MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes X
no ___

Property Name: Microbiological Associates Building Inventory Number: F-3-105

Address: ~~5320~~ 5230 Ballenger Creek Road City: Frederick MD Zip Code: 21703

County: Frederick County USGS Topographic Map: Frederick, Maryland Quad

Owner: Hugh T. McConnell

Tax Parcel Number: 26 Tax Map Number: 85 Tax Account ID Number: 440415

Project: Central County School Agency: ___

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name: ___ Date: ___

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ___

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Is the property located within a historic district? X no ___ yes Name of district: ___

Is district listed? ___ no ___ yes Determined eligible? ___ no ___ yes District Inventory Number: ___

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: N/A

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The two-and-a-half-story brick house at ~~5320~~ 5230 Ballenger Creek Pike was constructed ca. 1880. The building faces east toward the road, which is visible just beyond a short allee formed by two rows of mature trees. The building is five bays wide and five bays deep. The dwelling occupies a tee-shaped footprint composed of the main block and a rear ell. The building features eight-to-one common bond brick. The building terminates in a hipped roof sheathed in composition shingles. The building features a pair of octagonal corner turrets topped by conical roofs that flank the front facade of the main block. An interior brick chimney is located on the south facade. The building features one-over-one-light, wood-sash windows on the principal (east) facade and two-over-two-light, wood-sash windows on the side elevations.

The building's principal (east) facade is symmetrical and features a central entrance containing a wood four-panel door. At the attic level, the corner turrets feature windows. The central gabled dormer contains a Palladian window. The Palladian window contains a six-over-six-light, wood-sash window with a round-arched lintel flanked by one-over-one-light, wood-sash windows.

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Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ___

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D **Considerations:** ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Comments:

Anthony Lewis — 06/11/01
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date**

[illegible] — 6/14/01
Reviewer, NR program **Date**

Ballenger Creek Pike
no project #

The main block of the building extends to a depth of two bays, while a four-bay ell continues the building to the rear (west). The ell's side facades feature entrances containing four-panel wood doors with transoms, two on the south and one on the north facade. The ell's south facade also features a one-story full-width balcony. The balcony features square posts and a balustrade of square balusters.

Three outbuildings are located south of the main house. A one-story brick storage building features a gable roof with a stepped parapet. The building is three bays wide and four bays deep. The building's principal (east) facade features a central entrance containing a six-panel wood door. The window openings feature wood lintels and brick sills, and contain one-over-one double-hung wood sash. Two brick chimneys are located on the north elevation.

A second one-story outbuilding stands south of the first. The principal (east) facade of the building features a stepped parapet. The building is two bays wide and adopts an L-shaped footprint. The building is constructed of concrete block with a front facade faced in brick. The building terminates in a gabled roof sheathed in standing-seam metal roofing.

The third outbuilding, constructed ca. 1960, stands east of the second and appears to be a small factory or warehouse. The two-story building is constructed of concrete block. The building features a flat roof. The building's walls are blind. A wood addition is appended to the building's south facade.

Stylistic evidence including the building's octagonal towers appear to date the main house to ca. 1880. Jacob Lewis bought 145 acres on which the building stands from Lewis G. Kemp in 1867 (Frederick County Land Records DSB1-864). The property passed through a series of owners in the latter part of the century: Henry C. Drill in 1869 (FCLR CM3-411), Robert Lease in 1875 (FCLR TG2-685), George W. Myers in 1883 (FCLR AF7-79), and William O. Michael in 1909 (FCLR STH287-238). Michael sold off portions of the property, reducing the current property to about 32 acres. The property passed from Michael's family to Victor H. and Mildred T. Schwenketer in 1953 (FCLR LS12-10), and the Schwenkters sold the property to Microbiological Associates, Inc., in 1958 (FCLR 597-261). The biological sciences firm merged with Dynasciences Corporation, a military equipment developer, in 1972; Dynasciences sold the property to its current owner, Hugh T. McConnell, in 1977 (FCLR 1016-364).

The farm complex at ~~5320~~ 5230 Ballenger Creek Pike, whose main house exhibits design elements of late-nineteenth-century romantic vernacular architecture as applied to farmhouses in Frederick County, possesses significance under criterior C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The complex retains its integrity of location, setting, feeling, association, materials, workmanship and design.

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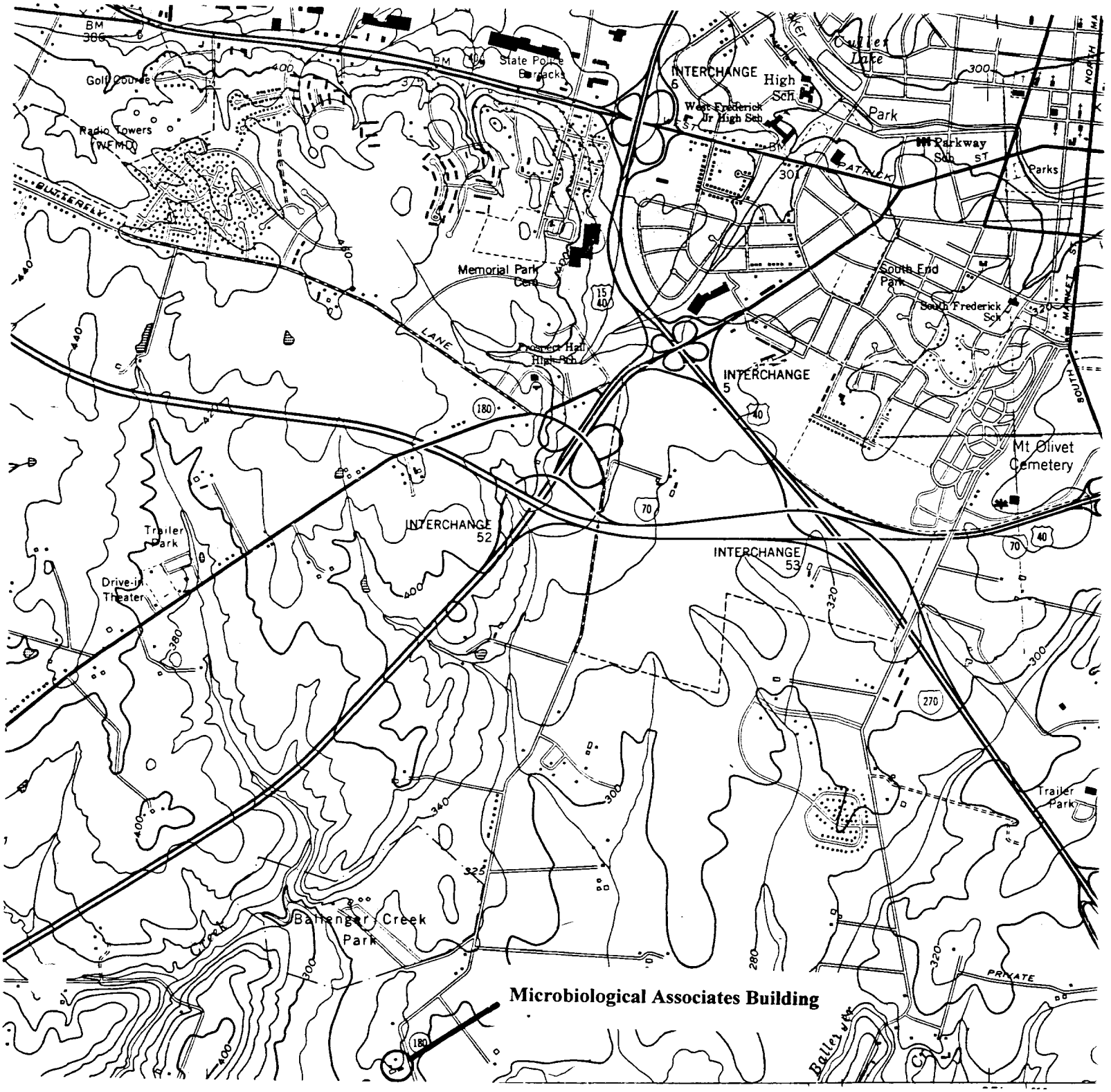
Continuation Sheet No. 2

Prepared by: Brian Cleven, Industrial Archaeologist; Scott Meacham, Architectural Historian, R.C. Goodwin & Associates, Inc.

Date Prepared: December 2000

LOCATIONAL MAP
MHT # F-3-105
Microbiological Associates
Building
Frederick, MD
Frederick County
USGS Frederick Quadrangle



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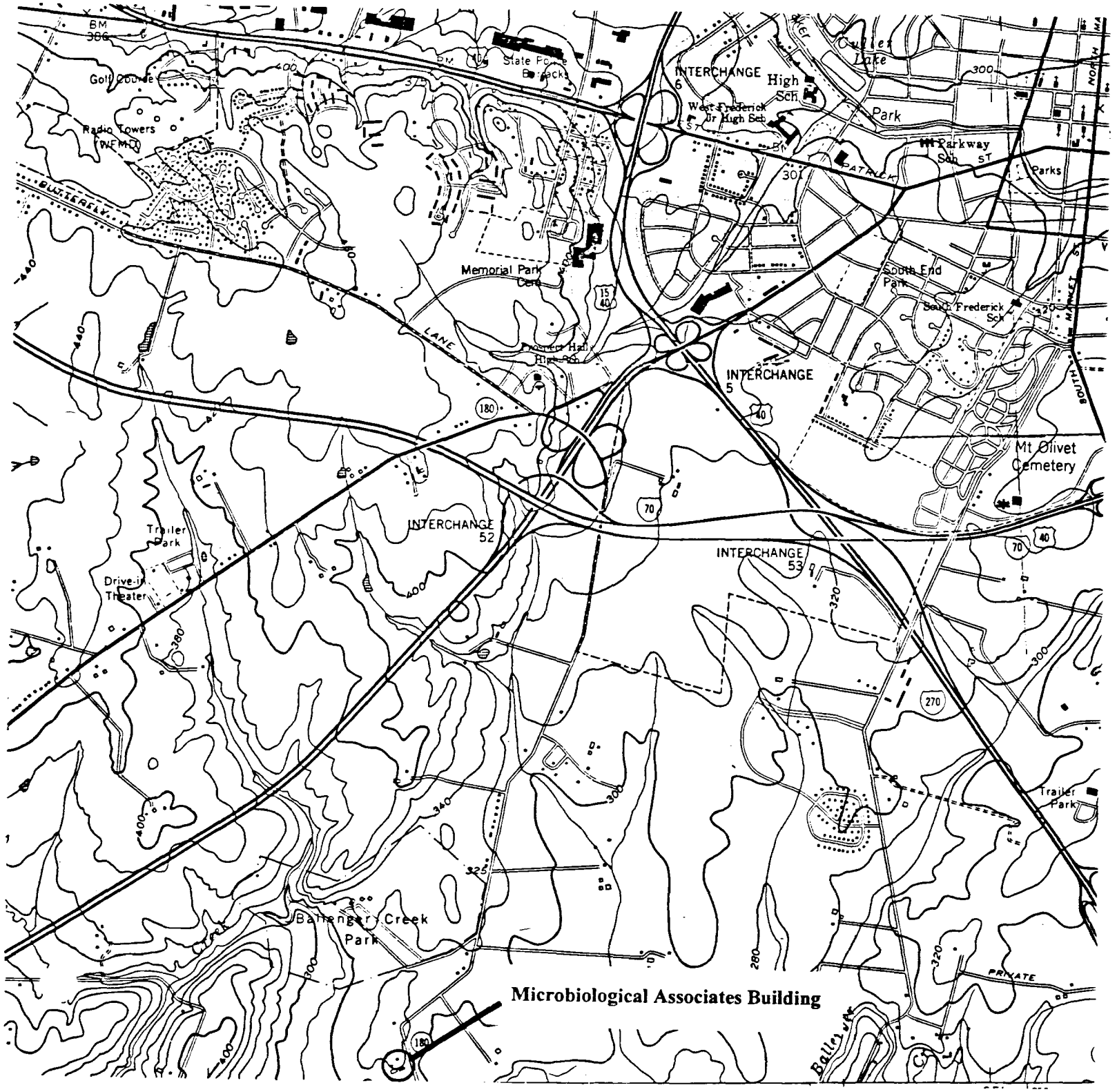

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MICROBIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES BUILDING

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

S. MEACHAM

11/2000

MD SHPO

EAST AND NORTH FACADES, VIEW TO SOUTHWEST

1/4

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MICROBIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES BUILDING

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

S. MEACHAM

11/2000

MD SHPO

SOUTH AND EAST FACADES, VIEW TO NORTHWEST

2/4

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MICROBIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES BUILDING

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

S. MEACHAM

11/2000

MD SHPO

EAST FACADE, VIEW TO WEST

3/4

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MICROBIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES BUILDING

FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

S. MEACHAM

11/2000

MD SHPO

OUTBUILDINGS' EAST FACADES, VIEW TO WEST

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes X_
no ___

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Property Name: Microbiological Institute Inventory Number: F-3-105

Address: 5230 Ballenger Creek Pike City: Bukeystown Zip Code: _____

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: _____

Owner: Mr. Hugh McConnell

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: Central High School Agency: PSCP

Site visit by MHT Staff: _X_ no ___yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended _X_ Eligibility **not** recommended ____

Criteria: ___A ___B _X_C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Is the property located within a historic district? X___ no ____yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ___no ___yes Determined eligible? ___no ___yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Survey Files & Review & Compliance Project Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
Constructed in approximately 1910, the house is a large two story brick residence laid in common bond which faces east from the west side of Ballenger Creek Pike. The residence is built on a low random stone foundation. The principle façade is nine bays wide; the main entrance, a panelled door with circular medallion decoration, three light transom and two side lights is located in the fifth bay. The remaining bays are 1/1 windows with double header arches.

The front of the building is dominated by two large three story pentagonal turrets in the north and southeast corners. Small celestroy windows are located in the third level of the turrets. Both turrets are covered by asphalt pryamidal roofs with finials.

The two story open porch on the rear ell has deteriorated.

The dwelling is relatively intact and demonstrates a distinct form for the area.

There are three outbuildings on the property, one of recent construction, the remaining two are contemporary with the main building, but have been altered extensively and no longer retain structural integrity.

Information from MIHP and Janet Davis, Frederick County.

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Eligibility recommended _X_ **Eligibility not recommended _____**
Criteria: ___A ___B _X_C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments: _____

Patricia M. Blick	September 20, 2000
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	**Date**
	11/3/00
Reviewer, NR program	**Date**

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Prepared by: _____ Date Prepared: _____

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Microbiological Associates Building C. 1905
Buckeystown
Private

The Microbiological Associates Building is a large two story brick residence, nine bays wide. The main entrance, located in the fifth bay, is a paneled door with circular medallian decoration, three light transom and two side lights. The remaining bays are 1/1 windows with double header arches.

This brick house provides a change in the architectural style most often found used for farmhouses in the Adamstown region. Most farm residences built in the late nineteenth century are two and one-half story frame buildings with a center gable and two story open porch to the rear. This building has included the regional two story open porch in the rear, but connected it to a two and one-half story common bond brick main blocks with turrets. From the texture, quality and color of the bricks, it is most likely that they are bricks baked at the Baker Yards in Buckeystown.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Microbiological Associates Building

AND/OR COMMON:

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: West Side Ballenger Creek Pike

CITY, TOWN: Adamstown — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	X INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Microbiological Associates Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: Walkersville — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21793

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 597
Folio #: 261

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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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is a large two story brick residence laid in common bond which faces east from the west side of Ballenger Creek Pike. The principle facade is nine bays wide; the main entrance, a panelled door with circular medallion decoration, three light transom and two side lights is located in the fifth bay. The remaining bays are 1/1 windows with double header arches.

The front of the building is dominated by two large three story pentagonal turrets which set in the north and southeast corners of the building. Small clerestory windows are located in the third level of the turrets. Both turrets are covered by asphalt pyramidal roofs with finials. A front gable with arched window extends from the hipped roof.

The building extends to the rear (west side), six bays deep. Double hung 2/2 windows occupy each bay. An entranceway is located in the third bay. A two story open porch extends along the entire south side of the building.

The residence is built on a low random stone foundation; the asphalt hipped roof is attached to the building by a plain boxed cornice with plain frieze.

One corbeled brick chimney is located immediately behind the turret in the southeast corner.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This brickhouse provides a change in the architectural style most often found used for farmhouses in the Adamstown region. Most farm residences in the area are two and one-half story frame buildings with a center gable and two story open porch to the rear. This building has included the regional two story open porch in the rear, but connected it to a two and a half story common brick main block with turrets. The building displays a higher style of architecture than usually found in the rural areas of the county. From the texture, quality and color of the bricks, it is most likely that they are bricks baked at the Baker Yards in Buckeystown.

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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

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ORGANIZATION: Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE: 8/11/78

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TELEPHONE: 663-8300

CITY OR TOWN: Frederick

STATE: Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Liber Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Original Tracts	Cost	Date
597/261	Microbiological Ass.	Victor Schwenkler			March 25, 1958
512/10	Schwenkler	Beatrice Michael executor William O Michael	142 acres	$30,500	Jan 16, 1953
287/138	William O Michael	George G.F. Myers et al executors of George W Myers		$12,833	March 29, 1902
AF 7/79	George W Myers	Robert Lease Mary Lease	145 acres	$16,000	March 31, 1883
TG 2/554	Robert Lease	Jacob Lease	Lot #2 Freeldenn Manor Land of Henry Culler		Feb 9 1875
	Henry Culler	Elizabeth Hoffman			Oct 8 1831

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MICROBIOLOGICAL ASSOC. BUILDING
W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE
WEST ELEVATION

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