

GRABENSTEIN FARM HOUSE

AL-III-C-033

Jeffries Road, .6 mile south of Route 40  
ca. 1895

The Grabenstein Farm House was built around 1895 by Frank Grabenstein as a simple residence for a subsistence type of farm. The house consists of a two story, three bay wide, "L" shaped structure. A shed roof covering the entire facade and numerous end porches make this structure unique to the typical style of farm house found in Allegany County. The house has been owned and inhabited by the Grabenstein family since construction until the late 1960's when Norman Filsinger purchased the property.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Grabenstein Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

.6 miles south of Route 40 on Jeffries Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Norman D. Filsinger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt 1 Box 732

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 438

Folio #: 682

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Grabenstein Farm House is located on the west side of the Jeffries Road near Cumberland, Allegany County, approximately .6 mile south of the Route 40 intersection.

The house basically consists of a two story, three bay wide, "L" shaped structure. A two story wing abuts the main block on the rear, western side forming the "L" of the structure. A replaced porch with hipped roof is found at the apex of the "L", and an original one story porch is placed on the northern side. The building is a frame structure, covered with novelty siding and the entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with plain water table. The roof of the building is that of a shed which is covered with both replaced and original tin materials which has been tared. Windows in the structure feature double hung wooden sash frames with two over two and six over six lights with plain trim. The main entrance is located on the front eastern side and exhibits the original verticle paneled door with plain trim. The entrance is covered by a three bay end porch with shed roof that is supported by square columns. Three original brick chimneys are placed within the facade; two on the inside end of the main block and one on the inside end of the rear wing.

The house is structurally sound, however, it has been left vacant with the recent death of Mr. Grabenstein.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" 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			

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SPECIFIC DATES	1895	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Frank Grabenstein
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Grabenstein Farm House was built in 1895 by Frank Grabenstein as a simple residence for a subsistence type of farm. The building is similar to the common style of farm houses found in Allegany County with its two story "L" shaped frame construction. However, it is a-typical in construction in that it features a shed roof on both the main block and wing, and also exhibits front and side end porches. The home has been owned by the Grabenstein family since construction until the late 20th century when Norman Filsinger purchased the property from Leo Grabenstein, nephew of the original builder.

The house is in near original appearance and remains a cultural and architectural reminder of a way of life once found in Allegany County.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 175.46 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin &amp; Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/5/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-III-6-033

438/682

DATE: 9/29/76

175.46 acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: GRABENSTEIN FARM HOUSE

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: .6 MILE SOUTH of Rt. 40 on Jeffries Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: EAST

NAME OF OWNER: Norman D. Filsinger

ADDRESS: Rt 1 Box 732

Frederick, MD. 21532

STORIES: 1( ) 2() 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3() 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) L Shaped

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: *Novelty Siding that's been left to weather* Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PLAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) <sup>Front</sup> 2/2() 6/6() 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
PLAIN pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
HARDWARE: original() replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable( ) <sup>Rear</sup> <sub>3 Bay side porch - shed</sub>

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELED( ) original( ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end() Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence  
Significance - Arch  
Date Constructed - 1890's  
Condition - fair

Uncle Frank Grabenstein



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AI-III-C-031

AI-III-C-032

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Grabenstein Farm House  
Jeffries Rd  
USGS - Evitts Creek Quad

24,000  
1949

AI-III-C-029

AI-III-C-030

AI-III-C-003

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.6 mi. south of Rt. 40, Jeffries Rd.

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Southwest



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• 6 mi. south of Route 40 on  
Jethries  
Road

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Northwest



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0.6 miles south of Rt. 40,  
Jeffries Road

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East