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Cookerly's Tavern  
New Midway  
Private

Circa 1795

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The interior of the building has undergone very little change. The building exhibits a center hall floor plan with two room flankers each fifteen feet deep with diagonal fireplaces. Original hardware and woodwork including dog-eared paneled fireplaces, marbled paneled doors with HL hinges, original staircase, and random width flooring still exists in the building.

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Gibson owned the property until his death when it was willed to a number of heirs including Henry G. Waters. The heirs sold "Bear Den" to John B. Stimmel in 1830 for \$2,000.00. Stimmel owned the property until 1860 when Isaac Renner purchased the land for \$8,795.87. Upon his death the "Home Residence" was sold to George Renner, his son, for \$4,495.00 who "was the first merchant to engage in business at New Midway."

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## SIGNIFICANCE (continued)

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The house remained in the Renner family until 1926 when the Stoner family purchased it. In 1978, the New Midway Volunteer Fire Company purchased the property.

More research is needed to confirm the legends of George Washington and Francis Scott Key visiting the tavern however, certainly the building is of local interest as the residence of George Renner, merchant of New Midway.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Cookerly's Tavern

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Route 194

CITY, TOWN

New Midway

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <u>Vacant</u>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME New Midway Volunteer Fire Company

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

New Midway

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21775

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 1048

Folio #: 587

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

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
<input 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 _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cookerly's Tavern is a two and one-half story ell shaped stone residence which faces east from the west side of Route 194 in New Midway.

The principal facade is five bays wide. The main entrance, original twin four panel doors with recessed paneled entrance and five light transom is located in the third bay. A concrete block entrance porch was added to the entrance in the 1960's.

The two bay south section of the building is covered with narrow wood siding over the original fieldstone walls.

The remaining three bays of the main block is constructed of quarried stone with large quoins in each corner. The front elevation is constructed of quarried course stone, the remaining elevations are constructed of rubble stone. Occupying each bay on the first and second levels are original double hung 6/6 windows with pegged frames. Louvered shutters flank each window in the second level.

The main block is constructed on a low random stone foundation. The main block is covered by a replaced standing seam tin flank gabled roof attached by a plain boxed cornice. A single replaced brick chimney flanks the gable on the north side of the building.

A one and one-half story addition constructed of matching stone, which was added in the 1930's, extends to the rear.

The interior of the building has undergone very little change. The building exhibits a center hall floor plan with two room flankers each fifteen feet deep with diagonal fireplaces. Original hardware and woodwork including dog-eared paneled fireplaces, marbled paneled doors with HL hinges, original staircase, and random width flooring still exists in the building.

On the second level in the south rooms are located unusual bright orange marbling done in the first decade of the twentieth century. All moldings, fireplace and flooring is covered with the marbling work.

The building contains much of its original eighteenth century fabric compared to other structures in Frederick County and is worthy of preservation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 **William Cookerly**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

Although local legend and Williams' History of Frederick County, Maryland place the construction of Cookerly's Tavern at 1717, research shows that the land was not owned by the Cookerly family until 1809 when William Cookerly purchased one hundred, fifty-six acres of "Bear Den" originally part of Monocacy Manor from the State of Maryland.<sup>1</sup> A survey record was made of this same piece of property for John Cookerly in 1785.<sup>2</sup>

The 1808 Varlé map of the area shows the existence of a tavern being operated by William Cookerly along the Woodsborough Turnpike however the building is not located on the Griffith Map of 1795.

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Gibson owned the property until his death when it was willed to a number of heirs including Henry G. Waters. The heirs sold "Bear Den" to John B. Stimme! in 1830 for \$2,000.00.

Stimme! owned the property until 1860 when Isaac Renner purchased the land for \$8,795.87.<sup>4</sup> According to Williams' History of Frederick County, Maryland, "In March, 1858, Mr. Renner removed to Frederick County, settling at what is now New Midway, having peviously (sic) purchased the old Stimme! farm. Here he made his home until his death which took place June 13, 1880."<sup>5</sup>

Upon his death the "Home Residence" was sold to George Renner, his son, for \$4,495.00 who "was the first merchant to engage in business at New Midway. In 1884 he erected a fine stone building there and soon acquired a large and extensive trade."<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber JK 7; Folio 151.  
<sup>2</sup>Frederick County Survey Records, Liber HGO 1; Folio 107.  
<sup>3</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber WR 35; Folio 545.  
<sup>4</sup>Ibid., Liber BGF 5; Folio 288.  
<sup>5</sup>Williams, p. 750.  
<sup>6</sup>Williams, Ibid.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Williams, T. J. C., History of Frederick County Maryland, (1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1967), I, p. 167.

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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

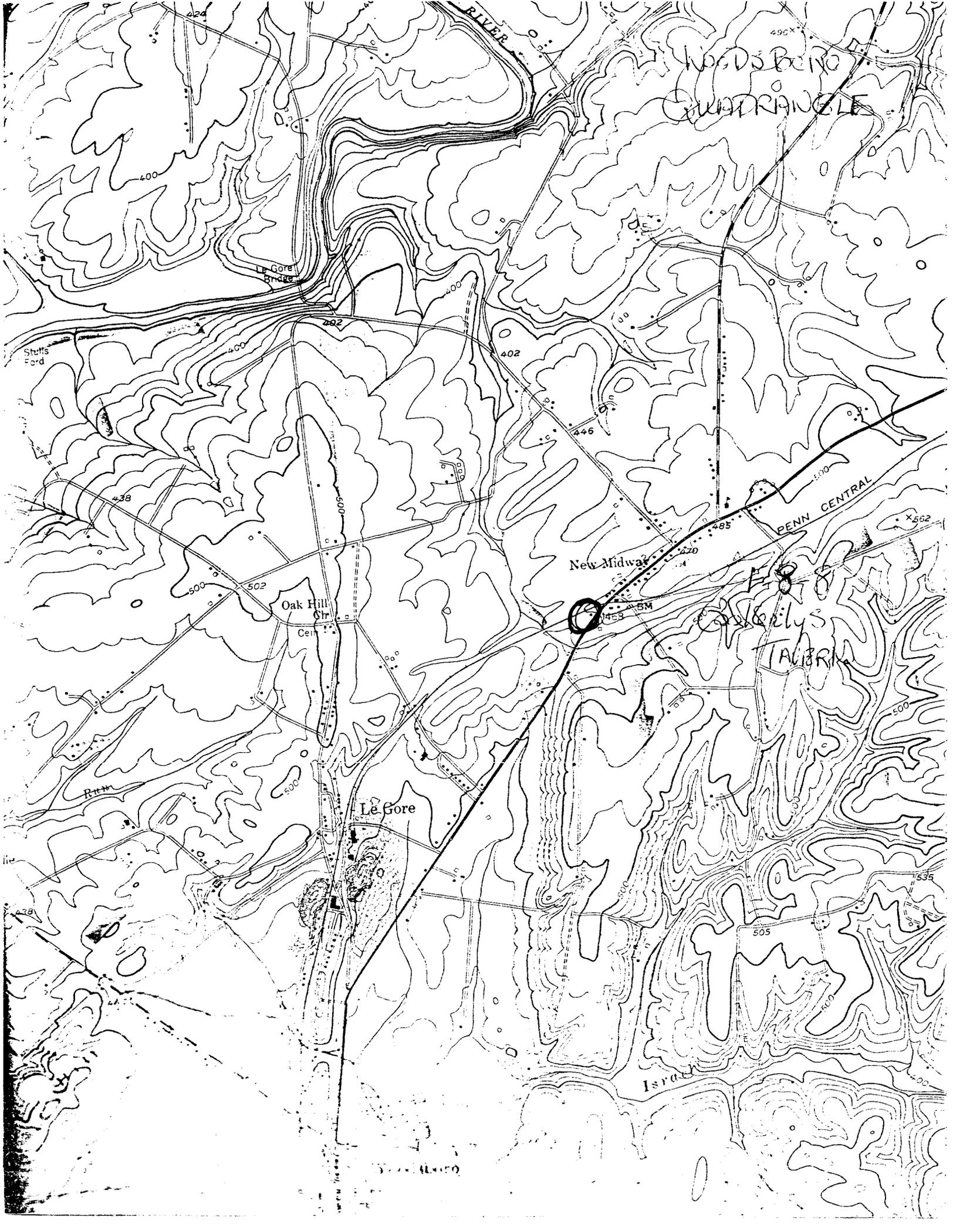
**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION	DATE
Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation	7/16/79
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
12 East Church St., Winchester Hall	694-1063
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Frederick	Maryland

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.

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TABLE

1 MILE



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