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## Claude Steele House

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Early 20th century

Claude Steele House

Lonaconing

Private

The Claude Steele House, thought to have been built by Claude and John Steele, is a frame, two story, gable-roofed building on a rubble stone foundation. Its basic configuration is a three bay by one bay rectangle with a center door facade and a two story rear kitchen wing. Asphalt siding, a rear shed addition and a modern facade porch have altered the building's appearance. The site also includes a privy, a coal shed, a turkey house, and a family cemetery.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Claude Steele House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Koontz Run - MD Rt. 657 - NE side, 2.3 mile NW of MD Route 36

CITY, TOWN

Lonaconing

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

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

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Claude Steele House is located on the northeast side of Maryland Route 657 approximately 2.3 miles northwest of its junction with Maryland Route 36 in Lonaconing. The site, which includes a dwelling, a coal shed, a privy, a turkey house, and a family cemetery, is situated northeast of Koontz Run on a steep hill that slopes down to the southwest.

The house is a frame, two story, gable-roofed building on an uncoursed rubble stone foundation. Its basic configuration is an ell plan that consists of a three bay by one bay main block with a one bay by one bay rear wing. A one story shed wing has been added to the rear of the building obscuring the original wall surfaces on the NE elevation of both the main block and the rear wing. The facade (SW elevation) has a three bay, center door arrangement with the door placed slightly off center and the second floor center bay left unfenestrated. The two bay, shed-roofed porch on the facade is a recent addition. All windows on the original building are one over one sash with plain board surrounds. The shed-roofed addition has six over six sash. Red brick-patterned asphalt siding sheathes the exterior walls while the roof has a covering of asphalt roll roofing. The roof's box cornice is covered with aluminum siding and has partial returns on the gable of the rear wing only. A brick stove chimney is located on the center of the ridgeline on the main block and another interior brick chimney emerges from the rear wing on the northwest side of its ridgeline.

The coal shed and privy sit side by side approximately thirty feet southeast of the house. Both are frame, gable-roofed buildings. The turkey house lies to the northwest in the woods surrounding the house. It is a two story, frame, gable-roofed structure that measures three bays by one bay. It is sheathed with board and batten siding and lit by two over two sash windows.

The cemetery is accessible by a path that leads northeast from the house into the woods. Nine members of the Steele family are buried there. The earliest burial was in 1914, the most recent 1968.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

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SPECIFIC DATES	Early 20th century	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Claude Steele and John Steele
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is said to have been built by Claude Steele and John Steele. If this is true, the house dates before 1918 since the two men died in 1922 (Claude) and 1918 (John).

Houses of this general configuration, a two-story rectangular main block with a rear kitchen wing, were commonly constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

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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

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

July 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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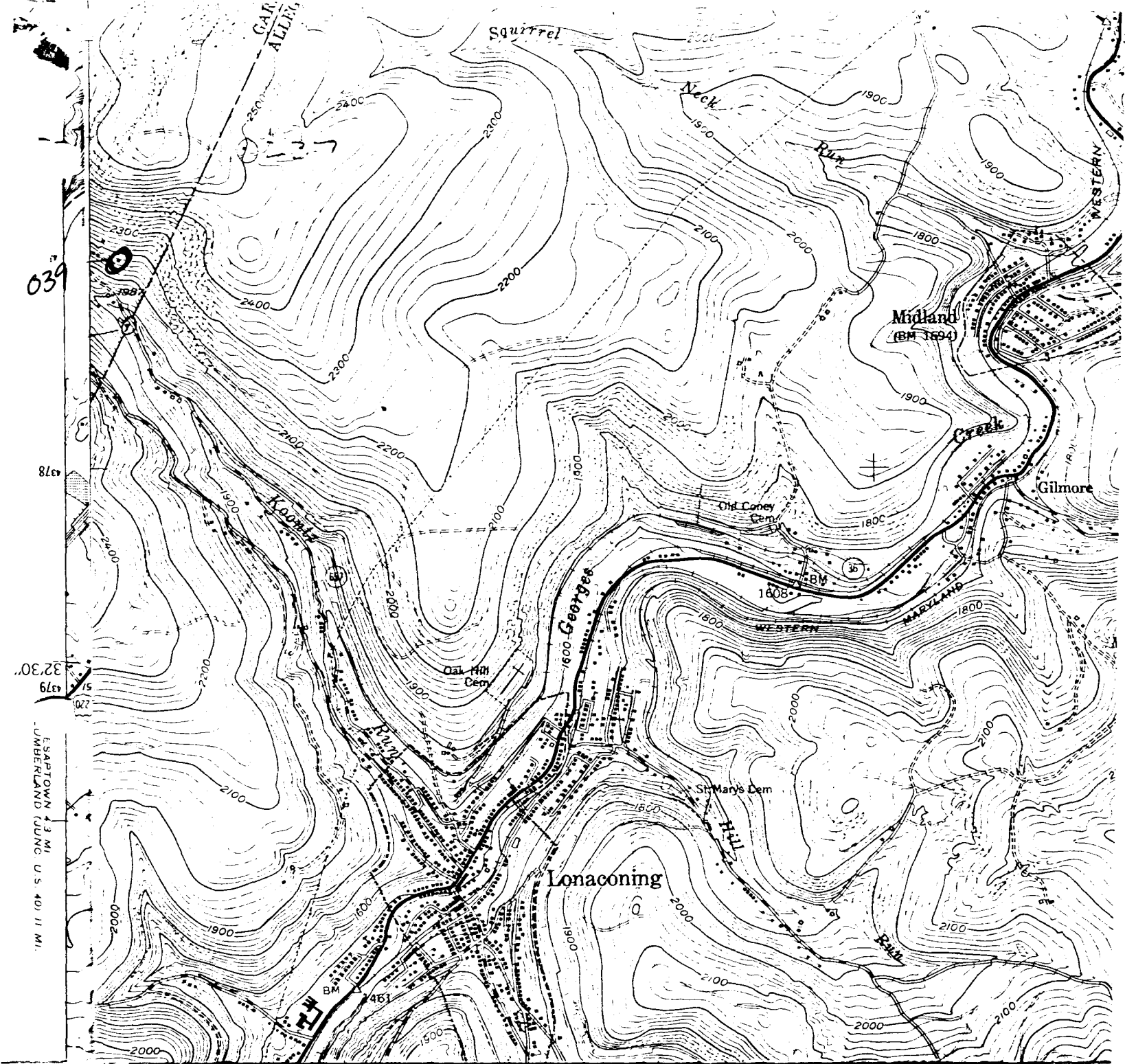
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INVENTORY OF TOMBSTONES IN THE STEELE FAMILY CEMETERY

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| 1. John Steele<br>1845 - 1918<br>Jean Fillans<br>his wife<br>1844 - 1914 | 4. Claude L. Steele<br>1874 - 1922   |
| 2. Thomas Steele<br>1876 - 1915  | 5. Lacy E. and Claude L. Steele<br>1892-1952                      1874-1922                  |
| 3. George B. Steele<br>1885 - 1923                                       | 6. Lennie M. and David B. Steele<br>1898-1968                      1891 - 19__<br>Baby David |



Lonaconing, MD-WVA  
 7.5 minute series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1950; photorevised 1974

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 Claude Steel House  
 Koontz Run  
 NE of Rt. 657, 2 miles NW of  
 Lonaconing





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Claude Steele Hs.

Garrett Co., MD

Donna Ware 10/10/80

SE elev.



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Claude Steele Hs.

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NE elev.