

CAR-16  
Fritz Mezger Farmhouse  
Greensboro  
Private

Early and late 19th Century

The Fritz Mezger house is an example of how the farmhouse in Caroline County adapted to the changing taste and prosperity during the nineteenth century. The one and one half story section is representative of vernacular farmhouses in the early part of the century. Changes in construction and style are represented in the two story front which was added in the late 19th Century. Like many dwellings of rural Maryland, the house exemplified the vernacular feature of addability. The two sections represent their own periods but blend harmoniously together.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Fritz Mezger Frame House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

River road, approximately .2 mile south of Cherry Lane

CITY, TOWN

Ridgely

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

**3 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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Fritz Mezger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

219 Hermitage Drive

CITY, TOWN

Radnor

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

PA 19087

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 165

Folio #: 287

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

**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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Fritz Mezger Frame House is located on River Road approximately .2 mile south of Cherry Lane, north of Ridgely, Caroline County. The house has been built in two sections displaying two very distinct house forms and styles.

The house consists of a two and one-half story section with a one and one-half story wing centrally located to the rear of the larger section. The two and one-half story section was built in the late nineteenth century of narrow siding, painted white with black trim, and rests on a brick foundation. The main facade has a full length one story porch with restrained Victorian style wood posts, brackets, and trim, a five bay first story with central doorway, and a three bay second story. The windows, 4/4 pane sash, are taller on the first story than those on the second and have wood shelf lentils and shutters. There are two hipped gable dormers on the roof flanking a central gable dormer of larger demensions. The narrow brick chimney stacks are interior end with corbel ornamentation. The gable ends have single 4/4 sash windows with shutters on the first story, two identical windows on the second story, and two 2/2 windows in the half story. The roof at the gable has a molded eave which returns at the corners.

The one and one-half story section appears to be of early nineteenth century build. It is constructed of wide, uneven clapboard siding, and is three bays long with a central doorway. The other bays contain windows on both facades. There are 6/6 pane sash and the other one has been replaced with single pane sash. Two gabled dormers with 6/6 pane sash windows are on each side of the roof. A stocky chimney is located interior end on the west gable and a concrete block flue has been constructed outside of the building on the north facade. The gable end has a one story leanto shed of vertical boards. The half story of the gable end shows evidence of boarded up windows.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Fritz Mezger House is an example of how the farmhouse in Caroline County adapted to the changing taste and prosperity during the nineteenth century. The one and one-half story section is representative of farmhouses in the early part of the century. The changes in house construction and style are presented in the two and one-half story section which was added in the latter part of the century. Instead of erecting an entirely new house, the old house became a service wing to the new section. Each section, however, is totally indigenous to its own time period and there is no architectural attempt to link the two distinct styles.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

February, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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