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SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 97001183 Date Listed: 10/9/97

Hoffman Farm Washington MD
Property Name: County: State:

Multiple Name

This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrus
Signature of the Keeper

10/9/97
Date of Action

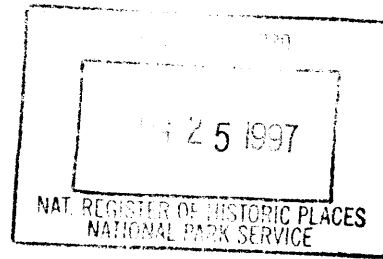
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Amended Items in Nomination:

This SLR is issued to clarify the resource count noted in Section 5 of the form. The SHPO has clarified the count as follows: seven contributing buildings, one non-contributing building, and no sites. The form is amended to reflect this information.

DISTRIBUTION:

- National Register property file
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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Hoffman Farm

other names/site number WA-II-251

2. Location

street 18651 Keedysville Road

not for publication n/a city or town Keedysville vicinity x

state Maryland code MD county Washington code 043 zip code 21756

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this x nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property x meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide x locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official

Date

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the
National Register

See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the
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removed from the National Register

other (explain): _____

Patrick Adams 10/9/97

Signature of Keeper Date
 of Action

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>1</u>	<u>6</u> buildings
<u> </u>	<u>1</u> sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u> objects
<u>1</u>	<u>7</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in National Register 0
Name of related multiple property listing n/a

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>single dwelling</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>secondary structure</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	<u>animal facility</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	<u>agricultural outbuilding</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	<u>agricultural field</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>single dwelling</u>
<u>DOMESTIC</u>	<u>secondary structure</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	<u>animal facility</u>
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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

EARLY REPUBLIC/Federal
MID-19TH CENTURY Greek Revival

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation LIMESTONE
roof METAL
walls BRICK, LIMESTONE
other WOOD

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE
ARCHITECTURE
MILITARY

Period of Significance 1810-1947

Significant Dates 1862

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
n/a

Cultural Affiliation n/a

Architect/Builder unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- preliminary determination of individual listing (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 # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository: _____

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 54.26 acres

USGS quadrangle Keedysville, MD and Funkstown, MD

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing	
A	<u>18</u>	<u>265840</u>	<u>4375720</u>	D	<u>18</u>	<u>265690</u>	<u>4375140</u>
B	<u>18</u>	<u>266220</u>	<u>4375110</u>	E	<u>18</u>	<u>265660</u>	<u>4375490</u>
C	<u>18</u>	<u>266120</u>	<u>4374940</u>				

See continuation sheet.

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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Additional Documentation
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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner
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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name _____

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town _____ state _____ zip code _____
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Description Summary:

The Hoffman Farm is located on the south side of the Keedysville Road, about two miles east of Keedysville in Washington County, Maryland. The farmstead consists of an 1840s two story brick dwelling, adjacent slave quarters, also of brick construction, an earlier, ca. 1810 stone house built over a spring of water, a frame wagon shed, a log hog barn and a frame forebay bank barn. All of these buildings are considered to be contributing resources within the farmstead complex. There is one noncontributing building, a concrete block four bay garage. The buildings are situated near a spring which emerges beneath the stone dwelling, among hills studded with limestone outcrops and cedar trees. The stone house faces south, the main house east and the barn situated on high ground faces northeast. The buildings are generally in good condition with rehabilitation work in progress. They are the center of a working farm operation.

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General Description

The **main house** is a two story, seven bay brick building resting on limestone foundations. The facade is divided by a formal section and a kitchen and work wing with the two story recessed work porches. The formal section has five bays with a central entrance protected by a Greek Revival style one bay hipped roof porch supported by square columns. Bricks of the facade are laid in common bond with flat arches over the windows. One window has had its original six over six light sash restored, the others still have single pane replacement sash, although window restoration is in progress. The front entrance has its original eight panel door beneath a three light transom.

The area of the facade devoted to kitchen and work functions is protected by a two story work porch enclosed with a railing and supported by tapered square posts typical of the Greek Revival period. Within the porch is a six over six light window on the south wall. Windows and doors of the front and south gable walls of this section are topped with wide wooden lintels. Windows have single pane replacement sash, and window restoration is planned for them. The porch is accessed from four limestone steps. From the porch there are two entrances, one into the kitchen, with a transom above the door and the other entering into the southeast room of the main section of the house. At the second story level of the porch, there is a window and door leading into a bedroom. In the sheltered wall area beneath the porch, there remains some original finish consisting of staining and striping with red iron oxide stain and white striping.

At the rear of the house, windows and doors are placed irregularly and there is a back door from the main section and another from the kitchen wing which leads into a small frame lean-to addition. The roof covering is standing seam sheet metal and there are three large brick chimneys with corbeled tops, one at each end of the building and another at the south end of the main section of the house.

The interior of the main house is arranged formally with a central entrance and stair passage with rooms on either side. The kitchen wing has

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one large room at the first story with a large cooking fireplace, currently closed off, a door leading to the cellar and another leading to an upstairs bedroom. There are also doors to the exterior in the front and rear walls.

The fireplace has a mantelpiece with a large raised beveled panel, typical of the Greek Revival era and consistent with the design of other mantelpieces used throughout the house. The area of the house between the kitchen and the entrance passage contains two rooms, a larger front room with a fireplace and doorways leading to the kitchen, the work porch and to the hallway. The fireplace is room-sized, with a raised beveled panel and squared tapered pilasters. The mantel shelf is trimmed with courses of rabbetted Grecian ogee molding. Although intact, this and other fireplaces have been closed off with various types of paneling. This room presumably originally functioned as a dining room. Behind it is a smaller room with no fireplace, one window and a door into the kitchen.

Most rooms retain original chairrail, quite low on the wall, six panel doors with original grain painted finishes, and much original hardware. The focal point of the stair hall is the staircase which ascends along the north wall of the hall. The staircase has a turned newel post with a round finial at the top, turned balusters, two per step and a flattened rounded hand rail. Baseboards are high with double rabbetted fields. Beneath the main stairs is a second stair leading to the cellar.

To the north of the stair hall is an area that was once one large parlor room. Some years ago it was partitioned into three rooms, one of which was a bath. Enclosures were made with imitation wood paneling and are clearly evident and did not destroy any of the original fabric which remains intact. The mantelpiece, like others in the house, has a large beveled panel, with similar raised bevels on pilasters. Three courses of Grecian ogee rabbetted molding form the transition from the mantel shelf to its vertical surface.

The second floor follows a similar floor plan to that of the first floor, except that there are two bedrooms above the kitchen, which share a staircase down into the kitchen. The rear bedroom also has access to the southwest bedroom of the main section of the house. The southeast bedroom

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of the main section retains its original marbled painted finish on the mantelpiece. Otherwise the mantelpiece is plain with a flat frieze panel, flat pilasters, and wood corbels between the shelf and frieze.

Remnants of flagstone walkways remain around the exterior of the building leading to garden and work areas.

Just behind and to the south of the main house, close to the rear kitchen entrance are brick **slave quarters**. Slave quarters are extremely rare in Washington County, and these are quite intact. The building is one story high with three bays across the front elevation. The three bays are all entrances, there being no windows in the front wall. The building is constructed of brick laid in common bond and has a standing seam metal roof. A shed roofed porch supported by square posts extends across the front. The porch has decking in front of the two more northerly entrances. There appears to have been some sort of decking in front of the third door but it is no longer present and would have been at a lower level. The easternmost door has a three light transom while the others do not. All doors are board and batten. An inside end brick chimney is located in the north gable. There is no interior fireplace, only a framed-out support for the chimney in the attic. Six over three light windows are located in the north gable wall. One window large enough to accommodate a single six light sash is located in the west wall, and there is evidence of possible windows, later bricked shut, in the east gable wall.

The interior of the building is divided into three cell-like rooms. The largest is at the north end. This room contained two of the windows and had access to the chimney for a wood stove. The walls are plastered. The joist system and attic floor boards are exposed and covered with multiple layers of whitewash. There is flooring of relatively wide random width boards. The second room, which is accessed only from its one exterior door, is similarly finished, but smaller. It has one window in its west wall, plastered walls, wooden flooring and exposed joists with whitewashed covering. The third room has been used as a smoke house. This function may have been a modification from the original residential use.

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The transomed door and the evidence of windows in the south wall suggest that it was not originally a smokehouse.

Also part of the complex is a two story **stone house** built over a spring of water. This house is clearly older than the brick residence and may be the original dwelling on the property. It appears to date from ca. 1810 with unusually fine federal period detailing for such a small building. The character of the building is defined by the large spring which runs through and around it. The south (front) elevation has a two story porch included under the main roof span. The porch may have been extended in depth, and the current rough post supports are not consistent with the refined woodwork on the building. A brick chimney is located inside the east gable end. The main level is the second floor and this area is accessed by wooden steps within the porch structure. The exterior of the building sheltered by the porch at the upper level, although outside, was treated as interior space with plaster walls, chairrail, and baseboard. At the east end of the porch is a staircase leading to the attic area which is unfinished and shows evidence of fire damage.

The interior at the main story level is divided into two rooms. The entrance from the porch consists of a six-flush-panel door beneath a three-light transom. The trim consists of an entablature with reeded pilasters, frieze and cornice with reeded decoration. Jambs are also paneled and reeded. This material is intact although deteriorated. The room into which the entrance opens has a fireplace in the east wall with a mantelpiece with reeded trim, including a reeded frieze panel. On either side of the fireplace are cupboards with raised panel doors. The smaller of the two cupboards is immediately adjacent to the fireplace. The other one is set in the northeast corner and is larger with double doors with four panels each. Chairrail is also in place.

The second main level room is at the west end and contains four windows with original trim and chairrail. One refinement in this room is a molded wooden hanging block in the shape of an inverted T, between the two

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end windows. Several such features have been found in late 18th and early 19th century houses in the region.

At the lower level is a kitchen, and the spring which runs inside a channel, now lined with concrete. A large service fireplace is located in the east wall.

Also in the farmstead complex is a **frame bank barn** with a cantilevered forebay. A shed extension has been attached to the front elevation, and most of the walls have been sheathed with metal siding. The barn is situated on high ground.

Between the barn and the house are a **log hog barn** and **frame wagon shed**. The hog barn appears to be contemporary with the other buildings, dating from the mid 19th century. It is a v-notched building with an overhang on the west side. The roofing material is standing seam sheet metal with horizontal lapped siding in the gables. Later vertical siding has been applied to the end walls. Built-in troughs are attached near the ground level under the overhang on the west side and steps gave access for humans to the upper level. The wagon shed is framed with vertical board siding and a corn crib along its west side. It also has a standing seam metal roof and appears to date from the mid 19th century.

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Significance Summary

The Hoffman Farm is significant under Criterion A for its association with the history of agriculture in the productive limestone region of Washington County, and for its association with the Battle of Antietam. It was used as a hospital from the day of the battle on September 17, 1862 through the following month. Over 800 men were hospitalized in the barn, house, outbuildings and grounds. The farm is also significant under Criterion C for its remarkable architectural collection depicting vernacular interpretations of the Federal and Greek Revival styles as well as regional traditions such as building over springs and using a frontal recessed double porch. The slave quarters are among fewer than six recorded examples in Washington County and certainly the best preserved. The Hoffman Farm has been in the possession of a single family throughout nearly its entire history. The period of significance, 1810-1947, encompasses the period between the construction of the earliest building on the property to a point fifty years in the past.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

- Rural Agrarian Intensification: A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural/Industrial Transition: A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial-Urban Dominance: A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period: A.D. 1930-Present

Historic Period Theme(s):

- Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning
- Agriculture
- Military

Resource Type:

- Category: Building(s)
- Historic Environment: Rural
- Historic Function(s) and Use(s):
 - DOMESTIC/single dwelling
 - DOMESTIC/secondary structure
 - AGRICULTURE/animal facility
 - AGRICULTURE/agricultural outbuilding
 - AGRICULTURE/agricultural field

Known Design Source:

none

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RESOURCE HISTORY AND HISTORIC CONTEXT

Washington County, established in 1776, contains the lower portion of the Cumberland Valley, an agriculturally rich limestone region that historically was a breadbasket for the eastern United States. Initial settlement occurred in the 1730s with actual effective settlement taking place after the close of the French and Indian War in 1763.

Although early land grants were patented to investors and speculators of English descent from eastern Maryland, the majority of settlers were German farmers who came from southeastern and south central Pennsylvania. They specialized in the production of small grains, principally wheat, rye and barley. The major agricultural industry in the 18th and first half of the 19th century in the Cumberland Valley section of Washington County was milling, grist or flour. According to Dennis Griffith's 1794 Map of Washington County, 14 mills were located along the Antietam Creek alone.

The limestone geology of the region provided good building stone and also created a landscape with limestone outcrops and numerous springs. During the 18th and very early 19th century, some builders in Washington County built their houses directly over springs. Building with limestone in the County had a fairly distinct time period, from 1760 to 1850. Brick construction was rare among farmhouses in the 18th century, although examples are extant. Brick construction was more common after 1820.

The Hoffman farm reflects the cultural and environmental history of the county. The first house, which appears to date from about 1810, uses the native limestone and is built over a sizable spring. The second house, dating from the 1830s or '40s, is a prominent Germanic type in the region, with brick construction and a recessed double porch along part of the front elevation.

Property History

Throughout its recorded history, this property has been in the Hoffman family. It was acquired by John Hoffman in 1830, by adverse possession.

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According to the law of the day, Hoffman would have had to occupy the land for at least 21 years in order to acquire it by adverse possession, suggesting that he had arrived as early as 1809. John Hoffman lived from 1788 to 1859. No information has come to light to indicate whether John Hoffman built the stone house, or whether it was already standing when he settled on the property. At his death, the farm descended to his widow, Susan, and eventually to his daughter, Urilla Hoffman Rohrer, and then to her daughter, Ima Rohrer Scheller, followed by Ima's son, Frederick Scheller. The property now belongs to Frederick Scheller's daughter and her family.

During and after the Civil War Battle of Antietam, the Hoffman farm was one of the major hospital sites and actually served as headquarters for the Sanitary Commission. The farm was considered a good hospital site because it was sheltered by a hill and offered a good supply of fresh spring water.¹ The hospital served over 800 men, Union casualties, mostly from Sumner's Second Corps. Men were treated in the barn, houses, outbuildings and on the grounds surrounding the buildings. In a report from the Sanitary Commission, an agency which reviewed conditions at the field hospitals, the Hoffman Hospital was rated as excellent. Doctors Dougherty and Hayward were in charge. The family has a diary found in the Hoffman barn belonging to H. R. Dunham, Company B 19th Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, who died at the hospital. Other diaries record experiences of wounded men at the Hoffman Hospital.²

The oldest building on the property is the stone house over the spring. It appears to date from about 1810 and may predate the Hoffman occupation, or it could be Hoffman's first house. The rest of the buildings date from the second quarter of the 19th century. Notable among these is the slave quarters building adjacent to the brick house. According to John Hoffman's will, written in 1856, the family had seven slaves "for life,"

¹John W. Schildt, Antietam Hospitals. Chewsville, Maryland: Antietam Publishing, 1987, p. 62.

²John W. Schildt, Drums Along the Antietam. Parsons, West Virginia: McClain Printing Co., 1972, pp. 188-193.

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all children and teenagers: Ellen, age 14; Elizabeth, age 13; Sally, age 13; Susan, age 9; Harriet, age 4; Otho, age 10; Isaac, age 9. Whether there were any adults who may have been free, living with these children is not known. The slave quarters building probably housed at least some of these children.

Resource Evaluation

The Hoffman Farm group is a remarkable collection of buildings representing generations of occupation by a single family in the German dominated culture of north central Maryland. Represented are building traditions in log, stone, brick and frame, covering major types used in the region. All of the buildings are remarkably intact, conveying the historic appearance of the place. The slave quarter is a rare survival. There was not a large slave population in Washington County; according to census records, the largest number of slaves was recorded in the county in 1830 when there were 3201, from a total population of 23,075. By 1860, the number of slaves was 1435 in a total population of 31,417. The Hoffman slave quarter is the best preserved of those known to exist in the county. The surviving slave quarters in Washington County are modest one story brick or stone buildings located behind or adjacent to the main house. As census records indicate, slavery did exist in Washington County, but most people here did not own slaves, or they owned only a few. The largest slave population in the County is believed to have been at Montpelier near Clear Spring which had as many as 170 slaves in the early 19th century. The slave quarters for this property no longer exist, but are said to have been wooden.

Concerning the slave population on the Hoffman Farm, records are inconclusive. The 1830 Census listed John Hoffman with eight slaves, five males and three females. They were all under the age of 23 except one female listed as between 36 and 54 years of age. The 1840 census lists John Hoffman with two slaves, one male, one female, both under 23 years of age. No slaves are listed for him in the 1850 census.

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The property is also significant for its association with the Civil War and the Battle of Antietam. Its use as a hospital is well documented and the place is important to the interpretation of the battle and its effects on the local population as well as the effects upon the combatants.

The Hoffman property therefore meets National Register Criteria A and C. It meets Criterion A for its association with the Battle of Antietam, its contribution to the understanding of slave culture in northern and western Maryland, and its association with the practice of agriculture in the 19th century in the lower Cumberland Valley. It meets Criterion C for the fine architectural record it presents with housing from two periods, slave quarters, a rare exposed log hog barn and a frame forebay bank barn of the type prevalent in central Maryland. There are six contributing buildings and one non-contributing building (a concrete block garage).

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GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Verbal Boundary Description: The boundaries include the property shown as Parcel 221 on Washington County Tax Map Number 72, containing 54.26 acres.

Boundary Justification: The nominated parcel comprises the remnant of the property historically associated with the resource, which provides an appropriate setting for the buildings and reflects the resource's associations with the Civil War Battle of Antietam and with the practice of agriculture in the Cumberland Valley area of Washington County.