

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Oliver House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 40, three miles west of Hancock				
CITY OR TOWN: Hancock, Route 1				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Washington		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>SEASONAL</i> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Seasonal housing for migrant workers</u>
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: Western Fruit Growers				
STREET AND NUMBER: Route 1				
CITY OR TOWN: Hancock		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
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. #): 359/350				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Historical Trust Survey, #5006				
DATE OF SURVEY: Summer, 1967 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust				
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis		STATE: Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair
	(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
<p>The Oliyver House is located on the north side of old U.S. Route 40, now Maryland Route 144, at its junction with Orchard Road, about three miles west of Hancock in Washington County, Maryland. It is built into a rise of ground and faces south or toward the road.</p> <p>The house is a five-bay, two-story brick structure covered with white stucco and trimmed with dark green paint. A one-and-a-half story stone wing, four bays in length, extends from the north side of the brick structure. In the main section a brick chimney is located inside the south gable end. A large fieldstone chimney is present outside the north gable end of the stone section. A third chimney, constructed of brick rises from the interior of the stone section. The roofs of both parts are covered with corrugated sheet metal which is not original.</p> <p>The foundations of the main section are high on the south and east sides of the house. They are constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone. Above the foundations white stucco covers the original wall construction. Within the gables the end walls have been sheathed with wooden siding which is not original.</p> <p>The walls of the one-and-a-half story wing are constructed of coursed local fieldstone. Two separate periods of building are represented in the stone section of the structure. A definite seam in the masonry can be seen between the first and second bays of the west wall, indicating that an addition was attached to an existing structure. The type of stone work on the north side of the seam differs significantly from that on the south section of the west wall.</p> <p>Windows openings are concentrated on the broad sides of both sections of the house. There are no windows in the gable ends except at the attic level. All windows in the facade and in the main floor of the stone section contain two-over-two pane sashes. The first floor windows along the facade of the house appear to have been elongated, probably sometime in the late 19th century and their proportions are not consistent with other windows in the structure. The second story windows at the rear of the brick section contain nine-over-six pane sashes which are probably original. The windows are simply framed with quarter round molding. At the attic level, the windows have been decorated with molded pediments at their heads. Two steeply gabled dormers are present to give light to the loft of the stone section. Other windows are located within the foundations at the front of the house under the first and fourth bays from the west end.</p> <p>Doors are framed similarly to the windows. The main entrance is located in the second bay from the west end of the house. It opens into a wide stair hall which includes the two end bays of the house. The hall is lighted by the window in the west bay and by a transom over the door. Other exterior doors are located at the rear or north side of the main structure and at the ground level in the foundations at the east end of the house. In the stone section doors are without transoms and open directly into rooms. They are located at the second and fourth bays from the north end of the wing.</p> <p>A molded cornice finishes the eaves and the overhang of the roof at the gables. The cornice is similar to the decorative molding over the attic level windows.</p> <p>A small, flat roofed, late 19th century entrance porch sheds the main door. It is supported by square posts and has simplified ornamental lattice</p>			

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work. The east side of the stone section is protected by a low roofed porch extending along the entire length of the wing. It is included under the main roof span and is supported by narrow square posts.

The interior of the main section of the house is unusual in design. Rather than the standard five-bay, central hall plan, it has a two bay end hall and an off-center door. An entrance hall wider than one bay is uncommon in Washington County. Another unusual feature of this house is its closed string stair. Generally found among houses of the 17th century in the colonies, closed string stairs were apparently not widely used after 1700. Several houses dating from the late 18th century or early 19th centuries which have closed string stairs are located in the Hancock area. In the stone section, rooms are arranged on an axis, each with a separate door to the outside.

The Oliver House shows evidence of having been altered during the last quarter of the 19th century. The elongated first story windows, their two-over-two pane sashes, the exterior woodwork and the entrance porch are typical late 19th century renovations.

The property is within a large area of land owned by Western Fruit Growers. The 2,898.61-acre tract is part of an extensive orchard operation. The building is in fair to deteriorated condition and is used to house migrant workers. There is no substantiated date of construction for the house.

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) parts possibly built in late 18th century.

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 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 significance of the Oliver House is its architecture. Although a date of construction has not been established for the structure, it is an example of western Washington County's early architecture. Parts of the stone structure could date from the 18th century, but the house was most probably built in several sections during the first quarter of the 19th century. A detailed examination of the interior of the structure is necessary to estimate its age more closely.

The Oliver House stands on land originally patented to John Rideout of St. Mary's County on September 4, 1775. The tract, containing 6,895 acres was called "Dalecarlia."<sup>1</sup> Early records do not show any land transactions involving the property until 266 acres were conveyed to Wason Oliver in 1865 by Joseph Murray, acting as trustee for Jacob Schlagel who acquired the property in 1863. The tract remained in the Oliver family until 1911.

Samuel Rideout, who apparently acquired Dalecarlia from John Rideout, is listed as the seller or grantor in numerous land transactions between 1802 and 1813 when large portions of Dalecarlia were sold. The property on which the Oliver House stands may have been sold during that period.

The main section of the house is worthy of note because of its unusual five-bay, off-center floor plan. The room arrangement suggests that the placement of the hall at the end of the house may have helped insulate the living area from the prevailing westerly winds. The closed string main stair is significant as an example of a type found in several houses in the western part of the county. The stone section of the Oliver House is more typical of Washington County's early architecture. Large stone exterior chimneys and porches covered by the main roof span are frequently associated with Washington County's older vernacular houses.

The property was bought by its present owners in 1960.

<sup>1</sup> Map of western section Washington County, Maryland, showing original land grants and surveys, January, 1932, J. B. Berguson and Co., Hagerstown, Md, 1939.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

None

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORINATES 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	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
NE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SE	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	
SW	0 ' "	0 ' "		0 ' "	0 ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2,898.61 acres

Acreage Justification:

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: September, 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

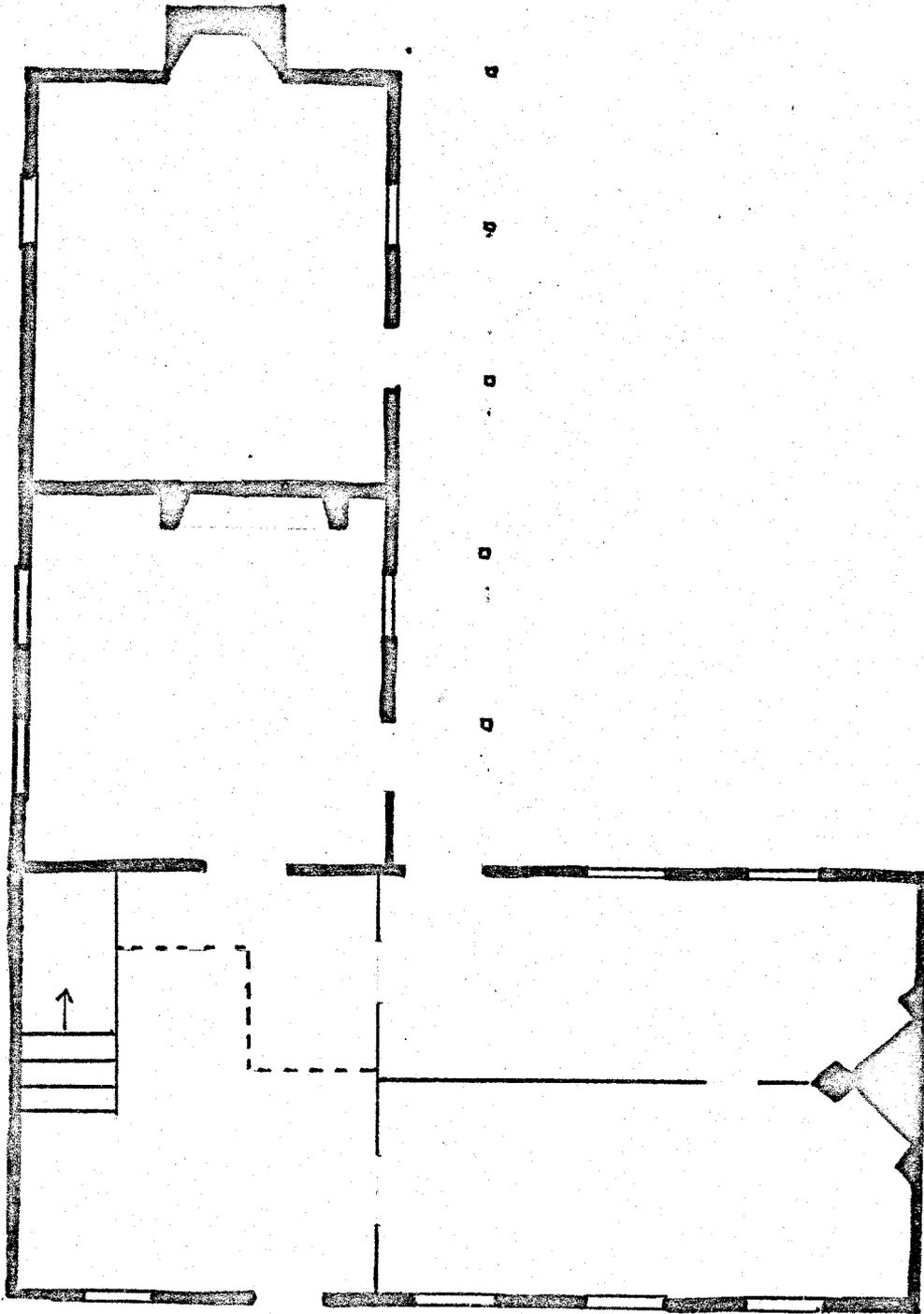
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