

F-3-122
John Zimmerman House
Frederick vicinity
Private

Ca. 1840

The John Zimmerman House is a 1-1/2 story log dwelling with german siding and two one-story porches on the north and east elevations. The house was restored in the 1980's using compatible materials. The house was possibly built about 1840, but may date as late as 1870, based on architectural form and land records. The 1-1/2 story type was built during much of the mid 19th century. The Zimmerman House is a good representative of the type with the most common type of 19th century siding intact. Many log buildings of the period 1840-1870 exist in Frederick County, and many often are stripped of their siding to reveal the log structure. The Zimmerman House is an illustration of one way in which log vernacular houses were finished in this period.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Zimmerman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9142 Bethel Road not for publicationcity, town Frederick vicinity of congressional district 6th

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 checked="" 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name David P. and Bonnie L. Cooper

street & number 9142 Bethel Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21702

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1022

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 81

city, town Frederick state MD 21702

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-3-122

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The John Zimmerman House is a 1-1/2 story log house with german siding and a 1-1/2 story rear wing which was possibly built in about 1840 on the west side of Bethel Road about 1/4 mile north of the present intersection of Yellow Springs Road near Frederick (City), Frederick County, Maryland. The house was considerably restored in the 1980's and has an enclosed one story porch on the rear wing, a skylight in the roof of the wing, and a modern polygonal window added to the north elevation. Most of the exterior repairs and materials are compatible with the vernacular architecture typical of the mid-19th century. The date of the house was estimated from architectural details and land records. The second contributing structure is a small square building now used as a storage shed which may have originated as a smokehouse.

The dwelling faces east toward Bethel Road and is located in an area of mixed historical and modern residences lining both sides of Bethel Road. The small lot is open, with the house set back somewhat from the road. A concrete capped well with a late 19th century iron pump is located near the northeast corner of the house. The log structure, as stated above, is covered with german siding and the stone foundation is raised slightly above ground level on the north elevation. The house has a single interior chimney on the south gable end. The east elevation has three bays on the first story and two on the upper half story. The center door is 6-panel type, probably a replacement. The windows are 6/6 on the first story and the upper story has paired 2/2 windows just below the cornice line of the standing seam metal roof. Replacement shutters flank the windows. The one-story porch has square posts and a corrugated metal roof. The porch has three horizontal rails and a concrete deck with a side entry on the north end. The north elevation has a single bay on each story with 6/6 sash and replacement shutters. The south elevation has a single off-center 4/4 window on the upper level. The rear wing extends from the northwest corner of the main section and has a one-story porch on the north elevation. It shelters the two bays in the wing section on this side, one of which contains a doorway. The porch is identical in materials and form to the east elevation porch. Above the porch roof are two small windows in the upper level and a modern hexagonal window. The south side of the wing has been the most altered. An original one-story porch has been enclosed and has modern 6/6 sash flanking a panel door with a 6-light upper panel. The door appears to be an early 20th century addition and the western section of the enclosed porch has a small 2/2 window, possibly indicating it was enclosed as a pantry prior to the full enclosure. The west gable end of the wing has an interior chimney and a modern skylight is located in the south slope of the wing's roof. A modern fence encloses a small yard around the enclosed porch. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Outbuilding: The small square outbuilding located just northwest of the rear wing has a wood shingled exterior and a corrugated metal gable roof. A vertical board door is in the east elevation and a chipboard shed addition is on the west side. Its siting near the wing and general form suggest that it may have been built as a smokehouse or dairy, although its date can not be determined from the exterior.

8. Significance

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"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1840 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The John Zimmerman House is a good example of a vernacular log dwelling of the second quarter of the 19th century which has been sensitively restored with compatible modern materials and mostly non-intrusive exterior changes. Land records and the general form and materials suggest that the house was built about 1840 by John Zimmerman of N., who purchased 101 acres of "Tuscarora Gap" in that year. Since the 1-1/2 story log house of this type continued to be built in rural areas of Frederick County well into the third quarter of the 19th century, the possibility exists that the house may have been built as late as 1870. In support of this possibility, land records show that John A. J. Zimmerman purchased 6 acres of the original tract for \$40 in 1870 and in 1877 sold a house and lot for \$355. The house identified on the 1873 Titus map, but is not discernible on the 1858 Bond map. Interior examination of the house and its structure may clarify the construction date.

The Zimmerman House, whether built in 1840 or 1870, retains a moderately high level of integrity in comparison with other vernacular log structures of the mid-19th century. Although many log houses of the period still exist, exterior and plan changes involving artificial siding, additions, and changes in windows and doors are very common. In recent years, log houses which formerly were covered with german and/or artificial siding have often been exposed, which provides information on log building technology. The Zimmerman House effectively provides a relatively accurate illustration of the log house with the most common type of 19th century siding, as well as windows, doors, and roofing materials which are typical of the period.

914 ~ Bethel Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
1022/811 29 Jun 77	David P. + Bonnie L. Cooper	James R. + Susame F. Sventey	Lot 1, 37,000 sq. ft. in Twenty subdivision Plat Book 7, 134		1. 869/29 2. 857/658
1. 869/29 26 Jan 72	James R. + Susame F. Sventey	Rudy R. Sventey, unm. 1/2 interest	5. 761 a. plat attached		
2. 857/658 22 Sept 71	James R. + Susame F. Sventey	Aluey C. Wiles, widower	1st Parcel 6 a, 20 P. 20 P.		
338/21 24 Jan 22	Aluey C. + Dda A. Wiles	Henry L. Hamrick, unm.	TG 6/748, 5 Mar 1877	\$1175	
338/20 21 Jan 22	Henry L. Hamrick	Harrison M. Kehne, exec. of LW + T of Coleman R. Wiles			
TG 6 /748 5 Mar 1877	Coleman R. Wiles	John A. J. Zimmer man + Mary M., his wife	house and lot, part of 101 a., 6 a. 20 p. Recently laid out into lots; this is Lot no. 2	\$355	
TG 5 /305 24 Mar 1870	John A. J. Zimmer man	Lewis H. + Amanda A. Wachter		\$40	
CM 4/36 24 Aug 1869 15 Apr	Lewis H. Wachter	John A. J. Zimmer man		\$428.75	
HS 11/159 11 Apr 1840	John Zimmerman of N.	J. B. Flagg Trustee in Trust. Co. Equity, re Christopher Burkhart property	Part of "Suscarora Gap" 101 a.	\$112.01	
WR 33/315 26 Mar 1808	Christopher Burk hart	Nicholas + Benjamin Zimmerman	"Suscarora Gap" 100 a.	\$1800	
WR 20 /190 27 Sept 1800	Nicholas + Benjamin Zimmerman	Henry Stoffel	100 a.		

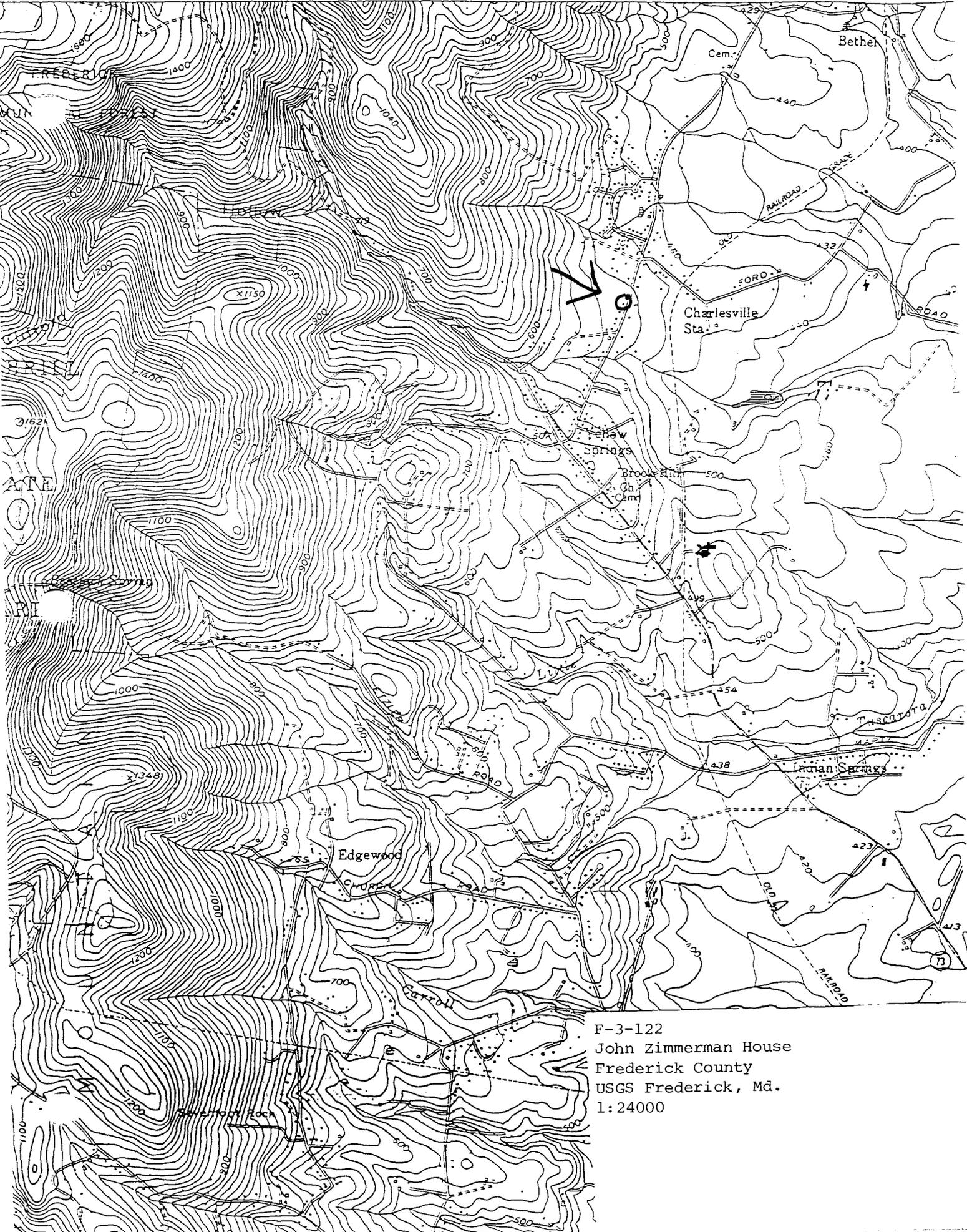
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DIST. No. 2

Scale 1 1/4 Inches to the Mile



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Northeast corner view

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Southwest corner view

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