MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes X
no ___

Property Name: Moser Farm and Barn Inventory Number: F-4-94

Address: _____ City: south of Thurmont Zip Code: _____

County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: _____

Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes

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

Project: _____ Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ___ yes ___ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district ___ yes Name of District: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes ___ no

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

Prepared by: DOT-FHWA Emil Elinsky Date Prepared: 2/10/1978

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

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

The Moser House and Barn are important representatives of 19th century building traditions in the area of Frederick County, Maryland. Essentially unaltered, both structures embody the characteristics of their period. Their survival as a small agrarian complex enhances the significance of the property since the resource also serves as an illustration of the 19th century farmstead in Frederick County and contributes to an understanding of the pattern of agrarian settlement in 19th century Maryland.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X **Eligibility not recommended** ___

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

MHT Comments

This property was Federally Nominated for the National Register.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	**Date**
Charles A. Herrington, Keeper	**Thursday, March 16, 1978**
Reviewer, NR Program	**Date**

F-4-94
Christian Moser House and Barn Ca. 1830-ca. 1870
Myersville vicinity
Private

The Christian Moser House and Barn are the remaining historic buildings of a farmstead established about 1830 by Christian Moser. The house and barn are currently unoccupied and used as storage, as a modern residence built in the 1960's is the principal structure on the property. The old house is a two-story log structure on an exposed stone basement with german and clapboard siding which has been removed in some sections, revealing the log walls. Parts of the stone base have also deteriorated, showing the sub-surface portion of the stone wall. The interior of the house has a two-room plan with plaster over lath walls. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The barn was built about 1870 to replace an earlier barn which burned. It has vertical siding above the original stone foundation. The stall level is enclosed with horizontal flush boards and lath. The house illustrates the vernacular technology of log and stone building of the second quarter of the 19th century through its currently partially deteriorated state.

F-4-94
Christian Moser House and Barn
Myersville
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

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

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

M37 P35

Survey No. F-4-94

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Christian Moser House and Barn

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1914 Monument Road ___ not for publication

city, town Myersville _x_ vicinity of congressional district 6th

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	_x_ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	_x_ not applicable	___ no	___ military	_x_ other: not in use

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

name Leonard M. and Marjorie E. Smith

street & number 1914 Monument Road telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md. 21773

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 441

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 572

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-94

Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_x_ original site
___ good	___ ruins	_x_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
_x_ fair	___ 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 Christian Moser House and Barn are the remaining buildings of an agricultural complex established about 1830 by Christian Moser, and consist of a log two-story dwelling in deteriorated condition on an exposed stone foundation and a frame bank barn which appears to have been built during the period 1850-1875. The buildings are located on the northwest side of Monument Road about 1/4 mile west of Interstate 70 near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The buildings are currently used as storage and a modern, non-contributing residence is the principal structure on the current parcel. The house is located about 40 yards west of the modern dwelling facing a pond. The barn is located northwest of the pond.

The Moser House has a three-bay irregular facade on the southeast elevation. The exposed stone foundation has deteriorated and some layers of stone have been removed, with a brick support added at the southeast corner. A recessed six-panel door is located in the center of the basement level, flanked by two 6/6 deteriorated windows. The main first story and the second story have log structure which is revealed under the weathered german siding just above the stone basement and above the first story where a porch was removed prior to 1944, leaving the outline of the roof. The center door has 6 panels with a four-light transom. The flanking windows and the two windows on the second story are 6/6. Some glass is missing or broken in each window. The cornice is boxed and the gable roof is covered with corrugate metal. An interior chimney is located at the west gable end and a later exterior brick chimney rebuilt above an original stone base is at the east end. The east elevation has no openings except at the attic level. The west elevation has two bays with 6/6 sash, some with broken panes. A considerable section of the log structure is revealed on the second story, showing the wood nogging laid between the main timbers. The gable has clapboard siding which is probably earlier than the german siding of the main walls. The northwest elevation is in the best overall condition, with the german siding intact. It has a three-bay irregular arrangement with a 6-panel door set off-center and 6/6 windows, most of which are intact. Louvred shutters flank one second story window. The interior of the house shows a two-room plan with a beaded central partition which has a single opening apparently widened during the mid-20th century. The outside walls are plaster over lath. A corner winding stair is located at the northeast corner of the first floor and a plain fireplace surround opens on the east wall. A sink is located under the window on the southeast wall next to the door. The window and door trim is simply molded and the door has a box lock. The floor is covered with deteriorated linoleum. The second floor was inaccessible.

Barn: The frame bank barn has a stone base and the stall level on the southeast elevation is enclosed with horizontal lath and flush boards. According to Mr. Smith, the current owner, this barn replaced the original barn which burned about 1870. At the time it was rebuilt, undoubtedly on the original stone foundation, it was extended in length. The siding is vertical boards and the roof is covered with corrugated metal. The barn is not currently in use.

8. Significance

Survey No. F-4-94

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
x 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates C. 1830-1899 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B x C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state x local

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

The Christian Moser House tells much about the technology of vernacular log building in the second quarter of the 19th century by virtue of its current condition in which sections of the stone foundation have been partially removed and the upper log structure revealed by the removal of deteriorated exterior siding. The interior walls also show how lath and plaster were applied over the log walls. Even the siding suggests how the original clapboards were often replaced on the lower walls with newer german siding after 1850. The house was probably built by Christian Moser about 1830, who is shown on the 1858 Isaac Bond map as the owner in that year (the reprinted Bond map in the vicinity of the Moser House is illegible in photocopy and is not included as an attachment to this form). It was the center of 126-acre farm which remained in the Moser family until 1927. The current owners, the Smiths occupied the log house as their residence from 1944 to the early 1960's. The Moser barn is less important architecturally than the log house, since many barns of the period 1870-1900 are extant in better condition.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-94

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.
Land Records of Frederick County.
Smith, Mr. Leonard M., personal interview, June 9, 1992.
Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acres

Quadrangle name Myersville, Md. **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 2 acres including the log house and bank barn on Tax Map 37, Parcel 35.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. **date** July 1992

street & number 12 E. Church Street **telephone** 696-2958

city or town Frederick **state** Md. 21701

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

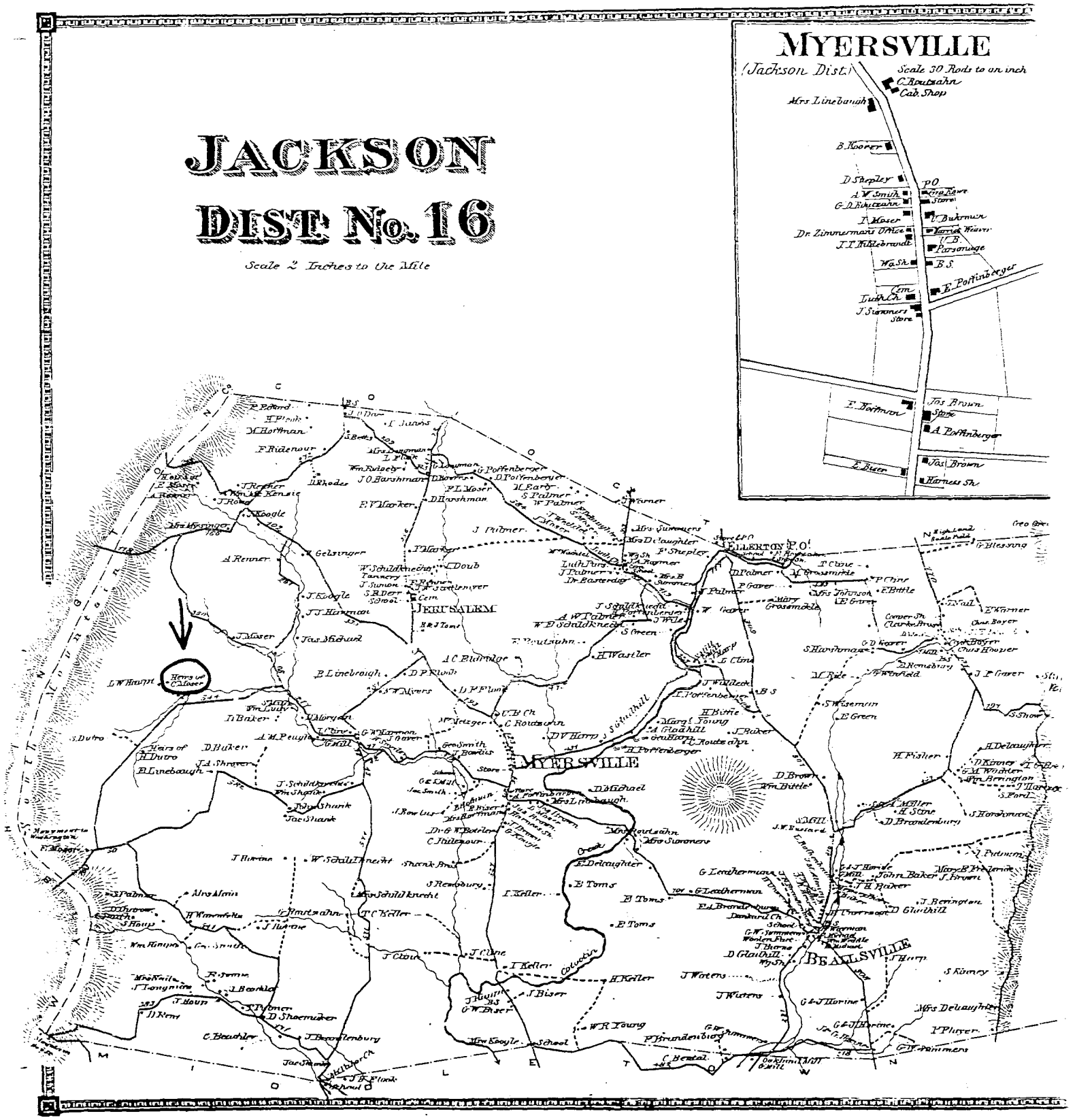
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023

PS-2746

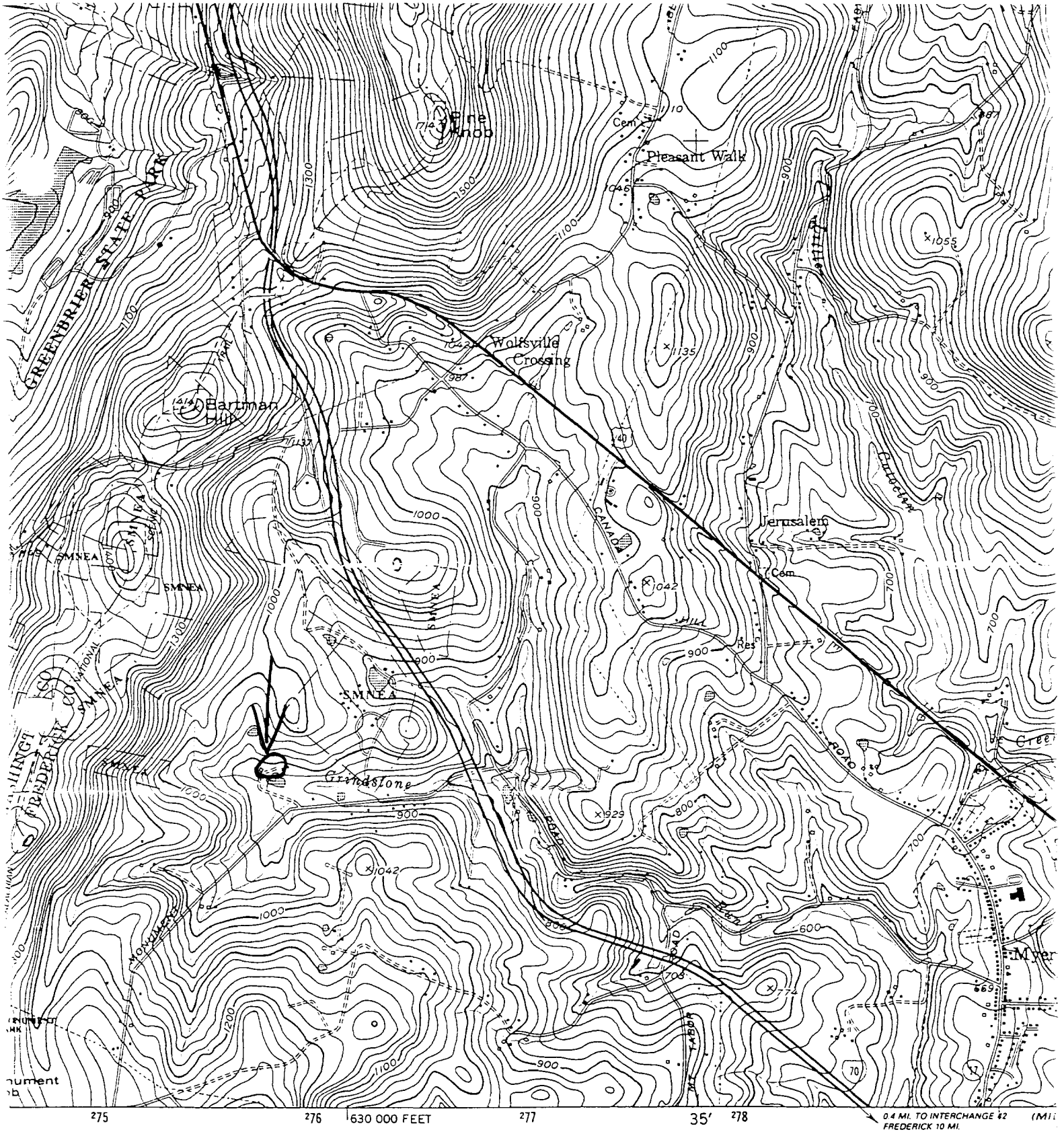
1914 Monument Rd.

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
441/572 31 Mar 44	Leonard M. Smith & Marjorie E. Smith	Grover F. & Annie V. Horine	140 a. 1) Tract 1 "Home Farm" 126 a. STH 280/191 2) Tract 2 "George Haupt Tract" 13 a. 326/42	$4000	
~~STH 280/191 26 Apr 07~~ 441/571 14 Mar 27	Grover F. & Annie V. Horine	Ora Maria Moser		$4,691.25	
1) STH 280/191 26 Apr 07	Ann M. Moser	Lewis Moser	"Rodenspillers Ramblers by Quakers Tricks" "Menpells" 126 a.		
2) 326/42 28 Jan 19	Maria Moser	George E. & Edna F. Haupt	"Rodenspillers Ramblers by Quakers Tricks" begins near Lewis Moser's barn	$280	
1) CM 10/159 1 Apr 1873	Lewis Moser	Elizabeth Moser widow of Christian Moser, dec., et al	126 a.	$3,424.80	
2) STH 284/247 17 Jan 08	George E. Haupt, son of Lawson & Mary Ann	Lawson M. & Mary Ann Haupt			

F-494



F-4-94
Christian Moser House and Barn
Frederick County
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

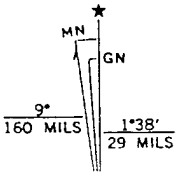


by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
d published by the Geological Survey

SGS and NOS/NOAA

by photogrammetric methods from aerial
taken 1943. Revised by the
St 1953

rojection. 10,000-foot grid ticks based on
ordinate system
Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,



F-4-94
Christian Moser House and Barn
Frederick County
USGS Myersville, Md.
1:24000

F-4-94
Christian Moser House and Barn
Frederick County
Photo: Janet Davis
June 1992
Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md
East elevation
1/5

F-4-94
Christian Moser House and Barn
Frederick County
Photo: Janet Davis
June 1992
Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.
West elevation
2/5

F-4-94
Christian Moser House and Barn
Frederick County
Photo: Janet Davis
June 1992
Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.
Southeast corner view
3/5

F-4-94
Christian Moser House and Barn
Frederick County
Photo: Janet Davis
June 1992
Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.
Interior, general view on first floor
4/5

F. 4-94
Christian Moser House and Barn
Frederick County
Photo: Janet Davis
June 1992
Neg. loc. Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md
Barn, northeast elevation
5/5