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Charles Keller House  
Buckeystown  
Private

1899

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Charles Keller House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
East Side Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

--- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 1

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 Kenneth Lloyd

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 26

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 1028

Folio #: 931

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

---FEDERAL ---STATE ---COUNTY ---LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Charles Keller House is an irregular shaped Colonial Revival three story frame residence with some Queen Anne elements which faces west from the east side of Route 85 in Buckeystown.

The Charles Keller House because of its size and multiple gables and projections is the most prominent residence in Buckeystown. The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance located in the second bay is an elliptical arch entrance with fan light and side light which is flanked by fluted frame columns. The original door, a five panel door has been altered by the replacement of three panels with glass panes. The center section of the building where the entrance is located is emphasized by projecting from the main block of the building. The main entrance is further emphasized by the treatment of the second bay on the second and third levels.

In the second bay on the second level are three windows, larger 1/1 sash in the center flanked by two narrow 1/1 windows with a pedimented frontispiece decorated by garlands in relief.

Located in the second bay on the third level is a Palladian window with round arch sash. A pedimented dentil cornice with return completes the center portion of the building.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second levels are 1/1 windows with louvered shutters. Hip roofed dormers supported by scrolled brackets project on the third level.

Three bayed windows are located in the northwest and southwest corners of the building. Double hung single pane sashes with louvered shutters occupy each bay. An unusually wide friezed band decorated by garlands in relief extends across the facade of the building and is repeated in a frieze on the columned porch with turned railing which surrounds the west and north sides of the building on the first level.

The main entrance is emphasized by a pediment with dentil cornice. The main block of the building is four bays deep. An original two story addition extends to the rear of the main block.

The entire structure is built on a low random stone foundation and is constructed of beveled siding with corner boards. The building is covered by a slate hipped roof with boxed cornice with dentil molding. Two corbeled brick chimneys and a balustraded deck rise from the center roof of the residence.

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**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 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	1899	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Charles Keller
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Charles Keller House, a fine three story frame Victorian residence which dominates the center of Buckeystown, was built in 1899 when Charles Keller purchased land from the Suman family who lived south of the property.<sup>1</sup>

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According to William's History, "Mr. Keller is one of the enterprising businessmen of Frederick County...He built a beautiful three story residence in Buckeystown. It is one of the finest homes in the city."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber HWB 306; Folio 78.

<sup>2</sup>T. J. C. Williams, History of Frederick County, P. 1161.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Williams, T. J. C., History of Frederick County Maryland, Regional Publishing Company: Baltimore, Maryland, 1967; 1906 Reprint, p. 1161.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.40 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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7/3/79

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

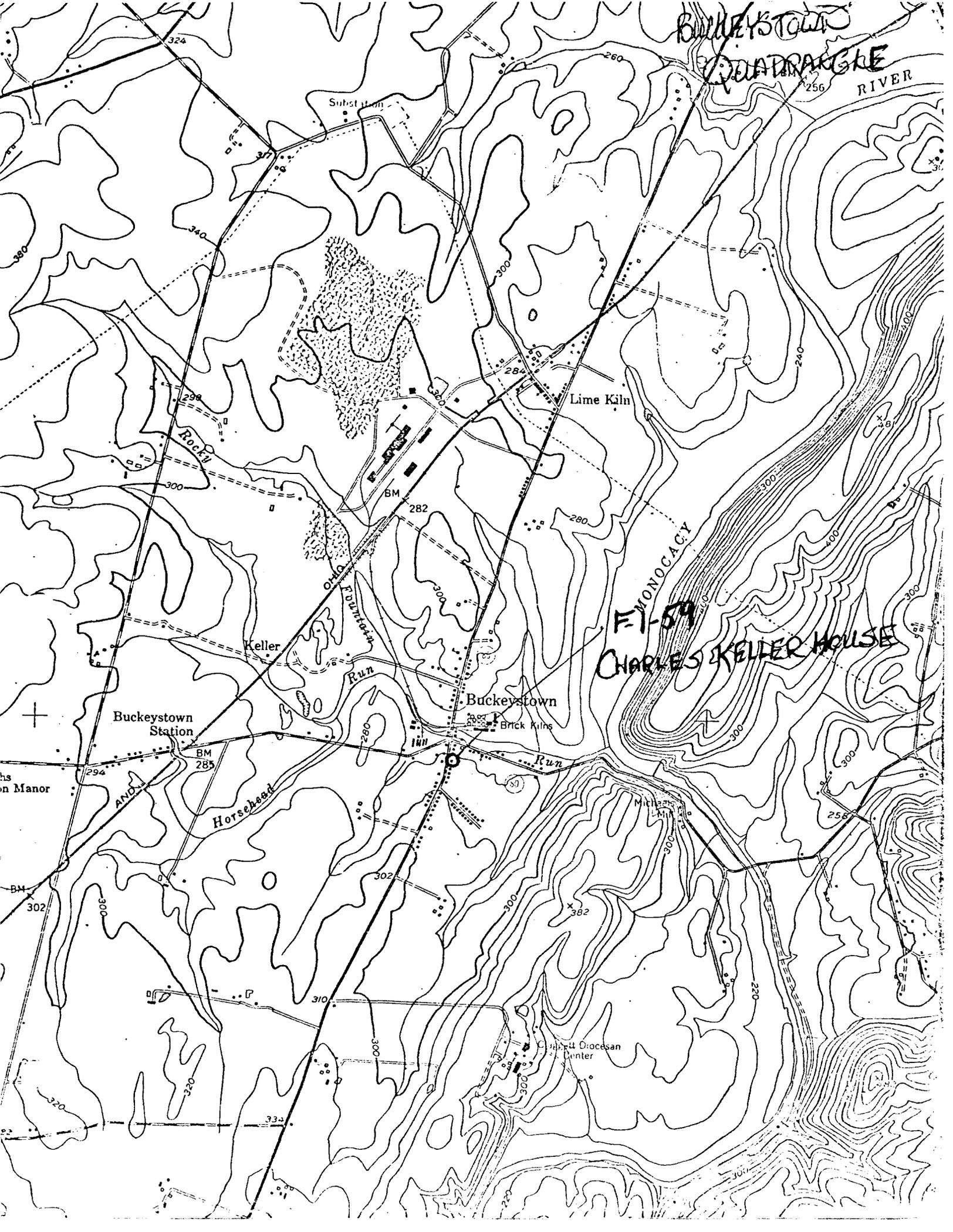
Frederick

Maryland 21701

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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BUCKEYSTOWN  
QUADRANGLE

RIVER

F-1-59  
CHARLES KELLER HOUSE

MONOCACY

Lime Kiln

Buckeystown

Buckeystown Station

Keller

Horsehead Run

Brick Kilns

St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Center

Substation

BM 282

298

Rock Run

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