

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Wade and Ralph Janoske Farm Inventory Number: G-V-A-072

Address: 2912 George Washington Highway Historic district: yes no

City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550 County: Garrett

USGS Quadrangle(s): Table Rock MD/WV

Property Owner: Wade E. & Ruth E. Janoske and Ralph O. & Vivian J. Janos Tax Account ID Number: 08-009902

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 56 Tax Map Number: 95

Project: Roth Rock Wind Power Project; Garrett Co. Agency: MD Public Service Comm.

Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed and Associates, Inc.

Preparer's Name: Paula Reed Date Prepared: 4/27/2006

Documentation is presented in: MIHP# G-V-A-072, Maryland Coal Region Historic Sites Survey, 1981

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no

Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

A circa 1925 farmhouse, a frame bank barn, and several frame outbuildings make up this farmstead, located on the south side of US Route 50, about a mile east of Redhouse as the road begins the climb up Backbone Mountain. The farmstead sits in a ravine below the highway, with the landscape sweeping upward to the south and east. The dwelling is constructed of weatherboarded vertical planks covered with brick-patterned asphalt siding. The two-story three-bay structure has a central entrance. An enclosed porch spans the front and shed-roofed additions attach to the rear. The house has 2/2 and 3/1 pane sash windows. A central brick chimney has been removed. Corrugated metal covers the roof. Built about 1925, with an addition and porch enclosure occurring shortly thereafter (circa 1930) the house remains essentially intact to the period of initial construction. The brick patterned asphalt siding could well date to the 1930s.

The barn also appears to have changed little and is contemporary with the house. It stands directly to the southeast of the house with the bank entrance on the north side and the livestock area on the south side. A metal stave silo stands near the northwest corner of the barn. The vertical siding is unpainted, but the barn otherwise appears to be in good condition. Gable roofed sheds are arrayed around the north, east and west sides of the barn.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Jonathan Sayers
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/26/06
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/23/06
Date

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A vertical-plank shed was originally used as a store. It was located near Rt. 50 and later moved closer to the farm buildings.

This property was surveyed in 1981 as part of the MHT Coal Region survey. Comparing photographs from 1981 to the present appearance indicates that the property remains largely unchanged. A central chimney has been removed from the house. A more detailed description of the property will be found in the 1981 survey form.

Evaluation:

The farmstead is typical of many in Garrett County, but it retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association to either its period of initial construction, or to a campaign of updates and additions which occurred within a few years after construction. The farmstead remains in the Janoske family whose ancestor came from Germany and settled on the farm in 1872. This grouping like many in southern Garrett County is the second generation of buildings on the farm. The farmstead and surrounding lands retain association with the initial developer/settler on the farm, and the fact that the family still owns the property some 135 years later provides significance under Criterion A. Vertical plank construction is an important regional type of the late 19th and early 20th century. This farmhouse is not a distinctive example of that type, but is representative. Although asphalt "insul" siding covers the original surface treatment, it is an early alteration as are the additions and porch enclosure. The barn and outbuildings remain in near original condition as well. While there are other examples of this frequently encountered vernacular type in Garrett County, this farmstead serves as a good example of a regionally common type located in the project area, deriving significance under Criterion C. Therefore, the property is recommended as eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C. Archaeological assessment for Criterion D was not done as part of this evaluation of above-ground resources.

The shed that is said to have formerly been a store contributes to the grouping, but since it was moved from its original location and altered with additions, it does not meet any of the National Register criteria individually.

History/Context:

The predominant occupation in the Redhouse area was grain and livestock farming throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, although lumbering was also prominent, especially in the last quarter of the 19th century. In 1912, coal mining began in southwestern Garrett County, but the landscape on the west side of Backbone Mountain, along the Youghiogheny River remained agricultural. In 1910, close to the time that this farmstead was built, oats, corn, buckwheat, wheat, rye and barley were the most widely cultivated crops and combined with livestock production which thrived on good pastureland in the area's grassy glades.

The area surrounding Redhouse remains a rural farming community. Original mid-nineteenth century farmstead buildings of log or timber frame built by early settlers were replaced with larger buildings constructed with lighter framing or vertical planks in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, as was the case with this property. This process of replacing older first or second period log dwellings with late nineteenth or early twentieth century frame or vertical plank buildings occurred throughout the mountainous far western Maryland region, and is linked to the prominent saw milling industry which ascended around the same time. These late nineteenth century and early twentieth century "replacement" buildings, interspersed with a few modern buildings, (the next generation of replacements), are found on the farms in the Redhouse vicinity in Pleasant Valley. While a few small lots with modern houses adjoin these farms, there is no extensive development in the area. In part the reason that the area has changed little in the last quarter of the twentieth century is that once again other transportation corridors have bypassed the area. The construction of I-68 across northern Garrett County carries most traffic through the region and provides easy access to the Deep Creek Lake resort area north of Oakland, where development has focused. Thus this property has changed little since it was evaluated in 1981.

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MHT Comments:	
_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, National Register Program	_____ Date

In the Pleasant Valley area near Redhouse in the southwestern tip of Garrett County, where the area was settled mainly by conservative German sectarians whose names are still attached to the land, buildings are simple and traditional. There is not much in the way of acknowledgement of architectural style, except for embellishments to porches and entrances, and occasional gingerbread trim at the eaves. The German imprint is clearly evident in the type of barns used by the farmers of the region, large structures of frame construction with a bank or ramp at the back and a cantilevered forebay at the front. Known in the nineteenth century as "Swisser" barns, the term leaves little doubt as to their origins.

The Janoske family came from Germany and settled on this property in 1872, according to information gathered as part of the 1981 Maryland Coal Region Historic Sites Survey. Originally the farm had 700 acres. This property remains in the Janoske family.

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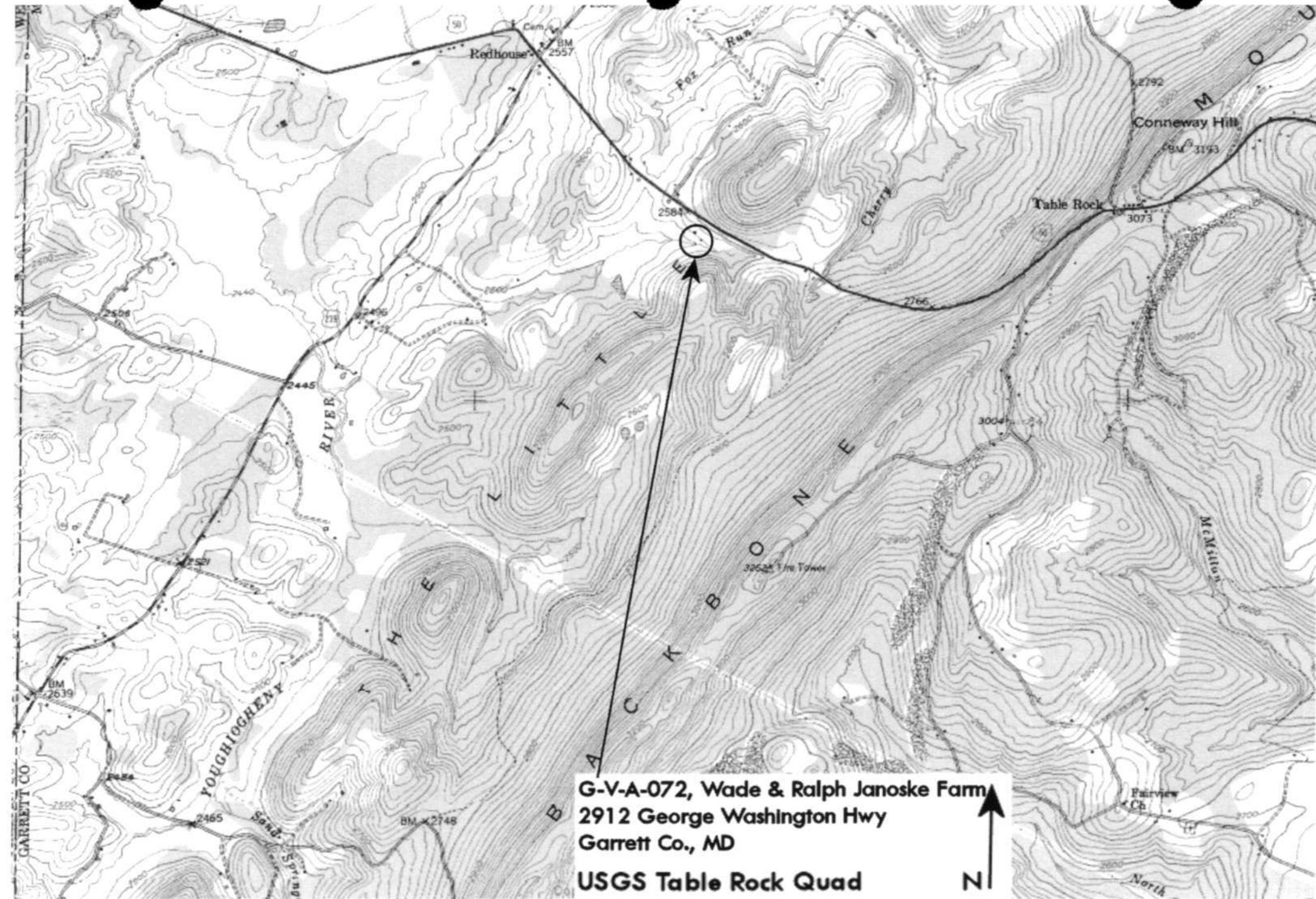
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G-V-A-072, Wade & Ralph Janoske Farm
2912 George Washington Hwy
Garrett Co., MD

USGS Table Rock Quad





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Wade's Ralph Janoske Farm

Garrett Co., MD

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SE view

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Wade & Ralph Janoske Farm

Garrett Co. MD

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ca. 1925

Wade and Ralph Janoske Farm
Red House
Private

The Wade and Ralph Janoske Farm consists of a circa 1925 house, a frame bank barn of the same period, and several frame outbuildings. The house is a two-story, gable-roofed building of vertical plank construction. Its three bay by one bay main block has an enclosed porch on the facade and several additions on the rear. Several of its original 2/2 sash windows have been replaced with 3/1 sash. Asphalt siding covers the building's original weatherboard.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wade & Ralph Janoske Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 50 - S side, .8 mile E of US Route 219

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

___ 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 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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

Wade and Ralph Janoske

Telephone #: (301) 334-4418

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 175, 107

Folio #: 141, 359

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 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

The Wade and Ralph Janoske Farm is located on the south side of U.S. Route 50 approximately .8 mile east of its intersection with U.S. Route 219. The farm consists of a dwelling, a frame barn, and several frame outbuildings.

The house, built circa 1925, is a two-story, gable-roofed building of vertical plank construction. Its basic configuration is a three bay by one bay main block with an enclosed porch extending across the full length of the facade (NE elevation). A two story one bay by one bay shed-roofed wing was added to the rear (SW elevation) circa 1930. A one-story, shed-roofed wing was later added to the rear, abutting the first addition. The facade has a symmetrical three bay, center door arrangement with an unfenestrated second floor, center bay. The windows on all elevations are two over two sash, except for the second floor facade and the enclosed porch which have three over one sash. The original weatherboard siding has been covered with tan, brick-patterned asphalt siding. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and has a brick chimney located on the center of the ridgeline.

The gable-roofed, bank barn, which is located southeast of the house, has a frame of machine sawn timber that is mortise and tenoned together. It is covered with vertical board siding and rests on a poured concrete foundation. A shed addition covered with German siding extends across the rear of the building (SW elevation) and a concrete block milkhouse abuts the southeast endwall. A metal silo stands at its north corner.

A corn crib, three gable-roofed, frame outbuildings and a board and batten shed stand between the house and barn.

The board and batten shed, thought to have been a store originally, was moved from Route 50 down onto the farm. It is a small one-story, gable-roofed building of vertical plank construction. The gable end facade has a double door entrance with batten doors and a shuttered window. Each of the side elevations has been obscured by a shed addition.

The original barn associated with the property is now a part of site #G-V-A-068.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES house, ca. 1925

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mr. Greely Janoske, a previous owner of this farm, reported that his father came to this country from Germany in 1872 and bought this property, which then consisted of 700 acres. He built a small house on the property the same year. The house has since been dismantled and the materials reused to build a garage.

In 1902 Charles Austin opened a small general store on Route 50 near the farm. Workers from the Preston Lumber Company, who lived at a camp on the hill south of this farm, would gather at the store on Saturdays, their day off. After the store went out of business the Janoskes moved the small board and batten structure onto their farm where it has been used as a shop.¹

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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¹ interview with Mr. Greely Janoske, September 17, 1980.

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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

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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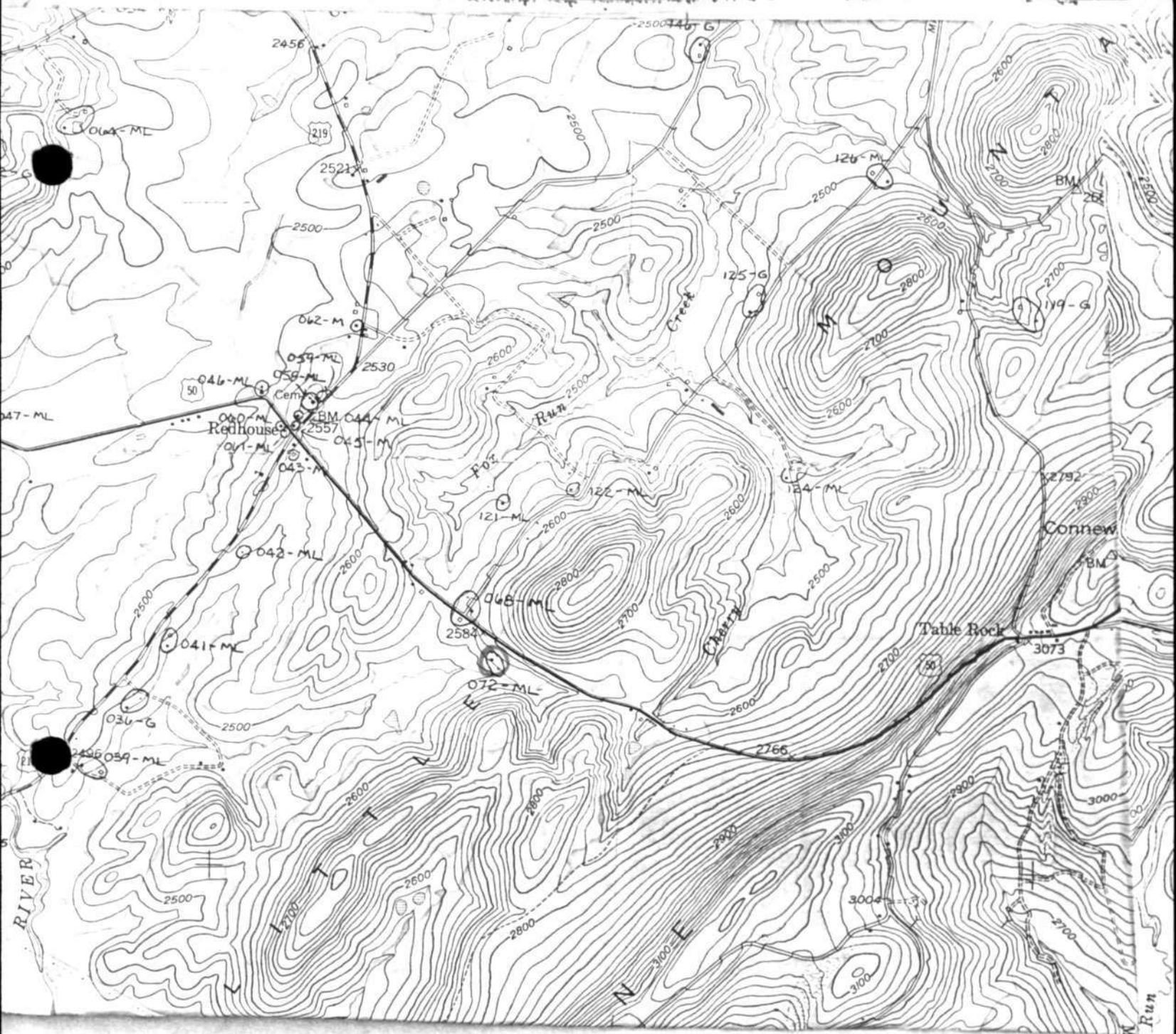


Table Rock, MD-WV
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Route 50, S side, .8 mile
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Wade and Ralph Janoske Farm

Garrett County, MD

Donna Ware 9-17-80

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Wade and Ralph Janoske Farm

Garrett County, MD

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SW elevation



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Looking West