

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 1/2-mile south of Maryland Rte. 56, 1 mile east of Big Spring				
CITY OR TOWN: Big Spring				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Toston				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Big Spring		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Washington County Court House				
STREET AND NUMBER: West Washington Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 293/457				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <div style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">(Check One)</div> <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This dwelling house is located about 1/2-mile south of Maryland Route 56 and about 1 mile east of Big Spring in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated near a spring with its front elevation facing east.</p> <p>It is a one-and-a-half story, three-bay house built from uncoursed rubble limestone. The house has been altered greatly on several occasions. Most recently its entire interior has been reconstructed. These renovations, made during the present ownership, involved changes of the floor plan as well as structural alterations. On the exterior, the most recent changes apparent are the addition of gabled dormers to heighten interior window area in the upper story and the addition of a neoclassically inspired front porch supported by fluted doric columns. A brick section which includes the entrance and the north end bay of the facade is also a recent addition, as are the two small, brick, internally-placed chimneys at the gables.</p> <p>Before these recent changes were made, the house was extensively altered in other ways. A very definite vertical seam is evident in the stone work at the south gable end of the house. The seam marks the original corner of the house. Parts of the original front or east wall of the house are still present in the interior. At some time, probably in the mid-19th century, the house was widened from the seam in the south gable wall to the present southeast corner and along the front of the house to the present entrance and beginning of the brick section. Until the recent alterations, the entrance remained in the original east wall of the house. The added section consists of uncoursed rubble stone with less uniformity of size than is found in the original house.</p> <p>The original house was apparently quite small with no more than two rooms on the main floor. Thus it is easy to understand why the house was enlarged, although the particular plan of alteration is somewhat unusual. More often houses were enlarged with the addition of wings or ells on an axis with or perpendicular to the main structure.</p> <p>Since the alterations to this house have been so extensive, it is difficult to arrive at an estimate of age. The small size of the original house and the original windows and the apparent simplicity of design, suggest an early date, possibly between 1790 and 1815. This date, however, cannot be substantiated without further research, which is not recommended at this time because of the altered condition of the house.</p>	

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" 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

Although this house has received several extensive alterations during its period of use, its area of significance can still be considered as its architecture. Its numerous renovations do limit the importance of this house as a representation of early stone vernacular architecture of Washington County. However, the house is an example of a type of dwelling frequently found in the County and thus should be noted.

Small two- or three-bay stone houses one-and-a-half or two stories in height which date from the late 18th or early 19th centuries do occur in Washington County with considerable frequency. Occasionally these houses are located on properties where they served as secondary buildings such as tenant houses or slave quarters. In other situations these structures appear to be main dwelling units for particular parcels of land. In these instances, it is likely that the small stone houses date from an earlier time than larger, more ostentatious houses of either stone or brick. The small size and simplified, rather primitive appearance of these dwellings can explain their use either as secondary housing structures in which earlier, more primitive building methods persisted and where there was less concern for larger size and decorative detail, or as main dwelling units built at an early date when building techniques were necessarily more primitive.

This house is not now and does not appear ever to have been part of a larger dwelling complex and so was probably the main dwelling on the property. It possibly dates from an earlier time than many of the larger houses in the area. The house is located on a property containing 133 acres used for agricultural purposes and is in no immediate danger of destruction.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **133.32 acres**

Acreage Justification:

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: **Washington County Historic Sites Survey** DATE: **May, 1973**

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

Signature _____

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