

G-I-B-078

A.E. Baer Farm
Simon Weimer Farm
Finzel
Private

c.1860

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Simon Weimer Farm

AND/OR COMMON

A. E. Baer Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gravel Hill Rd., approx. 2 miles W of Finzel

CITY, TOWN

Finzel

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

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lloyd Yutzy

Telephone #: 689-9166

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Finzel

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 310

Folio #: 341

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 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 A. E. Baer Farm is located on the east side of Gravel Hill Rd., in slightly hilly terrain, approx. 2 miles west of Finzel.

The farm consists of a plank constructed house, 4 outbuildings and a bank barn.

The house is a 1½ story, 2 bay by 1 bay plank house with exterior battens, giving it the appearance of a board and batten house. It rests on a stone foundation. "A. E. Baer" is chiseled into a foundation stone on the S. elevation. The house has a corrugated metal gable roof and 2 exterior gable end brick chimneys.

The facade faces east and has a central entrance. There is a 1-story shed enclosed porch across the facade with a N. elev. entrance. The porch is covered with german siding and asphalt sheet siding.

There is a 1½-story gable ell addition at the S. end of the W. elev. covered with german siding with cornerboards. Its W. gable end has an exterior brick chimney. A 1-story enclosed shed porch runs across the S. elev. of the ell and the W. end of the main block of the house. The porch is covered with asphalt sheet siding and has a central entrance. The gable roof of the ell and shed porch is asphalt sheeting.

There is a 1-story shed addition in the N. corner of the W. elev. between the main block and the ell. It is covered with german siding and its shed roof has asphalt sheeting.

The windows in the 1st story of the main block are 6/6 sash. The 2nd story and facade porch are 6 pane windows. The ell and shed addition have 2/2 sash windows.

The frame bank barn lies north of the house, the bank facing east. The 4 plank outbuildings lie south of the house and include:

The washhouse--a 1-story plank constructed gable roofed structure. The facade faces N. and has an off-set entrance. Alternating vertical planks with a 2-plank-long ridge cap forms the gable roof. A clay stove pipe is on the east elev. of the roof. Windows have 6 panes and slide on interior tracks. Inside, there are shelves on several walls.

The springhouse--a 1-story plank constructed gable roofed structure with an overhang. The roof treatment is the same as the washhouse, but has been covered with corrugated metal. The overhang is supported by extended side plates. An exposed end plate is half-lapped over the side plates. The end rafters rest on this juncture. The facade faces NE and has an off-set entrance. The spring runs SW towards the springhouse.

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		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
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<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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The A.E. Baer Farm was named based on the initial field examination, when an inscription bearing the name "A.E. Baer" was found on a foundation stone on the south elevation of the house, just to the east of the chimney at that gable end. Subsequent research has revealed that it was the Simon Weimer Farm.

Simon Weimer settled the farm in c. 1860. It was at that time that the large land holdings of Joshua Johnson, descendent of Thomas Johnson, Maryland's first governor, were offered for sale. Joshua Johnson died in 1853, but his lands were apparently not offered for sale until 1859. They were sold but not legally conveyed until the turn of the century. Simon Weimer was one such landowner that did not obtain his legal conveyance until 1892 and 1908. (Garrett County Land Records, Liber 20, Folio 193; Liber 56, Folio 514; Liber 38, Folio 263).

Simon and Loretto Weimer sold the farm to Peter W. and Clara H. Caton in 1909. The Catons lost the farm in 1912 by a mortgage default and it was sold at public auction and purchased by William R. Gunter, of the Gunter Hotel fame in Frostburg, Maryland. By 1914, however, Gunter sold the farm to the Yutzys who have owned the farm since that time.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See title search.

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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

Donna Ware, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

March 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

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

Chain of Title

G-I-B-078
 A.E. Baer Farm
 (Simon Weimer Farm)

Liber/Folio

Date

Consideration

Grantee

Grantor

310/341
 May 20, 1971

Floyd and Ruth E. Yutzy

Elmer Yutzy

Known as Simon Weimer Farm. Same property described in deed from Simon Weimer and wife to Peter W. Caton and wife, July 14, 1909, Liber 59, Folio 134, being 57½ acres with buildings and improvements. Also, same property conveyed to Elmer Yutzy by William R. Gunter et. ux. on November 24, 1914 in Liber 68, Folio 99.

68/99
 November 24, 1914

Elmer and Emma Yutzy

W.R. Gunter et. ux.

Simon Weimer Farm

64/88
 June 4, 1912
 \$680.00

William R. Gunter

Olin D. and Nancy C. Robison

Simon Weimer Farm

64/87
 June 4, 1912

Olin D. Robison

Clayton Purnell,
 Attorney representing Peter W. Caton and wife

Mortgage default (Equity Case #1786), by Peter W. Caton and wife on the Simon Weimer Farm. Mortgage made on July 14, 1909, recorded in Liber 57 Folio 486, between Peter Caton and Olin Robison. Caton indebted to Robison for \$500 for 5 years. In the event of a default, Clayton Purnell, Attorney was to sell the property at public auction in Oakland.

Equity Case #1786
 1912

Olin D. Robison vs. Peter Caton Mortgage Default

Simon Weimer Farm includes 57½ acres of mostly cleared land, a 2-story frame house of 4 rooms, a barn, and other outbuildings. Sold for cash on Saturday April 27, 1912 at 4:00 p.m.

59/134

Peter W. and Clara H. Caton

Simon and Loretto Weimer

First: Piece or parcel of Military Lot #585 conveyed to Simon Weimer from Samuel Johnson et al. on October 31, 1892 (Liber 20 Folio 193)
 Second: Parcel adjoining above conveyed to Simon Weimer from Carrie G. Coulehan on April 18, 1908 (Liber 56 Folio 514).

20/193
October 31, 1892
\$175.00

Simon Weimer

Samuel Johnson
Charles H. Johnson
Thomas J. Johnson
Julia A. Johnson
Carrie G. Coulehan
Joshua and Susan Johnson

25 acres more or less.
Johnsons retain mineral rights.

56/514
April 20, 1908
\$227.50

Simon Weimer

Carrie G. Coulehan

Part of Military Lot #586 - 32½
acres, including buildings and improvements.

38/263
1900

Carrie G. Coulehan

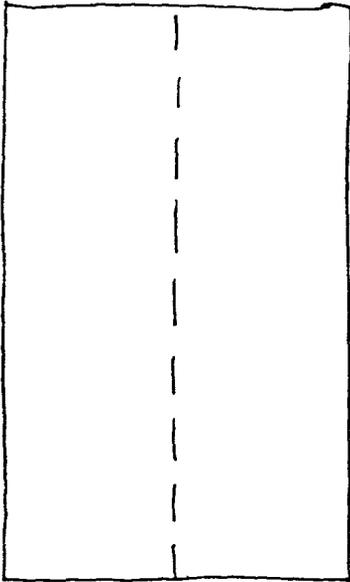
Joshua Johnson et. al.

Part of same property conveyed to heirs
Joshua Johnson on March 10, 1859 (Liber 18
Folio 111) including Military Lots: 506, 523,
526, 527, 530, 543, 544, 549, 554, 566, 567,
569, 570, 577, 582, 583, 584, 586, 588, 589,
590, 591, 600, 605, 606, 607, 608, 785, 541,
545, 550, 553, 555, 557, 558, 564, 565, 579,
585, 609, 610, 611, 612; and lands sold but
not conveyed to Dock Winebrenner, Mr. Burdock,
George Baker, Frantz, Getz, Peter Caton, Baker
and Weimer, Simon Caton, Charles Caton and
Edward Finzel.

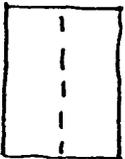
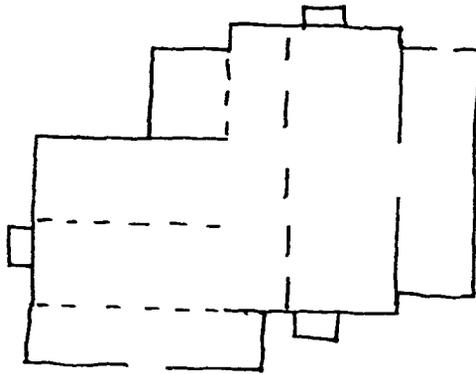
SITE PLAN

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A. E. Baer Farm

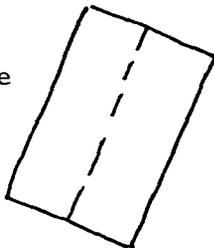
Barn



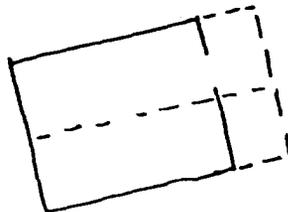
House



Smokehouse

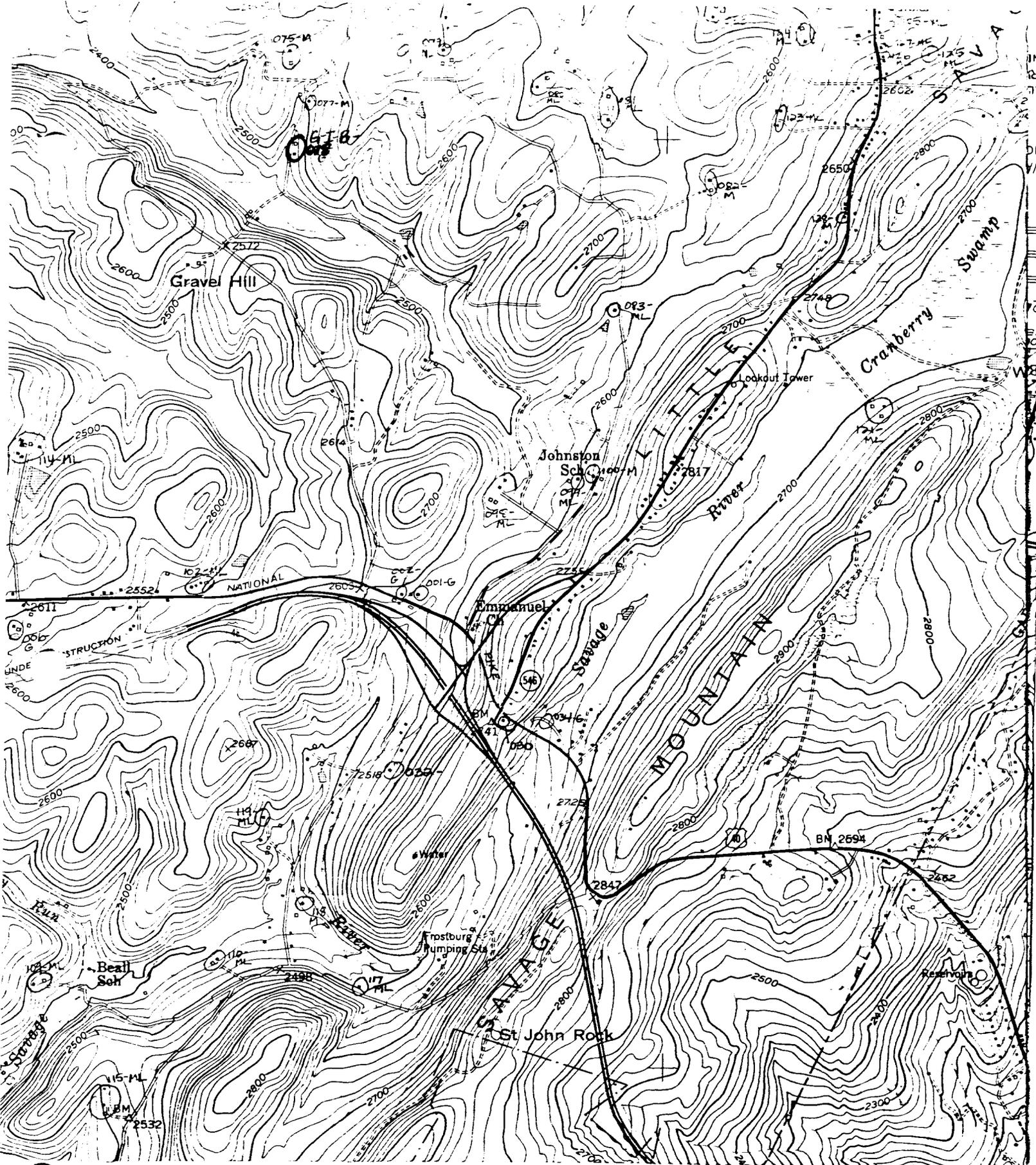


Springhouse



Gravel Hill Rd.





Frostburg/ MD:PA
 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1948; photorevised 1974

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Garrett Co., MD

Donna Ware 10/23/80

Facade, E elev.



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S elev.



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A. E. Baer Farm

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W elev.



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A. E. Baer Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Donna Ware 10/23/80

Outbldgs., looking NE



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A. E. Baer Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Donna Ware 10/23/80

Detail, S elev.