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1 NAME

HISTORIC *W* *\*\**  
The William Chapline House  
AND/OR COMMON  
The William Chapline House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 109 West Main Street  
CITY, TOWN Sharpsburg VICINITY OF COUNTY Washington CODE 24  
STATE Maryland CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ~~Third~~ 06  
CODE 043

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. John A. McCollom  
STREET & NUMBER 109 West Main Street  
CITY, TOWN Sharpsburg VICINITY OF STATE Maryland 21782

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Court House  
STREET & NUMBER West Washington Street  
CITY, TOWN Hagerstown STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN  
STATE  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

# 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

The William Chapline House is located at 109 West Main Street in Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland. Situated on the north side of the street, forming the northwest corner of the town square it faces south.

The structure is a two story, five bay stone dwelling. A two story five bay shed roof addition of brick extends to the rear or north. The front elevation of the main section employs finely coursed local limestone while other elevations display less carefully cut rubble stonework. All windows are topped with flat stone arches. Several stones in the east gable were dislodged during the Civil War Battle of Antietam when a cannister shot struck the building. Alterations in the masonry of the front and east elevations suggest possible changes to the house. It appears that the south end window of the east elevation was converted from a door and that the door in the east end of the front elevation was originally a window.

The openings appear to have been spaced evenly in the front elevation. All major windows have six over six pane sashes held within narrow, rounded frames which probably date from the mid-nineteenth century. Original wide window frames joined with wooden pins remain at the attic level.

The main entrance, located in the center bay of the front elevation, is elaborate. It consists of double four paneled doors over which is a broad transom with numerous rectilinear panes. The doors are flanked with plain Doric pilasters supporting an entablature. Like the windows, the entrance piece would appear to date from the mid-nineteenth century. The wrought iron entrance porch is present in a late nineteenth century photograph of the house. The secondary entrance in the east end bay of the front elevation is said to have been installed by Doctor A. A. Biggs during the mid-nineteenth century to provide access to his office. The stone doorstep is incised with his name. Other entrances are located in the rear elevation and in the addition.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and terminates with a barge board set directly against the end walls. Large stone chimneys finished with corbels are located inside each gable end. The eaves treatment consists of a course of decorative cornice work trimmed with a row of carved dentils just above the upper story window arches.

The brick addition displays common bonding. Its windows have narrow frames with beaded edges holding six over six pane double hung sashes. The present owners of the property report that foundations from an earlier structure were found beneath this section.

The interior of the main section is bisected by a stair and entrance hall. The stair, which is open to the attic, has a square newel with turned balusters. Decorative scroll work on the ends of the risers includes an unusual "pinwheel" form. East of the hall is a large room which appears to have served as a doctor's office under Hartman's and Biggs' ownership. It retains its original fireplace mantel and door trim. The opening in the partition between the two rooms was expanded to an archway circa 1950. West of the hall are two rooms of equal dimensions. The area is said to have been divided when

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the woodwork in the rooms was replaced during the mid-nineteenth century.  
The brick addition is divided into two rooms, each with a fireplace. Several doors in this section, which may have been moved from the main structure, have six raised panels and show evidence of having had long strap hinges.  
At the rear of the property is a small brick stable, its end walls pierced with geometric brickwork ventilators.  
The house is in good to excellent condition.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES      circa 1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The William Chapline House is significant for its architecture, for the role it played in the growth and development of Sharpsburg, and for its association with two of the area's physicians, particularly Doctor Augustin A. Biggs, who occupied the house during the turmoil of the Battle of Antietam in September of 1862.

The history of the house and its occupants is ably related in the attached research by Jeffery A. Wyand, executed in 1974.

Architecturally, the house is important as a well documented example of Washington County's late eighteenth century domestic construction, retaining a significant portion of its original woodwork. Although the five bay, center hall plan is typical of many of Washington County's stone structures dating from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, the William Chapline House displays a degree of fineness of execution not apparent in many other houses.

Most of the alterations this house has received appear to have occurred during the mid-nineteenth century and are significant as expressions of that period as well as being linked with the role the house played during the Civil War.

The brick addition at the rear of the house would appear to date from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

Three possessions of the Biggs' family have been acquired by the present owners and have been returned to the house: a nineteenth century sofa; a shaving mug which belonged to Charles Biggs, the doctor's oldest son, a one-time member of the Maryland House of Delegates who was born in the house in 1850; and a late nineteenth century family photograph posed in front of the house. A plan of the Antietam National Cemetery indicating its design by Doctor Biggs is also in the house.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Mc Collom, Beverly. Compilation of Data on the Chapline House, 1975.  
 Warner, Henry. "Detective Work Sheds Light on Sharpsburg Homes." Daily Mail, Hagerstown, Maryland, July 26, 1975.  
 Wyand, Jeffery A. The William Chapline House, Sharpsburg, Maryland. September 1974.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 51.5 feet by 206 feet

UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>18</u>	<u>263420</u>	<u>43171030</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey

ORGANIZATION

DATE

August 1975

STREET & NUMBER

335 South Ridge Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Greencastle

STATE  
Pennsylvania

# 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* February 18, 1976

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

Sept.

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

Attest:

*John G. ...*

DATE

10/8/76

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE

9/27/74

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER