

G-II-A-114
John Burgess House
Sand Spring
Private

ca. 1880

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

John Burgess House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Blue Goose Rd. approx. 1 mile N of Fearer Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Sand Spring

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

X 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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frank G. Kenski

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 229

Folio #: 299

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

The John Burgess House is located in a stand of tall grass and weeds on the W side of Blue Goose Road. Both the house and the log barn on the E side of the road are unused.

The house is a two-story gable-roofed ell-plan dwelling, measuring three bays across the facade and one bay on the sides of the main block. The facade points E. The gable ell measures one bay by one bay and a shed-roofed addition fills in the ell on the N and W elevations. A one-story shed-roofed porch runs the length of the facade.

The house rests on dry stone footings. The plank-constructed walls are covered in red diamond-shaped asphalt shingles. Several of the windows are missing their sashes, but several have two over two sash. All windows have plain board surrounds.

The roof was covered with tar paper, now so badly deteriorated that the roof boards show on the exterior. The house has one interior chimney of yellow glazed brick in the ell, just W of the main block. The shed porch was supported by square posts, most of which are missing. The facade door has four panels.

The first floor interior has a two-room plan with an enclosed center stair. Behind the main section, the ell and shed addition provide one room each. On the second floor is a center stairhall with one room on each side and a single room in the ell. All partitions are constructed of planks.

To the S of the house are two small outbuildings. A dilapidated picket fence defines what was once the front yard of the house.

Across the road to the SE is a double-pen log barn. The logs are widely spaced and are saddle-notched. The walls were once covered with vertical boards, some of which remain on the N and W elevations. There is no trace of chinking remaining.

The ground slopes down from W to E. There is an entrance to the lower level of the S pen on the W elevation, and an entrance to the lower level of the N pen on the N elevation. In the center are the remains of the original entrance doors, which were built of planks. Part of the door, with its hinge, remains attached at the SW corner of the N pen.

In the central portion of the barn, the floor has collapsed. On the N wall of the S pen, a small ladder, nailed to horizontal boards and leading to an opening in the wall, remains. A similar opening is visible on the S wall of the N pen.

The floors and roof of the barn have collapsed. The entire site is in extremely poor condition.

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. 1880	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

The double-pen log barn opposite the house is an example of a form which was constructed in Garrett County into the last quarter of the nineteenth century. The single saddle-notching is typical of barns and other outbuildings.

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

April 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

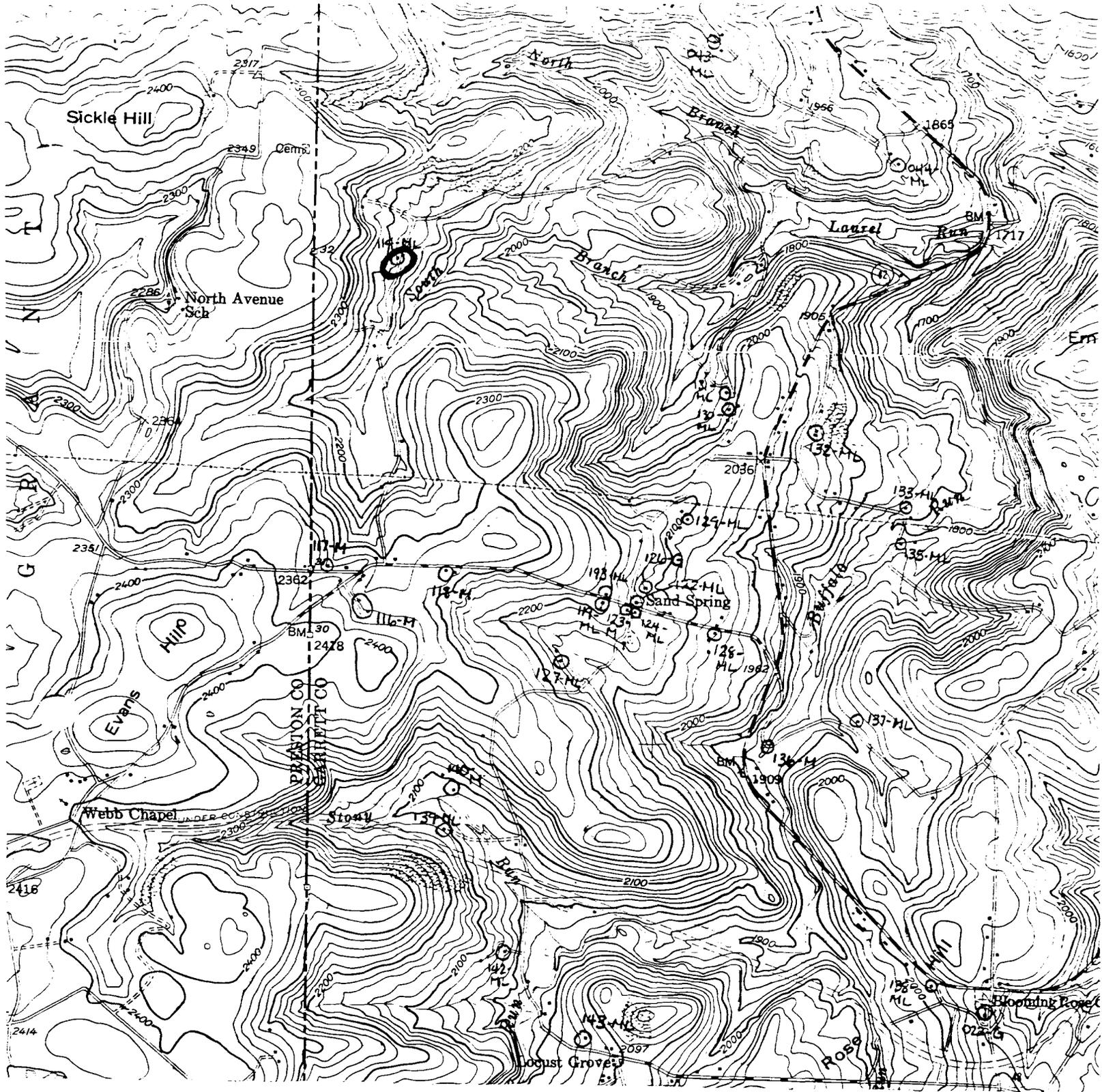
STATE

Maryland 21401

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 USGS 7.5 minute series
 Scale-1:24,000
 1947; photorevised 1974

Site #: G-II-A-114
 John Burgess House
 Blue Goose Rd., approximately
 1 mile N of Fearer Road



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John Burgess Farm

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Photo: V. Cesna 26 Sept 1980

S elev.; Facade E elev.



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John Burgess Farm

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S elev.



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Footing, NE corner



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W & S elevs. N pen



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N&W elevs. S pen



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NW corner, N pen