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Ca. 1830

Fisher Farm

Rocky Ridge vicinity

Private

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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 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

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

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/summer kitchen  
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding/barn

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Fisher Farm

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 14010 Old Frederick Road  not for publicationcity, town Rocky Ridge  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 checked="" 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 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 Albert S. Tabler, Jr.

street &amp; number 14010 Old Frederick Road telephone no.:

city, town Rocky Ridge state and zip code Md. 21778

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 634

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 408

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-6-64

**Condition**

excellent

good

fair

deteriorated

ruins

unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered

altered

**Check one**

original site

moved

date of move

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

(Typed on separate sheet)

# 8. Significance

Survey No. F-6-64

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" 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
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<input checked="" 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

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.

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### 7.1 Description:

The Fisher Farm is located at the intersection of Old Frederick Road and Appolds Road in the vicinity of Rocky Ridge, Maryland. The 2 story house faces east with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis. A 1 & 1/2 story summer kitchen, contemporary to the house, lies several feet to the west of the house. A bank barn and a new metal shed lay to the north of the dwelling house. The property still operates as a farm to present day.

Built circa 1830, the house is of brick construction, laid in five-course common bond with a corbelled brick cornice, resting on a stone foundation. It has a symmetrical five bay facade with a center entrance. The roofline is a gable of standing seam tin; it contains two interior end brick chimneys.

The principal facade, facing east, has 6/6 window openings and a center door opening with symmetrical placement in five bays. All openings have jack arch lintels. A one story open porch (replacement) covers the three center bays and has steel columns. The west elevation has 3 6/6 windows with jack arch lintels on the second floor and a one story enclosed porch with pairs of 6/6 windows covering the first floor. The porch has a shed roof of corrugated tin and is weatherboarded to the south end bay which enclosed in brick. The north and south elevations have 2 symmetrical bays on each floor with 6/6 windows and jack arch lintels and 4 light attic windows. The south elevation also has a 4 light fixed window and a door into the basement level.

The 1 & 1/2 story summer kitchen is sheathed in board and batten siding. The gable roof runs east to west and is covered in standing seam tin. It has one brick interior end chimney. The door opening is on the east gable end which also has 6/6 windows. The north and south elevations have 6/6 windows on the first floor and 6 light fixed windows on the second. The finished interior has a one room plan that includes original plaster and a simple, molded mantelpiece.

The bank barn has a stone foundation and vertical siding. The exposed lower level has brick piers interspersed with log posts. Underneath the cornice, there is vertical venting. All elevations have louvred vent windows, and the gable ends have a diamond shaped louvred vent beneath the peaks.

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Within its historic context, the Fisher Farm has a good level of integrity in retaining original form and materials. There are many other examples of the 2 story, 5 bay brick house surviving in Frederick County; the Fisher Farm is a good representation of that type. Within the Creagerstown Election District where stone buildings are predominant, it is one of the few of its type.

Judging from the construction and the plan of the dwelling house, the property was probably built by 1830. Between 1858 and 1873, D. Fisher was the owner of the farm. The Fisher family was "an old and esteemed family of the Creagerstown District" of German descent (Williams, Vol.II, 828).



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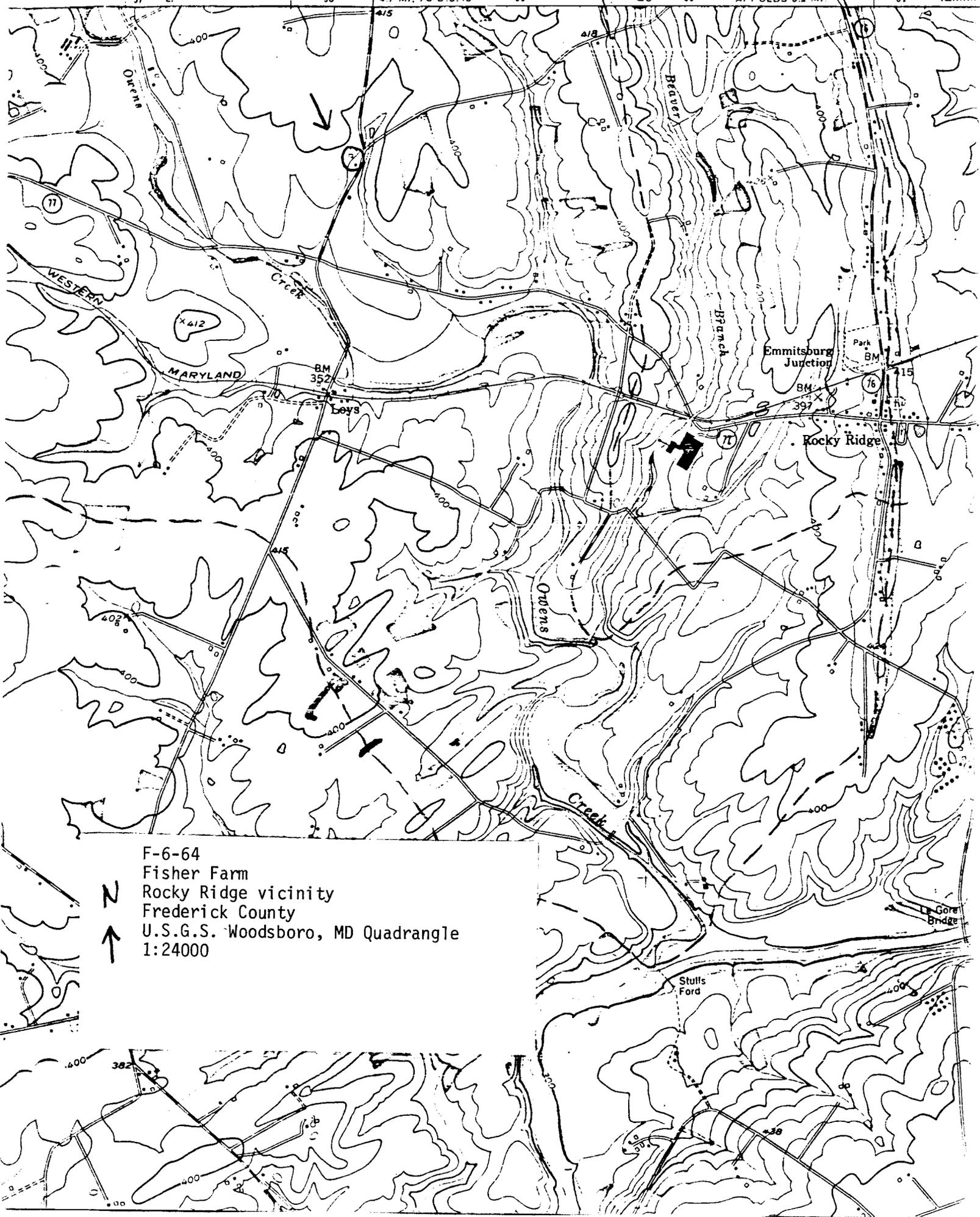
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U.S.G.S. Woodsboro, MD Quadrangle  
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East elevation

1/3



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west elevation and outbuilding

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BARN - Southeast view