

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Norman N. Schrock Farm Inventory Number: G-V-A-155

Address: 100 Pleasant Valley Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Table Rock

Owner: Albert N. and Lois C. Schrock Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes

Tax Parcel Number: 42 Tax Map Number: 91 Tax Account ID Number: 07-002971

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input 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 Norman N. Schrock Farm is located on the east side Mason School Road and south of Pleasant Valley Road. The farm complex comprises a main house, a bank barn, and several modern outbuildings. The house faces north, but the main entry is through the east elevation that has a clear view over open fields towards Backbone Mountain.

The house was constructed ca. 1900; the house did not appear on the USGS Oakland quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1908 (USGS 1899, 1908). The two-story house occupies a L-shaped ground plan with a three-bay by one-bay front section and a two-bay by one-bay ell on the south elevation. The house is reported as vertical plank construction (MIHP 1981). The exterior walls are clad in vinyl siding applied since 1981 along the east elevation. The older horizontal wood siding is visible on the north elevation under the porch and along the west elevation. The foundations comprised sections of stone and concrete block. The building has many window types. The windows along the north elevation under the porch are wood-frame, six-over-six-light, double-hung sash units with wide wood casings. A one-story polygonal bay projects from the first story of the east end of the front section. The bay contains modern one-over-one-light, double-hung sash units. The upper east gable of the

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Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" 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: <i>major element of Amish/Mennonite cultural landscape?</i>	
<i>Andrew Lewis</i>	<i>4/7/05</i>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>4/7/05</i>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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front section has a modern one-by-one light, sliding window. The west elevation contains two-over-two-light, six-over-six-light, and six-over-two-light, wood-frame, double-hung sash units. The north elevation contains an off-center, two raised wood panel door with two lights on the first story and a four-panel wood door on the second story. The west elevation also contains an off-center, wood-panel door with two lights. The shallowly-pitched intersecting gable roofs are sheathed with corrugated and standing-seam metal. The eave has an enclosed soffit. A two-story porch spans the north elevation. The shed roof of the porch is supported on chamfered wood posts. The first story has a railing with square wood balusters and the second story has a wood railing with jigsawn balusters. A one-story porch spans the west elevation. A one-story addition spans the east elevation of the ell. Currently the main entry door is through this addition. The door is a modern cross-panel door with a single large light. This addition has modern paired one-over-one-light, double-hung sash windows. A one-and-a-half story wood-frame addition projects from the middle of the rear wing and addition. This addition is clad in horizontal wood siding and has a gable roof sheathed with metal. Windows in this addition are wood-frame, six-over-two-light, double-hung sash units.

An early-twentieth century bank barn is located east of the house. The barn rests on a stone foundation. The upper section is timber frame and clad in vertical wood siding. The barn has a gable roof sheathed with corrugated metal roofing. The bank is located on the south elevation. The doorway has a metal sliding door. A shed roof addition supported on a concrete-block foundation spans the north elevation. A silo constructed of concrete panels with external metal reinforcing hoops is located at the southwest corner of the barn.

A modern equipment shed is located southeast of the barn. The equipment shed has metal siding and a metal gable roof.

A modern prefabricated shed is located east of the main house.

The original owner of the farm was Joel Slabach (also spelled Schlabach and Slabaugh), who assembled the property from two parcels. The Slabach family was descended from Joseph Slabach (b. 1788-d. 1862), who was born in Germany of German-Swiss ancestry. He emigrated to the United States as a young man and settled in Grantsville, Garrett County. He was married to Elizabeth Hershberger in 1825 and the couple had fifteen children born between 1826 and 1841, of which thirteen lived to adulthood. In 1858, Joseph Slabach purchased 800 acres of the 1,000-acre tract known as "Ashby's Discovery" surveyed in 1781 near Gortner, MD, and moved there with several of his children. Two sons remained in the Gortner area. David Slabach (b. 1840-d. 1911) acquired the home farm, identified as MIHP # G-V-A-131. Christian Slabach (b. 1831-d. 1898) purchased several hundred acres of his father's farm on "Ashby's Discovery" (Haning 1978; Schlosnagle 1978:41). Christian Slabach married Mathilda Hostetler (b. 1830-d. 1897). The couple had nine children. In 1894, Christian Slabach sold 470 acres of "Ashby's Discovery" to three sons: Solomon (137 acres), Joel C. (32 acres), and Daniel (301 acres). Joel C. Slabach (b. 1867) added the 32 acres to a previous purchase 34 acres of "Swan Meadows" from Benjamin and Mary Clare Kelly (also spelled Kelley) in 1890. The deed to the 34 acres of the Swan Meadows tract contained no reference to buildings. The acreage purchased from Christian Slabach in 1894 referenced buildings and improvements (Garrett County deeds EZT 24:362-363; EZT 16:326-327; Yoder 1995:185).

It is probably that the acreage north of Pleasant Valley Road was from Ashby's Discovery, while the acreage south of Pleasant Valley Road was from the Swan Meadows tract. The house was not depicted on the USGS Oakland 15 minute quadrangle map surveyed in 1899 and published in 1908 (USGS 1899, 1908). It seems most likely that the house was built on the Swan Meadows portion of the tract ca. 1900. The Lichty family remembered staying their first night back in Gortner with Joel Slabach and his wife "Big Suse" (Susanna Miller? B. 1863) in a house with beds (Swartzentruber 1994:33; Yoder 1995:185). Joel and his wife were childless, but raised foster children. The property passed to Norman Schrock, who later sold it to his son Albert Schrock, the current owner.

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The Norman N. Shrock farm is associated with broad patterns of agricultural history of the early and mid-twentieth century in southern Garrett County as practiced by the Mennonite and Amish community (Criterion A). The house and barn embody the distinctive characteristics of their types, periods, and methods of construction during the first decade of the twentieth century (Criterion C). The changes that have occurred to the buildings represent the evolution of building materials and agricultural needs adapted by the community to maintain the property in active agriculture.

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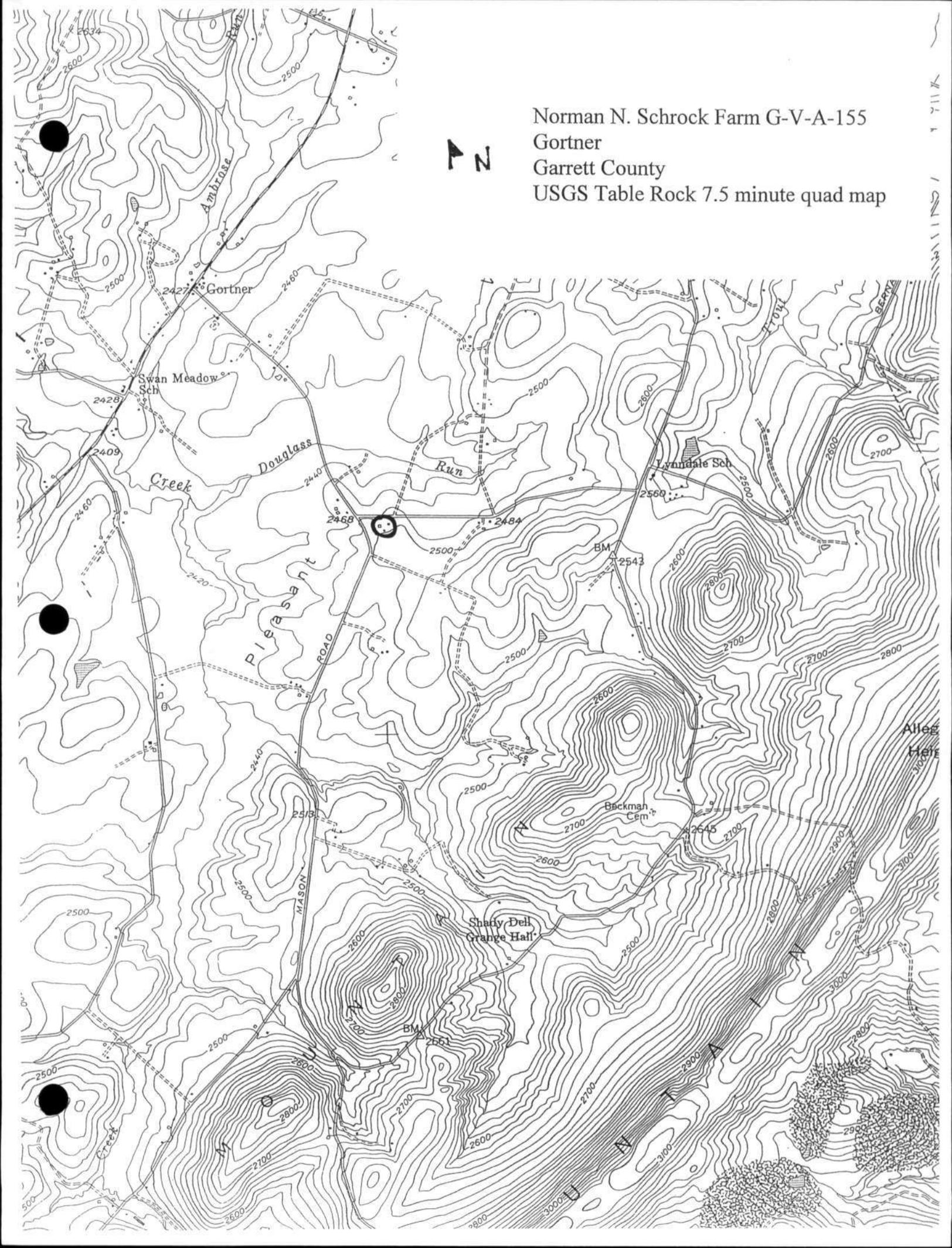
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Norman N. Schrock Farm G-V-A-155  
Gortner  
Garrett County  
USGS Table Rock 7.5 minute quad map





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Norman N. Schrock Farm  
Table Rock  
Private

late 19th century

The Norman Schrock vertical plank constructed farmhouse is a two story, three bay by one bay gable roof structure with a single bay deep ell. The house rests on a cinderblock and stone foundation. The exterior is covered with German siding. A frame barn on a stone foundation is also located on the property.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Norman N. Schrock Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Pleasant Valley Road , approximately 1/8 mile east of Gortner Road

CITY, TOWN

Table Rock

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

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

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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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

This vertical plank constructed farmhouse is situated among pines in a hilly area on Pleasant Valley Road, approximately 1/8 mile east of Gortner Road. The house faces north. It is a two story, three bay by one bay gable-roofed structure with a single bay deep ell. A single story, two bay by one bay addition is located at the east elevation of the ell. A two story wooden porch, supported by chamford posts with plain square balustrades on the first story and jigsaw balustrades on the second story, covers the facade. A porch like that on the first story facade covers the bays at the west elevation. The central facade entrance has two upper glass panels. A similar entrance appears at the side porch. A centrally located four panel door entrance is located on the second story facade and lastly, an entrance appears at the east elevation of the shed addition.

A central brick chimney is located in the main block. Six over six windows, with drip cap window heads, light the house with the exception of a double, two over two sash window on the first story east elevation of the main block and one over one sash windows in the shed addition. The house rests on a cinderblock and stone foundation. The exterior is covered with German siding framed with cornerboards. Corrugated metal covers the roof.

A story-and-a-half, one bay deep gable roof frame structure is located at the south elevation of the new shed addition.

A frame barn on a stone foundation is also located on the property.

**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
<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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

September 1981

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Table Rock: MD;WV  
USGS: 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale; 1:24,000  
1948; photorevised 1974

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Norman N. Schrock Farm

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 8/24/81

Facade: N & W elevations



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Rear: E & S elevations