

c. 1900

BA 1614
Baetjer Barn (Hay Barracks)
1701 Green Spring Valley Rd.
Stevenson, Maryland 21153
private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

BA 1614

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MAGI # 0316142606

1 NAME

HISTORIC

HAY BARRACKS

AND/OR COMMON

Baetjer Barn

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1701 Greenspring Valley Road

Second

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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

Mr. and Mrs Howard Baetjer, II

Telephone #: 486-7157

STREET & NUMBER

1701 Green Spring Valley Road

Maryland 21153

CITY, TOWN

Stevenson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: O.T.G. 4794

Folio #: 30

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

The BAETJER BARN is a rectangular structure of braced-frame construction, a single high storey in height, its long sides north and south. Centered on its gabled roof is a louvred cupola with a low pyramidal roof and a wooden spiked finial. The circular-sawn timber indicates a date no earlier than the late nineteenth century and the braced-frame construction indicates a date no later than the very early twentieth century. Use of wire nails in the siding and in the attachment of other thinner elements suggests a construction date of ca. 1895-1910.

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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is the only early structure on this property, suggesting that there was a dwelling here prior to the present mid-twentieth century one.

BAETJER BARN

This is the only early structure remaining on the property. A nineteenth century tenant house stood one hundred yards below and to the west adjacent to the existing spring, and some distance further in from the road was a cow and horse barn which served the Old Stoneton estate.

The barn undoubtedly was built by "General" Felix Agnus¹ who farmed the land on the south side of Valley Road before selling it to Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Jackson in 1924.² It is remarkable for its excellent state of repair.³

All supporting members (oak or hickory) are joined by mortise and tenon and pegged. Artists and photographers love to use the barn as a model both because it is old and picturesque and also because it represents the type of farm operation that is gone. Double doors on both sides slide back to allow a fully loaded hay wagon to pass through or stand in the center aisle where the hay was forked to either side until the barn was full. An iron track runs the length of the roof ridge which was used to trolley a U-shaped hook for pulling hay to the very top. On the east end this track extends outside the barn for loading or unloading.

Footnotes

¹ Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md. Liber N.B.N. 261, folio 557 Charles McH. Howard and Julian J. Alexander, Trustees to Felix Agnus, February 12, 1903.

² BCLR, Liber W.P.C. 601, folio 58. August 12, 1924, Felix Agnus, widower, to Richard N. Jackson.

³ BCLR, Liber O.T.G.4794, folio 30. Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust Co., Trustee, to Howard Baetjer II and Katharine Finney Baetjer, his wife. August 16, 1967.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dawn F. Thomas and Robert W. Barnes, The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage, 2 vols. (Baltimore; Maryland Historical Society, 1978)

Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

NAME / TITLE

James Thomas Wollon, Jr., A.I.A./Dawn F. Thomas

2-2-79

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Valleys Planning Council

828-7807

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

212 Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Towson

Maryland 21204

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



BA 1614

Baetjer

Barn

GSVHD

Grn. Spn. Vly

JTW

1-3-80

from south

Baetjer Barn
1/5/80