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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines* for Completing National Register Forms (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Pro	operty						
historic name	Lehman'	s Mill Historic	District				
other names/site	number Marsh M	ills				WA-I-5	23
2. Location							
street & number	Lehman's Mill	Road			N/A	not for publication	
city, town	Hagerstown	Noau				vicinity	
state	Maryland code	MD county	Washington	code	043	zip code	21740
3. Classificatio	n			······································			
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State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property __ meets __ does not meet the National Register criteria. __ See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

 entered in the National Register.
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 determined eligible for the National Register.
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6. Function or Use	WA-1-523		
Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)	Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)		
DOMESTIC/single dwelling	DOMESTI	C/single dwelling	
AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/animal facility,	AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE/animal facility		
agricultural outbuilding	agricultural outbuilding		
INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/	INDUSTRY/PROCESSING/EXTRACTION/		
manufacturing facility	manufacturing facility		
7. Description			
Architectural Classification (enter categories from instructions)	Materials (enter categories from instructions)		
	foundation	LIMESTONE	
GREEK REVIVAL	walls	BRICK, STUCCO	
LATE VICTORIAN	<u> </u>		
	roof	SLATE, ASPHALT, METAL	
	other	WOOD	

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

The Lehman's Mill Historic District is located along Lehman's Mill Road just west of Marsh Run, about 3.5 miles north of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. The district consists of the remaining buildings of the mill group including the brick Lehman's Mill, built in 1869, for Henry F. Lehman, the farmstead with a stuccoed stone house dated 1837 with older and newer sections, a barn, carriage house and agricultural outbuildings; another dwelling, also built by Lehman in 1877, a two story brick and frame house located immediately west of the mill; related outbuildings and a portion of the mill's head and tail race. These buildings form a cluster along both sides of Lehman's Mill Road, and together with a canopy of large old Buckeye trees retain the rural setting which conveys their use and purpose during the late 19th century. The nominated area contains approximately sixteen buildings including principal structures and secondary outbuildings.

8. Statement of Significance	WA-1-523
Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation and the significance of this property in relation and the significance of the sis significance of the significance of the sis	n to other properties:
Applicable National Register Criteria XA B XC D	
Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)	EFG
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Significant Person Archit	ect/Builder Unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Lehman's Mill Historic District located near Marsh Run, north of Hagerstown in Washington County is significant for its association with the county's architectural and economic history. It is the oldest continuously operating mill in Washington County, and is the most intact mill complex remaining in the county as Included here are the mill, mill farm, miller's house, well. assorted domestic agricultural and mill related outbuildings, and vestiges of the mil race and dam. The complex reflects the economic heritage of the county which was based on 200-300 acre farms that were primarily devoted to small-grain farming which produced a lively economy in grist and flour milling that prospered in the 18th and 19th centuries and into the Depression period of the twentieth century. Architecturally, the buildings reflect the building trends of the 19th century expressed in conservative representations of traditional Germanic design preferences tempered with a few details consistent with the Greek Revival style.

9. Major Bibliographical Referencee

Previous documentation on file (NPS): preliminary determination of individual iisting (36 CFR 67) has been requested previously listed in the National Register previously determined eligible by the National Register designated a National Historic Landmark recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # recorded by Historic American Engineering Record #	X See continuation sheet 9.1 Primary location of additional data: X State historic preservation office Other State agency Federal agency Local government University Other Specify repository:			
10. Geographical Data				
Acreage of property <u>Approximately 11 acres</u> USGS Quad: Hagerstown				
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GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Lehman's Mill Historic District is located along Lehman's Mill Road near Marsh Run, north of Hagerstown. Included is the mill (WA-I-209, Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties), a farmstead (WA-I-211, Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties), the miller's house and related outbuildings and features, including the country road passing through the district. The district is located in a low-lying flat area along Marsh Run in the heart of the Cumberland Valley which includes much of Washington County. The district contains 14 buildings and one structure, the mill race, described in the following paragraphs.

This rural complex is clustered around the Lehman's Mill, a two and a half story, four bay brick structure resting on coursed limestone foundations which remain from an earlier stone mill which was replaced in 1869 with the present structure. The mill is a gabled structure, four bays wide with six over six windows beneath wide wooden lintels. Doors at the main and upper levels are framed similarly to the windows with four light transoms and paneled doors with six vertically aligned panels. The mill still operates, grinding meal and flour for a Greencastle, Pennsylvania, health food business. Although once operated by water, the mill now is powered by electricity. Leading into the mill from the mill pond site, directly north of the mill is a concrete lined raceway. A tablet set in the north or front elevation of the mill indicates that it was built by Hays and Co. for H.F. Lehman in 1869.

The interior of the mill retains most of its original structural elements including massive sawn posts with chamfered corners. The grinding stones are also still present and are used to grind some of the mill's products. In the wheel remains a large metal overshot wheel which is no longer in use. The milling machinery was replaced in the 1880s and 1890s and again in the 1960s when the present Italian Roncaglia mill was installed. Throughout the interior of the mill are pieces of its late 19th century machinery including separators on the second and third floors, baggers, scales and belt pullers. The present milling operation does still make use of the old grinding stones, bagging mechanism and scales.

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Across Lehman's Mill Road from the mill and slightly to the west are frame wagon sheds and scales for weighing grain wagons. One wagon shed has vertical board siding and the other horizontal German siding. Both have sheet metal roofs. They appear to date from the late 19th century.

Also across the road and slightly to the east is a farmstead which is part of the mill complex. It consists of a multi-part stuccoed stone house, a frame bank barn, and frame agricultural and domestic outbuildings. In the stucco of the west gable of the house is the date 1837. The house is eight bays long with the four easternmost bays recessed beneath a two story galleried arch. The entire house is covered with a coat of "rough cast" or stucco which has been incised with struck lines to resemble block construction with blocks of approximately 1' x 2' dimensions. Attached to the northeast corner of the house is a brick nogged frame summer kitchen and smoke house.

The house would appear to have been built in at least three The first was a one or one and a half story stone sections. structure which now composes the first story of the east half of the house. This original section dates from the late 18th or early 19th century. A few features remain, including a vaulted cellar room, an arched cellar chimney support and one small six over six rear window with pegged framing. The two story west end of the house carries the 1837 date. It has an interior arrangement with three rooms, with the front entrance opening into a large room including nearly half of the interior space. The remaining interior area on the main floor is divided into two small squarish rooms. Near the center of the interior is a steep, tightly turning The second floor plan is the same. The two west enclosed stair. rooms at the first and second stories have fireplaces. Interior woodwork is quite plain with design origins in the second quarter of the 19th century, rooted in the Greek Revival style. Doors have six panels with cast iron elbow locks or Norfolk latches.

The third period of construction was the second story of the east wing, the two story porches and remodeling of the original one and a half story section. This construction would seem to have occurred about 1860. Each story has two rooms on an axis. The woodwork is consistent with the third quarter of the 19th century, with raised beveled mantel panels and applied cut work trim to a

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basic Greek Revival formula. The easternmost room is the kitchen with a large fireplace with hinged doors and adjoining cupboards and wood storage area. The staircase to the second floor is built into the northeast corner of this room. A built-in china and linen cupboard was added to the west room of this portion of the house at the turn-of-the 20th century along with wainscotting in the kitchen.

The bank barn and outbuildings are in near original configuration. The barn is a timber frame structure of ca. 1840 with horizontal German siding which appears to replace earlier siding. It has original stable doors and vents with unusual beaded feed boxes and other finishes. Attached to the barn is a block hog barn of ca. 1940. Also present is a frame one story shed. There are also late 19th century domestic outbuildings, including a frame carriage house, a small hog barn and a privy.

Immediately west of the mill is another house, said to have been built by H.F. Lehman as his residence in 1876 or 1877, according to family recollections. It is a two story, four bay brick structure with a two story, two bay frame extension to the The frame extension is sheathed with molded wood siding. south. The house faces east, toward the mill with its main entrance located the second bay from the south end of the brick section. Originally, the other central bay of the brick section was a door. The interior of the brick main section was divided into three rooms, one consisting of approximately half the brick portion of the house with the remaining half divided into two smaller rooms in a typically Germanic floor plan. The staircase is fully enclosed and is located at the rear of the house. The partition which divided the two smaller rooms at the first story of the brick section was removed to create one larger room during the mid-20th century. Interior doors have four panels and cast iron locks typical of the 1870s. There remains, as well, original wood grain painting to resemble oak.

Behind the house is a one-story frame hog pen with vertical board sheathing and a chicken coop which are part of the complex. Both date from the early 20th century.

Just east of the mill is a two story frame stable which once housed the mill's horses. Behind it is another hog pen, also of frame construction. These outbuildings would appear to date from the late 19th century.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA Geographic Organization: Western Maryland Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870 Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870-1930 Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Agriculture Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning Economic (Commercial and Industrial) Resource Type: Category: District Historic Environment: Rural Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

DOMESTIC/single dwelling/residence AGRICULTURE/animal facility/barn/agricultural outbuildings/wagon sheds INDUSTRY/processing/extraction/manufacturing facility/flour mill

Known Design Source: None

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HISTORIC SETTING:

The Lehman's Mill Historic District is located about three miles north of Hagerstown, in Washington County, Maryland, just south of the Pennsylvania line. The area is a broad, fertile limestone valley, laced with springs and streams. From the 1730s on, the valley was settled by farmers, mostly of German origin from Pennsylvania, who primarily grew small grains. Eventually, by the third quarter of the 19th century Washington County became the leading producer of wheat in the state. As a result of the grain farming, grist and flour mills were built along the valley's waterways from the earliest days of settlement onward. In 1794, according to Dennis Griffith's map of Maryland made in that year, there were fifteen grist or flour mills along the 30 mile length of the Antietam Creek alone. This proliferation of mills extended through the 19th century until mid-western grain production cut into the grain economy of Washington County at the end of the century.

The land on which the Lehman's Mill complex is located was part of a large 1,500 acre landholding called Spriggs Paradise owned by Thomas Spriggs. Spriggs was one of several families from eastern Maryland who held large manor-like tracts of land in Washington County. By the early 19th century, most of these large parcels had been subdivided into two or three hundred acre farms which were generally acquired by Pennsylvania Germans. A German by the name of Joseph Emmert purchased the mill property of 271 acres in 1832.

RESOURCE HISTORY:

The Lehman's Mill complex appears now much as it did during the last quarter of the 19th century. There was, however, a mill operating on this site during the late 18th century.¹ The original mill was a stone structure which stood on the site of the present brick building. The original mill was built by General Thomas Spriggs, a wealthy gentleman who owned over 1,500 acres along Marsh Run.

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According to Bell's History of the Leitersburg District written in 1898,

"sometime near the close of the last century, General Spriggs built a mill on Marsh Run... It was a two-story stone structure about forty feet square. The power was originally derived from a dam about a half-mile distant. David Brumbaugh who subsequently purchased the property improved it in various ways and excavated a reservoir with an area of half an acre. Brumbaugh sold it to Jacob B. Lehman in 1854, and from him it was purchased in 1858 by his son, Henry F. Lehman, the present proprietor. The old stone mill was removed in 1869 and replaced by the main part of the present structure, a brick building, thirty eight by forty three feet in dimensions, to which a frame addition thirty by thirty one was added in 1878. Steam power was introduced in 1887, and at the present time, engines of thirty-five horse power are used. The use of buhrs in the manufacture of flour was discontinued in 1887 in favor of the roller process to which the gyrator system of bolting was added in 1897. The present capacity of the mill is fifty barrels per day. It is also provided with facilities for the manufacture of other mill products, and in the character of its equipment and the extent of its business is justly regarded as one of the leading mills of Washington County".²

T.J.C. Williams' <u>History of Washington County, Maryland</u> states that the Lehman's Mill, at the time of his writing in 1906, was the third largest mill in Washington County.³

According to the 1850 manufacturing census, the mill, then owned by David Brumbaugh, employed two people and produced 4,444 barrels of flour annually, valued at \$21,000. It also produced 2,000 bushels of rye and corn chop, a value of \$1,400, and 11,110 bushels of "stuff", worth \$2,222. In the 1860 manufacturing census the mill is listed under Henry Lehman and was employing two men with production of 4,000 bushels of flour valued at \$24,000. The 1880 manufacturing census indicates that Henry Lehman had \$12,000 capital invested in the mill. It ran eight months full time and four months half time. It had four runs of stones and a

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maximum daily capacity of 140 bushels. One-third of its production was custom work. The mill produced 2,100 barrels of wheat flour, 15,000 pounds of corn meal and 185,000 pounds of feed.

Thomas Spriggs who owned the portion of "Sprigg Paradise" upon which the Marsh Mill stands, was a Brigadier General in the Maryland militia and was on the Washington County Committee of Observation in 1777. He was a member of the convention to ratify the Constitution of the United States and served in the second and third Congresses. He is generally believed to have been one of Washington County's wealthiest citizens in his time. At his death in 1809, he had an estate valued at \$85,758. He lived in a large brick mansion which stood on the east side of Marsh Pike, about one half mile south of the mill. Thomas Spriggs' holdings were divided, when he died, among his three children, William O., Otho H. and Mariah. Mariah and her husband, Dr. John Reynolds, received 512 acres, the northernmost portion of Spriggs Paradise, which included the mill property. Mariah and John Reynolds mortgaged the property in 1828, but excluded "the mill, and saw mill and the entire water rights thereto belonging." (Deed book KK, page 67.) In 1832, the mill and the surrounding farm of 271 acres was purchased by Joseph Emmert for \$10,000 (Deed book MM, page 896). In 1846, he sold the mill farm, then 89 acres, to David Brumbaugh for \$7,076 (Deed book IN10, page 152).

In the agreement of sale (Deed book IN1, page 550), prior to the actual sale, it was noted that Brumbaugh already occupied the property which was described as improved with a stone mill. Jacob Lehman purchased the mill and 10-5/8 acres in 1854 from David Brumbaugh for \$11,500, having purchased the 89 acre mill farm a year earlier. The mill farm remains in the Lehman family.

The farm complex took on its present configuration during Emmert and Lehman ownership. The dated west four-bay section of the house which was built in 1837 was added by Joseph Emmert. At that time it could have had a one or one and a half story, four bay extension to the east which was an older stone building dating from Spriggs ownership. The barn would also appear to date from the second quarter of the 19th century meaning that it could have been built by any of the first three owners. The second story of the east wing of the house would appear to date from the 1850s and is very likely a Lehman addition, as are the existing domestic and

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agricultural outbuildings. Apparently Jacob B. Lehman never resided in the farm house since he had a 400 acre farm elsewhere in the Leitersburg area. When Jacob Lehman died in 1866, the mill and mill farm was acquired by his eldest son Henry F., who was born in 1829. In 1869, Henry tore down the old mill and built the present structure. Then, in 1876 or 1877, he built a brick and frame house for himself and his family, immediately west of the mill. Later, his two sons took on the milling business.

RESOURCE ANALYSIS:

The Lehman's Mill Historic District represents the historic themes of architecture and economics. The district's significance derives from the largely intact collection of nineteenth century buildings and structures in the historic rural setting. The complex with the mill buildings, farmstead and house clearly reflects the agricultural economy of nineteenth century Washington County which depended upon the production of small grains, principally wheat, and the processing of that grain into flour, All of the buildings also represent the meal or animal food. vernacular architecture of the region and period of time. Α particular architectural characteristic of the complex is its conservatism of style, design and plan. This is characteristic of the German farmers of the region who generally belonged to Some details such as conservative Protestant religious sects. exterior doors and lintels of the mill and mantelpieces and doors in the farm house are recognizable as influenced by the Greek Revival style.

The economic theme is illustrated by the milling business which was one of many such operations which once existed in Washington County. Most of these once thriving complexes are gone now. The Lehman's mill grouping is distinctive in that it is the most intact mill complex in Washington County. Included are the mill, mill farm, miller's house, mill and farm outbuildings and vestiges of the dam and the head and tail race. Also, the mill still operates, continuing to grind grain and retaining its original function, although its original machinery has for the most part been replaced. Other historic mills in the County no longer retain their original function. Two others which have been listed in the National Register were converted to residences. According

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to local tradition Lehman's mill is the oldest continuously operating mill in the East. These claims have not been substantiated.

With the high grain production in Washington County throughout the 18th and 19th centuries, mill and marketing of grain was a major contributor to the local economy throughout the period. Not until the turn of the 20th century did the importance of the county's grist and flour mills begin to diminish.

This complex represents the economic and architectural history of Washington County as it progressed through the 19th century to the early years of the 20th century.

The period of significance covers about 140 years beginning with c.1800 when the earliest portion of the farmstead house was built and ending with 1940 by which point few small mill operations of this type remained in operation. Lehman's Mill continues to operate, but no longer in the historic role as an integral part of the agricultural economy. That role ended during the years of the Depression. Major farming interest was switched to dairy cattle and large cooperative milling establishments were formed.

¹Interview with Amos Baer who compiled research for much of the area along Marsh Pike, 1974.

²Herbert C. Bell, <u>History of Leitersburg District</u>, (Leitersburg, MD: the author, 1898) p. 93.

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BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

The boundaries for the Lehman's Mill Historic District are as follows: beginning at a point on the north side of Lehman's Mill Road on the east side of a small stream which crosses under the road, west of Lehman's Mill; then following the edge of a wooded marshy area in a northeasterly direction about 400 feet to the berm of the former mill pond; then following the edge of the former pond in a northerly and easterly direction to a fence line also a property line, behind the farm buildings of the mill farm; then following the fence line in an easterly direction to the Marsh Run; then following the west bank of Marsh Run south to the point where the Marsh Run makes a sharp turn to the east; then leaving the Creek and running at an angle in a south westerly direction to the mill's tail race to include within the district the horse stable and hog barn southwest of it. Then following the mill race and property line of the David Moats property along its border to the place of beginning.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION:

These boundaries were selected to include all of the resources directly associated with the mill and enough land to incorporate the historic setting. Where possible, the boundaries are drawn to follow natural landscape features and existing boundary lines. The complex is surrounded by open cultivated farm land.