

G-I-C-086

George L. Michaels Farm  
Westernport  
Agriculture/Private

Mid-late 19th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

George L. Michaels Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Old Westernport Rd. approximately 2 1/4 mi. NW of Westernport.

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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	<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

E.S. Moran & Sons c/o Moran Coal Co.

Telephone #: (301)359-0622

STREET & NUMBER

McCoole Road

CITY, TOWN

Westernport

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21562

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 356

Folio #: 848

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 George L. Michael's Farm is located just S of Old Westernport Road, approximately 2¼ miles NW of Westernport. The farm consists of two houses, a springhouse, barn, and a number of frame and concrete outbuildings.

House A is a two-story, three bay by two bay frame house based on the ell-plan. The original ell on the NW elevation has been filled in to the SE to make a full rear wing addition. Each section has a gable roof covered with corrugated metal.

The house rests on a cut stone foundation, has weather board siding with corner boards, a plain cornice and partial cornice returns on the gable ends. The SE ell addition has german siding.

The facade faces NE and has a central entrance with a rectangular, two-pane transom. The windows are two over two sash with plain board surrounds, except for altered windows on the SE ell addition. A one story porch runs across the facade supported by four turned posts and jig-sawn, open worked brackets. The ceiling is beaded boards. The porch has a poured concrete floor and a hip roof covered with asphalt sheeting. The side porch is located on the NW elevation over an entrance into the ell. It is wood, supported by squared wood posts on wood piers with jig-sawn, open worked balusters, a tongue and groove floor and a plain board ceiling.

There has been a modern porch added to the SE elevation of the ell addition. This area was once an open, two-story recessed porch as in House B, but has been filled in and modern windows and a door added.

There are two interior brick chimneys, one on the SE gable end; the other on the SE slope of the ell roof.

House B is a two story, three bay by one bay frame house based on the T-plan. The "T" has a two-story enclosed shed addition on the SE elevation with an open, two-story recessed porch between the addition and the main block of the house. House B rests on a stone foundation, has german siding with corner boards, a plain cornice with partial cornice returns and a gable slate roof.

The facade faces NE and has a central entrance with a single-pane rectangular transom. There is a one story bay window on the N end of the facade with an entrance on its E side. The bay entrance has a single-pane rectangular transom.

The windows are two over two sash with plain board surrounds. A one-story wood porch runs across the facade. It is supported by four turned posts and jig-sawn, open-worked brackets. The floor is tongue and groove and there is a slate hip roof.

There is a two-story, two bay by one bay, frame springhouse NE of House B and SE of House A. The springhouse is connected with House A by a concrete sidewalk. It rests on a stone foundation stepped into a slope making the facade (SW elevation), two storie and the NE elevation, one story. The springhouse has horizontal, tongue and groove siding with cornerboards, and a gable roof covered with corrugated metal.

(CONTINUED ON SEPARATE SHEET).

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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****BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The George L. Michaels Farm is significant due to its overall integrity and association with the Michaels family, early settlers in the southeastern section of Garrett County.

The farm with its 2 frame dwellings, springhouse, bank barn and outbuildings are in excellent condition and have retained their architectural integrity with only minor alterations.

Construction dates range from the mid-nineteenth to late-nineteenth century for most of the buildings on the farm.

The farm known as the Michaels Settlement, consists of 4 tracts of land totaling 270 acres: "Graveyard Ridge," "Michael's Surprise", "Strawberries and Cream", and "Thomas' Delight." George Michaels acquired "Strawberries and Cream", "Michael's Surprise", and "Thomas' Delight" in 1876 and 1877 to add to the 193½ acre "Graveyard Ridge" tract which was purchased from his father Jessee Michael in 1860. Jessee Michaels purchased "Graveyard Ridge" in 1838 for \$1600 from John Michaels, who in turn had acquired the tract from John Templeman, an 1804 Allegany County tax payer for land owned in what is now Garrett County. (Land Records see Bibliography & Brown, p. 33).

George L. Michaels is listed in the 1880 Maryland Directory as a farmer in the Barton vicinity. He also served in the Maryland House of Delegates for 2 terms, 1885 and 1891. (Brown, p. 294).

He died in 1921 without a will. The property was placed in trust and offered for sale, valued at \$8000 in 1924. A 1926 newspaper advertisement described the farm as: "improved with 2 frame dwelling houses both in good condition...one house having eight rooms and a large cellar....(with a) hot water heating plant and a gasoline lighting system...the other with six rooms and a good cellar, heated with hot air..." (Garrett Co. Equity Case #2534).

The farm was finally purchased in 1935 by Sarah J. Moran for \$3000.00.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Liber T, Folio 461.

Brown, Jacob. Brown's Miscellaneous Writings. Cumberland, MD.: J.J. Miller, 1896.

Garrett County Equity Case #2534.

Garrett County Land Records, Liber 110, Folio 411.

Maryland Directory. Baltimore; J. Frank Lewis & Co., 1880.

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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 Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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

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George L. Michaels Farm (CONTINUED) #7 Description

There is a double entrance on the facade and two six over six sash windows with plain board surrounds. A one story shed porch runs across the facade supported by square wood posts and a concrete block foundation. There is a door at the N end of the NE elevation and one window at the E end. There is an interior brick chimney at the SE gable end.

The frame forebay bank barn lies NW of the houses. It rests on a cut stone foundation.

#9 Bibliography (Continued)

NOTE: Title search and Equity Case research conducted by Kenneth LaCoste, Historical Archaeologist, Maryland Geological Service.

Chain of Title

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George L. Micheals Farm

356/848                    From: E.S. Moran and Sons  
3-26-75                    To: Moran Coal Co., Inc.  
Notes: \$10.00

228/57                    From: Moran Coal Co., Inc.  
May 13 1960                To: Sarah J. Moran, widow  
Notes: \$1.00 All that real estate known as the  
"Micheal Settlement", and being four tracts of  
land known as "Graveyard Ridge", "Strawberries  
and Cream", "Micheal's Surprize" and "Thomas'  
Delight", being 270 acres more or less.

110/411                    From: Sarah J. Moran, widow  
5-24-35                    To: Horace P. Witworth, Trustee  
Note: No. 2534 Equity wherein Cleaver A. Micheal et al  
were plaintiffs and Laura B. Micheal et al were  
defendents, March 11, 1924, Witworth was appointed  
trustee to sell lands. Sold for \$3000.00  
"Micheal Settlement" 270 acres, 110 perches made  
up of four separate tracts

39/250                    From: George L. Micheal  
1-31-1901                    To: Joshua H. Gordon & William J. Read, Trustee of  
No. 1564 Equity case Allegany County  
April 12, 1877 - \$75.00 - "Strawberries and Cream"  
sold to Micheals hereby ratified survey for James  
Smith 21 June 1854 9 3/8 acres ±

T461                      From: Jesse Micheals  
January 9, 1838              To: John Micheals  
Note: \$1600.00 "All that farm...known by the name of  
the "Graveyard Ridge" containing 193 ½ acres being  
the same farm purchased from John Templemen.  
\$25.00 down payment balance paid July 14, 1840 - AA464

George L. Micheals Farm  
Information from Equity file 2534 Garrett Co.  
Cleaver Micheal et al vs Lauren B. Micheal et al  
6 February 1924

Testimony of Cleaver Micheals, age 62, son of George L.:

- George L. Micheals died on December 6, 1921 with no will.
- Improvements to farm: 2 frame dwelling houses, bank barn and other necessary outbuildings, all in good condition. Estimated value \$8000.00.

Testimony of L. Porter Micheal, age 41, son of George L. Micheal:

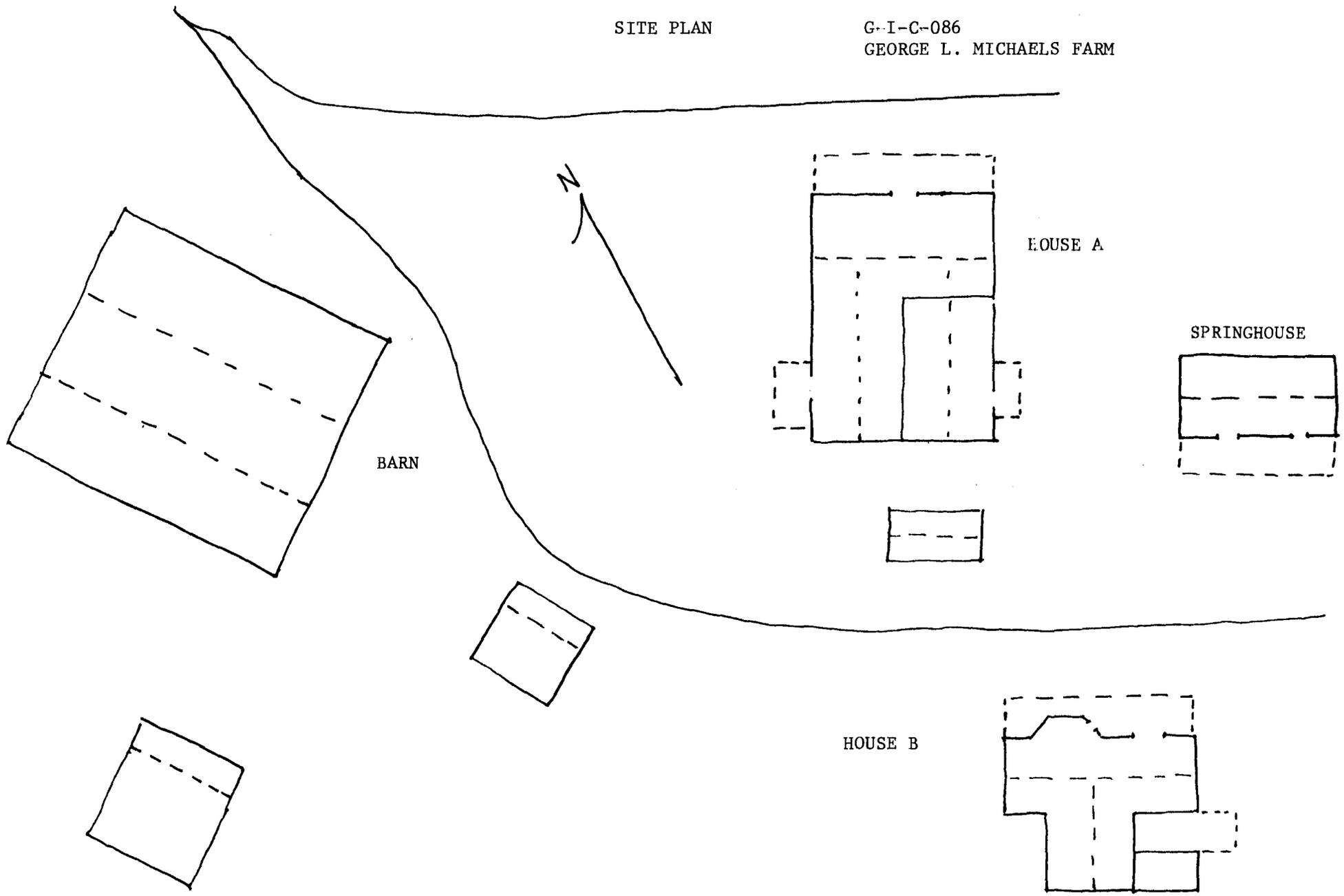
- The following tracts of the farm were acquired by State Patent:
  - 17 July 1877 "Strawberries & Cream" - 9 1/8 acres
  - 8 May 1876 "Thomas' Delight", 6 5/8 acres
  - 8 May 1876 "Micheals Surprize" 39 acres
- "Graveyard Ridge" was purchased from Jessee Micheal in 1860 Allegany County Deed L/F 18/597 30 March 1860  
Jessee Micheal to George L. Micheal

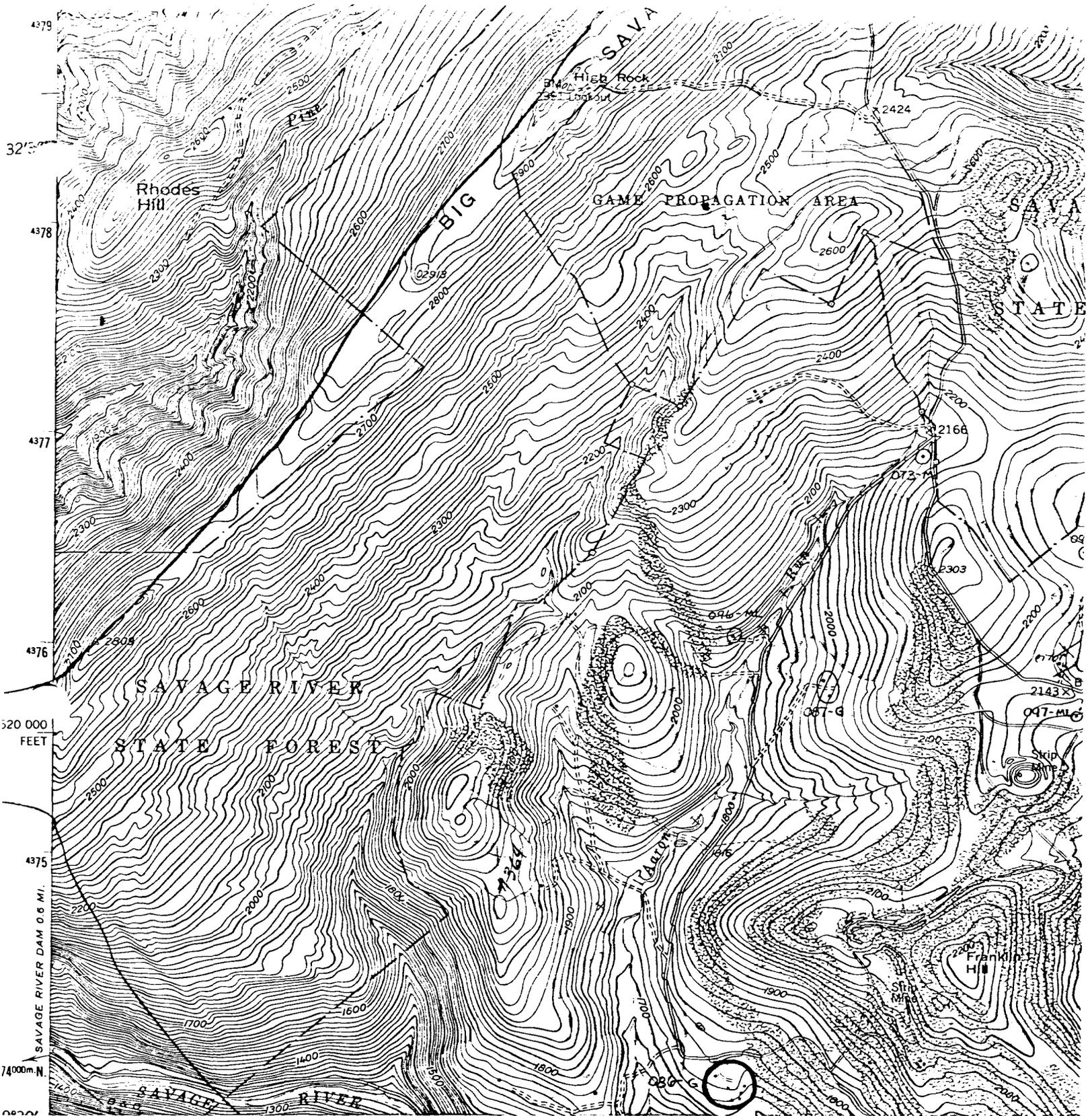
March 1926 George L. Micheal's Farm advertised for sale in several local papers.

"This farm is improved with two frame dwelling houses both in good condition...one house having eight rooms and a large cellar...(with a) hot water heating plant and a gasoline lighting system...the other with six rooms and a good cellar, heated with hot air..."

SITE PLAN

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GEORGE L. MICHAELS FARM





BARION  
 Westernport/MD:WV  
 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 miles NW of Westernport



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George L. Michaels Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Ann Burns 10/27/80

Hs. A: Facade NE



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Hs. A: SW elev.



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Hs. B: Facade, NE elev.



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Hs. B: SW elev.



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George L. Michaels Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Ann Burns 10/27/80

Springhouse, SW elev.