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Stimmel House

Woodsboro, Maryland

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

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic (Commercial & Industrial)

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
domestic/single dwelling/residence
domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse, kitchen
Commerce/Trade/restaurant/tavern
Commerce/Trade/speciality store/store

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)historic Stimmel House

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 111 N. Main Street not for publicationcity, town Woodsboro vicinity of 6th congressional districtstate Maryland county Frederick**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 Scott N. & Caroline Harropstreet & number 111 N. Main Street telephone no.:city, town Woodsboro state and zip code MD. 21798**5. Location of Legal Description**courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1470street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 707city, town Frederick state Maryland**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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: 3

The George Stimmel House

The George Stimmel House is a 2 1/2 story frame and stone dwelling with a side gable roof of standing seam tin supported on a stone foundation located on the west side of North Main Street in Woodsboro, Maryland. A Frederick County Landmarks Foundation plaque on the facade recognizes the building's listing (#109) on the foundation's registry. The principal elevation, facing east with road orientation, is characterized by a exposed basement level of random-coursed rubblestone with heavy mortar (grapevine mortar) and by a 2 story, full-height porch.

The principal facade is four bays in length with symmetrical placement of doors and windows. The building was banked into a hill which allowed for greater space on the front facade first level. The exposed basement level has two center bays containing two openings. One of these doors has been filled in as a window. Both door openings are recessed from the exterior with raised panelling present in the recessed space and five light transoms. Door and window treatment on this level includes bulls-eye trim in the lintels and 9/6 light double hung sash windows. The first story is consistent with the basement level: two recessed center doors, symmetrical to those below with panelling and five light transoms, and 9/6 light double hung sash windows. The second story contains four windows symmetrical to the lower floors: each opening has a pair of six light casement windows. The upper stories are sheathed in vinyl siding.

Two brick interior end chimneys both have arcaded openings beneath the caps. The chimney located in the south end of the building is original; the chimney in the north is rebuilt in the same manner. A two-story, flat-roofed, full-height porch extends across the facade. The cornice has a wide frieze with bracketing at the tops of its turned columns. A decorative balustrade runs the width of the first story. A later boxed-in staircase, one bay north of the basement level, allows access to the first floor porch.

Fenestration patterns on the north and south elevations follow those on the principal facade: 9/6 light double hung sash windows with wood lintels and six light casement pairs. The north elevation also contains a small panelled door in the basement level (not full story height) with a wood lintel and two vent windows.

A two story ell addition with a side gable roof of standing seam tin projects from the rear elevation, flush with the north wall. Like the main block, this addition is vinyl sided and contains the same chimney form, probably constructed at the same time as the rebuilt chimney. The section is two bays across with a shed roof porch, enclosed on the rear elevation, extending one more bay. Windows are 9/6 light double hung sash.

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 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: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

Significance Summary

The Stimmel House was possibly built about 1830 (Frederick County Landmarks Form #109) during an growth and development period in Woodsboro. According to the 1858 Bond Map, a "Stimmel" resided at the property; in 1873, "H.B. Stimmel" appears on the Titus Map. The building can be associated with traditional German construction methods commonly seen in the region. Its two center door openings, in particular, are a mannerism of the Pennsylvania-German vernacular tradition. Two outbuildings adjoining the main house exemplify a typical domestic complex of its period. According to available sources, the exposed basement level of the building served various commercial functions into the twentieth century including a tavern and a candy store.

Historic Context

The Stimmel House can be compared to other stone and frame houses of German origins in the Frederick County area. In form and design, it shares typical elements with other surviving German buildings in the region. Its rear ell addition is typical of later alterations seen in other buildings in the region although particular care was taken to replicate the chimney form. Its outbuildings (a smokehouse and a small shed) help to define it as a domestic complex in a village setting. The smokehouse is one of the few remaining of its type in the village of Woodsboro. The main house is representative of a building that originally served a residential function on the upper floors and a commercial one on the lower floor. Judging from accounts of Woodsboro, many buildings functioned in this manner during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

History and Support

The approximate date of 1830 from the Landmarks form should be verified by deed research. Located on both the 1858 and 1873 maps, the building was probably in use as a residence and a commercial establishment by the mid-nineteenth century. The lower floor probably functioned as the Stimmel Saloon (Francis M. Smith, Woodsboro Remembers (privately published), 1976, p. 66) at first, becoming a store later. In 1890, the property contained a bonnet shop, a smoke shop and a candy shop. (Landmarks Form) A store existed in the lower level into the early twentieth century.

7.1 Description Continued

Access to the interior was not possible for this survey. The Frederick County Landmarks Foundation form indicates that restorations on the property occurred in 1971 and 1973; it is now known what these restorations entailed. The form also notes that the interior of the house has original graining on some of the woodwork.

Old Cookhouse Shoppe

This probable smokehouse is a one story side gable frame building consisting of board and batten siding and a standing seam tin roof, located directly south of the addition on the main house. On the east elevation, a stone foundation served to bank the building into hillside level where it is placed on a wood sill. An exterior end brick chimney is similar to the chimney on the main house with its arcaded opening near the cap. It is also stepped (corbelled) to form a wide base. A fireplace exists in the interior (according to the Landmarks form). The principal facade faces north and is pierced by a central doorway. The east and south elevations each have a 6/6 light window.

Outbuilding

A small, one story frame outbuilding is located adjacent to the larger smokehouse, several feet from the addition on the main house. It is sided with board and batten and has a side gable roof of standing seam tin. A door is located near the east wall and retains original hardware (hinges, latches).

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8.1 Significance Summary (Continued)

According to a history of Frederick County, the Stimmel family was among the early German settlers of the area (Paul B. Gordon and Rita S. Gordon, A Textbook History of Frederick County, Board of Education of Frederick County, 1975, p. 184.) The house is associated with Archie Stimmel, a professional right-handed baseball pitcher who achieved fame with the Cincinnati Redlegs in the 1890s. Archie and his wife, Miss Abbey, resided in the house in the early twentieth century.

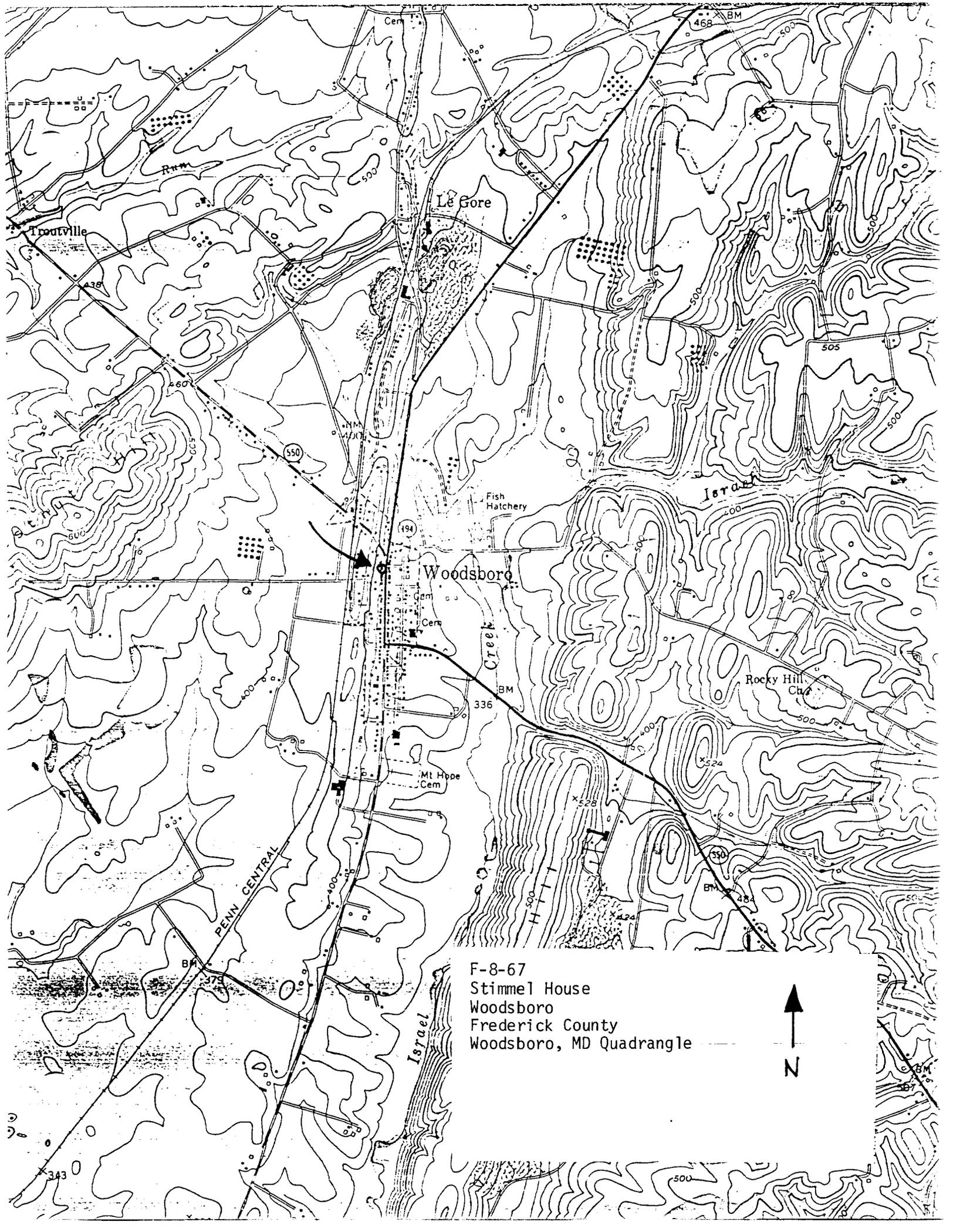
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9.1 Major Bibliographical References Continued

Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

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Woodsboro, MD Quadrangle





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East elevation

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West elevation and outbuildings

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