

G-I-C-087

Charles Michaels Farm

Westernport

Private

ca. 1860 and 1875-1900

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A small dwelling predating the main house stands to the north. Two significant outbuildings, a log smokehouse and a stone springhouse, exist on the farm.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Charles Michaels Farm
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Old Westernport Rd. E side, approx. 1 1/10 mi. S of junction w/ Aaron Run Rd.
CITY, TOWN Westernport CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6th
STATE Maryland VICINITY OF COUNTY Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE
-DISTRICT -PUBLIC X OCCUPIED -AGRICULTURE -MUSEUM
XBUILDING(S) XPRIVATE -UNOCCUPIED -COMMERCIAL -PARK
-STRUCTURE -BOTH -WORK IN PROGRESS -EDUCATIONAL XPRIVATE RESIDENCE
-SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE -ENTERTAINMENT -RELIGIOUS
-OBJECT -IN PROCESS -YES: RESTRICTED -GOVERNMENT -SCIENTIFIC
-BEING CONSIDERED -YES: UNRESTRICTED -INDUSTRIAL -TRANSPORTATION
XNO -MILITARY -OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Thomas Magruder Telephone #: 359-9509
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN VICINITY OF STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 84
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: 381
Garrett County Courthouse
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Charlie Michaels Farm is located on the E side, Old Westernport Road, approximately 1 1/10 miles S of its junction with Aaron Run Road. The farm consists of a house, a barn, and several outbuildings.

The house is a two-story, three-bay by two-bay, T plan dwelling with a symmetrical, center-door facade. The facade points south. The sides of the T are filled, on the West side by an addition and on the east side by a shed porch. A one-story, one-bay porch shelters the facade door.

The house rests on a cut stone foundation. The walls are covered with white-painted German siding, finished at the foundation with a wooden water table. The windows are two over two sash, and have cornices and plain board surrounds. The door is surmounted by a rectangular transom. The cornice of the gable roof returns on the gable ends, and the roof is covered with corrugated metal.

The house has two flues: one exterior flue on the East elevation, and one interior flue in the middle of the T addition. The facade porch is supported by two turned posts, and the porch on the W elevation has square, tapering posts on brick pedestals.

The plan of the house has a central stair, with one room on either side.

The stair was originally enclosed in a separate hall, but the W wall of this has been removed to add space to the parlor. The dining room and kitchen are in the T addition. The interior retains its original window and door surrounds with bullseye corner blocks. The staircase has a fine turned newel post with carved daisy pattern.

To the N of the main house is a smaller gable-roofed dwelling, said to be the original dwelling on the property. The house measures two bays on the facade by one bay, and rests on a stone foundation. The facade points E. The house is covered with board and batten siding and the roof is covered with corrugated metal. On the N elevation is an exterior shouldered chimney constructed of dressed stones. The stones are laid in courses of alternating square and oblong stones and the chimney has a corbelled cap. There is a door to the left of the chimney. The facade door is placed to the left of center and there is a six over six light window to the right. On the W elevation are two six over six light windows. The lower sashes of these windows have been turned on their sides to create a center muntin with three lights on each side of it.

To the E of the main house is a gable-roofed springhouse constructed of squared, coursed stones. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and has a small vent at the ridgeline. The gable-end facade door has been covered with a modern enclosed storm porch.

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 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 and 1875-1900	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the present owner, the main house was built for, or possibly by, Charlie Michaels. Mr. Michaels bought the land in 1874 and owned it until his death, approximately 1916. The house is an excellent example of the type of dwelling built by the more prosperous Garrett County farmer of one hundred years ago. Also significant is the existence of the previous dwelling on the property, which still retains its large stone fireplace chimney. This dwelling appears to have been constructed c. 1860. The smokehouse is one of very few remaining log smokehouses in the county.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Ann Burns, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

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

#7 Description (cont'd)

To the W of the main house is a log building previously used as a smokehouse but currently unused. The smokehouse measures 12' 9" by 12' 10". The logs are V-notched and chinked with narrow boards. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal and the gables are covered with horizontal shiplapped boards. The batten entrance door on the N gable end is constructed with tapered battens and retains its original wrought iron hardware. In the W elevation a board has been attached to the top of one of the logs with hinges, probably to serve as a ventilator for the smoking process.

To the S of the house is a three-bay frame bank barn on a stone foundation. The barn is covered with vertical boards and has a gable roof covered with corrugated metal. The bank entrance is on the E elevation.

Several other small sheds and a snake fence to the N of the main house complete the property.

Chain of Title

G-I-C-087 Charlie Michaels Farm

84/381 From: Mary Michaels, widow of Charles Michaels, deceased;
4-18-23 Carrie H. Andrews and William H. Andrews, her husband;
Deed and Angie K. Michaels, single
To: Thomas and Flora Magruder
Consideration: \$7,000

part of tracts called "Warnock's Defeat" and "Republicanism
Triumphant"

"Being the same property which was devised unto the said
Mary Michaels, Carrie H. Andrews and Angie K. Michaels by the
first paragraph of the last will and testament of Charles Michaels,
late of Garrett County Maryland, which will was dated March 11th
1916.... The said property being likewise the same land of which
George Michaels, the father of the said Charles Michaels, died
seized and possessed."

Mining rights were not conveyed by this deed

C/83 Last will and Testament of Charles Michaels, Farmer
3-11-16
Will

"First: I do hereby devise unto my beloved wife, Mary Michaels,
all my real estate, consisting of a farm in Garrett County, Maryland,
upon which I have for many years made my home and which farm
consists of three hundred and fifty acres (350) of ground, more
or less, to have and to hold for and during the term of her natural
life, and upon her death to become the property of my two daughters,
Carrie H. Andrews, wife of William Andrews, and Angie K. Michaels,
share and share alike."

1/302 From: George Thomas Michaels
2-21-1874 To: Charles Michaels
Deed Consideration: \$4,000

Two and one-quarter equal shares in the following properties:

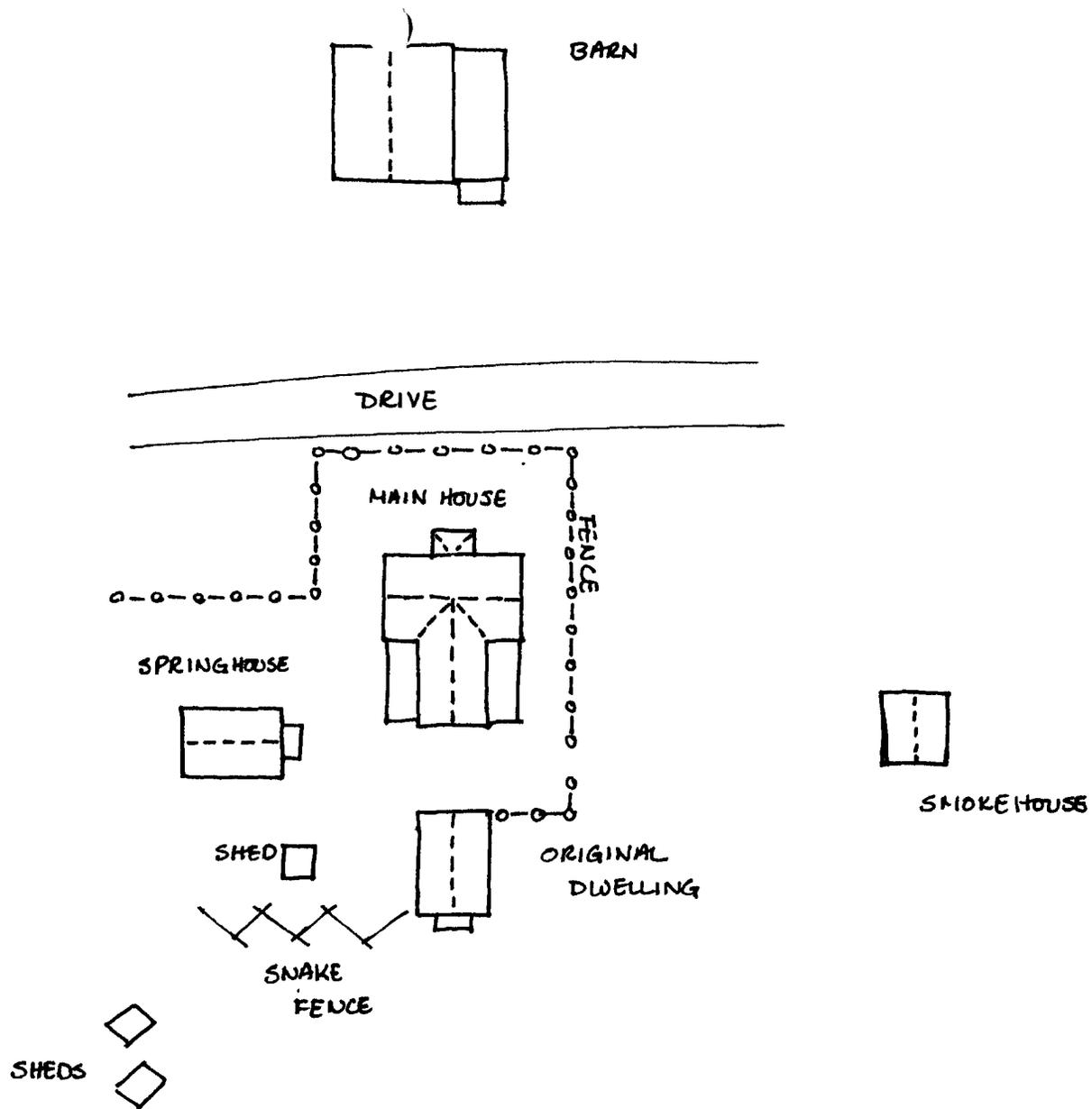
1. A tract called "Warnick's Defeat," 178 acres
2. A tract called "Republicanism Triumphant," 21 5/8 acres
3. Part of a tract called "William and Joseph's Amendment"
4. Part of a tract called "Stony Land"

And other tracts, including Military Lots # : 3875 and 4009

Allegany County

6/160 & 161 From: John Michael
4-15-1850 To: George Michael
Deed Consideration: ?

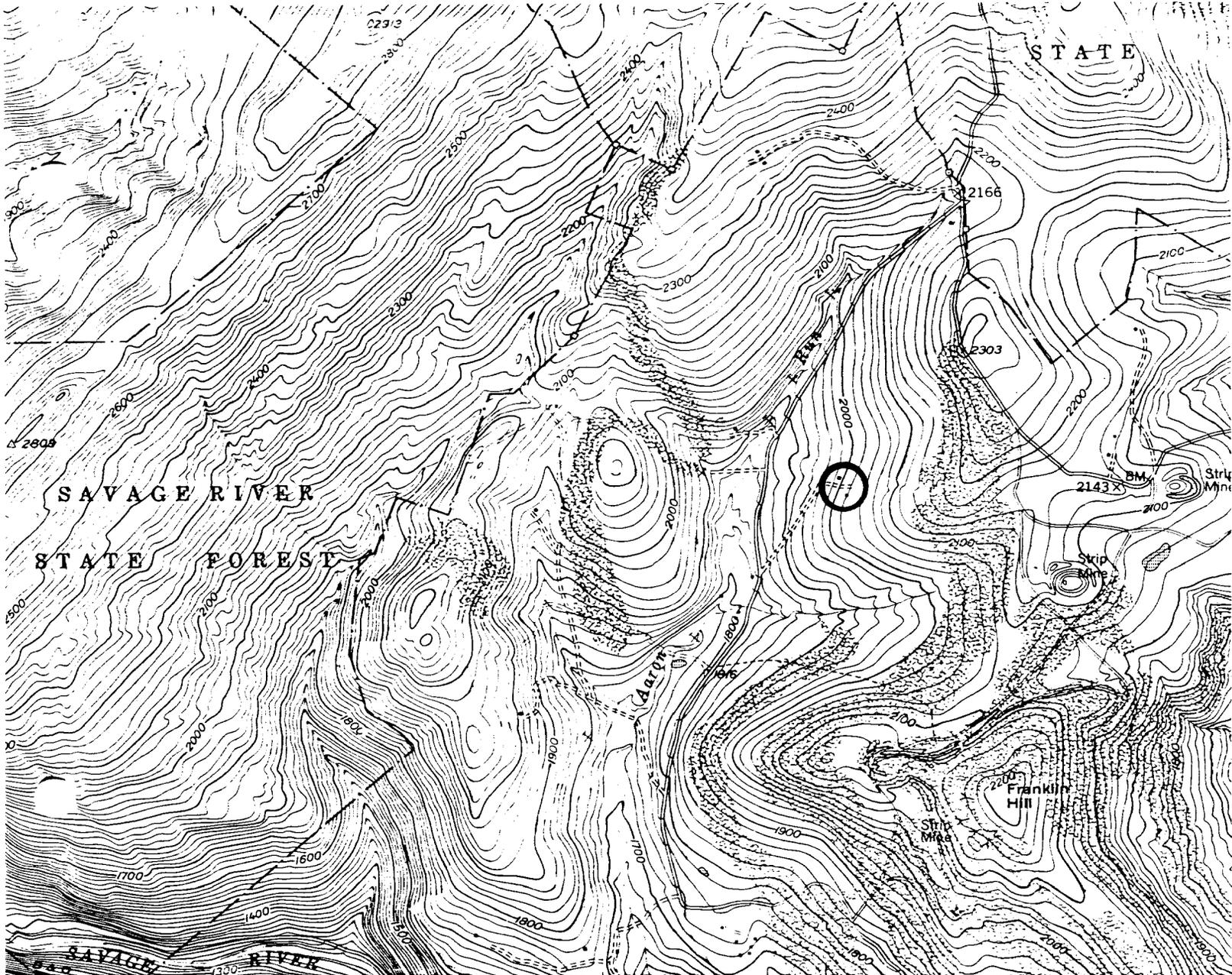
All the foregoing tracts



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SITE PLAN
NOT TO SCALE

CHARLIE MICHAELS FARM
WESTERNPORT ROAD
GARRETT COUNTY MARYLAND

AND R.F. BURNS
SURVEY DATE 10-27-80
PLAN DRAWN 7-17-81



Barton, MD.
 USGS 7.5 minute series
 Scale - 1:24000
 1947; photorevised 1974

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 approximately 1 1/10 mi. south
 of its junction with Aaron Run Road



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Charlie Michaels Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Donna Ware 10/27/80

Facade: S elev; E gable end



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Garrett Co., MD

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W elev.



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Charlie Michaels Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Donna Ware 10/27/80

Org. House, S gable end



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Charlie Michaels Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Donna Ware 10/27/80

Orig. House, N chimney end



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Charlie Michaels Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Donna Ware 10/27/80 Log Smoke
house, E eley._& N gable end