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Leo Beachy Farm  
Grantsville  
Private

1898

This farm's extant dwelling was built in 1898 by Jonas J. Beachy, the grandfather of present owner Ellsworth Beachy. The building replaced the early 19th century log house that was located to the south.

Leo J. Beachy (1874-1927) lived his entire life on this farm. Despite suffering from a progressive degenerative disease from the age of 14, Beachy took up photography in 1901. Beachy's work is significant for its scope of subject matter--scenery, buildings, children, family groups, farm activity and machinery, and buildings--and its artistic quality. An exhibit of his work was sponsored in 1981 by the Allegany County Historical Society and Allegany Community College. Beachy is also known for his writing, which was published in several magazines.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Leo Beachy Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hare Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ellsworth Beachy

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Hare Hollow Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Nebo

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

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 Leo Beachy Farm is located on the crest of Mt. Nebo, on the eastern rim of the Casselman River Valley south of Grantsville. A two-story, south-facing farmhouse stands west of a small frame workshop. As the land slopes to the north, the cellar is fully exposed at the rear. An early 19th century log farmhouse once stood between the present dwelling and the road. Leo Beachy's photography studio was located near the present workshop.

The present stud-frame farmhouse was built in 1898. The log house was torn down, and the stones from its chimney were used to build the foundation for the "new" house. Plain porches cover the facade and rear of the three bay by two-bay dwelling. A central entrance appears on either side. One over one sash windows light the house. Two single-pane windows light either end of the attic. Two small windows light the cellar's west side, while one lights the east side. A central door flanked by a 2/2 window to either side pierces the cellar's exposed north side.

The west end of the rear porch is enclosed to provide additional space for the adjacent kitchen in the main block. A jigsawn balustrade encloses the rest of the porch.

An interior brick stove-flue chimney heats either gable end. Corrugated metal covers the roof. The building's wooden siding is covered by asbestos shingles.

The facade's transom-topped entrance opens into the main room, behind which the kitchen is located. A boxed stair runs along the central partition. The ceilings and walls were originally covered with narrow boards. All surfaces but the kitchen ceiling have now been plastered.

The one-story gable-roofed outbuilding is covered with board-and-batten wood siding.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Brochure - 1981 exhibit of Leo Beachy photographs sponsored by the Allegany County Historical Society and Allegany Community College.

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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**

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

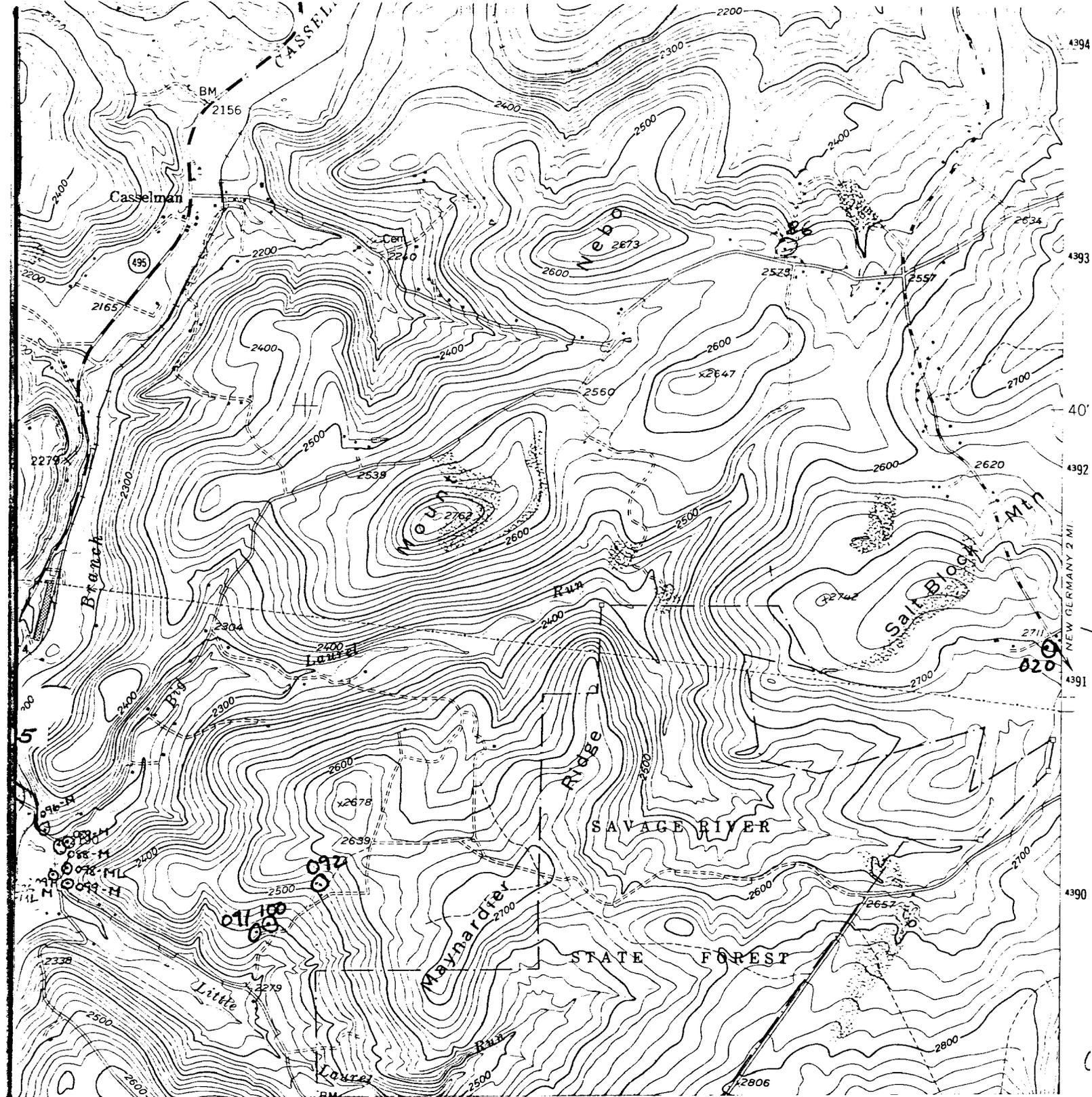
STATE

Maryland 21401

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E & N elevation

10/81

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Leo Beachy Farm

Garrett Co., MD

M. Stinson

S & E elevation

10/81

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