

G-II-B-189  
Reba Bowser Farm  
Strawn  
Private

ca. 1900

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Reba Bowser Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Thomas and Dana Shimrock Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Pig's Ear Rd. E side, 1.1 mi. S of Strawn

CITY, TOWN

Strawn

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

George L. Speicher Jr.

Telephone #: (301) 826-8619

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 175

Folio #: 40

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 Reba Bowser Farm is located several yards E of Pig's Ear Road, S of Strawn. The farm has not been worked, except for a vegetable garden, in some time. The farm consists of a house, barn, and several outbuildings.

The house is a two-story, gable-roofed, ell-plan dwelling with a three-bay, center-door facade. The facade points NW. A one-story, shed porch partially fills the ell on the SW and SE elevations, and a hipped-roofed porch stretches the length of the facade.

The house rests on a low-stone foundation and is covered with brown brick-patterned asphalt siding. The windows are one over one sash with simple cornices and symmetrically moulded surrounds. On the NE and SW gable ends, the attic windows are single-paned diamonds. All trim is painted red.

The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The house has two brick stove chimneys: an exterior chimney on the NE gable end of the main block, and an interior chimney NW of center in the ell.

The ell porch is partially enclosed and has entrances on both its SW and SE elevations. The roof of the facade porch is supported by four square posts.

The interior of the house contains an enclosed central staircase, with a single room on either side, on the ground floor. The kitchen occupies the ell. All door and window trim has a symmetrical astragal and ogee pattern with bullseye corner blocks.

Southeast of the house is a shed-roofed, board and batten privy. To the S of the house are a small gable-roofed outbuilding (#1) a gable-roofed springhouse, and the property's spring. The springhouse rests on a stone foundation and is covered with vertical boards. The entrance is on the SW gable end and the gable roof extends over the entrance, creating a covered porch. The porch is floored with boards and the covered spring is opposite the springhouse entrance. At the S corner of the porch is a small pipe, directing the spring water into a small pool. The water subsequently runs NE through the springhouse and through another pipe to a sunk bathtub and small pond E of the springhouse (see plan).

To the NW of the springhouse is a large vegetable garden. SW of the garden is a three-bay frame bank barn. The barn has a forebay on the NE elevation and a gable roof. The barn rests on a stone foundation and is covered with vertical boards. The roof is covered with corrugated metal.

To the S of the barn is a corn crib. To the N is a small shed (#2), covered with vertical boards.

Northeast of the house are an additional gable-roofed outbuilding (#3) and a large gable-roofed garage. Both are 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

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.

**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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DATE

1981

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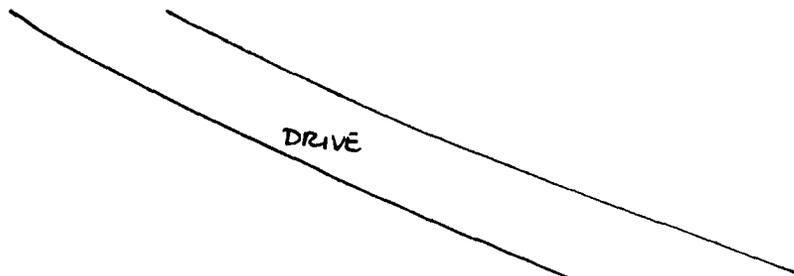
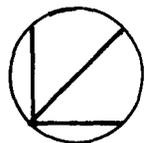
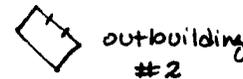
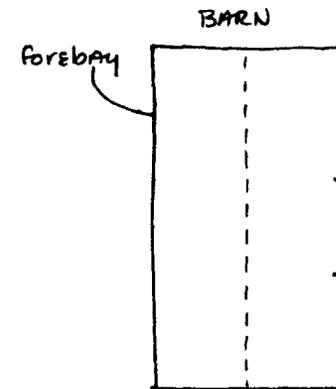
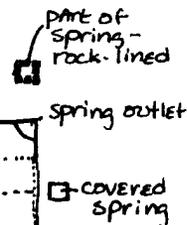
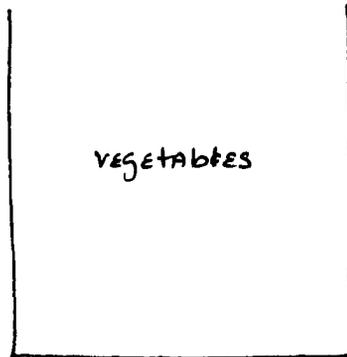
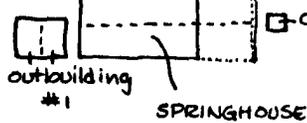
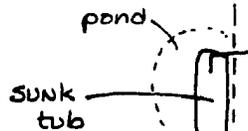
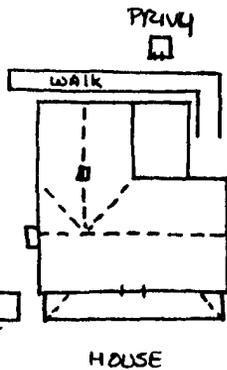
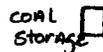
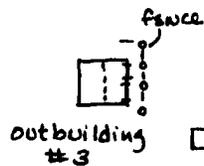
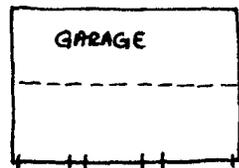
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Maryland 21401

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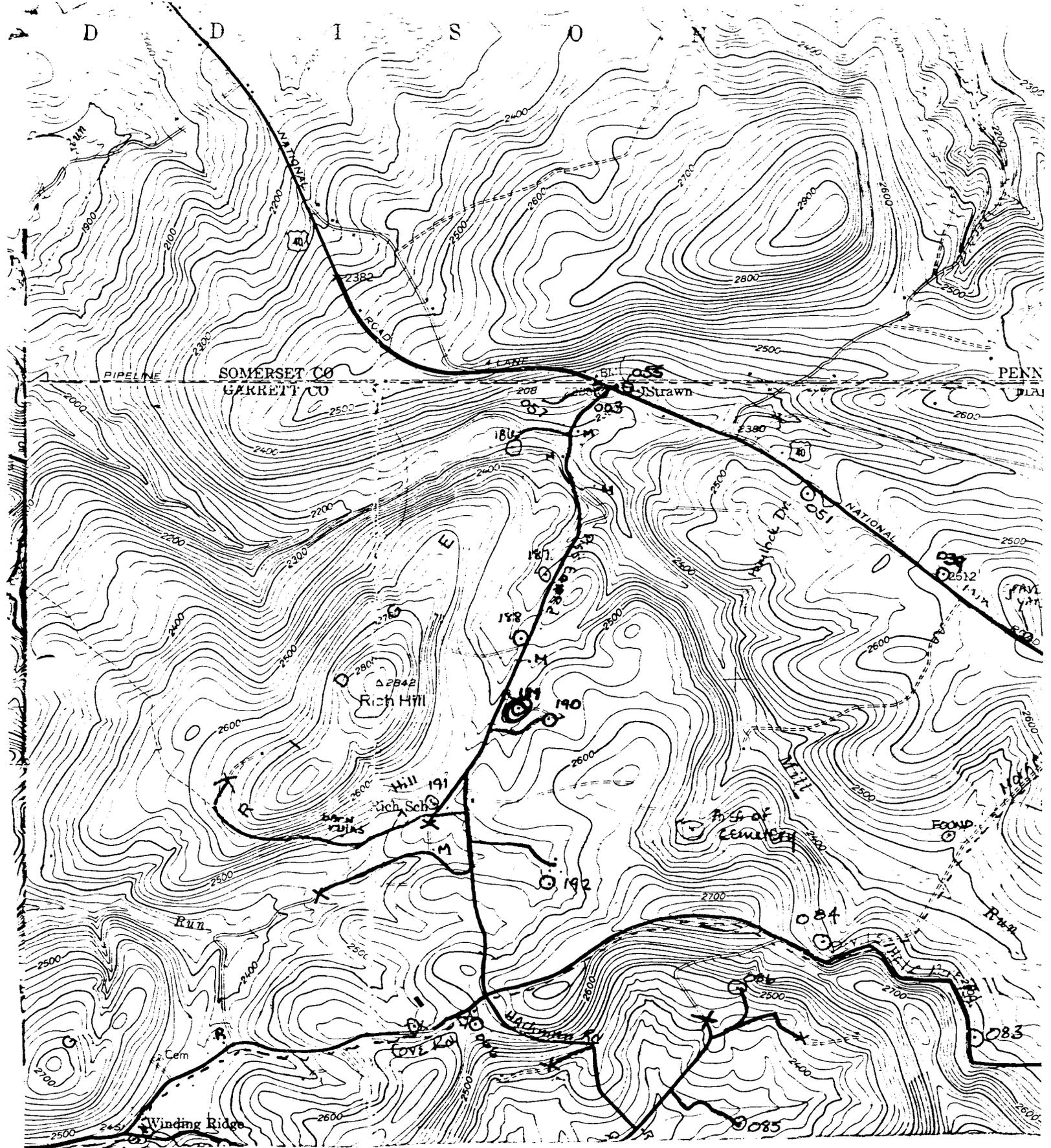


PICKET FENCE

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REBA BOWSER FARM  
 PIG'S EAR RD., STRAWN VIC.  
 GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

ANN R F BURNS  
 DATE OF SURVEY: 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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 Pig's Ear Rd. East side,  
 1.1 mile S of Strawn



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Garrett Co., MD

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Facade-NW elev.



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SW & SE elev.