

**Hagerstown**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**Maryland 21740**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

**Washington County Court House**

Liber #: **323**

Folio #: **393**

STREET & NUMBER

**West Washington Street**

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**Hagerstown**

**Maryland 21740**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm complex is located on the west side of Black Rock Road immediately north of I-70 southeast of Hagerstown near the foot of South Mountain in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are situated on hilly limestone ground around a spring and face south.

The house is a two and one half story, four bay limestone structure built against a slope. Its cellar is fully exposed above ground level at the front elevation. Roughly coursed masonry is used with small squarish stones centered between larger rectangular blocks above most windows, suggesting keystones.

Windows have moderately wide frames with corner joints secured with wooden pins. At the main and second story levels, nine over six pane sashes are present with front elevation ground story and a rear stair well window having six over six sashes. Hinge pins for shutters remain in most frames. Small windows are also present in the gables and in the ground story of the east end wall.

The main entrance is located in the third bay from the west end of the front elevation. It is framed similarly to the windows and includes a narrow transom above the door. Another door is present in the ground story and two entrances are located in the rear or north wall.

Extending along most of the front elevation is a two story porch sheltering the ground and main stories. The shed roofed porch is supported by square posts and is enclosed at the upper level with a plain balustrade. A flight of steps at its east end gives access to the main level.

The roof of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Several courses of molding finish the eaves boxing.

Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls. Some cast elbow locks are said to remain on interior doors of the house.

Just west of the house is a large spring around which has been built a stone wall. Above part of the spring is a two story, one bay stone springhouse with a finished interior at the upper level. Openings in the springhouse have massive wide frames with pegged joints and trimmed with ovolo molding. High in the gables are small arched openings. In the west end this opening holds a date tablet.

Between the house and springhouse and to their south are two small domestic outbuildings, a brick structure, apparently a smoke house and an out kitchen or wash house which is a wooden building with an exterior stone and brick flue.

A frame bank barn stands behind the other buildings and to their west. It is trimmed with a Victorian period gingerbread barge board.

South of I-70 on the corner of Black Rock Road and Stottlemeyer Road is a cemetery site which had fieldstone markers, some of which were inscribed in German. Apparently many of the stones were removed during the construction of I-70.

This complex appears to be in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 155.31 acres. CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 <b>early</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Records for this property were traced only as far back as the 1850's when it was referred to as the "Home Farm" of Joseph Krotzer. It was acquired in 1858 through equity court proceedings by Elizabeth Hoffman Witmer who was Joseph Krotzer's widow. (IN13/157). The farm remained in her family at least until 1872 when it was purchased by George Funk, who may also have been a relative. (IN15/7, WMcKK4/697). The farm was held by the Funk family until 1957 when it was purchased by the present owner.

It is not known who built the structures on this farm but research of other properties in the area has revealed that the Funk and Krotzer (Kretzer) families had considerable holdings in the immediate vicinity during the late 18th and 19th centuries.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 155.31 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

**March 1978**

STREET & NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740**

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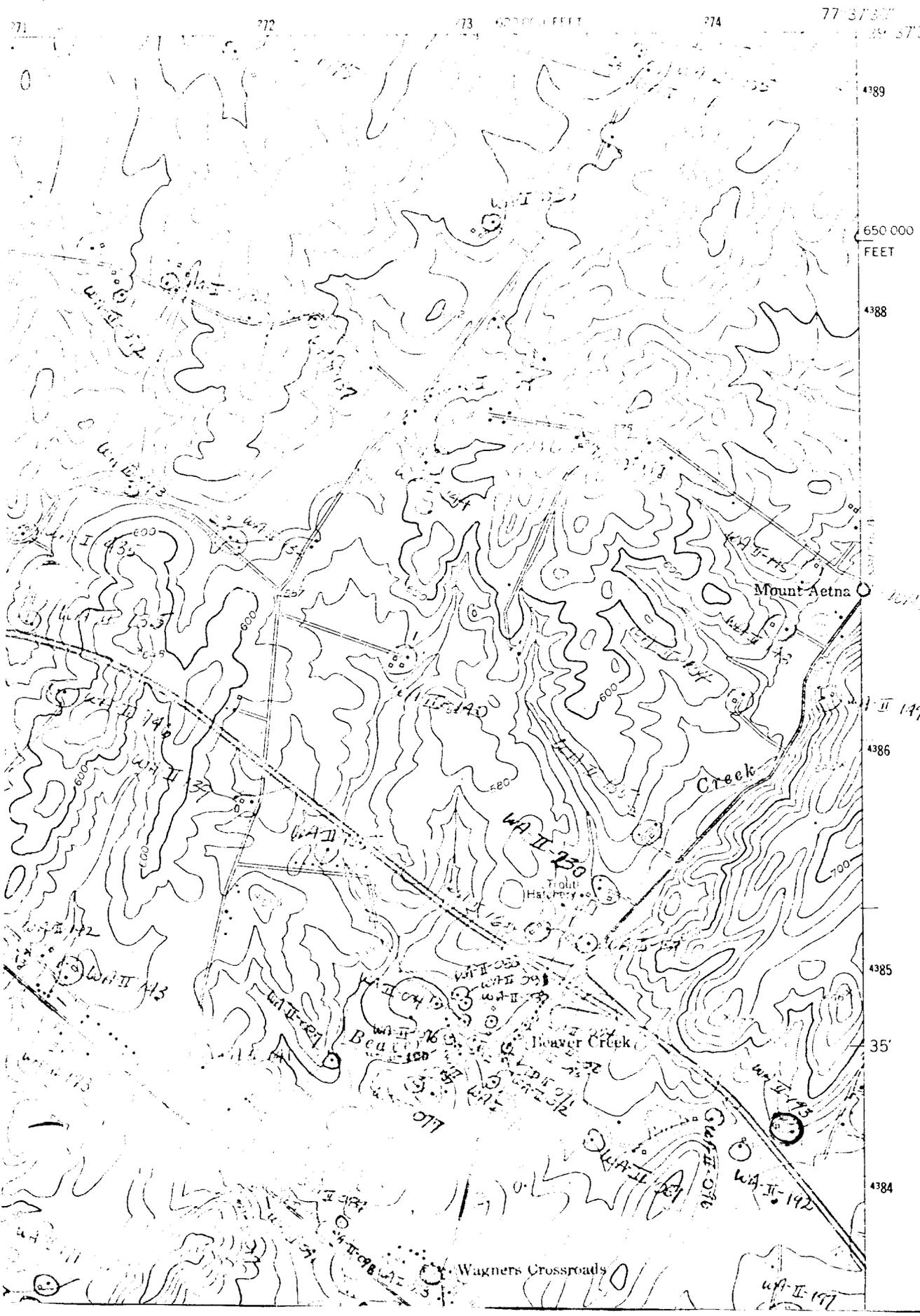
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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

44° 11' N  
77° 11' W  
(SMITHSONIAN)

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