

F-1-58  
William Suman House  
Buckeystown  
Private

Circa 1850

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The south side of the building once accommodated a two story open porch typical of many nineteenth century residences of the area, but the presence of a cross gable in the center of this addition is most unusual suggesting that the residence was built in two parts and connected at a later date.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC William Suman House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East Side Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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	<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 Bruce B. Lebaron

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 165, Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 994

Folio #: 681

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**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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

The William Suman House is a two and one-half story rectangular cross gabled frame over log residence totally covered with aluminum siding which faces west from the east side of Route 85 in Buckeystown.

The principal facade of the building is typical of most mid-nineteenth century buildings in the county, being three bays wide with a center gable. This front block of the building is the oldest section of the house, having been constructed by 1858 as indicated by the Bond Map.

The main entrance, a replaced six panel door with recessed single light mullion is located in the third bay. Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second levels are double hung 6/6 windows covered by storm windows. A 2/2 Palladian window occupies the center gable and gables on the north and south sides of the rear section.

A three bay wide porch extends across the facade of the building. The present modern iron supports for the porch replaced the original turned columns with decorative brackets and cornice which are apparent in a 1945 photograph of the house.

This same photograph also reveals an interesting treatment to the rear addition of the house.

The south side of the building once accommodated a two story open porch typical of many nineteenth century residences of the area, but the presence of a cross gable in the center of this addition is most unusual suggesting that the residence was built in two parts and connected at a later date.

The entire residence is built on a low random limestone foundation and is covered by a patterned slate roof with fishscale shingling which is attached by a plain boxed cornice. A single brick chimney straddles the north and east gables.

The "hall", a plain one story frame building located to the rear of the residence was used for hog butchering by the Shankle brothers about 1910.

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 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

William Suman

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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It was Suman who sold the land to both John Baker and Charles Keller, his neighbors to the north, in order to construct their houses.<sup>2</sup> William Suman and his wife, Rachel, held a life estate on the property until their death in 1920.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber HS 19; Folio 460.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber 331/373.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.48 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
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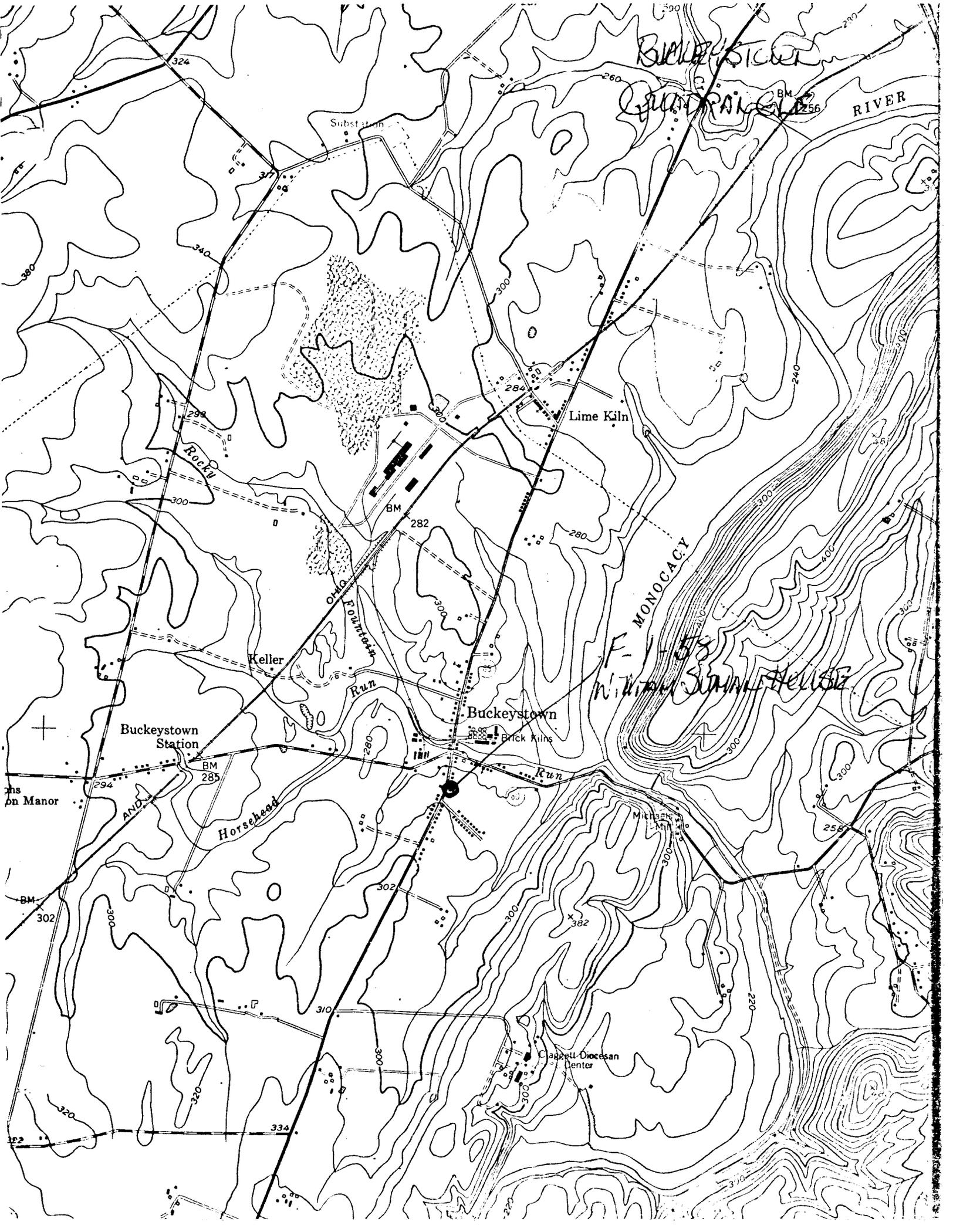
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CITY OR TOWN	STATE
<u>Frederick</u>	<u>Maryland 21701</u>

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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E/S Rte 85 BUCKLEYSTOWN  
CEW      NORTHWEST ELEV  
9/78



F-58 William Sumner

HSE

E/3 Rte 85

BUCKEYSTOWN

NORTH ELEVATION

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