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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

AND/OR COMMON

ANTIETAM HALL

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

525 Indian Lane

__ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

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

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart B. Abraham (Ida Jean)

STREET & NUMBER

525 Indian Lane

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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Antietam Hall is located at 525 Indian Lane, Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland about 1/2 mile south of Maryland Route 64. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces northeast.

The structure is a two-story, six-bay brick dwelling, painted yellow with black and white trim.

The walls are set on low limestone foundations. The bricks at the front or northeast elevation and those of the northwest end wall are set in Flemish bond. At the rear of the house, English garden wall bonding is displayed with three courses of stretchers between rows of header bricks. The projecting portion of the rear elevation displays common bonding. Decorative work associated with the exterior walls includes flat brick arches over the windows. A quarter round brick water-table extends along the entire front elevation.

Windows and doors are spaced evenly in the facade and appear to be grouped in pairs. All windows of the front elevation contain nine-over-six pane double-hung sashes which are held within wide wooden window frames with pegged joining. The frames are trimmed with quarter round molding. Some of the windows in the other elevations contain six-over-six or two-over-two pane sashes within narrow frames. Windows of the front wall are flanked with louvered shutters.

The main entrance is located in the second bay from the north end of the facade wall. The entrance way is flanked by fluted pilasters projecting from the wooden trim. The top of the woodwork is concealed by the porch ceiling. The door jambs are finished with quadrangular panels which match the double doors. A transom with triangular panes is present over the door. Balancing the main entrance is a door located in the second bay from the east end of the front elevation. This entrance is without decorative trim and appears to have had a transom which has been enclosed. Other entrances are located in the rear elevation.

A one-story, hipped roof entrance porch extends along the entire front elevation. It is supported by square posts with chamfered edges. Pilasters matching the main door trim are located at the ends of the front wall. A two-story porch extends along most of the rear wall. Part of this porch has been enclosed with brick.

The roof is covered with slate and terminates with a barge board set directly against the end walls. Eaves boxing at the front elevation is trimmed with a course of molding. Large brick chimneys with several courses of corbelling at their tops are located inside each gable end. An interior flue is located at the ridge between the second and third bays from the south end. A fourth chimney, somewhat smaller than the

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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Original stencilling is present in several second story rooms.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of Antietam Hall is its architecture. The structure is also important for the original decorative stenciling which is present in several rooms on the second story.

Although no exact construction date has been established for this house, it has several features characteristic of 18th century dwellings in Washington County. The presence of a watertable and windows with wide wooden frames showing pegged joining are indicative of early construction. The use of wrought nails and raised panel doors at the interior as well as the method of construction employed in the first story flooring all suggest an 18th century building date.

The presence of early stenciling is particularly outstanding and certainly rare in Washington County. Few, if any, other examples are in existence in the area.

Early records concerning Antietam Hall are not definitive. It appears, however, that Ignatius Perre, who acquired a 500-acre land patent "Brother's Request" in 1744, sold 100 acres to George Circule (Frederick County Land Records J/1129) in 1765. In 1769 Circule, who apparently renamed the land "George's Lot," sold 100 acres to Martin Rohrer (Frederick County Deed M/182). Martin Rohrer, who eventually acquired more of the land, held the property until his death in 1806. In 1807 500 acres, including parts of "Brother's Request," "Small Hopes" and "The Hurry," was acquired by Rohrer's son-in-law, Christian Newcomer. If the house is an 18th century structure, it was probably built during the ownership of Martin Rohrer. According to Scharf's History of Western Maryland, written in 1882, Martin Rohrer settled on "what is now known as the Bryan farm, lying on the Antietam Creek and near the Cavetown turnpike. . . ." The Bryan family owned Antietam Hall from 1847 to 1904. Martin Rohrer is buried in a family cemetery located near the Jacob Rohrer house at the Trovinger Mill.

¹Thomas J. Scharf, The History of Western Maryland, Vol. II, Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, (1882), p. 1053.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, Thomas J. The History of Western Maryland Vol. II
Philadelphia, Louis H. Everts, 1882.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY, approximately 7 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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

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

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NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

September 1974

STREET & NUMBER

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

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 M. Pearce
SHPO

7/26/77
DATE

TITLE

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

William H. Brubaker

DATE 9-24-79

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Emma Jane Sage*

DATE 9-21-79

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DESCRIPTION

others, rises from inside the southeast gable end several feet below the ridge.

The main entrance opens into a spacious stair hall with the staircase set into a recess in the southeast wall of the hallway. Two rooms are located northwest of the hall, while to the southeast is one large room with a sizable fireplace. Adjoining this room is a kitchen with a large service fireplace behind which is another room, apparently an addition.

Rooms at the second story are divided by a partial hall running perpendicular to the end walls. Several of the second story rooms display original decorative stenciling in red and black depicting a pineapple motif.

Interior doors have six raised panels with plain quarter round trim. Several nails extracted from the attic floor were hand wrought. The first floor joists consist of heavy squared planks or logs set snugly against each other. Over these is a layer of mortar several inches thick. The flooring is placed above the mortar.

The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 41.66 acres. *Only 7th nominated. See 10. Sept 24 1979*

Near the house is a one-and-a-half story, four-bay brick secondary dwelling. Its bricks are laid in flemish bond at the front elevation with a quarter round molded brick watertable extending the length of the front wall. Other elevations display common bonding. Two identical doors are present in the front elevation. The openings have narrow framing which does not show pegged joining. A large barn and other outbuildings are also present.

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BEGINNING at a point on the entrance road from Maryland Route 64 about 2600 feet from said road, then moving northeast in a straight line about 250 feet to a point, then southeast in a straight line about 375 feet to a point, thence south in a straight line about 400 feet to a point, then west in a straight line about 375 feet to a point, thence northwest in a straight line about 650 feet to a point, thence northeast in a straight line about 200 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 7 acres.