

ABSTRACT

WA-II-246

Mid 19th Century

Ringer Cemetery

Boonsboro-Tilghmanton Vicinity

private

"Peter Ringer's Burial Ground" is located west of Manor Church Road near the Antietam Creek in Washington County. Most of the graves are marked with limestone tombstones inscribed with names and mid 19th century dates from the Ringer family. The oldest stone that could be read is inscribed in German and marks the grave of Georg Heinrich Lange an infant who was born and died in 1790. Small private cemeteries such as this one are important reminders of past residents in Washington County, serving as valuable geneological records.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

WA-II-246
 District 6
 Map 68
 Parcel 173, 354
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Peter Ringer's Burial Ground

AND/OR COMMON

Ringer Cemetery**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Manor Church Road

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
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER: Not In Use.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

J. Milton Stanford

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

7402 Sweetbriar Drive

CITY, TOWN

College Park

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20740**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court HouseLiber #: 556Folio #: 346

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Peter Ringer's Burial Ground is located in a low lying area west of Manor Church Road and east of the Antietam Creek. It is a grassy plot in which grow several large deciduous trees adjacent to a small pond and a run which flows toward the nearby Antietam Creek.

The graves are marked with limestone tombstones inscribed with names and dates from the Ringer Family. Other surnames represented include Netz and Lange. Several uninscribed fieldstones protrude from the ground and appear also to be markers. Most of the legible stones, however, mark the graves of Peter Ringer's immediate family. Among those interred here are Peter Ringer who died September 15, 1850 at the age of 75 years, four months and 27 days; Joseph Ringer, son of Peter and Mary Ringer who died December 12, 1857 at the age of 38 years, and 15 days; David Ringer who died July 12, 1874, at 26 years of age; Winifred S. Ringer, a child of three years, one month and 18 days who died May 1, 1851; and Maria Ringer, daughter of Peter and Mary Ringer, died November 5, 1845 at the age of 24 years. Most of the other markers that could be read date from the mid-19th century. One tombstone different from the others is inscribed in German and dates from the 18th century. It marks the grave of Georg Heinrich Lange who was born on April 30, 1790 and who died on October 20th of the same year.

The cemetery is in deteriorated condition to fair condition and is located on a tract containing 4.2 acres.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

'Peter Ringer's Burial Ground is significant for religious, social and humanitarian concerns. It was not uncommon for families in the 18th and 19th centuries in Washington County to have private burial plots on their farms. Many of these small grave yards have fallen into disrepair, have been completely obliterated by undergrowth or have been converted to farmland. The remaining small private cemeteries are important reminders of past residents of Washington County, serving as valuable geneological records. The property on which this cemetery stands was in the Ringer Family until 1871 (WMcKK3/442).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.2 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

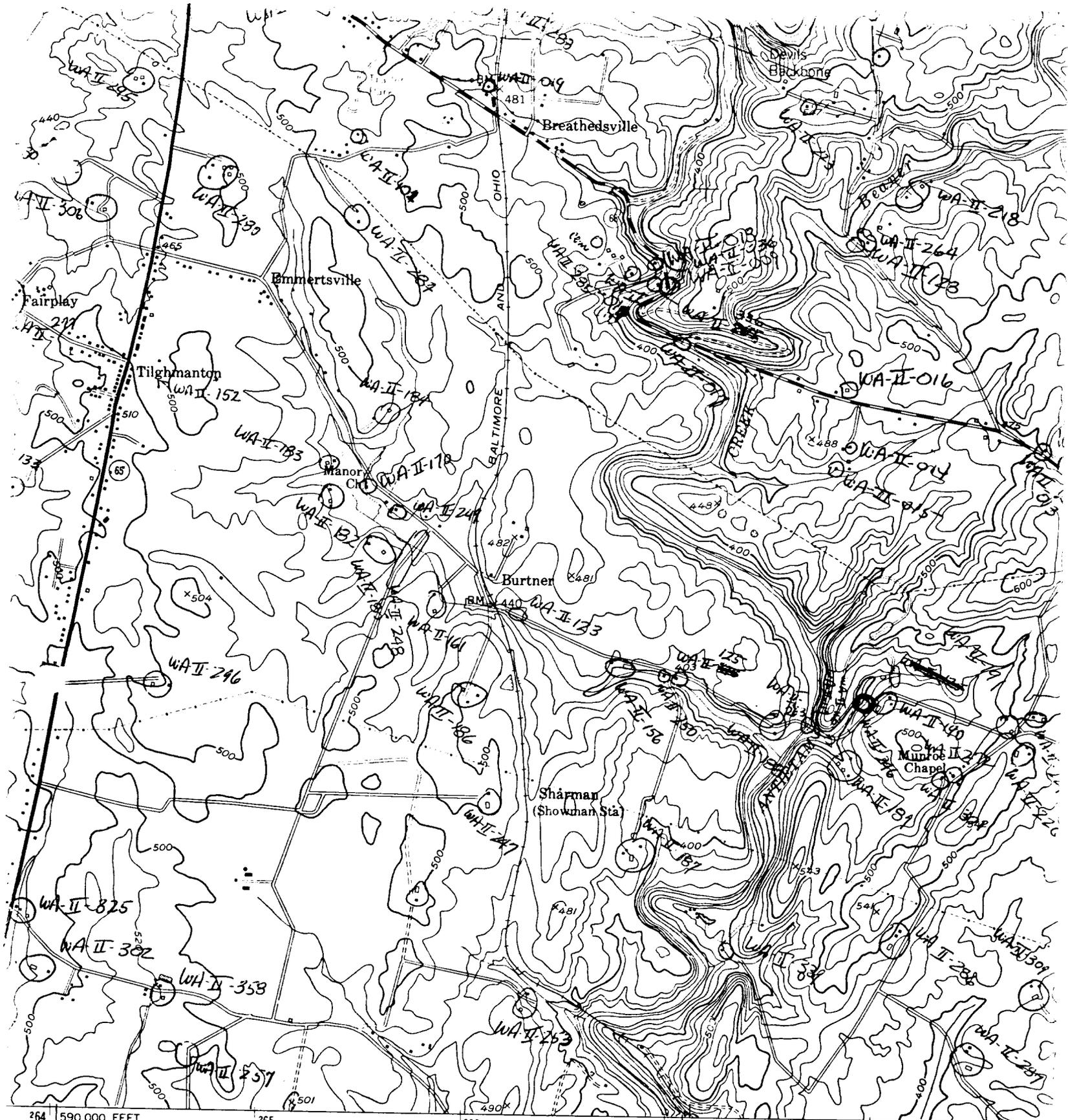
STATE

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.

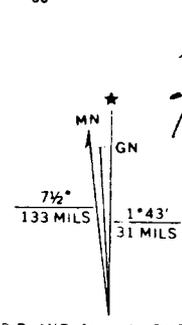
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 Quadrangle
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ALBACHIN
H. GENTHE
H. LANGE
GEBOREN DEN 30
APRIL 1790 GESTORBEN
DEN 26 OCT 1796
DIE ELTERN WAREN
HELM LANGE U. MARIA
CATHINA EINE GEBOR
NE ALBACHIN

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detail

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