

G-III-A-049

J. Bunnell Friend Farm  
Elder Hill  
Private

1840

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The log and plank house and contemporary log springhouse was probably build circa 1840 by a Wilburn for Jonathan Friend, who acquired the land from his father, Gabriel Friend, in 1835. Jonathan's son Elijah acquired the property in 1865, and in turn sold it to his son Jonathan Bunnell Friend in 1893.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

J. Bunnell Friend Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Friendsville-Hoyes Rd., east side, approx. 3 miles SE of Friendsville

CITY, TOWN

Elder Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

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

Rainier K. Kraus

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Friendsville-Hoyes Road

CITY, TOWN

Elder Hill

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 397

Folio #: 38

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 J. Bunnell Friend farm lies at the southeast foot of Elder Hill, three miles southeast of Friendsville. The farm is situated east of the Friendsville-Hoyes Road, which runs north-south, with access by a farm lane to the south. A small stream running through the property from the northwest joins Stony Brook to the southeast. This in turn joins the South Branch of Bear Creek.

Corners of the farm's two dwellings follow the cardinal compass points. The facade of either house faces southwest. The 1840 Jonathan Friend "bld" log house lies south of the 1896 J. Bunnell Friend "new" frame house. A log springhouse and pond appear west of the former dwelling, and a frame bank barn is situated to the south along the lane. Several other frame outbuildings complete the farm.

The "old" house comprises a two-story, two-bay square log section joined by a one-bay-square vertical-plank addition to the northwest. A vertical-plank kitchen addition covering the rear completes the saltbox profile. A porch once covered the facade.

An exterior stone chimney serves as a fireplace at the southeast end. The cut stone blocks are finely laid in a regularly coursed slender stack. The building's foundation is also of cut stone. The log walls are v-notched at their corners.

Plain lapped weatherboards cover the house, unbroken at the junctions of the additions. Remnants of plaster and white wash under the siding's vertical nailing strips indicates that the log building was first "roughcast" and whitewashed, then sided after the additions were built. Standing seam metal covers the roof.

The 6/6 sash windows are framed in narrow flat boards. A slightly shorter window lights the southeast end of the half-story over the kitchen. An entrance appears south of the center in the facade and rear. The front door features two long panels. The log section's north window in the second floor is placed west of the door rather than lined up directly above it.

The floor plan consists of one room in each of the three sections. The northwest end of the kitchen is partitioned off to provide a pantry. A boxed stair turns in the west corner of the main room. On the second floor, a board partition separates the stair hall from the chamber.

Interior trim in all sections consists of plain flat boards. The kitchen walls are covered with tongue and groove whitewashed horizontal boards. In the main room, the walls are plastered and the exposed joists and trim are painted grey. The addition's walls and ceiling are covered with vertical boards on either floor level. The log walls of the main second floor chamber are exposed and white washed. This room has a board ceiling. The architrave surrounding the door leading from the hall to the addition retains its original wine red paint. In the addition, the plate running along the interior of the vertical planks is boxed. These planks are circular sawn.

The building's most noteworthy feature is the mantel in the main room. It includes flat pilasters flanking a central panel. The "marbleized" finish is created in a smoky grey substance swirled over a putty-colored paint.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY** See separate sheet

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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

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SPECIFIC DATES            c. 1840-1896                            BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The J. Bunnell Friend farm includes two significant dwellings: the circa 1840 Jonathan Friend log house with two vertical plank additions, and the 1896 J. Bunnell Friend frame house. Each house epitomizes the period in which it was built, and remains in original condition.

The log house was probably built circa 1840 by a Wilburn for Jonathan Friend, who acquired the land from his father, Gabriel Friend, in 1835. Jonathan's son Elijah acquired the property in 1865, and in turn sold it to his son Jonathan Bunnell Friend in 1890.

J. B. Friend built the "new" house in 1896. A Mr. Forsythe, a Friendsville carpenter, procured the building's lumber from the McCulloch Lumber Company. Forsythe brought his Sears and Montgomery Ward catalogs for J. B. and his wife, Hattie Uriminnie Coddington Friend, to choose their trim.

J.B. Friend was mainly a farmer, but specialized in growing fruit, and in grafting fruit trees for himself and his neighbors. He also did plastering as a sideline.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Glades Star,  
 Garrett County and Allegany County Records (see title search)  
 Interview with Miss Icie G. Friend, Oakland, December 8, 1981.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Merry Stinson, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

December 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland 21401

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

(Continued #7 - Description)

The log springhouse is contemporary with the "old" log house. Its entrance is in the northeast gable end under the extended pent roof. The V-notched logs are covered with riven boards along their interstices. Riven boards also cover the gable ends. Corrugated metal covers the roof. The foundation and floor are stone.

J. Bunnell Friend's "new" house is a T-shape, two-story structure covered by a gable roof. The main block measures three bays wide by one bay deep, while the ell stands two bays square. Enclosed porches cover the southwest facade, as well as the southeast and northwest sides of the ell. The northwest porch extends to the northeast beyond the ell.

One over one sash windows topped by molded dripboards light the house. Jigsaw floral cut-outs decorate the window heads. Single-pane windows light the gables. German siding covers the house, which stands on a cut stone foundation. Asphalt shingles cover the roof. The main gables are enhanced by siding laid diagonally, parallel with the roof angle.

Entrances appear in the center of the facade, in the center of the ell's southeast side under an open section of the porch, in the southernmost bay of the ell's northwest addition, and in the extended northeast end of this section. A bay window projects from the southeast end of the main block. Beneath the bay a cellar door and window pierce the foundation.

The facade's porch is lit by a continuous band of 2/1 sash windows above a closed balustrade. A central door gives access to the porch. The southeast ell addition includes an enclosed room at its northeast end, adjoining an open porch under which a door and window open into the ell's kitchen. Jigsaw brackets, drop spindles, and a jigsaw balustrade decorate the porch.

The building's floor plan includes an entrance vestibule leading to the central stair, which does not have an adjacent hall. A parlor flanks either side. The rear kitchen ell has a bathroom at its northeast end. The northwest addition provides a pantry. A door in the kitchen under the main stair opens to the cellar stair. The house is heated by a single central brick stove-flue chimney, which was built to accommodate wood and coal stoves, and later a coal furnace, but not a fireplace.

The second-floor plan is similar, with variations to include closets and a bathroom. (See floor plan). A steep stair leads to the attic, which is finished with plastered knee walls.

The stair newel at the second floor is of a heavy, turned shape. Slender turned balusters separate the stair from an upstairs hall.

All rooms are plastered. Corners, such as those around the bay window, are finished in a prominent wooden molded corner bead. Molded trim forms baseboards, chair rails and architraves. Transomed doorways include corner blocks. Four-panel doors are used in the house.

All materials in the house, including the plaster lath, are circular sawn, and joined by wire nails.

Chain of Title

G-III-A-049 J. Bunnell Friend Farm

	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grantor</u>
397/38 2/9/1979 Deed	Rainier K. Kraus Garrett Co., MD	Peter A. Jay & Stephanie Gerard Jay (former wife) of Harford Co., MD Washington D.C.

Land in Districts 2 & 5                      Garrett Co., MD

1. Part of tract "Bear Creek Iron Works" adjoins ML #4127 18 acres 2 perches
2. "Bear Range" begin at end of first line of ML #1634 also along east range of Lots #4127, 4125, and 4123 73 acres 74 perches
3. Parts of ML # 1633 and 1634 and part of "Meshac, Shedrac, and Abednego: begin N corner #1634 ... also, to public Road... 61 a. 91 p.
4. "Part of Bear Creek" begin N corner #1634 17 a. 31 p.
5. Part of ML #4125 & #4127 60 a.  
Except 17½ a. conveyed to Mary E. McKean by J. Bunnell Friend October 21, 1903 EZT49/206  
Coal, oil, and gas: Icie G. Friend  
Property same as conveyed to Kraus & Jay from Leroy E. and Ruth A. (wife) Friend January 9, 1967 RLD277/94

RLD277/94 1/9/1967 Deed	Rainier K. Kraus & Peter A. Jay, Washington, D.C.	Leroy E. & Ruth A. (wife) Friend Garrett Co., MD
	Description - see 397/38 Same property as conveyed to Friends from Leon M. Jensen April 12, 1962 (also Icie Friend to Jensen RLD171/397 and RLD240/135)	

240/135 4/12/1962 Deed	Leroy E. & Ruth A. (wife) Friend Garrett Co., MD	Leon M. & Nina I. (wife) Jensen of Grand Junction, Mesa Co., Colorado
	Description - see 397/38 See Icie Friend to Jensen 171/397 and 184/596	

Leon M. & Nina Jensen                      Lee F. & Josephine P. Jensen  
--all of Garrett Co., MD--

½ interest in property conveyed to Jensens by Icie G. Friend  
171/397

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J. Bunnell Friend  
Farm

	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grantor</u>
171/397 12/24/51 Deed	Lee F. & Josephine P. Jensen and Leon M. & Nina Jensen of Greely, Weld Co., CO	Icie G. Friend (single woman of Garrett Co., MD)

## Description - sec. 397/38

Same land as conveyed to Icie G. Friend by J. Bunnell Friend  
April 22, 1942 AGR126/530 Icie G. Friend retains  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest  
in mineral rights for her lifetime

126/530 4/22/1942 Deed	Icie G. Friend --both of Garrett Co., MD--	J. Bunnell Friend, widower
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Tracts of land: same as 397/38: deed to become effective upon  
J. Bunnell Friend's death

1. "Bear Creek Iron Works" 18 a. 2 p. to J. Bunnell Friend
2. "Bear Range" 73 a. 74 p. as Jonathan B. Friend  
by William H. Dawson, Trustee, April 29, 1893 EZT22/7
3. ML #1633 & #1634 61 a. 91 p. to J. Bunnell Friend by
4. "Bear Branch" 17 a. 31 p. Elijah Friend of Israel and  
Annie Friend, his wife Jan. 3, 1895 EZT 26/330
5. ML #4125 and #4127 61a. to JBF as Jonathan B. Friend by  
Francis and Laura (wife) Conaway March 2, 1909 EZT59/97

## Tracts 1 &amp; 2:

22/7 4/29/1893 \$695.25 18a. 2p. and 73 a. 74 p.	Jonathan B. Friend Garrett County	William H. Dawson, trustee Baltimore City
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Garrett Co. Equity Case #549: Rebecca N. Williams vs William  
S.G. Williams: land ordered sold public sale Sept. 2, 1892

1. "Bear Creek Iron Works"
2. "Bear Range"

not noted where Williams acquired property

Williams transaction not indexed in Garrett Co.: See Allegany Co.  
--case #549 missing from files: Docket gives no further information

## Tracts 3 &amp; 4:

26/330 1/3/1895 \$700 61 a. 91 p. and 17 a. 31 p.	J. Bunnell Friend	Elijah & Annie E. (wife) friend of Israel
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Tract 3 runs to center of state road  
and  
Tract 4 adjoins ML #1634  
not noted where Elijah & Annie acquired property

WHT3/524 1/2/1878 \$43.50 17 a. 31 p.	Elijah Friend of Israel	Margaret S. Purviance (trustee) Baltimore City and George H. & Eleanor A. (wife) Williams & Williams children of Balt. Co.
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Tract 4 Bear Branch 17 a. 31 p. part of tract conveyed by  
Ann P. Edwards to Margaret S. Purviance, trustee WHT3/169

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J. Bunnell Friend Farm

	<u>Grantee</u>	<u>Grantor</u>
WHT3/169 5/18/1877 \$300 Deed	Margaret S. Purviance of Baltimore City	Ann P. & Julia A. Edward Garrett Co., MD
	"Bear Branch" 104½ a. land was conveyed by James Smith (trustee) to James Edwards Oct. 11, 1854 HL 11/522 Allegany Co.	
Tract 5: EZT59/97 3/2/1909 60 a. \$400	Jonathan B. Friend Garrett Co., MD	Francis M. & Laura (wife) Conaway of Connellsville, Fayette Co., PA
	Part of Military Lots #4125 & #4127 (further description of boundaries) excepting free use of limestone by B. F. Schroyer (adjoining neighbor) land was conveyed to Conaway by George Shartzter 5/31/1907	
EZT59/4 5/31/1907 \$100	Francis M. Conneway	George M. Shartzter and Hester A. (wife)
	--Both of Garrett County--	
	15 a. of ML #4125 which Shartzter retained in deed to Benjamin Shroyer for remainder of lot B. F. Shroyer retains right to limestone for his own use only Same land as conveyed to Shartzter by Morgan Conneway and wife Febuary 22, 1884 WHT8/501	
WHT8/501 2/22/1884 \$175	George Shatzer	Morgan & Mary (wife) Conneway
	--Both of Garrett County--	
	ML #4124 and #4125 Morgan Conneway acquired land from Isaiah Friend & wife	

Note: Deed Search in Allegany County Courthouse not complete - See Notes.

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C 158

Elijah Friend ex. John F. & Elijah Friend  
written June 11, 1869  
filed Dec. 7, 1869

Allegany Co. Deeds

K 427 April 18, 1835

Gabriel & Clara Ann Friend to Jonathan & Elizabeth Friend

JF pays \$20 to sister Keziah (Ruckle?)  
starts at begin. of # 1633 & 1634 75a.  
"Bear Branch"

22:67 Isaac & Julia Ann Friend to Elijah Friend (of I)  
"Thomaston" pat. Jan 4, 1859  
adjoins ML #1634 25a.

32:701 Elijah Friend (of Israel) from Jonathan & Elizabeth Friend  
Nov. 25, 1870 ML #1633: part of tract called "Bear Branch"  
\$600 also "The Call of Abraham"  
except land conveyed by J & E F to Matthias Frazier  
Sept. 29, 1855 & land "Meshac, Shadrack & Abednego"  
~~175~~ 175/8 a. total 58 a.

23:401 Elijah Friend (of Israel) F. J & E F  
Aug. 17, 1865 part of "Bear Branch": JF's half of ML #1634  
\$100 orig. sold to J & E F by Gabe & C A F April 18, 1835 (K 427)  
"The said half lot his adjoining the said Elijah Friend's  
land he having bought the other half of said lot #1634  
of Henry K. Friend. O ?  
J & E F covenant to "E F of I" that they will warrant to  
him generally their 1/2 of 1634: 25a. against all  
other claims

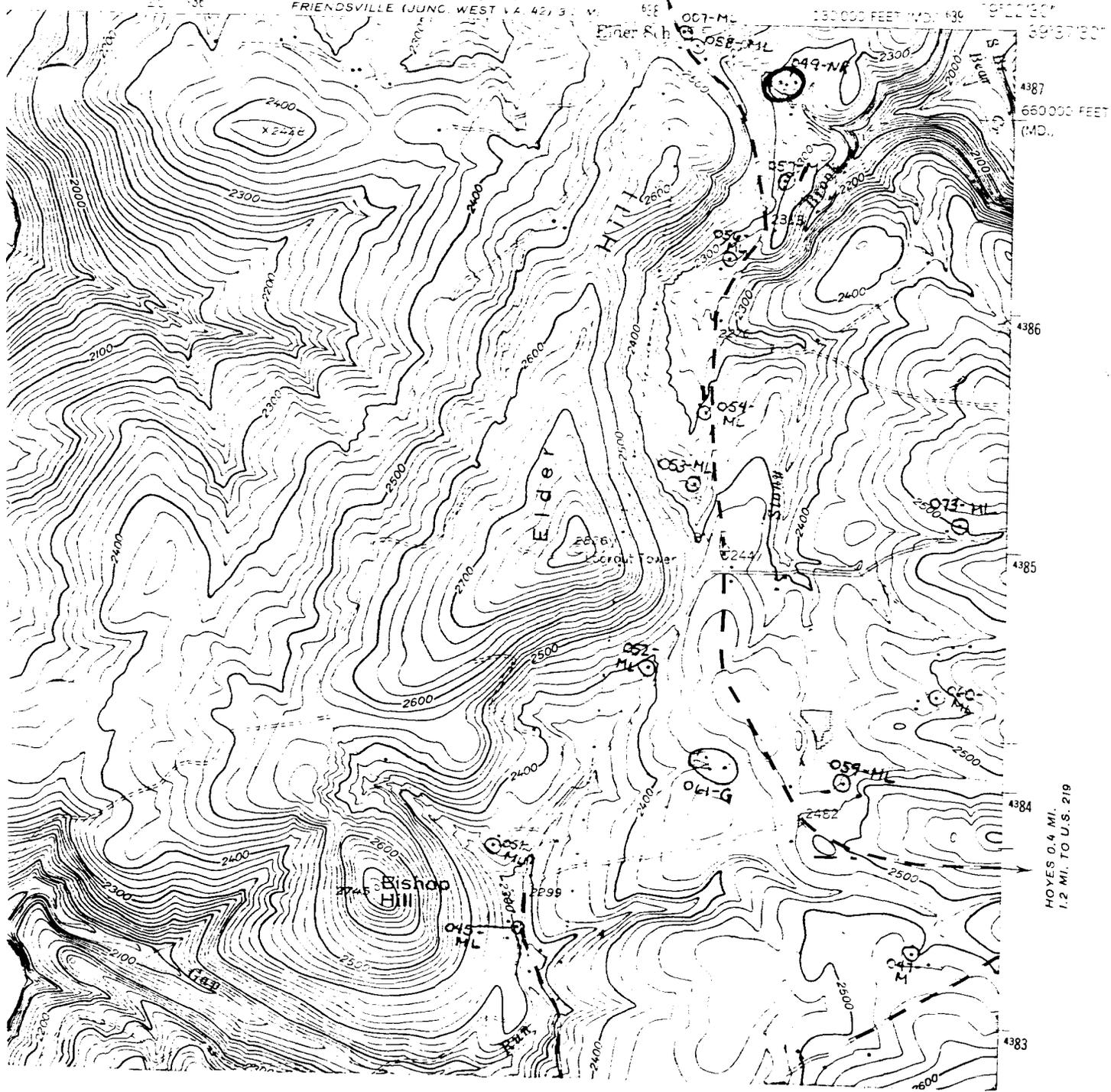
## All. Co. Deeds

- 7:521 Gabriel & Clarissa Anne Friend to  
 12/28/50<sup>18</sup> Hanson W. Willburn  
 \$25 25a. "Bear Branch" begin. at the end of  
 50 perches on the 1<sup>st</sup> line of ML #1634  
 Gabriel Friend signed "in German"
- 8:513 Hanson W. Willburn & Clarissa Anne (wife)  
 3/27/52<sup>18</sup> to Henry Friend  
 \$200 25a. "Bear Branch" (same tract as in 7/521)
- 8:597 HWW from Anne Armstrong then Atty. Geo. W. Nimes  
 Aug. 23/852 lots #1578 & 1579 (Anne got from father Maj. John Lynch  
 \$100 by his will recorded in Baltimore Feb. 9, 1797)  
 100 a.

SANG RUN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

ACCIDENT

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Sang Run, MD-WV  
USGS 7.5 minute series  
Scale - 1: 24,000  
1947; photorevised 1974

Site #: G-III-A-049  
J. Bunnell Friend Farm  
Friendsville-Hoyes Road,  
east side, approx. 3 miles  
southeast of Friendsville

HOYES 0.4 MI.  
1.2 MI. TO U.S. 219



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Hs A: FAcade-SW elev.



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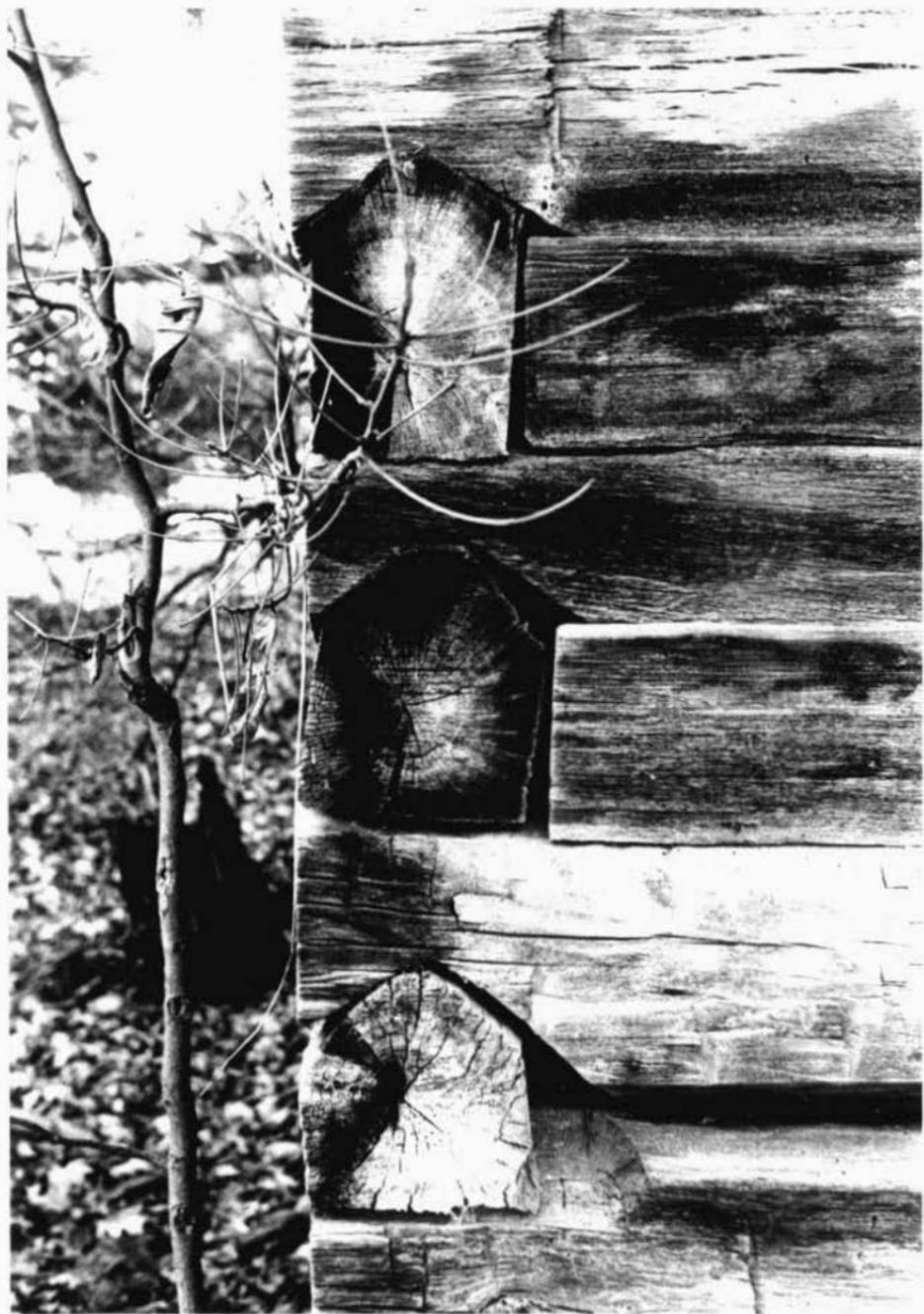
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SE & NE elevs. Hs. A



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Springhouse S & E elevs.

FIGURE 9B



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Springhouse V-notching



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Hs B: NW & SW elevs.

FIGURE 87



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Hs B: SE & NE elevs

FIGURE 87



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Barn N&W elevs.