

Poffenberger, Joseph, Farm , House
East of Hagerstown Pike, (MD Rt. 65)
Sharpsburg Vicinity
Washington County
Maryland

HABS NO. MD-966

HABS
MD,
22-SHARPS,
19-

PHOTOGRAPHS AND
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20013-7127

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

POFFENBERGER, JOSEPH, FARM, HOUSE

HABS NO. MD-966

HABS
MD,
22-SHARP.V.
19-

Location: East of Hagerstown Pike (MD Rt. 65), south of Middlekauf Farm, Sharpsburg Vicinity, Washington County, Maryland

Significance: The Joseph Poffenberger House is significant both as a typical early log structure and due to its role in the Civil War Battle of Antietam.

Description: The house is a two-story, three-bay, L-shaped log structure clad with clapboard painted white. In the main log block, four front windows, two to a story, frame a central doorway. This main entrance opens to a one-story full facade porch with a low-hipped roof and gingerbread railing. The roof of the main block is a side-gable construction and is punctuated by two interior chimneys; the first on the west end of the main section and the second on the north end of the ell addition. The frame constructed rear ell extension has a typical double gallery.

The barn is of a frame bank design with a stone foundations, much like others in this area.

History: The log construction, L shape, and full facade porch of the Poffenberger House, reveal it as a typical vernacular farm dwelling.

Shortly before the Civil War Battle of Antietam, the farm served as the bivouac of the First Corps. It was also the site of the Federal staging area for the first attack in the early morning of September 17, 1862.

Sources: Antietam National Battlefield Site, National Register of Historic Places nomination form, 1981

Historian: Martha V. Wagner
HABS
1991

ADDENDUM TO:
JOSEPH POFFENBERGER FARM, HOUSE
Antietam National Battlefield
17834 Mansfield Avenue
Sharpsburg vicinity
Washington County
Maryland

HABS MD-966
MD,22-SHARP.V,19-

PHOTOGRAPHS
REDUCED COPIES OF MEASURED DRAWINGS
FIELD RECORDS

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240-0001

ADDENDUM TO:
JOSEPH POFFENBERGER FARM, HOUSE
Antietam National Battlefield
17834 Mansfield Avenue
Sharpsburg vicinity
Washington County
Maryland

HABS MD-966
MD,22-SHARP.V,19-

PAPER COPIES OF COLOR TRANSPARENCIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240-0001

ADDENDUM TO:
JOSEPH POFFENBERGER FARM, HOUSE
Antietam National Battlefield
17834 Mansfield Avenue
Sharpsburg vicinity
Washington County
Maryland

HABS MD-966
MD,22-SHARP.V,19-

PAPER COPIES OF COLOR TRANSPARENCIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240-0001