

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

BEERS BARN/FINLEY BARN

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Fairhill NRMA, west of Big Elk Creek at covered bridge

CITY, TOWN

Fairhill

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

4th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Maryland, Dept. of Natural Resources Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taves State Office Building

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

Similar in most respects to the nearby Finley Barn (CE-301-A), the Beers Barn is a three level structure on a sloping site with rubble stone walls (dressed Quoins) on the east, north and west, with major access on the north via a heavy timber frame board and batten bridge to the upper level. The bridge crosses a dugout portion of the bank north of the north wall, giving northern access to the middle level as well. The stone wall which held the bank remains in part. Above the stone walls (which are level) is a gable roof, ridge running east-west, with board and batten gable ends. The barn is extended from the stone walls on the south by a heavy timber board and batten extension, with a shed roof to the main gable. The extension rests on large rough hewn beams and half-sawn logs supported on heavy wooden sawn posts, leaving an open space below the lower barn floor, or a mow. The structure was further enlarged in the 1940's by two board and batten additions: a three-level extension from the north wall with a gable roof (east-west); and a one story extension to the mow (making the mow into an enclosed lower level room) on the south, with a north-south gable roof.

There is a stone plaque on the east wall with the date 1826 inscribed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 checked="" 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            1826                                    BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This barn is connected by proximity to the Beers House (CE-300) and two outbuildings of significant age. Most of the land in the vicinity was owned for much of the 19th century by the Finley family, including the farm, houses and barn just west of Big Elk Creek, across the covered bridge, from the Beers barn (CE-301). The Finley and Beers barns are nearly identical, (with the exception of extra additions to the Beers barn) sufficiently so as to conjecture comparable dates, builders, and perhaps owners. Barns of more than 100 years of age are rare in Maryland, and documented dates (in this case, by the stone plaque with the inscribed 1826) are difficult to find. These two barns are probably among the oldest extant in the state. (cf. Finley Barn, CE-301-A)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

N/A

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N/A

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

STATE	COUNTY
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STATE	COUNTY
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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1978/79

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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PENNSYLVANIA MARYLAND 5 MASON AND 4 DIXON CHESTER CO 3 LINE CECIL CO

DNR McCloary House CE-771

Bunting House CE

DNR 33 School House CE-758

DNR 1617 Barn, Feed Mill

DNR-28 McMaster House CE-362

DNR-13 Hay Loft CE-300-C

DNR-47 Barn #74 CE-364-A

DNR-04 Finley Barn CE-301-A

DNR-12 Smoke House CE-300-13

DNR-45 House CE-364

DNR-03 Carr's Takers House

DNR-10 Beers House CE-300-

DNR-50 New Covered Bridge

DNR-02 Finley Hse CE-301

DNR-11 Beers Barn CE-300-A

DNR 03, 93, Track Structures CE-552

DNR-01 Covered Bridge CE-238

DNR-103 Club CE-75

DNR-77 House CE-544

DNR 90-02 Track Structures CE-552

Fair Hill Race Track

DNR 51 House

DNR 53 Stables

DNR 56 Stone House CE-363

DNR 64 Stone Stables CE-366

NEWARK WEST QUAD

CE-300A

5863 (1.5 MI. ANT HILL 1.5 MI. (BAY VIEW))

Providence

Kenmore Sch

Andora

Big Elk Chapel

Tyson House Ruins CE-527

Gaylen House Ruins CE-517

Covered Bridge Site CE-516

SCOTT MILL DAM

HOUSE RUINS

SCOTT MILL RUIN CE

Cow



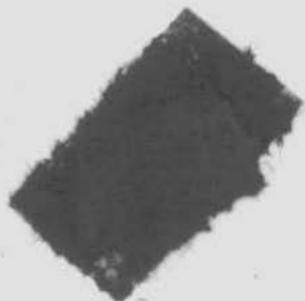
Beers Barn  
Near Fair Hill  
Southeast Elevation  
MOB/1971  
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CE - 300A

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Barr Beers

1976 CE-300A

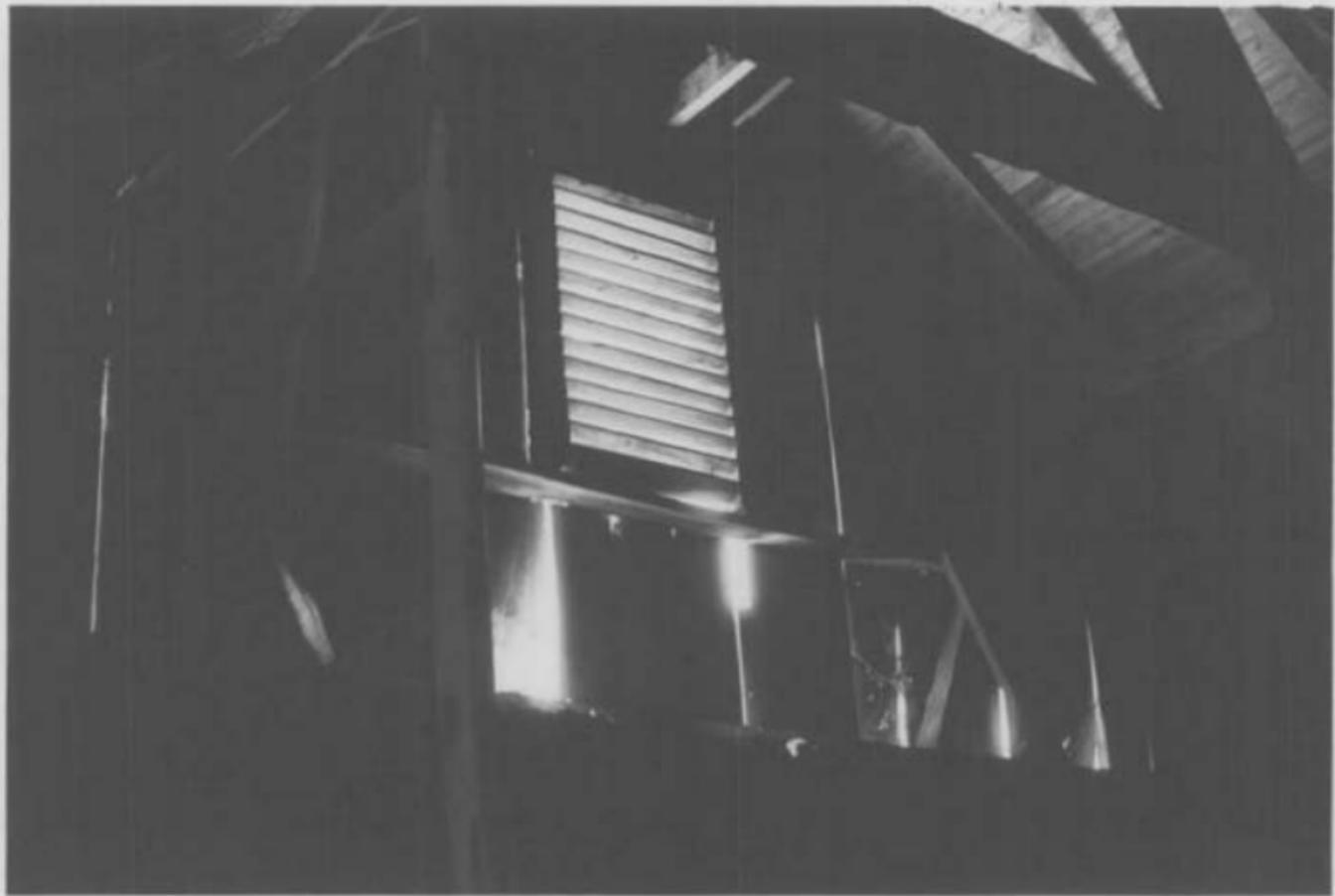
FAIR HILL, MD.

GWL

MAY

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Interior Barn Beers

1976

CE-300A

Fair Hill, MD.



MAY

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Barn Framework Beers  
1976 CE-300A

Fair Hill, MD.