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James Vitez Farm
Mineral Spring
Private

ca. 1902

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

James Vitez Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mill Run Rd. N side, approx. 7 miles E of Friendsville-Addison Road

CITY, TOWN

Mineral Spring

— 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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James Vitez

Telephone #: 301-746-5733

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 143

Folio #: 142

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 James Vitez Farm is located on Mill Run Road, East of Friendsville - Addison Road and across from Mill Run itself. The area around the farm is heavily wooded and the land rises steeply about 100 yards to the N of the main house. The farm consists of a house, barn and several outbuildings.

The house is a two-story, gable-roofed, T-plan dwelling, measuring three bays across the facade. The facade points SE. A one-story hipped-roof porch covers the facade and a one-story shed addition fills in the T on the NE elevation.

The house rests on a low stone foundation and the stud-construction walls are covered with grey asbestos shingle over tongue-in-groove siding. On the NE and SW gable ends, the windows on the first floor are modern bay windows. All other windows are plain board surrounds. The central facade door has a glass panel in its upper half and has a two-paned transom.

The roof is covered with standing seam-metal. The house has one interior stove chimney in the T. The facade porch roof is covered with tar paper and is supported by four turned posts. A plain balustrade of square posts runs between the posts. The rear shed porch, attached to the shed addition on the NE elevation, is modern.

The interior features a central staircase with a single room on each side. The T contains the kitchen.

At the NE elevation is the mineral spring for which the area is named. The spring provides the house's water.

To the SW of the house is a frame bank barn. The barn rests on a low stone foundation and has a gambrel roof. The walls are covered with horizontal boards, painted red. The rafter ends are exposed and the roof is covered with corrugated metal.

East of the barn is a one-story, gable-roofed, frame garage. The walls are covered with vertical boards and the roof is covered with tarpaper. N of the barn is a corn crib.

North of the house are the remains of a stone foundation. According to the owners, a log house stood at one time upon this site. The stone foundation is the only above ground evidence remaining.

Northwest of the house are two shed-roofed outbuildings, both covered with vertical boards.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES CA 1902

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the owners, as well as USGS topographical maps, this is the site of the Mineral Spring from which the area takes its name. On this site in the nineteenth century were a store and post office, forming the center of the community of Mineral Spring. This community, along with Selbysport and Friendsville, are the three towns mentioned by Scharf in the Selbysport Election District in 1882.

In 1882, Mineral Spring was the smallest of the three communities, but nevertheless harbored several activities unique to it in the area. These included woolen mills, run by Alfred Daniels, a saw mill, run by John M. Miller, and tinsmithing, practiced by Lewis Neil. There were, in addition, two merchants, one of which was also the postmaster, and three millers.

The house was probably built ca 1902 or 1904, possibly as a residence for the postmaster/merchant. The house is fairly typical of middle-class housing at that time in Garrett County.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland, 1882, rpt. (Baltimore: Regional Publishing, 1968), pp. 1526-27.

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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

April 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis.

STATE

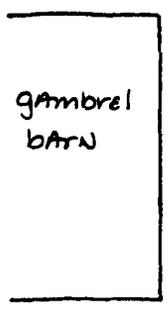
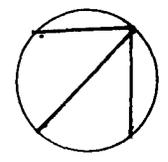
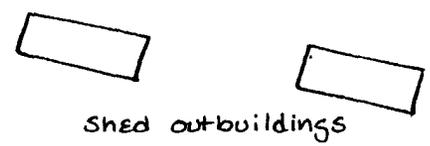
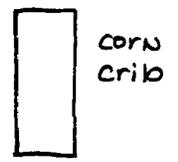
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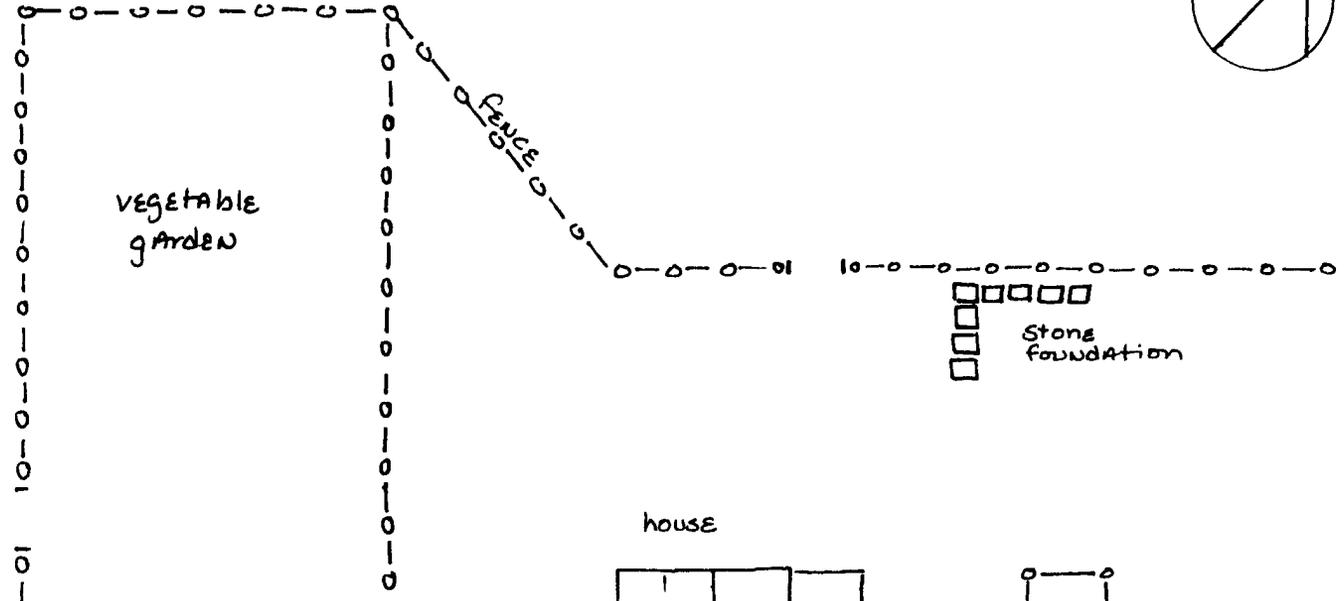
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

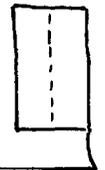
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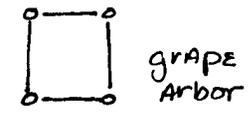
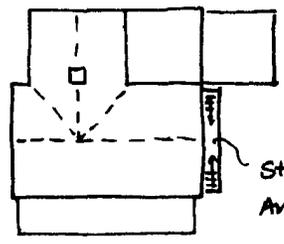


garage



drive

house



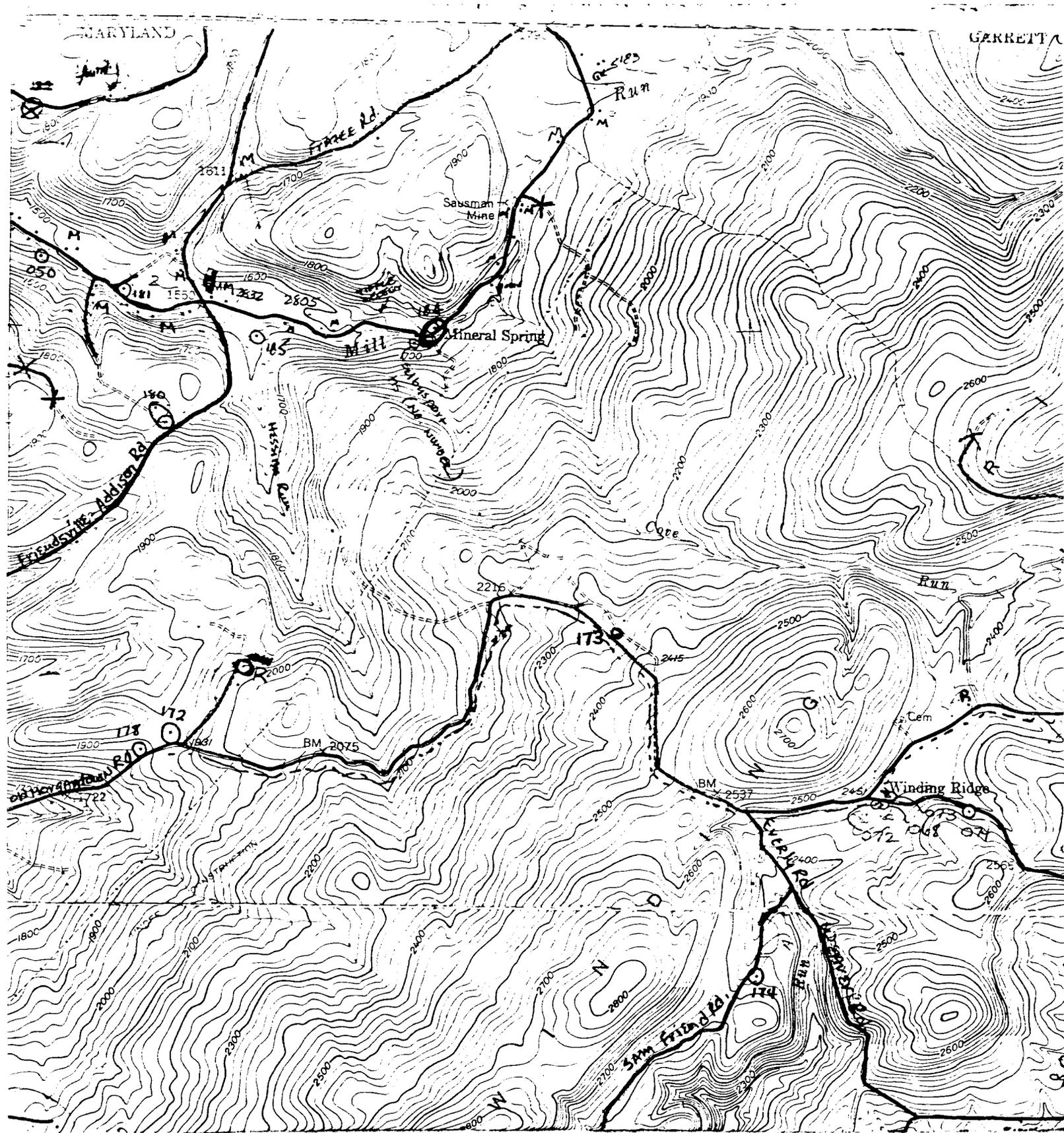
Mill Run Road

Mill Run

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JAMES VITZ FARM
Mill Run Rd, Mineral Spring
Garrett County, MD

ANN R. F. BURNS
Date surveyed: 11-5-80
SITE PLAN - not to SCALE
4-28-81



Accident, MD-PA
 USGS 7.5 minute series
 Scale-1:24,000
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 James Vitez Farm
 Mill Run Rd. N side, approx.
 7 miles E of Friendsville-
 Addison Rd.



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John Vitez Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Photo: V. Cesna 5 Nov. 1980

Facade-SE elev; NE elev.



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NW & SW elevs.