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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Surveyor's Last Shift

AND/OR COMMON

Old Forge Farm (preferred)

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Old Forge Road, immediately east of

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Antietam Creek

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maryland

24

Washington

043

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:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert E. Shobe

STREET & NUMBER

Old Forge and Clopper Roads

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

__ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

21740

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

21740

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 type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	50%	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Old Forge Farm is located north of Old Forge Road just east of the Antietam Creek in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a high bluff above the creek and faces west.

The structure is a two-story, three bay stone dwelling built in 1762 as recorded on a date plaque set in its south gable wall. A long, two-story, five bay addition extends to the rear or east of the main section.

The entire house is constructed of roughly coursed local fieldstone with slightly more careful stone cutting in evidence at the front section. Several vertical seams in the walls reflect early additions or alterations. One seam on the south wall marks the joint between the two sections. On the north wall of the addition is a distinct seam just east of the west bay. Between this seam and the main section is an arched door head, the opening having been filled with stone.

Wide wooden window frames with pegged joining are in evidence throughout the structure. Those of the front section and the upper story of the addition have six over six pane double hung sashes while the lower story openings of the addition have six over nine light sashes.

The main entrance is located in the middle bay of the front elevation. It is framed similarly to the windows and is simple in appearance. A more elaborate entrance with a fan light over the door is located in the west bay of the south elevation of the el. Its decorative pediment is said to be a reproduction of the original. Other entrances are located variously in the east and north elevations.

The roof of the entire structure is covered with slate. Plain boxing finishes the eaves of the main section while a course of simple molding has been applied to the eaves of the addition. The main section has a large central flue. A second flue, also large, is located between the second and third bays from the east end of the el.

The house appears to be in fair to good condition. In addition to the house is a stone end barn and stone shed and a stone tenant house located north of the dwelling. The barn is in fair condition and dates to the late 18th or early 19th century. The shed has been made over into a shed and the original sections are just the two stone walls. The stone tenant house is a 19th century structure that has been modernized.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1762 (west section) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SIGNIFICANCE

The front section of the Old Forge house is particularly important as one of the oldest dated dwellings standing in Washington County. Built in 1762, before the close of the French and Indian War, the house was certainly one of the most substantial dwellings in the area of that date. The structure with its deeply pitched roof, small, irregularly spaced windows and its central flue reflects its eighteenth century building date. The el to the rear or east of the main section was probably added before 1800.

The house and farm received the name of Old Forge from the nail forge the Hughes family ran nearby. Nothing remains from the Antietam Forge site, but it was one of a number of forges located in Washington and Frederick Counties and nearby Pennsylvania in the 18th and 19th centuries. Although the forge itself does not survive, its existence is marked in its connection with the house in which the ironmaster lived.

HISTORY

At the time the 1762 section of the house was built, the property was owned by George French. Approximately 485 acres was deeded to Samuel and Daniel Hughes on March 23, 1769 (Frederick County Liber M, folio 88); although in a release dated April 3, 1764 (Frederick County Liber M, folio 209), the same property was conveyed to Barnabas Hughes, father of Samuel and Daniel.

Barnabas Hughes emigrated from Ireland in 1750 and settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Later in the 18th century the Hughes family owned several thousand acres in present Washington County, Maryland, controlling much of the valley between the upper Antietam and South Mountain. On this land, the Hughes brothers, Samuel and Daniel, operated several iron manufacturing concerns. They are known to have been ardent supporters of the American Revolution and produced weapons for Washington's Army. The Hughes iron operations were located at Mt. Aetna, Black Rock, Rocky Forge, and Mt. Alto in Pennsylvania as well as at Old Forge. It is not clear which of these concerns produced weapons for the Revolution. However, cannon and ammunition have been found at the site of Mt. Aetna Furnace. All references found concerning the Old Forge operation describe it as a nail forge specializing in bar iron.

The mill which was located at the Old Forge appears to have been a secondary business for the Hughes. It was one of many mills on the Antietam Creek which were in operation during the 18th and 19th centuries in Washington County.

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(See Continuation Sheet #1)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approximately 12 acres

QUADRANGLE NAME Hagerstown Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,8 | 2,7,2 | 8,0,0 | 4,3 | 9,4 | 1,6,0

B 1,8 | 2,7,2 | 8,9,0 | 4,3 | 9,3 | 9,5,0

C 1,8 | 2,7,2 | 7,7,0 | 4,3 | 9,3 | 8,0,0

D 1,8 | 2,7,2 | 5,2,0 | 4,3 | 9,3 | 9,5,0

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Continuation Sheet #2.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey

ORGANIZATION

Consultant, Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

June, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

Washington County Court House Annex

TELEPHONE

(301) 791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE X

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

J. M. Smith 8-9-79

DATE

TITLE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Carl A. Thull
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

11-7-79

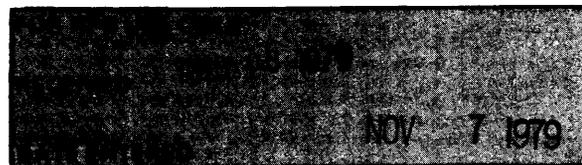
ATTEST: *Emma Anne Saxe*
CHIEF OF REGISTRATION
Regional Coordinator

DATE

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Washington County

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Beginning at the corner of the junction of Old Forge and Clopper Roads, then following the east side of Clopper Road north about 800 feet to a point, then moving southeast in a straight line about 600 feet to a point, then following a contour line south about 400 feet to a point, then moving southwest about 300 feet to a point on the north side of Old Forge Road, then following the north side of said road, west about 300 feet to the point of beginning, containing about 12 acres.

ACREAGE JUSTIFICATION

The acreage included in this nomination is sufficient to include the main house, tenant house and barn of the Old Forge Farm property and the Creek that runs just east of them and is an integral part of their setting.