

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Alonso Fike Farm Inventory Number: G-V-A-146

Address: 1375 Blue Ribbon Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Table Rock

Owner: Reuben and Ada Peachy Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes

Tax Parcel Number: 69 Tax Map Number: 90 Tax Account ID Number: 08-004277

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Alonso Fike Farm (MIHP # G-V-A-146) is located at 1375 Blue Ribbon Road. The house is sited west of the road and faces east and has a direct view eastward of Backbone Mountain. The rounded hills of Little Mountain block views of Backbone Mountain northward and southward. The farm also comprises a 1970s barn, an early twentieth-century corncrib, a milkhouse, a chicken coop, and several modern metal buildings.

The house was built in 1906 (MHT MIHP 1981; USGS 1899, 1908). The wood-frame, two-story, American foursquare house rests on a large-aggregate concrete foundation with concrete block under the front porch and the lean-to addition on the south elevation. The house has a steep pyramidal roof. The roof is sheathed with composition roll roofing and features a wood cupola with wood slats for ventilation. Wood slats replaced the original windows. The three-bay by two-bay house is clad with vinyl siding and the eave has been covered in metal. An exterior concrete-block chimney flue has been installed near the middle of the front (east) elevation. The primary entry in the east elevation is contained in a one-story, enclosed porch that has a bank of one-over-one-light, modern double-hung sash windows that replaced the original Queen Anne style windows (i.e., large center

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Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
Reviewer: <u>Andrew Lewis</u>	Date: <u>4/7/05</u>
Office of Preservation Services	Date: <u>4/7/05</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date: _____

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light surrounded by smaller lights). The windows throughout the main house are one-over-one-light, modern double-hung sash windows. The windows have wide wood casings with molded upper lintels. The windows in the raised basement are two-light sliders and six-over-one-light, double-hung sash. A two-story polygonal bay projects from the eastern bay of the south elevation. A narrow, two-story, lean-to addition spans the south elevation west of the projecting bay. A one-story, shed roof, enclosed lean-to spans two bays of the west elevation. This lean-to contains the main door to the house, which is a modern door.

The 1903 barn reported in the 1981 MIHP form is no longer extant. A one-story concrete-block milkhouse that stands east of the main house was associated with the original barn. The one-bay by two-bay milkhouse has a doorway in the south elevation. The gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingle roofing. The roof projects slightly beyond the south elevation.

The wood-frame corncrib is located west of the house. The corncrib has two individual cribs under a gable roof. The cribs are separated by a passage the size of one person. The corncrib is post in ground construction with narrow horizontal wood slats. The gable roof is sheathed with corrugated metal and has a monitor vent.

A one-story, wood-frame chicken coop with a shed roof is located west of the corncrib.

The main barn was constructed in 1976 and is located south of the house. This two-level barn has dairy cows on the first level with a hay mow above. The first floor level is constructed of concrete block. The upper level is a foreshortened gambrel roof clad with metal.

Several modern metal buildings are located on the property and used as equipment sheds and storage.

The house was constructed in 1906 by Alonzo Fike. Fike chose a typical early twentieth-century house type with Queen Anne ornamentation. Fike was not associated with the Amish or Mennonite religious community. During the twentieth century, the property has had four owners. The current owners are Mennonite.

The main house was constructed in 1906. The main house has been altered so that it no longer retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling to illustrate a type, period, or method of construction (Criterion C) as a domestic building. Alterations to the house and removal of the early twentieth-century barn have also compromised the integrity of the farmstead to illustrate agricultural patterns in Garrett County from the early twentieth century (Criterion A). The agricultural outbuildings are not physically significant examples of their types, periods, or methods of construction to be individually eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The house is not documented as associated with a significant person in the past (Criterion B).

#### References

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Christopher Goodwin &  
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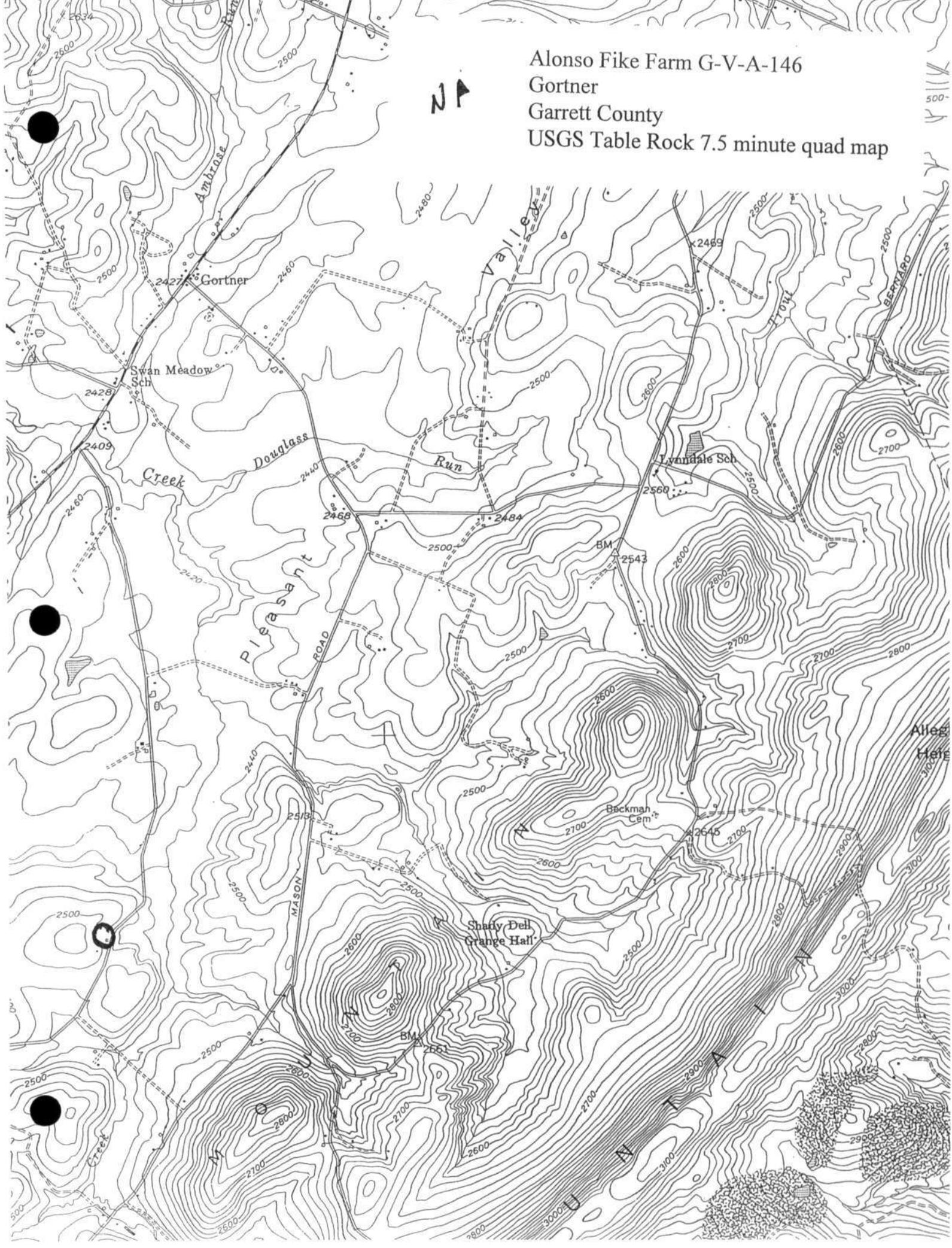
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Date Prepared: January 2005

Alonso Fike Farm G-V-A-146  
Gortner  
Garrett County  
USGS Table Rock 7.5 minute quad map

NA

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HHP # G-V-A-146  
ALONG FIVE FARM  
GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

RCGA

JANUARY 2005

NO SHED

DWELLING - VIEW SW

1 of 3



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ALONSO FIKE FARM  
GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

REGA

JANUARY 2005

MD STATE

DWELLING, VIEW NE

2 OF 3



MHP # G-VA-146

ALONSO Fike FARM

GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

REGA

JANUARY 2005

NO SCLPO

FARM complex. View SE

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Alonso Fike Farm  
Gortner  
Private

1906

The Alonso Fike Farm lies in Pleasant Valley, approximately 2½ miles south of the Amish Community of Gortner. The farmhouse is not typical for Garrett County because it incorporates some architectural details (ie. the cupola and a 2-story projecting bay) that are not commonly used on most area farmhouses.

The house is a 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay square-shaped frame dwelling with a pyramidal roof crowned by a cupola. It is set into a bank and faces east.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Alonso Fike Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Blue Ribbon Rd., west side, approximately 1 3/4 miles south of Intersection w/Rt.219

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

 VICINITY OF

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Peter E. Beachy

Telephone #: (301) 334-3594

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Blue Ribbon Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Gortner

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 366

Folio #: 266

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY 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 Alonso Fike Farm lies in Pleasant Valley, approximately 2½ miles south of the Amish Community of Gortner. The farmhouse is not typical for Garrett County because it incorporates some architectural details (ie. the cupola and a 2-story projecting bay) that are not commonly used on most area farmhouses.

According to the present occupant, Peter Beachy, the house was built by Alonso Fike in 1906, however the metal initials placed in the cupola read "L.H.F. 1906." Reportedly, the building materials came from an old hotel (location unknown) that had burned (Peter Beachy).

The house is a 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay square-shaped frame dwelling with a pyramidal roof crowned by a cupola. It is set into a bank and faces east. A 1-story enclosed shed porch with a full story basement runs across the facade. The 2-story bay projects from the east end of the south elevation and has a hipped roof. A 2-story shed wing is located on the south elevation and abuts the projecting bay. A 1-story enclosed shed porch covers 2 bays of the west elevation, at the north end.

The main block of the house rests on a foundation made from creeksand and small stones. The additions rest on concrete block foundations. The walls are covered with weatherboard siding. The south elevation, projecting bay and enclosed facade porch are covered with aluminum siding. The rear, west elevation, porch is covered with german siding. Signs of an earlier porch across the rear can be seen above the first story windows.

Windows are predominately 1/1 sash. There are 3 chimneys: an exterior brick chimney on the north elevation, an exterior cinderblock chimney on the east elevation and one interior cinderblock chimney in the main block of the house.

This site includes a frame corncrib and chicken house and a frame bank barn with a gambrel roof. The barn rests on a stone foundation. The date of construction, "April 10, 1903," is marked on a foundation stone in the west corner of the north elevation. "1903" is also marked on a foundation stone in the north corner of the east elevation.

**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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<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

1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Alonso Fike Farmhouse is atypical of Garrett County dwellings because it incorporates some architectural details such as the cupola and a 2-story projecting bay not commonly found on most area farmhouses.

An earlier house stood across Blue Ribbon Rd., east of the present house. The foundation can still be seen.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Peter Beachy, October 24, 1980.

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

Donna Ware, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

October 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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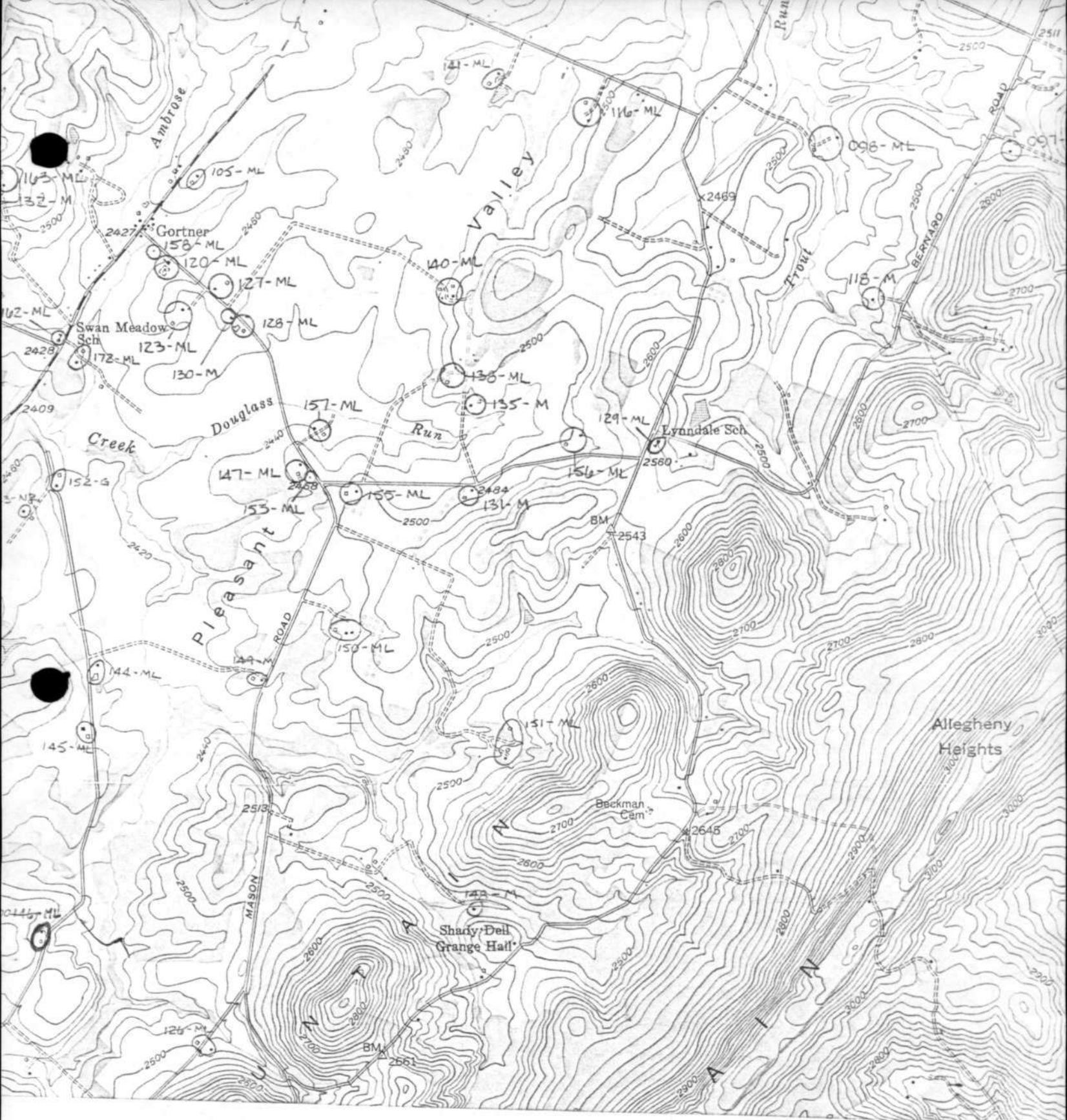


Table Rock, MD-WV  
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

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 Alonso Fike Farm  
 Blue Ribbon Road, west side,  
 approx. 1 3/4 miles south of  
 intersection with Route 219



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Alonso Fike Farm  
Garrett Co., MD  
Valerie Cesna 10/24/80  
Rear W & S elevs.



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Alonso Fike Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 10/24/80

Facade: E elev.

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