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James Q. Fike Farm
Asher Glade
Private

c.1900

This farm comprises a two-story farmhouse, a springhouse, and several outbuildings, all constructed of vertical planks. The three-bay gabled dwelling is joined by a two-bay rear kitchen ell. The floor plan consists of a central stair boxed in by the walls of a parlor to either side.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

James Q. Fike Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Thomas Rd., .7 mile S of Mason-Dixon line, and .1 mile E of WV state line

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James Q. Fike

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 329

Folio #: 237

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 checked="" 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

This abandoned farm is set on slightly rolling open fields. The farmhouse, springhouse, and other outbuildings are all constructed of vertical boards. The T-shaped, two-story house faces south.

The gable-roofed farmhouse's main block measures three bays long by one bay deep. The kitchen ell extends two bays to the north by one bay wide. Brick stove flues heat the kitchen's exposed gable end and the center of the main block.

2/2 sash windows framed by plain flat boards light the house. The central bay on the facade's second floor is unfenestrated. The main block's attic gables feature small, single-pane windows. A central door appears on the facade. The kitchen has an entrance on either side at its south end. A one-story shed-roofed porch supported by chamfered posts covers the facade. A similar porch fills in the northwest corner of the ell. The porch covering the east side of the kitchen is enclosed to form a pantry at its north end.

A central enclosed stair divides two main rooms. The west room includes the stove flue. The kitchen includes a pantry to the south.

A concrete-covered stone foundation supports the building. Brown "brick" asphalt siding covers all walls except those under the rear porches, where the original German siding is visible. A standing-seam metal roof covers the dwelling, which is finished with corner, eaves, and barge boards.

All structural members are circular-sawn. Wire nails are used in all buildings. Two layers of vertical boards, staggered, form the basic wall structure of the farmhouse. On the second floor, the wall construction is visible. The interior layer of planks is interrupted by diagonal boards forming angle braces. These braces as well as the exterior horizontal German siding provide lateral stability. The exterior walls measure 4½" thick.

The sill construction is not visible. The plate is nailed to the inside of the boards. The rafters are butted at their apex. Circular-sawn vertical boards enclose the stair. The structural boards measure c. 1" x 8".

Interior wall finishes consist of plaster on the first floor and wallpaper pasted directly over the plank walls on the second floor. Four-panel doors appear in the building. All architraves feature mitered corners rather than the usual corner blocks. The ground floor architraves comprise two quirk ogees, both starting at the center and curving to chamfers at the outer edges. Second floor architraves include flat centers flanked by astragals, followed by diagonal, then flat, ends.

The two-level, gable-roofed springhouse, facing east c. 100 yards west of the dwelling, covers a spring emerging at the north and running south. The half of the lower level which is set underground is built of stone covered with concrete. The upper part of this level, as well as the full story above,

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is built of one layer of vertical planks covered with German siding.

RIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" 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

This typical farm exhibits extensive use of vertical plank construction, a popular Garrett County building type in the late 19th and early 20th 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

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

January, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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One 2/2 sash window framed in plain flat boards lights each upper-floor elevation except the north. A small, square window missing its sash lights the west side of the cellar. Separate adjoining entrances to either floor appear at the north end of the east side. At the northernmost entrance, a batten door opens on a half-flight of stairs leading to the upper level. An exterior half-flight of stairs leads to the cellar.

The upper level contains a single room. The cellar comprises the entrance area, the spring enclosed in concrete-over-stone to the north, and a separate cooling room to the south. The spring flows under the entrance floor and emerges in a concrete trough along the east side.

The springhouse construction is exposed on the interior. A sill resting on the stone half-story is nailed to the inside of the structural boards. A plate of two 2" x 4"'s is nailed to the planks to support the upper floor. The floor joists, leveled by wooden wedges, rest on, and are presumably toe-nailed into, the plate. At the eaves level, another plate supports the rafters and an end plate. Whitewash finishes the building, inside and out.

The stone cellar of a small frame outbuilding (which has collapsed) stands near the driveway northwest of the house. A shed-roofed outbuilding appears to the east of this ruin. A small enclosed spring emerges northeast of the kitchen. Two one-story plank dependencies; one shed-roofed, one gable-roofed; stand south of the springhouse. The southernmost, downstream outbuilding is a plank-constructed two-hole privy, situated over the stream emanating from the spring..



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Farmhouse, Facade, S. elev.



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Farmhouse W & S elevs.

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Springhouse E elev.



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Farmhouse-2nd flr. int. Wall Cons