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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

* * Sprechers Mill house; Salisbury

AND/OR COMMON

Salisbury

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Hopewell Road Near I-70

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE
24

COUNTY
Washington

CODE
043

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James Chapman

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE

21740

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 227
Folio #: 253

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the south side of Hopewell Road near Williamsport in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of relatively level ground and faces west.

The dwelling is a two story, three bay brick structure set on low fieldstone foundations. Attached to its north gable end is a one story, two bay wing also of brick construction. To the east elevation of this portion of the house has been added a one story flat roofed extension.

Bricks of the main section are laid in Flemish bond at the front or west elevation and in common bond with generally five courses of stretchers between header rows at the side and rear elevations. Flemish bonding is employed in the east elevation of the north wing. This wall is hidden from exterior view by the one story addition. The side and west walls of the wing display common bonding with only three rows of stretcher bricks between courses of headers. Decorative brick work includes flat or jack arches over windows. Those over first story windows in the front or west elevation of the main section are one and a half bricks in height while other windows have arches only one brick in height. An elliptical arch of bricks outlines the fanlight over the main entrance while a segmental brick arch is present over an entrance to the basement in the west elevation of the north wing.

Openings appear to have been spaced evenly in the walls. Those in the main section have narrow rounded frames which hold six over six pane double hung sashes. First story windows are flanked with paneled shutters while louvered shutters are used at the upper level windows. Windows in the north wing have been replaced. The owner reports that wide wooden window and door frames joined with pegs were used in this portion of the house. Dormer windows have been added to the north wing.

The main entrance is located in the north bay of the west elevation. Relatively elaborate among Washington County houses, this entrance has an eight panel door hung below an elliptical fanlight with its original curved muntins. Sheltering the door is a semi-hexagonal entrance porch supported by slender columns from which spring three round arches. The porch and other recent additions to the house were designed by its owner, an architect. A door which has since been replaced with a window was located in the west elevation of the north wing.

The roof of both sections is covered with asphalt shingles. It terminates with beaded barge boards set directly against the end wall. Double chimneys are located inside the south gable end. A single brick flue extends from inside the north end of the wing.

The interior of the house is divided by an entrance and stair hall containing an open spiral stair with decorative scroll work at the ends of its risers. One room is located south of the stair hall. Interior doors have six panels and are held in frames trimmed with decorated corner blocks. The date 1833 is scratched in the south wall of the main section.

Located just to the west of the house are a pair of long narrow out buildings set to each side of the dwelling. The structure northwest of the house is of stone and board and batten over frame construction. A similar appearing building is located southwest of the house was designed and built by the owner for use as a shop.

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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	
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<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 1833 BUILDER/ARCHITECT
Found on section of house

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is significant for its architecture, It is also important for its association with the early milling industry in Washington County.

Constructed of brick, this dwelling represents a major 19th century architectural group in Washington County and the Cumberland Valley. However, it has several unusual features such as the elliptically arched entrance and the open spiral stair which set it apart from most 19th century brick houses in Washington County. It would appear that the north wing is the older portion of the house as suggested by the wide, pegged window and door frames that it had and its common bond brick work with only three rows of stretchers between header course. Also, the arched entrance to the cellar seems to be associated with late eighteenth and early 19th century structures in the area. The use of **Flemish** bond at the east wall suggests that the house was designed to face that direction. This is consistent with the orientation of most early houses in the area which face east, south or southeast. The main section of the dwelling, probably dating from the second quarter of the 19th century faces west, opposite from the orientation of the wing. This change in placement could suggest that some influence such as a new road or place of business, located west of the dwelling caused the more recent portion of the house to be built facing west rather than with the more traditional eastern orientation.

The land on which this dwelling stands is a part of a tract called "Resurvey On Salisbury." A 40 3/4 acre tract was conveyed to John Sharick by John Funk on March 31, 1803. John Funk had apparently acquired the property from Henry Funk who purchased the 40 3/4 acres from Francis Deakins and Richard Potts for £1700 on March 10, 1798 (0/752). On April 9, 1814, John Sharick sold the tract along with other parcels for a total of 49 acres to Philip Schpracher (2/400). The property descended through the Sprecher family for many years, being sold in 1941 (217/290).

Charles Varle's 1808 Map of Frederick and Washington Counties shows a mill on Semple's Run at this approximate location. An earlier map of Washington County made by Dennis Griffith in 1794 does not depict a mill on Semple's Run. It appears possible, then, that the mill which came to be known as Sprecher's Mill was established between the completion of these two maps. (It should be noted however, that these maps are not completely accurate.) Milling was an important early industry in Washington County, providing a means for local farmers to process their grain products. It is not known from information available at present how long the mill was in operation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Varle, Charles, Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, 1808, Washington County Land Records.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 13.8 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	1,8	2,6,0	3,2,0	4,3,8,8	8,1,0	B	1,8	2,6,0	1,5,0	4,3,8,8	6,4,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	
C	1,8	2,59	9,1,0	4,3,8,8	8,4,0	D	1,8	2,6,0	1,6,0	4,3,8,8	9,4,0
	ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING			ZONE	EASTING		NORTHING	

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on Hopewell Road 2,500 feet west of its underpass beneath I-70, then following the road east 800 feet, then southeast 800 feet, then southwest 800 feet, then northwest 1,000 feet to the point of beginning.

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, Consultant

ORGANIZATION Washington County Historical Sites Survey DATE April 1976

STREET & NUMBER Court House Annex TELEPHONE 791-3065

CITY OR TOWN Hagerstown STATE Maryland

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL STATE 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 John N. Pearce DATE 9/6/77
TITLE SHPO

FOR NPS USE ONLY

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

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHITECTURE AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION Wm. M. ... DATE 1/3/78
 ATTEST: Charles ... KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER DATE 1.4.78
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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West of the house along Hopewell Road was the barn for this complex. It is said by the owner to have been of log construction. West of Hopewell Road stood a grist mill known as "Sprecher's Mill" or "Salisbury Mill." It is considered in form WA-I-364.

This house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 13.8 acres.