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Joshua Michael House
Doubs
Private

Circa 1875

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Joshua Michael House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
 East Side Doubs Road

CITY, TOWN
 Doubs

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
 M 103 B

STATE
 Maryland

COUNTY
 Frederick

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	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 Robert H. Carey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
 Route 1, Box 341

CITY, TOWN
 Adamstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
 Maryland 21710

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 615
 Folio #: 239

STREET & NUMBER
 North Court Street

CITY, TOWN
 Frederick

STATE
 Maryland 21701

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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Joshua Michael House is a large gable roofed two and one-half story frame covered with aluminum siding residence which faces west from the east side of Doubs Road in Doubs.

The principle facade is three bays wide with two four bay wide two story turrets located in the northwest and southwest corners of the building. The main entrance, a four panel door with single light transom is located in the second bay. Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second level are 1/1 windows with arched molding and louvered shutters. A narrow 1/1 arched window occupies the center gable.

Simple 1/1 windows are located on each side of the turrets on both levels. Each turret is covered by a pyramidal slate roof with decorative fishscale shingling and finial. A copper arrow weather vane is located on the south turret.

A large frame one story portico extends across the entire front of the building continuing two bays deep on the north and south sides of the building. The carpentry work of the porch is very decorative with twelve turned columns, turned railing, dentiled cornice and balustraded frieze with saw tooth edge, dropped moldings and pierced brackets. A swinging wood porch is suspended from the ceiling of the porch.

An original two story addition extends to the rear of the main block on the east side. Occupying each window bay on the remaining part of the building is 1/1 windows with louvered shutters.

The entire structure has been covered by aluminum siding, but the residence has not lost its architectural integrity to a great extent since wide siding and corner boards were used.

The entire building is covered by a slate roof patterned with fishscale shingling. It is attached to the residence by a plain boxed cornice with return. The house is built on a low whitewashed random stone foundation. A decorative cast iron fence surrounds the front yard.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 C. 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Joshua Michael

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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According to William's History of Frederick County, Maryland, the Michael Family was a German family which immigrated to Frederick County in the eighteenth century. Andrew Michael purchased a tract of land in the Buckeystown District in 1773.²

Joshua and John Lambert Michael, both owners, were the great grandsons of this early settler. John Lambert Michael, who owned the house between 1903 and 1913³ "was a well known merchant of Frederick, who deals in fancy and staple groceries and queensware in (sic) (254) West Patrick Street. Mr. Michael is one of the oldest grocers of Frederick and is the possessor of a large trade. In 1891, he was elected as an alderman of Frederick, and served a term of three years."

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber CM 9; Folio 320.

²Williams, p. 947.

³Frederick County Land Records, Liber DHH 19; Folio 177.

⁴Williams, p. 947.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T. J. C., History of Frederick County, Maryland, Regional Publishing Co., 1965, reprint of 1906.

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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

clh

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

2/2/79

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

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



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