

AL-V-A-225  
Bald Knob Farm  
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Private

1910's

This two and one-half story farmhouse is three bays wide and two bays deep. The house and a springhouse are constructed of glazed building tiles which were manufactured in Mount Savage between 1912 and 1920. The buildings were erected for George C. Brailier during the second decade of the 20th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bald Knob Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Bald Knob Road

CITY, TOWN

Mount Savage

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Karl R. Johannessen

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Brook House, Longwater Lane

CITY, TOWN

Wokingham, RG 11 4NT

VICINITY OF

England

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 441

Folio #: 671

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland 21502

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Bald Knob Farm is located west of Bald Knob Road near Mount Savage. The rectangular dwelling is two and one-half stories tall and three bays wide on the southern facade. The house is situated on a steep slope so that three and one-half stories are exposed on the facade. Wall construction is of hollow glazed building tile laid in a stretcher pattern. The hipped roof is covered with diamond-shaped asphalt shingles and has snowbirds. Eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, bed mould and a frieze. The building rests on a high foundation of random ashlar stone.

Porches on the facade and the northern elevation have hipped roofs supported by tapered square wooden columns. Windows are 2/2 sashes which are shuttered on all elevations other than the facade. Entrances located in the centers of the facade and the northern elevation include one light transoms and doors of one rectangular light with beveled glass bordered with egg and dart moulding. Two chimneys of white glazed brick with corbeled caps are located inside and on the eastern and western elevations hip roofed dormers on the facade and northern elevation have four light windows.

The first floor of the farmhouse is divided into two rooms, a parlor and a kitchen. Walls are covered with wooden paneling with a high baseboard. Interior doors are of five panels with pedimented transoms. Windows have pedimented interior surrounds. A one flight stairway in the center of the house has rectangular capped newels plain balusters and string, and pendants in the open well.

A springhouse east of the farmhouse is a one story, two bay rectangular structure constructed of the same building tile as the farmhouse. It has a hipped gable roof and rests on a high stone foundation. Windows are 2/2 sashes and the only entrance is a wide diagonal board door offset on the western elevation.

A saltbox barn southwest of the farmhouse is of frame construction with vertical board siding. The roof is gabled It rests on a high foundation of coursed ashlar and rubble stone with cinderblocks on the southern elevation. Sliding doors on the northern elevation slide open on metal runners. Trefoil-shaped vents are in the gables of the eastern and western elevations of the barn. A flat roofed cinderblock addition and a metal silo abut the southeastern corner of the barn.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input 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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bald Knob Farm, also known as the Brailer Farm, is on Bald Knob north of Mount Savage. The Brailer family was among the original settlers of the Mount Savage area. (Scharf p. 1496) The family owned coal mines in the neighborhood which were opened by the George's Creek and Bald Knob Coal Company in 1903-1904. In 1916 the Brailer family, acting as the Brailer Mining Company opened the "Bald Knob Mine." The coal underlying Bald Knob is "Big Vein" coal—a vein of high quality coal.

The house and springhouse on the farm were built for George C. Brailer during the second decade of the 20th century. (tax assessments) These buildings are made of glazed building tiles, a product which was manufactured in Mount Savage between 1912 and 1920. (Interview) The vertical board barn predates the house.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Scharf, John T. History of Western Maryland. Philadelphia: L. H. Everts Company, 1882.  
MD Geological Survey Book  
Allegany County Tax Assessments 1910-1917, 1918-1922, District 13  
(Assessments of property of George C. Brailer)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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(#9 Continued) Major Bibliographical References

Allegany County Land Records Liber 156, Folio 642.

Interviews with Mrs. Alice Carney 4/2/1981 and Mrs. John H. Weimer 4/7/1981



EXTERIOR WALLS OF  
1" THICK HOLLOW  
BUILDING TILES

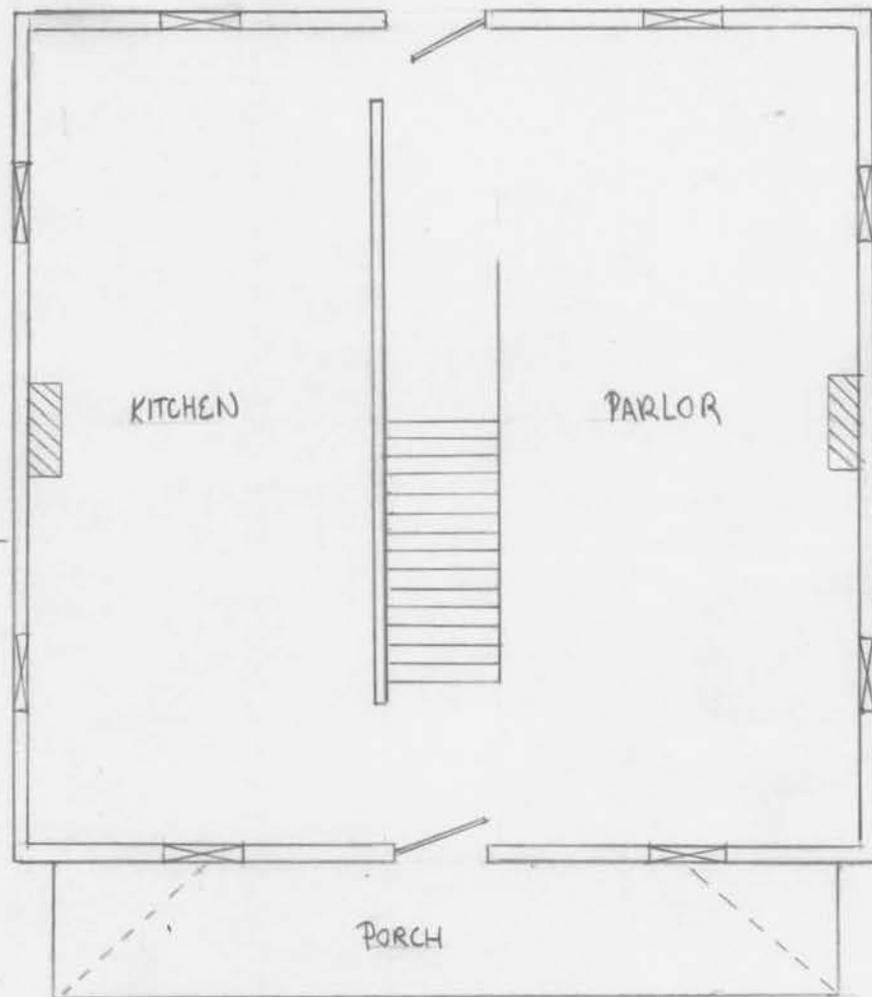


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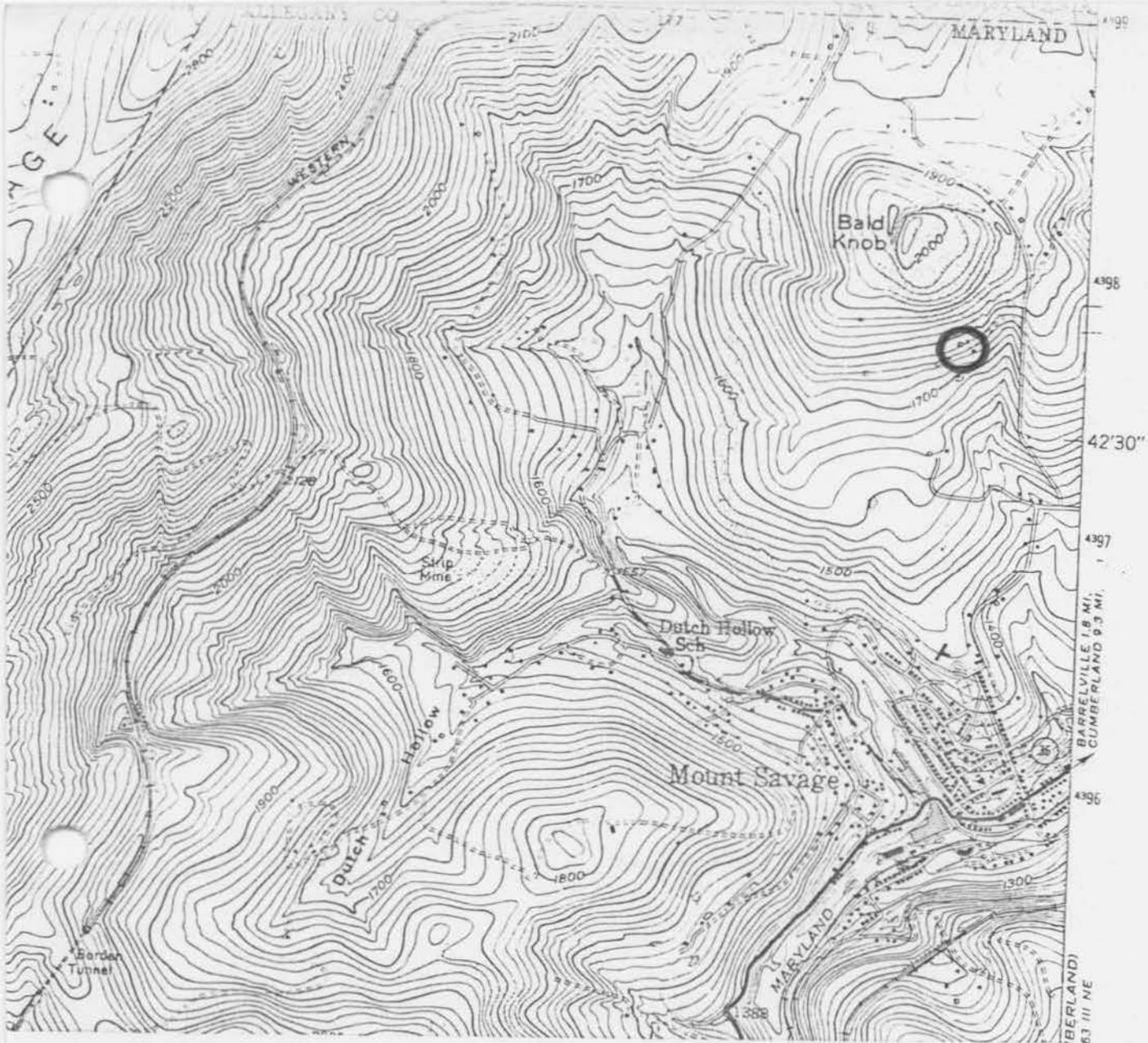
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BALD KNOB FARM  
BALD KNOB, MOUNT SAVAGE, ALLEGANY COUNTY, MD.

DAVID A. DORSEY 10/20/80



Frostburg, MD-PA  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1949; photorevised 1974

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