

G-II-C-302

Kinsinger Farm  
Jennings  
Private

Mid-to late 19th century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY <sup>G</sup>

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Kinsinger Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 495

CITY, TOWN

Jennings

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Orville Kinsinger

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 495

CITY, TOWN

Jennings

\_\_\_ 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

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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 Kinsinger Farm lies at the southeast foot of a hill at Casselman, less than a mile north of Jennings. The town of Davis once bordered the farm to the southwest. The two-story vertical-plank house faces east. The mid to late 19th century house sits south of a c.1900 frame blacksmith shop, a fuel coal mine, and a frame sugar camp building.

A porch, enclosed at all but its north end, covers the four bay facade. The two bay deep building also has a porch across the rear.

Corrugated metal covers the roof. The house stands on a stone foundation. As the ground slopes to the east around the ceramic block porch foundation at the facade, an enclosed work area is formed under the porch. Access to the cellar is through this area. A long flight of steps leads to the front porch.

The original entrance is now enclosed in the facade's sunporch. Other entrances appear in the center of the rear and at the west end of the north side. The rear door comprises two long panels.

6/6 windows framed in plain flat boards light the house. A six-pane window lights either end of the attic. Asbestos shingles cover the walls.

The dwelling's floor plan consists of four rooms, with a central boxed stair and brick stove-flue chimney. Interior trim is plain and unmolded. Several two-panel doors survive on the interior. A stair leads to the attic, which includes a built-in loom with beaded and chamfered edges.

The cellar's central entrance features a batten door set in a red-painted architrave. A ventilation opening to the left is filled with vertical wooden bars. A six pane window lights the opening to the right.

The cellar is divided into two rooms by a partition of tongue and groove straight-sawn boards set vertically. Straight-sawn floor joists are mortised and tenoned into a large hewn summer beam.

An 8' tall by 18" wide water wheel once operated along the north wall of the cellar. A spring of water to the northwest was piped in to provide power. The wheel was used to run a cream separator, a churn, a wood saw, and a grain grinder. Pulleys could be attached to run the equipment outside the cellar. This apparatus was dismantled in the 1920's.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Kinsinger House was built by an ancestor of the present owner. The Kinsingers came from the Springs, PA., area north of nearby Grantsville. The family is of German descent.

A log barn, which burned early in this century, once stood to the south. It was built in 1856 by the Pattens, earlier owners of the farm.

This farm is particularly significant for the wide range of light--industrial activities it once encompassed.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Orville Kinsinger 10/81.

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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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DATE

December 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

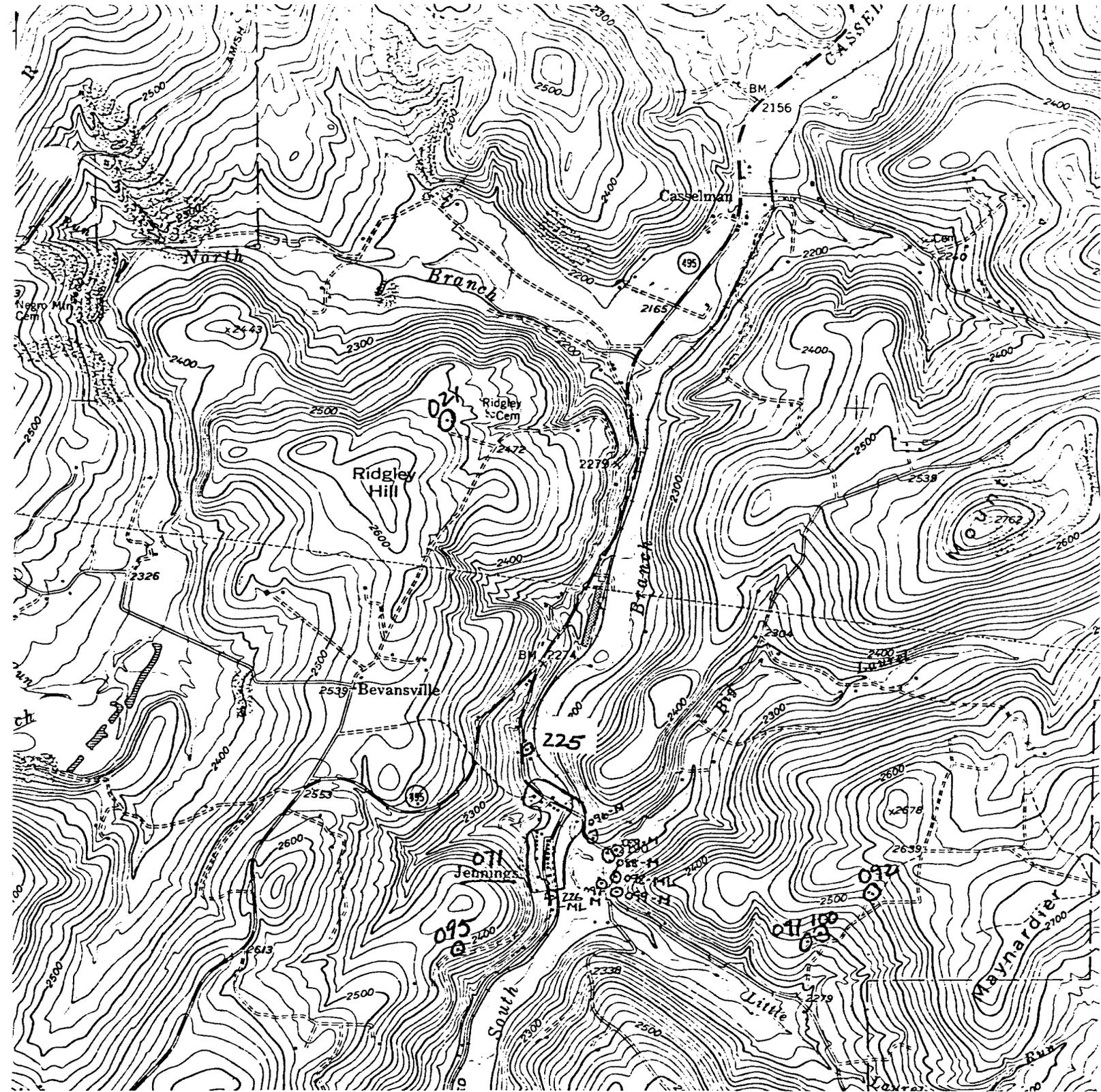
STATE

Maryland 21401

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