

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: John Blocker House				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Bepler House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: U. S. Route 40, 1 mile west of Green Lantern Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Garrett		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Sarah Blocker and Laura Klotz				
STREET AND NUMBER: Star Route				
CITY OR TOWN: Frostburg		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Garrett County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: South Third Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Oakland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 317-525				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Mid-Nineteenth Century.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Blocker house is its architecture. The building represents a rural expression of the architectural style known as the Italiniate. Although the exact date of construction is unknown, the house appears to date from the mid-nineteenth century. The approximate date is based upon both interior and exterior stylistic features.

Traditionally, the building is known as the Bepler house and some people speculate that it was built for Bepler. That would date the house after 1870 when Henry Bepler purchased the land from the heirs of Isaac Beall. (Allegany County Land Records, Book 31, Page 191). The stylistic features of the first floor interior trim, however, indicate that the house may date from several years earlier. The trim (See sketch under description) is very similar to a type found commonly in south-central Pennsylvania houses of the 1830-1850 period. The land on which the house stands was a part of a larger tract owned by Jesse Tomlinson in the early part of the nineteenth century. In 1840, Tomlinson sold this section to Beall. (Allegany County Land Records, Book HB, number BB, page 190). The house dates probably from the years of Beall ownership.

The father of the present owners purchased the land about 1894 from the Bepler heirs. Presently, the farm contains about 300 acres of land. Another house in the Italiniate mode is included on the farm and is located on the south side of the road about .1 mile east of the Blocker house. (See form number G-I-004).

There is additional speculation by the local residents that the house was once used as an inn. Although not substantiated, the legend is based probably on the largeness of the structure and the fact that many of the interior doors have transoms.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Md.
 Garrett County Land Records, Oakland, Md.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Ronald L. Andrews, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc. DATE: 4/23/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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CONTINUATION SHEET

John Blocker House

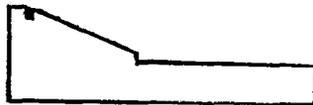
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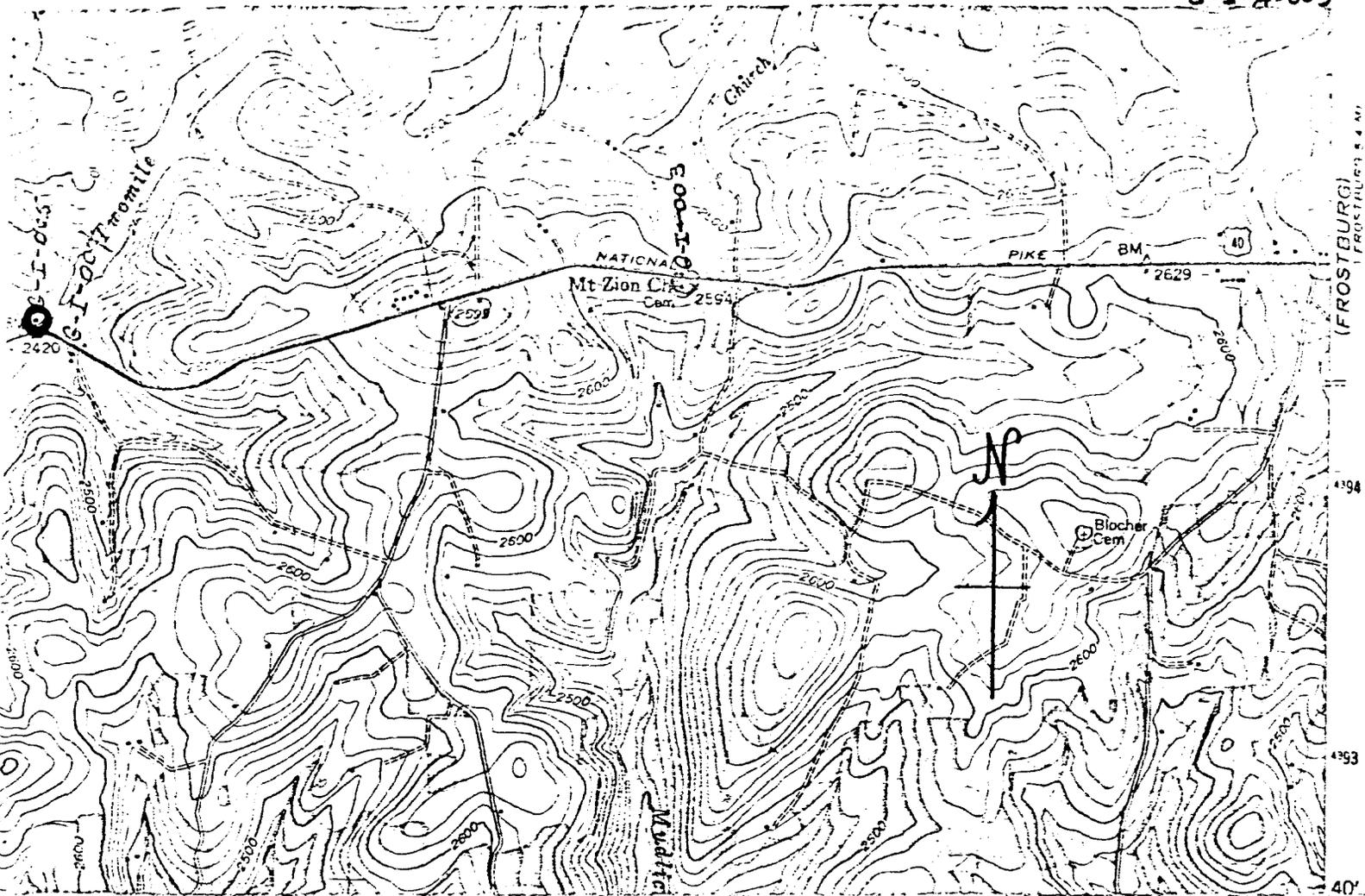
central Pennsylvania. (See attached sketch). The mantel piece in the south east room on the first floor is of a design characteristic of the mid-Victorian period.

The basic structure remains intact and appears to be in a good state of repair.

Sketch: (Not to scale) --

Door trim from first floor southeast room, west wall:





John Blocker House
 "Bepier House"
 U.S Route 40, 1 mile W of Green Lantern Rd
 Barrett Co., Maryland

Avilton, Md. - Pa.
 7.5 Minute series
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residence of John Blocker
"Bessler house"

U.S. Rt. 40, 1 mile W of Green Lankers Rd
Garrett County, Maryland

SE view

February, 1974

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