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## Herman Gosnell House

### **Architectural Survey File**

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Herman Gosnell House  
Buckeystown  
Private

C. 1860

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Herman Gosnell 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**

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Herman Gosnell

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 153

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 749

Folio #: 675

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**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Herman Gosnell House is a small L-shaped two story frame residence which faces west from the east side of Route 85 in Buckeystown.

The principal facade is four bays wide. The main entrance, a replaced paneled and single pane door is located in the third bay. Occupying the remaining bays on the first level and three bays on the second level are 2/2 windows with flanking louvered shutters.

Aluminum awnings shelter the first and third bay on the second level.

A replaced porch with iron trim extends across the building on the first level.

The building which was originally covered with novelty siding has been sheathed in asphalt siding. A two story original frame additions extends to the rear of the building accommodating an open porch on the second level facing south which has been enclosed on the first level. A one story shed roof addition abuts against this addition.

The house which is constructed on a low random stone foundation is covered by a patterned slate flank gable roof with boxed cornice and return.

Two single corbeled brick chimneys rise from the north and south gable ends of the building.

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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
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<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

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The Weller Family owned the property until 1876 when it was sold to Jacob Baer.<sup>2</sup> At his death the property was sold to John Keyser.<sup>3</sup> One year later, Keyser sold the property to Alice Trundle.<sup>4</sup>

In 1904, the Adams Family purchased the house and owned it until 1944.<sup>5</sup> These occupants were probably responsible for adding on the Victorian porch and other trim.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber BGF 6; Folio 304.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., Liber TG 6; Folio 271.

<sup>3</sup>Will of Jacob F. Baer, April 16, 1883.

<sup>4</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber AF 7; Folio 707.

<sup>5</sup>Ibid., Liber STH 269; Folio 83.

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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

clh

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation3/8/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

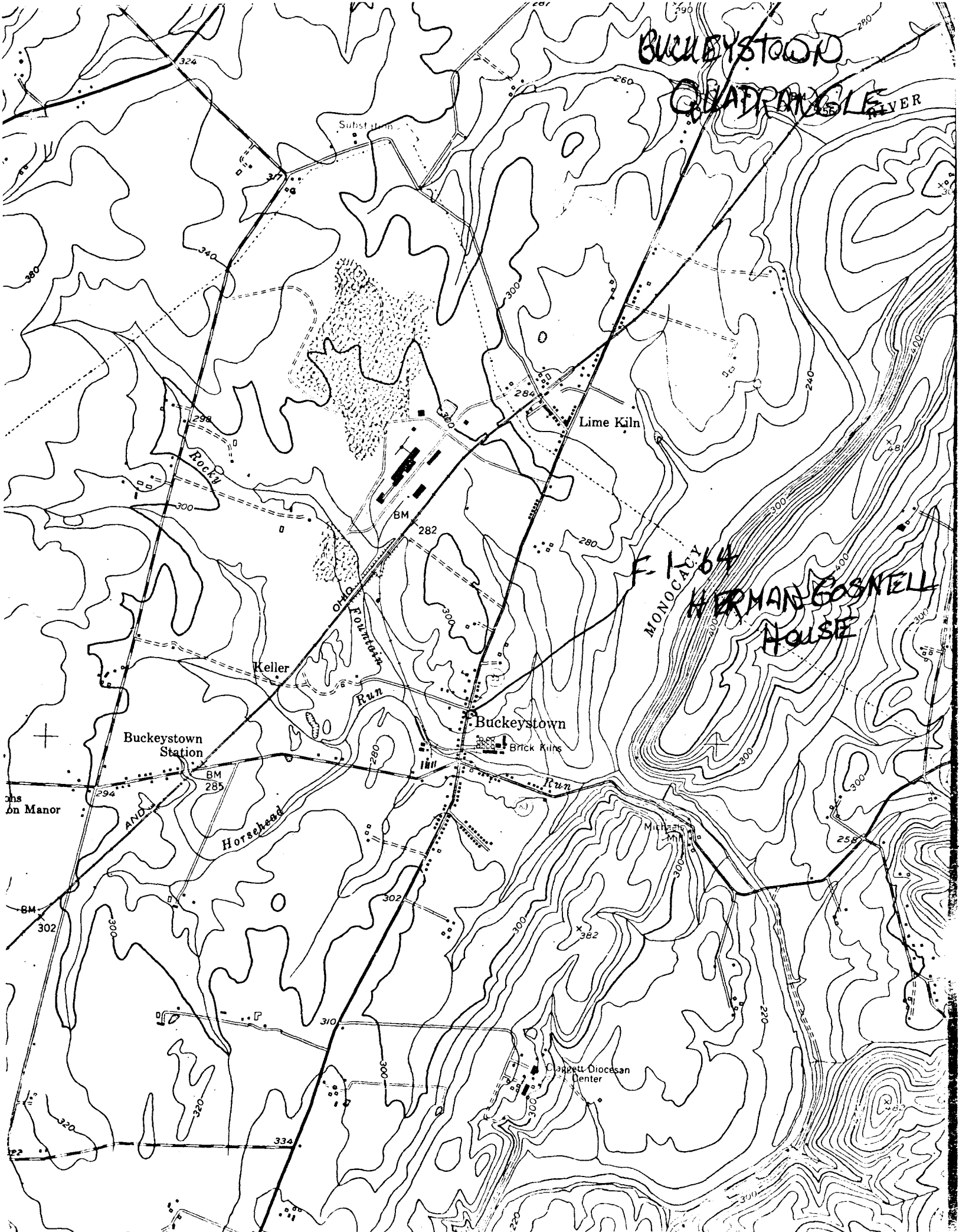
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FrederickMaryland

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HBE

F/S Rte 85

BUCKEYSTOWN

CEW 6/79

NORTHWEST ELEVATION



F-1-64 Hemar GOSNELL  
HSE

12/3 Rte 85

BUCKEYSTOWN

CEW 6/79

~~NORTHEAST~~ ELEVATION  
SOUTHWEST