

G-II-C-228

John Knox House  
Private  
Jennings

mid 19th century

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A saddle notched, double pen log barn and an outhouse are also located on the property.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

John Knox House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Amish Rd. approx. 1/8 mile N. E. of Durst Road

CITY, TOWN

Jennings

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

6th

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

Liber #:

Folio #:

**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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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This log house is situated in a hilly, semi-wooded area on Amish Road about 1/8 miles northeast of Durst Road. The house faces north. It is a story-and-a-half, one-bay by one-bay structure with a gable roof. A three-bay by one-bay shed additon is located on the facade. A small wooden porch formed by the extending roof of the additon covers the facade entrance set to the west end.

The house has a central brick chimney. A variety of window types light the house including: 6-pane, 2-pane, 1/1 sash, and 3/1 sash.

The house rests on a high stone foundation (but there is no real cellar). The hewn logs and chinking are exposed on the main block with asphalt shingles in the gable ends and corrugated metal on the roof. The shed additon is covered with asphalt shingles with tar paper on the roof.

Special interior features of this log house include: a built-in cupboard, batten doors, double-bead wainscoting, 9-inch thick walls, and exposed hewn joists. The 10 inch deep northern shed addition is used as a kitchen. The 18' by 24' house is divided into two rooms: a narrow western room and large eastern room. A boxed stair runs along the interior partition.

A saddle notched, double pen log barn and an outhouse are also on the property.

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
<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This log house and barn are good examples of typical Garrett County home-  
stead architecture from the second half of the nineteenth century. In other  
areas of the state such "pioneer" structures were uncommon by the late 19th  
century. In Garrett County however, simple log buildings were constructed through  
the 1930's. Despite the relative prosperity created locally by coal mining and  
lumbering in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, farm buildings such as these  
continued to be a practical form of architecture for independent subsistence  
farms in mountainous regions.

Other good examples of log farmstead architecture are found within a mile  
of this farm. Two one-room cabins, The Flossie Bittinger House (G-II-C-232)  
and the Durst Cabin (G-II-C-269) were probably built slightly earlier than  
the John Knox House. The Irwin Platter Farmstead (G-II-C-274) includes log  
outbuildings constructed by 90-year old Irwin Platter about 60 years ago.

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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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Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

October 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

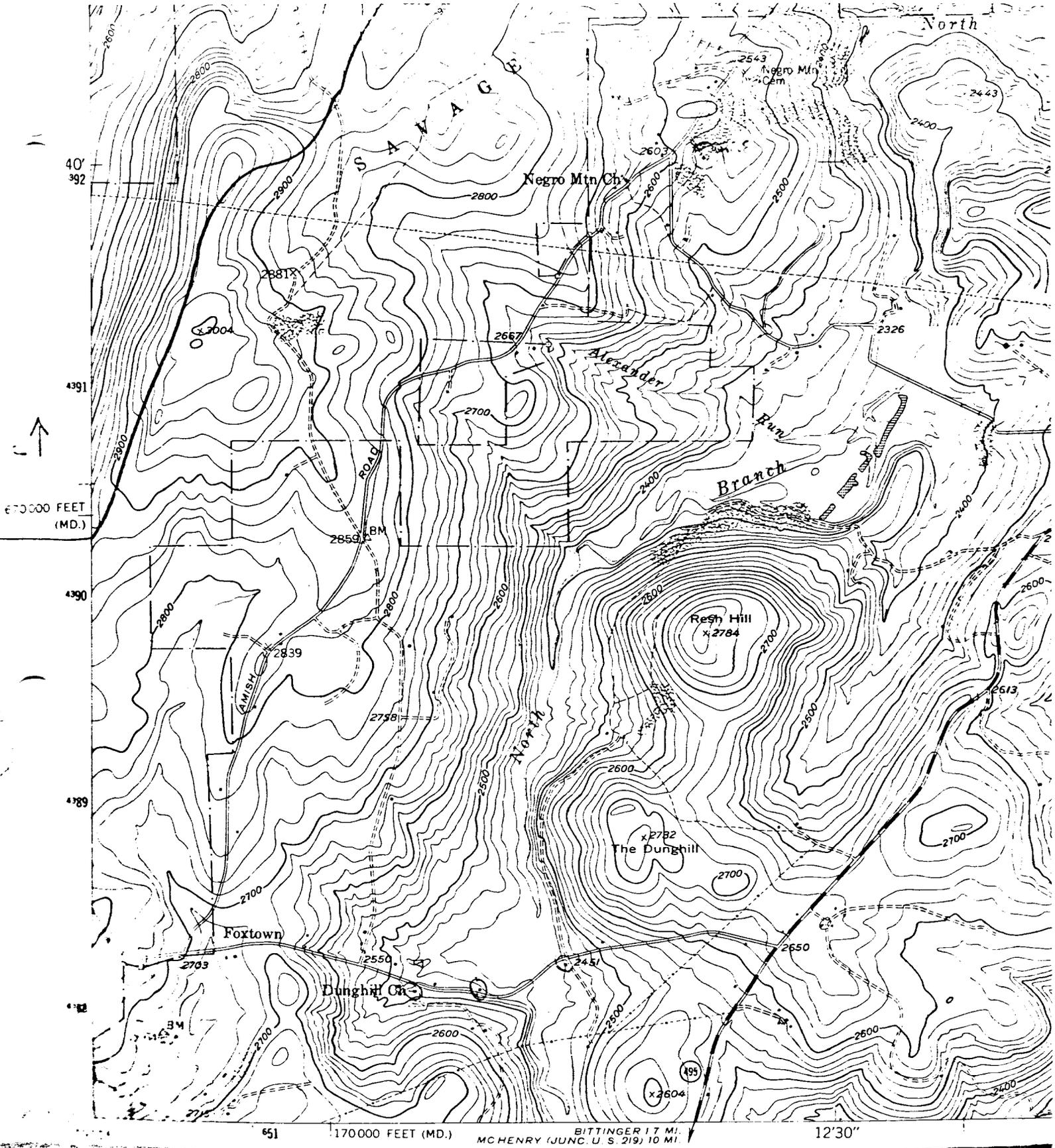
STATE

Maryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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 USGS 7.5 minute series  
 Scale - 1:24,000  
 1947; photorevised 1974

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 Jennings



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E elevation



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John Knox House  
Garrett County, MD  
M. Stinson 1981  
N & W elevation