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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Manheim  
AND/OR COMMON  
Stone House, San Mar Road

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER ~~Southeast side of San Mar Road, about two miles east of~~  
~~Maryland Route 66~~  
CITY, TOWN Sanmar VICINITY OF Sixth  
STATE Maryland CODE 24 COUNTY Washington 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  
Ada E. Swartz & I. O. Omdahl  
STREET & NUMBER  
Route #2, Box 291-A  
CITY, TOWN Boonsboro VICINITY OF STATE Maryland 21713

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Washington County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
West Washington Street  
CITY, TOWN Hagerstown STATE Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
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 group of buildings, formerly associated with a grist and saw milling business, is located on the southeast side of San Mar Road just south of Mt. Lena in Washington County, Maryland. The dwelling is constructed on a slope and faces east.

The house is a three-bay structure built of roughly coursed local limestone. It is one story high at the front elevation, but because it is built into a bank, the west elevation is a full two stories. No decorative work is associated with the masonry. A one-story stone kitchen wing extends to the south (see below).

On both the east and west facades, the fenestration at ground level consists of a central door with a window on either side. The second story of the west facade, which now has three windows, once had a central door as well, as indicated by alterations in the masonry and surviving late 19th century photographs. The original windows have wide frames joined with wooden pegs. All the windows on these two facades have nine-over-six sash and modern louvered shutters.

The main (east) entrance is framed similarly to the windows and includes a four-light transom. The door has six raised panels backed with vertical planks and held to the frame with long strap hinges. Old photographs of the house show the door opposite the front entrance in the second story of the west elevation: this door had no transom and opened onto a small, balustraded deck which also served as a roof over the door below. Some time after the 19th century photograph was made, the upper story door was converted to a window and a three-bay, one-story porch with elaborate gingerbread replaced the smaller entrance porch. The present porch is supported by turned posts trimmed with scroll-cut brackets.

The roof is sheathed with modern asphalt shingles and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. A course of cornice molding finishes the eaves. Brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.

On the interior, the main or upper story of the house is bisected by a stair and entrance hall. Although the stair is placed prominently, it serves no purpose other than to provide access to the attic. Much of the interior woodwork retains what appears to be original paint in dark brown and blue with marbled base boards. North of the hallway is a large parlor room with a fireplace centered in its end wall. The mantel here has a large bead finishing the inner edge, surrounded by a course of diagonal reeding, which is framed by a strip of applied quarter round molding. South of the hallway are two smaller rooms with plainer trim.

In 1976 a stone addition was built to the main house. Constructed of native limestone matching that used in the original building, it is a two-story, gable-roofed extension which faces southeast. From the west facade of the house, its present principal elevation, the gable end of the addition is visible. The angle of its roof is similar to the older house, and window frames and sash match as well. The southeast elevation of the addition, which cannot be seen from the public road or from the front or back of the main house, is very contemporary in design with recessed solar panels fueling the heating system.

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 32.67 acres. To the northeast is a large frame bank barn set on fieldstone foundations. A small service kitchen or wash house is located just southeast of the house. It is of frame construction sheathed with board and batten siding and has a large exterior stone chimney at its north end.

A sawmill is said to have been located about 100 yards east of the house, and a large 2½-story grist mill was located west of the dwelling, along the San Mar Road.

The old photograph mentioned above shows a picket fence surrounding the house and an additional outbuilding located to its east.

ACREAGE EXPLANATION

The two acres nominated are sufficient to include the existing barn and wash house. There are no sawmill or grist mill remains, and the archeological potential of the sites has not been investigated. The 32.67 acre tract presently held by the owners is a part of the original tract now mostly woodland and pasture. This acreage gives visual protection to the two acres nominated, however it is not known whether the woods and pasture are a continuous historic used of the land, and a nomination of the two acres including house and outbuildings seems most appropriate.

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(SIGNIFICANCE, continued)

The 1976 addition to the house adds to its significance as an example of a compatible modern design using solar energy. The addition looks like an older wing from the street, not detracting from the historic appearance of the house at all.

# 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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The complex of structures consists of a stone house, a frame bank barn, and related outbuildings. At one time it also included a grist mill and saw mill. The buildings have contributed much to the agriculture, commerce, and industry in Washington County, Maryland. As a grist milling complex, these buildings served the local agricultural community. The grist mill offered an opportunity for nearby farmers to process grain into more marketable flour and meal. Grist milling was a major industry in Washington County where grain was an important crop and water power was readily available. The house, which appears to have been built during the last decade of the 18th century or the early years of the 19th century, displays regional characteristics of the period as well as some unusual architectural features. Much of its original interior woodwork remains intact, even retaining the original paint in some rooms. The new wing on the house is an example of the compatible contemporary additions that can be made to such vernacular stone farmhouses. The mill on this property, known as "Murray's Mill," was in operation through the 19th century.

The earliest recorded transaction which could be found for this farm was a deed made April 14, 1796, when Jacob Woolfkill purchased 176/½ acres of "Resurvey on Manheim" from Joseph Bowman at a cost of £4.10s per acre (0/420). Woolfkill's will was probated October 16, 1824, at which time the plantation on which he had lived was given to his three children, John and Jacob Woolfkill and Polly Seyster, wife of Michael Seyster (Will 253). Shortly thereafter, John and Jacob sold 58-3/4 acres, presumably a portion of their share of the estate, to Michael Seyster. This transaction included water rights for a mill (HH/1092). In 1833 Michael Seyster and his wife sold the 58-3/4 acres to John Fouch who, in turn, sold them to John Murray and William Melavery of Franklin County, Pennsylvania in 1839 (00/271, UU/45). By 1868 the property was in the possession of Susan Emmert, widow of Andrew Emmert, when it was purchased by Jacob Bishop (LBN2/689). From Bishop the property descended to Katie Ruch who sold it to Jennie G. Ridenour and John L. Ridenour in 1904 (135/528). It remained in the Ridenour family until 1968 when it was purchased by the present owners (199/531, 199/533, 480/471).

The house is architecturally significant as an example of Cumberland Valley's vernacular architecture. Typically, it displays mixed stylistic influences, such as massive raised panel doors suggesting 18th century motifs and a delicately reeded mantelpiece showing influence of the federal or early 19th century period. Also typically the house was renovated from time to time in its history as evidenced by the Victorian porch added to the west wall. Built of native limestone, the house is an example of an important building trend in 18th and 19th century Washington County, where limestone is an important feature of the landscape.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #2.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Probate Records of Washington County.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

A 

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ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING						

B 

ZONE				EASTING				NORTHING					

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at a point on the south side of San Mar Road about 1,500 feet southwest of the main street in Mount Lena, then moving southeast about 220 feet to a point, then southwest about 400 feet to a point on the east bank of a branch of Little Beaver Creek, then following said creek north about 220 feet to a point on the south side of San Mar Road, then following the south side of said road east about 400 feet to the point of beginning, containing two acres.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

1 km

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

July 1976, April 1978

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

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

*[Signature]*

10-30-78

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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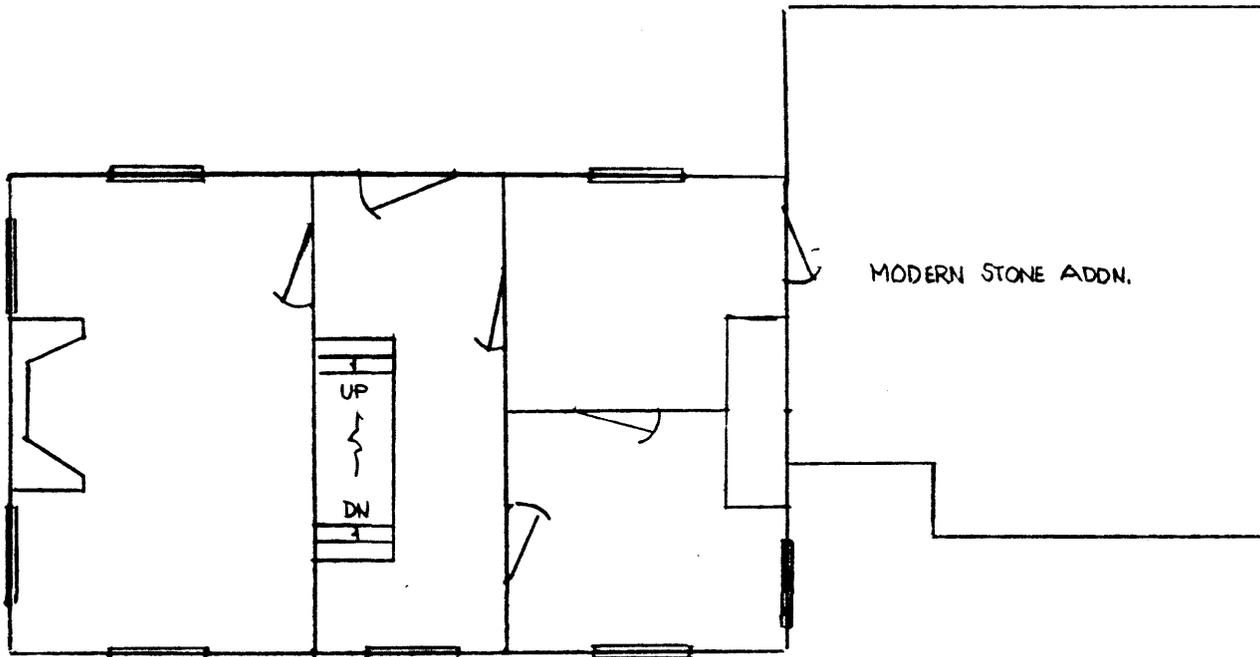
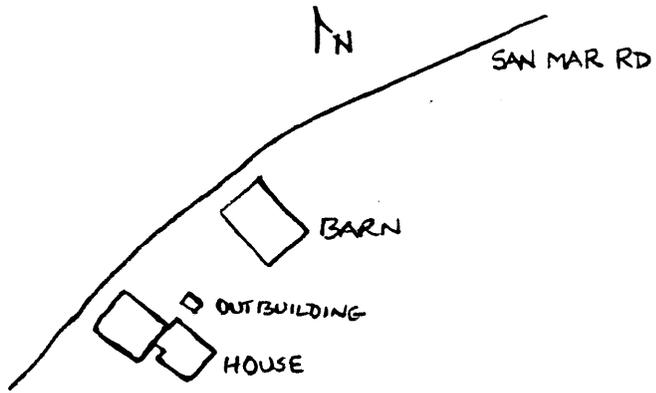
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*William H. Bratman*  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 9-25-79  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST: *Emmeline Sage*  
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 9-24-79



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STONE HOUSE

"RESURVEY OF MANHEIM"

(APPROX. MAIN FLOOR PLAN)