

G-I-A-084  
Yost and Gotthart Doerr Farm  
Grantsville  
Private

Late 19th and Early 20th century

The Yost and Gotthart Doerr Farm was first settled by Yost Doerr after he moved here from Germany and bought this piece of land in 1878. The two story log dwelling and frame barn that he constructed are no longer standing, but the complex of late nineteenth century frame outbuildings that he and his son Gotthart built are still utilized on the farm. These outbuildings include a springhouse/workshop, a smokehouse, a chickenhouse, and a sugar camp. In 1912 Gotthart built a frame, two story, T-plan dwelling with facade and rear porches. It remains in its original state without the addition of plumbing or electrical systems even though the house is still occupied.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Yost and Gotthart Doerr Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Harry C. Doerr Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Foster's Inn Rd. - west side, .5 mile south of U.S. Route 40

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Harry C. Doerr

Telephone #: (no phone)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: (206/388), (265/19)

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Yost and Gotthart Doerr Farm is located on the west side of Foster's Inn Road approximately .5 mile south of its intersection with U.S. Route 40. The site is set back from the road .1 mile and consists of an early twentieth century house and bank barn, and a complex of late nineteenth century outbuildings including a springhouse/workshop, smokehouse, chicken house, and sugar camp.

The house is a balloon frame, two story, gable-roofed building on a poured concrete foundation. Its basic configuration is a T-plan that consists of a three bay by two bay main block with a one bay by one bay rear wing. The facade has a symmetrical three bay, center door arrangement. A flat-roofed porch with four Tuscan columns on a concrete pier foundation extends the length of the three bays but not the entire length of the facade. A shed-roofed porch with chamfered posts shelters the southeast side of the wing. All windows are one over one sash with plain board surrounds and simple drip moldings. The first floor facade windows, however, are wider than the others and have a narrow upper pane and a large, square lower pane. Small, rectangular casement windows with the same type of molding as the sash windows pierce each of the three gables. The northwest and southwest gables are each lit by a single window; the southeast gable has two smaller windows flanking an interior brick stove chimney. Both the facade and rear doors are topped by transom lights. The facade door has five raised panels in its lower half with a bas relief wreath in the center panel, and a frosted glass window above, imprinted with the image of an eight point deer set within an oval floral border.

The exterior walls are covered with Cucumber wood German siding of varying widths, and the roof is clad with large, diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. Two interior brick stove chimneys are located on the ridgeline of the main block and another is situated on the ridgeline of the rear wing. The basement, which is dug only under the main block, serves as a cave (root cellar). The house remains in its original state without the addition of electrical or plumbing systems; stoves are still used, to heat the building.

The barn, which is located west of the house, rests on a coursed, roughly squared stone foundation and is supported by a circular sawn frame that is mortise and tenoned together.

The springhouse/workshop is set into a hill approximately 15 feet southeast of the house. The whitewashed, dressed stone cellar contains the spring, while the frame structure above it with 2 over 2 sash windows and a brick chimney was used as a shop.

The smokehouse, which sits approximately 4 feet south of the springhouse, rests on stone footings and a hewn sill. Its stud frame is covered with German siding.

The chicken house is a two room board and batten structure that is situated between the house and barn.

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**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- <sup>1</sup>Garrett County Land Records, Liber 3, Folio 670.
  - <sup>2</sup>Interview with Harry Doerr, May 27, 1981.
  - <sup>3</sup>Garrett County Land Records, Liber 16, Folio 345.
  - <sup>4</sup>Interview with Harry Doerr, May 27, 1981.
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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
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines	DATE October 1981
STREET & NUMBER Shaw House, 21 State Circle	TELEPHONE 301-269-2438
CITY OR TOWN Annapolis	STATE Maryland 21401

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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(#7 Description continuation sheet)

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A sugar camp, which is still used, lies approximately .1 mile northwest of the house in a wooded area. The interior was not accessible, however, the present owner reports that the frame is constructed with straight sawn lumber. The building rests on a coursed, roughly squared stone foundation, has a hewn plate and pole rafters.

Chain of Title

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Yost and Gotthart Doerr Farm

Garrett County Land Records-

11 September 1957

Liber 206, Folio 388

Grantee: Harry C. Doerr

Grantors: Ray E. Doerr and Evelyn Doerr

Notes: Election District #3, Military Lots Nos. 2050 (32 acres),  
2051 (12 acres), 2052 (43.5 acres)

10 November 1890

Liber 16, Folio 345

Grantee: Gotthart Doerr

Grantors: Catherine Doerr, Lizzie Doerr, Henry Sausman,  
Martha Sausman

Consideration: \$350.00

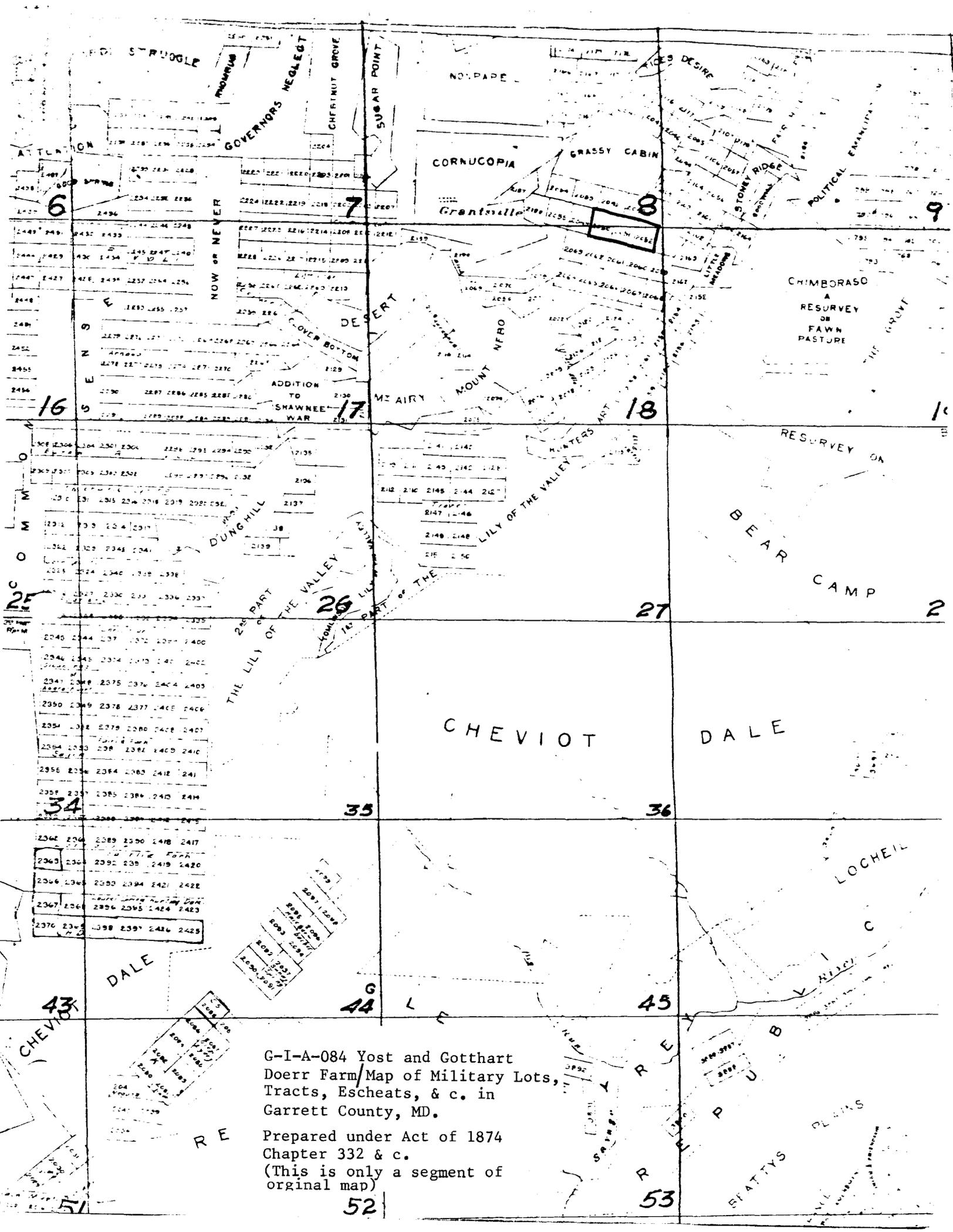
Notes: Military Lots Nos. 2050, 2051, 2052

11 March 1878

Liber 3, Folio 670

Grantee: Yost Doerr

Grantors: John M. Blochner and Ellen Blochner



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 Doerr Farm/Map of Military Lots,  
 Tracts, Escheats, & c. in  
 Garrett County, MD.

Prepared under Act of 1874  
 Chapter 332 & c.  
 (This is only a segment of  
 original map)

G-I-A-08A YOST AND GOTTHART DEER FARM

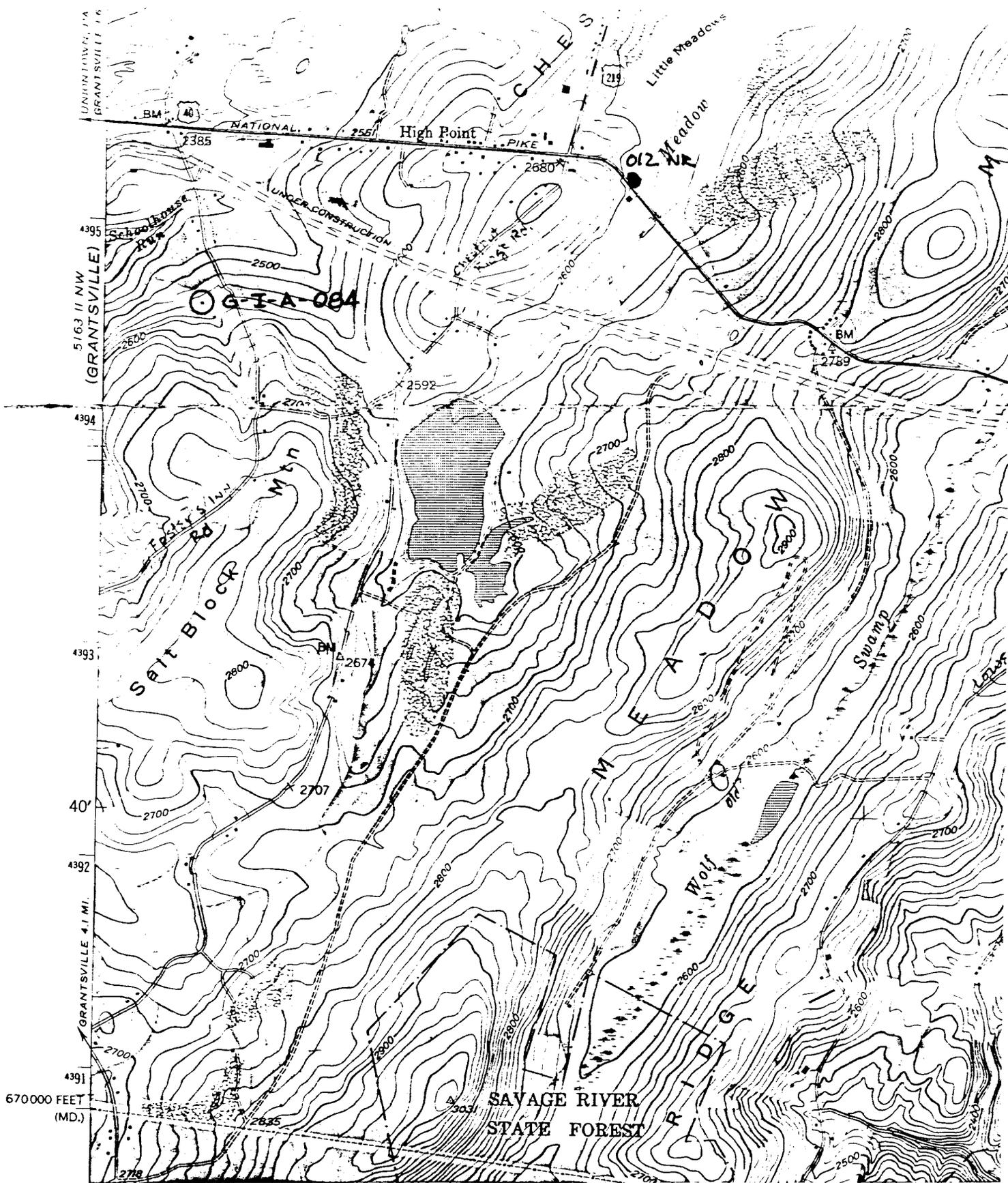
MAP OF MILITARY LOTS TRACTS, ESCHEATS, & C.  
IN

GARBETT COUNTY, MD.

PREPARED UNDER ACT OF 1874, CHAPTER 322 & C.

~~AND DEER FARM~~

(ENTIRE MAP AT GARBETT COUNTY COURTHOUSE)



Avilton, MD-PA  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1947; photorevised 1974

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 Yost & Gotthart Doerr Farm  
 Foster's Inn Rd. - W side, .5 mile  
 S of U.S. Route 40



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Valerie Cesna 5/27/81

Facade: NE & NW elevations



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NW elevation



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Rear: SE elevation



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Springhouse: W elevation