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Belva McKenzie Farm  
Grantsville  
Private

c.1860-70

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY 1202705535

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Belva McKenzie Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Meyersdale Rd., .8 mi. S of MD-PA border

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Belva L. McKenzie, Walter D. Michael, James E.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Michael

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 331

Folio #: 84

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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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

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The facade (W elevation) has a symmetrical 3 bay, center door arrangement, its second floor, center bay left unfenestrated. The windows on this elevation, as well as the other elevations, are 6/6 sash with very narrow, mitred corner surrounds, plain dripboards, and narrow, plain sills. The shed-roofed porch with 4 turned post supports extending across the full length of the facade, appears to be a late nineteenth or early twentieth century addition.

Both endwalls are pierced by four sash windows, two per floor, and a six-pane casement in the gable. The rear (E) elevation has a 3 bay, center door arrangement, and a full length, hip-roofed porch with four turned post supports and a square baluster railing.

The exterior walls are covered with weatherboard of slightly varying widths and very narrow cornerboards. The roof is sheathed with corrugated metal and has two interior brick chimnies projecting from the ridgeline. A very deep box cornice with partial gable end returns and a wide, plain board frieze strongly emphasizes the eaves.

The barn, located on the opposite side (W side) of Meyersdale Road, is a small, gable-roofed, frame structure on a dry laid rubble stoned foundation with a basement. Its frame is made of circular sawn posts with upbracing, and is sheathed with weatherboard on the exterior and horizontally placed flush boards on the interior. The batten door is fixed with a wrought iron latch and strap hinges.

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**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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" 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 ca. 1860-70

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The form of this building with its heavy proportions and small 6/6 sash windows are indications that it was constructed earlier than most of the farmhouses in the vicinity, which are very lightly framed late nineteenth century dwellings. A house is known to have been in existence on one of the lots of this tract, known as "Wright's Grove", by 1869.<sup>1</sup> Since this tract contained 6,422 acres in 1869, it has not been determined if this is the house that was referred to.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

<sup>1</sup>Allegany County Land Records, liber 28, folio 428 - and Allegany County Tax Assessments, Dist. No. 5, Frostburg, p. 170.

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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

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January 1982

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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BELVA MCKENZIE FARM

Chain of Title

Garrett County Land Records:

11 November 1972 liber 331, folio 84  
grantees: Belva L. Mckenzie, of Allegany Co.; Walter D. Michael,  
of Garrett County; James E. Michael, of Garrett County  
grantor: Clyde Glotfelty, of Garrett County  
consideration: \$10.00 plus other consideration  
acreage: 117, more or less  
tract #1: part of Wright's Grove, 113½ acres, more or less  
tract #2: 3½ acres, more or less

16 October 1931 liber 104, folio 246  
grantee: Clyde Glotfelty, of Garrett County  
grantors: Robert C. Newman and Florence E. Newman, of Somerset  
County, PA  
consideration: \$1.00 plus other consideration  
acreage: 117, more or less  
tract #1: part of Wright's Grove, 113½ acres, more or less  
tract #2: 3½ acres, more or less

20 January 1928 liber 97, folio 107  
grantees: Robert C. Newman and Florence E. Newman, of Somerset  
County, PA  
grantors: John Hutzal and Elizabeth Hutzal, of Garrett County  
consideration: \$260.00  
acreage: 117, more or less  
tract #1: part of Wright's Grove, 113½ acres, more or less  
tract #2: 3½ acres, more or less

3 January 1920 liber 77, folio 189  
grantees: John Hutzal and Elizabeth Hutzal, of Garrett County  
grnators: D.H. Horton and Elizabeth Horton, of Connellsville, PA;  
Richard Newman and Minerva Newman, Nevin Newman and Mary  
Newman, all of Salisbury Boro, Somerset County, PA  
consideration: \$1,100.00  
acreage: 117, more or less  
tract #1: part of Wright's Grove, 113½ acres, more or less  
tract #2: 3½ acres, more or less

"Reserving from the operation of this deed timber together  
with the right ingress, egress, and regress for the  
purpose of manufacturing and removing said timber, or any  
adjacent timber which is or may become the property of  
the aforesaid D.H. Horton and Elizabeth Horton, Richard  
Newman and Minerva Newman, Nevin Newman and Mary Newman

Chain of Title (page 2)

for a period of ten years from January 3, 1920"  
tract #1: part of Wright's Grove, 113½ acres, more or less;  
conveyed to grantors by John M. Wright and wife  
January 23, 1915, liber 68, folio 199.  
tract #2: 3½ acres, more or less; conveyed to grantors by  
Gilmor S. Hamill, October 25, 1910, liber 61,  
folio 379

23 January 1915 liber 68, folio 199  
grantees: Richard Newman and N.R. Newman, of Salisbury Borough,  
Somerset County, PA: and D.H. Horton, of Connellsville,  
Fayette County, PA  
grantors: John M. Wright and Christena Wright, Elk Lick, Somer-  
set County, PA  
consideration: \$1,400.00  
acreage: 113½  
Part of a tract known as "Wright's Grove"

29 March 1905 liber 49, folio 243  
grantee: John M. Wright, of Somerset County, PA  
grantors: Jeremiah Glotfelty and Salome Glotfelty, Of Garrett  
County, MD  
consideration: \$1,800.00  
acreage: 113½  
Part of a tract known as "Wright's Grove"

17 June 1901 liber 42, folio 539  
grantee: Jeremiah Glotfelty, of Garrett County, MD  
grantors: Israel Glotfelty and Barbara Glotfelty, of Garrett  
County, MD  
consideration: \$1,300.00  
acreage: 113½  
Part of a tract known as "Wright's Grove"

5 March 1896 liber 30, folio 58  
grantee: Israel Glotfelty, of Garrett County, MD  
grantors: Thomas W. Frost and Sarah C. Frost, of Garrett County,  
MD  
consideration: \$682.50  
acreage: 113½

Part of a tract known as "Wright's Grove"  
Curtin M. Graham and Sarah Wright of Allegany Co. by  
Article of Agreement dated 13 July 1867 in consideration  
of \$ 682.50 did sell to Israel Glodfelty this piece of  
land with the conditions that a deed would be executed  
when the money was fully paid. Before the money was fully  
paid Curtin M. Graham and Sarah Wright conveyed the land  
to Thomas W. Frost with the understanding that Frost  
would execute to Glotfelty the deed as soon as all the  
money was paid.

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Chain of Title (page 3)

Allegany County Land Records:

29 December 1868

liber 28, folio 428

grantee: Thomas W. Frost, of Allegany County, MD

grantors: Curtin M. Graham and Susan Graham, and Sarah Wright,  
of Allegany County, MD

consideration: \$20,050.00

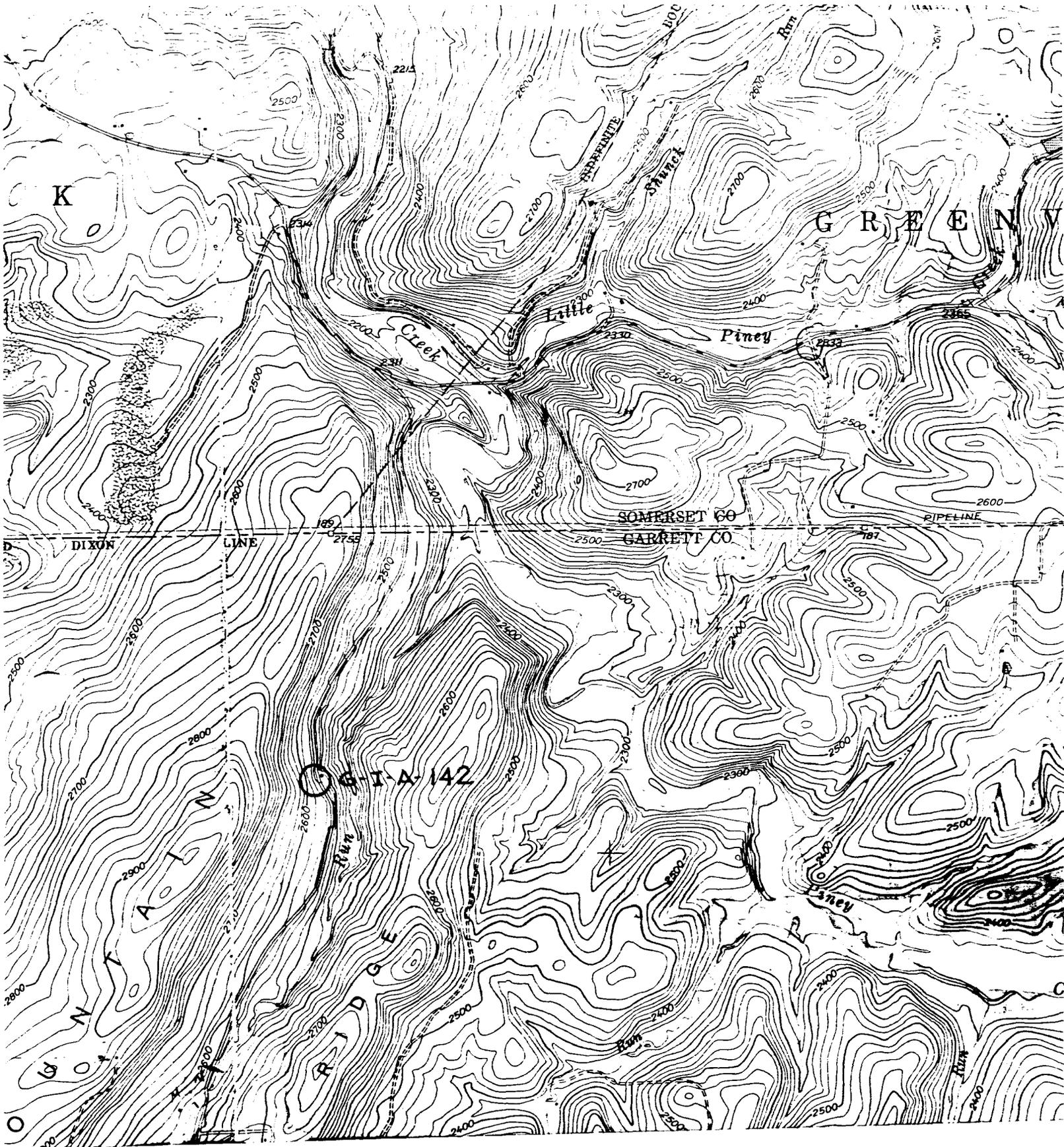
acreage: 2,965

All that part of a tract called Wright's Grove with  
two exceptions, (parts of the tract that were previously  
sold.)

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BELVA MCKENZIE FARM

Allegheny County Tax Assessment  
1867-75  
District No. 5 Frostburg

page 179	March 1872	Curtin M. Graham & Susan Wright	
		Lots 661, 662, 684, 777 to Henry Blocher transferred to page 170, 1 house and 2 lots from Neff	\$3200 \$3000
page 178	April 1869	One house and two lots from John Neff	\$3000
page 171	March 1873	Balance, Wright's Grove 3457 acres in Garrett County	\$27,656
	June 1872	House & Lot from Susana Wright sold to Presbyterian Church	\$2000
page 170	April 1870	Tract Land called Wrights Grove 2965 A@ \$8 to T.W. Frost	\$23,720
		House & Lot from Susannah Wright	\$2000
	1869	House & 2 Lots from Jno Neff	\$3000
	July 1867	Tract Land Wrights Grove 6422 A@ \$8	\$57,376



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USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1947; photorevised 1974

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Belva McKenzie Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 6/17/81

Facade: W & N elevations



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Rear: N & E elevations