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Casper Devilbiss House
Sams Creek
Private

1771
Casper Devilbiss

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An etched stone located in the center of the gable decorated by a six pointed star with the initials "MSS 1771" indicated the building date of the house.

The interior of this section of the building retains much of its original woodwork including beaded baseboards, over mantel paneling, corner fireplaces, deep window paneling, and arched built-in cupboard.

A frame bank barn, log outbuilding covered with tin, and wagon shed are also located on the premises.

The Devilbiss family acquired the property upon which the residence is located in the second half of the eighteenth century and willed the six hundred and fifty acres of Leonards Range to his son, Casper, at his death in 1777.

Casper Devilbiss is believed to have lived in the house until his death in 1835, willing the land and property to his three sons, Casper, Levi, and Thomas. It was this owner who probably built the east addition. Just prior to his death the land tract was resurveyed in 1834 by D. W. Neill and renamed "Caspers Loss."

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Casper Devilbiss House (Travelers Rest Farm)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
South side Oak Orchard Road

CITY, TOWN Sams Creek VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT E.D. 19 M 53 P 4

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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME August Deckert

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Route 2, Box 83

CITY, TOWN New Windsor VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 1036
Folio #: 740

STREET & NUMBER
North Court Street

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"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Casper Devilbiss House is a two and a half story ell shaped rubble stone residence which faces south from the south side of Oak Orchard Rd.

The house, which was built in two parts, is five bays wide. The original and oldest part occupies the two west bays of the main facade. The original entrance, a replaced four panel door with three light transom, is located in the second bay on the first level. A double hung 9/6 window with storm window occupies the first bay on the first level. Double hung 6/6 windows are located in each bay on the second level and in both bays on the west gable end which is two bays deep. Two identical windows are located to the rear of the original part of the house. The walls are constructed of rubble stone with narrow fieldstone quoins. An unusual feature of the building is a fieldstone water table which is continued in the new addition to the east side. The building is covered by a replaced standing seam tin roof with a plain boxed cornice with pent roof which continues across the west gable of the building. This architectural feature is characteristic of German colonial architecture. An etched stone located in the center of the gable decorated by a six pointed star with the initials "M S S 1771" probably indicates the building date of the house. An original double brick chimney extends from the west gable end of the building.

The interior of this section of the building retains much of its original woodwork including beaded baseboards, over mantel paneling, corner fireplaces, deep window paneling, and arched built-in cupboard. Wide random width flooring is intact on both the first and second levels although the staircase has been considerably altered.

The east four bay wide section with rear two story addition appears to have been added in the first quarter of the nineteenth century although the interior woodwork, fireplace and unusual inverted T-shape wall hanging suggest that this part of the addition may date to the original west section of the house.

The facade of the east section is three bays wide. A replaced paneled door with three light transom occupies the third bay. Both the second and third bays have been covered with novelty siding on the first level and covered by a modern shed roof frame porch.

Occupying the remaining two bays on the first level are 9/6 windows covered by storm windows with wood lintels. Double hung 6/6 windows are located in all bays on the second level. The walls of the addition are constructed with rubble stone with narrow fieldstone quoins in the southeast and northeast corners similar to the west section. The east elevation is five bays wide. Each bay is occupied by 6/6 windows with wood lintels.

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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	
<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 1771

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Casper Devilbiss House was owned by the same family until 1978 when the current owners purchased the property.

The Devilbiss Family acquired the property upon which the residence is located in the second half of the eighteenth century and willed the six hundred and fifty acres of Leonards Range to his son, Casper, at his death in 1777.¹

Casper Devilbiss is believed to have lived in the house until his death in 1835, willing the land and property to his three sons, Casper, Levi, and Thomas.² It was this owner who probably built the east addition. Just prior to his death the land tract was resurveyed in 1834 by D. W. Neill and renamed "Caspers Loss".

When the third Casper Devilbiss to live in the house died in 1868, he directed his executors to sell all real and personal property except his "wife and family carry on said farm called 'Caspers Loss'."³

In 1871 the farm was sold to Darius Devilbiss for \$9,955.00 who owned the property just three short years before selling it to William Ensor,⁴ a member of the Devilbiss Family.

Upon his death in 1899, he willed all his "outdoor goods, horses, cattle, and swine" to his sons and daughters and all his indoor property to his wife, Mary.⁵

The farm remained in the Ensor Family and was incorporated in 1963.

The stone water table and interior woodworking which has remained intact makes this a building of considerable significance. While displaying a German floor plan, the woodworking of the house shows English influence creating a mix of the two cultures in one building, a common occurrence in Frederick County.

¹Frederick County Probate Records, Liber GM 1; Folio 70.

²Ibid., Liber GME 2; Folio 116.

³Ibid., Liber TLMC 1; Folio 470.

⁴Frederick County Land Records, Liber CM 6; Folio 655.

⁵Frederick County Probate Records, Liber DHH 5; Folio 496.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

NAME / TITLE clh

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION
Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE
4/3/79

STREET & NUMBER
12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

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694-1063

CITY OR TOWN
Frederick

STATE
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.

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
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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DESCRIPTION

The Casper Devilbiss House (continued)

Two rear entrances and whitewashing on the north wall of the addition suggest that a shed roofed addition once extended to the rear.

A modern one story frame shed roof porch extends from the west side of the addition. A single original brick chimney extends from the east gable of the addition; a central chimney rises from the center of the rear addition.

Except for the existence of a large cooking fireplace, the interior of this section of the house has been considerably altered over the years.

A frame bank barn, log outbuilding covered with tin, and wagon shed are also located on the premises.

LIBERTYTOWN QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

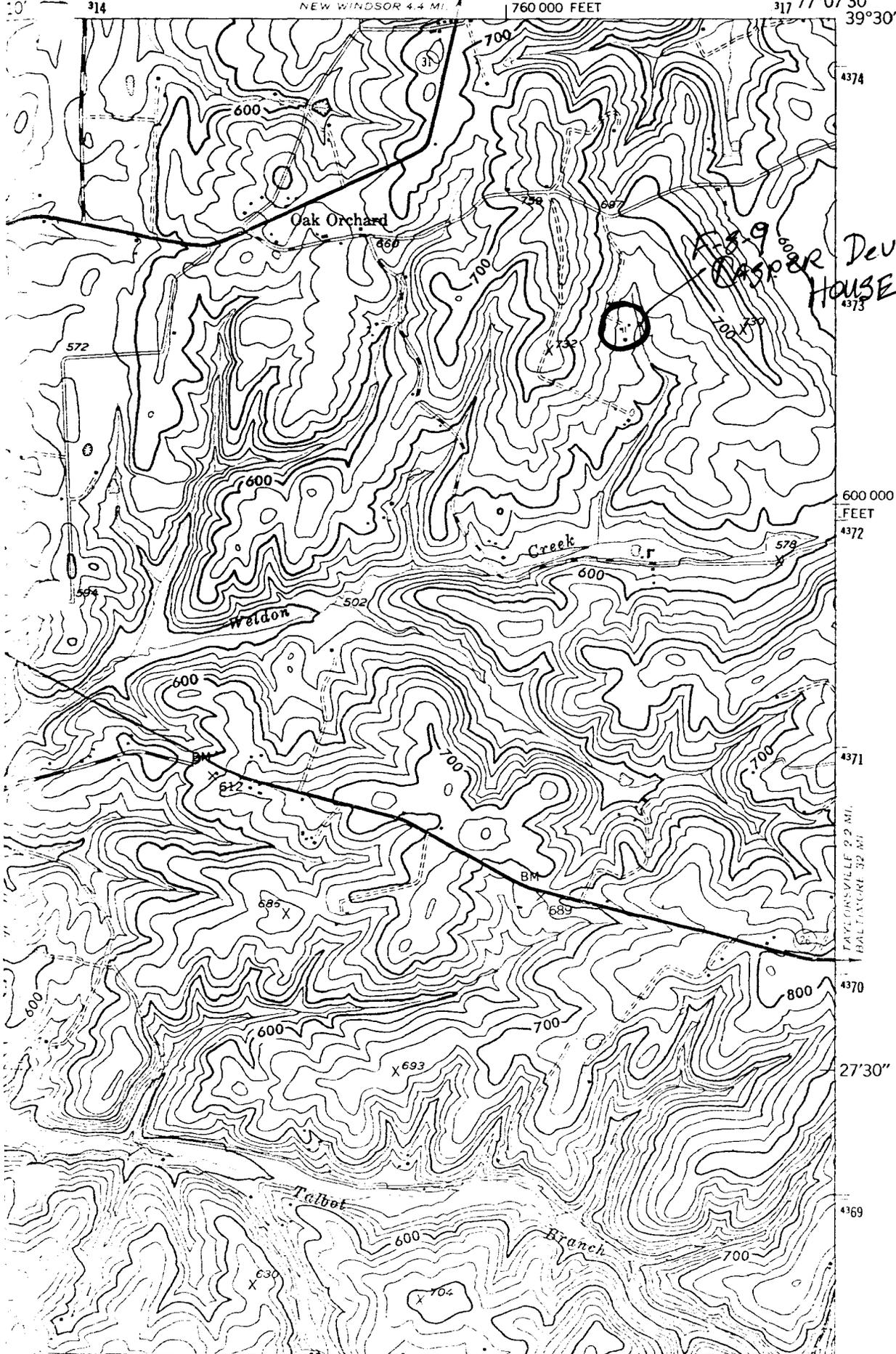
NW/4 MOUNT AIRY 15' QUADRANGLE

5563 II SE
(NEW WINDSOR)

WESTMINSTER 12 MI.
NEW WINDSOR 4.4 MI.

760 000 FEET

317 77°07'30"
39°30'



DeVillbiss
HOUSE

600 000
FEET

TAYLORSVILLE 2.2 MI.
BALTAZORE 3.2 MI.

4370

27'30"

4369



F-89 Caspi Dewittus SE
S/3 OAK ORCHARD RD
CEN 1/4/78
SOUTHWEST ELEVATION



F-8-9 CASPER DEVILBISS HSE

3/3 OAK ORCHARD RD

CEW 1/4/78

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION



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Casper Dewitts +/SE

3/5 OAK ORCHARD RD

CEN 1/4/78

WATER TABLE DETAIL



K-8-9 Casper Dwellless HSE
53 OAK ORCHARD RD
DEN 1/4/78
WEST GABLE DETAIL



F-8-9 CASPER DEVILBISS HOUSE
3/3 OAK ORCHARD RD

CEN

1/4/78

INTERIOR CUPBOARD



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CASPER DEVILBISS #5E
3/3 ORK ORCHARD RD

CEW 1/4/78
INTERIOR PANELING



F-8-9 CASPER DEVILBLISS HSE

3/3 ORK ORCHARD RD

CEN

1/4/78

NORTH ELEVATION