

G-V-B-009  
Joe King Farm  
Gorman  
Private

ca. 1890 and 1896

A small farm typical of this area, the Joe King Farm consists of a dwelling, a shed, and a frame bank barn. The dwelling is a frame, two story, gable roofed building on a coursed stone foundation. Its basic configuration is an ell-plan that was constructed in two parts. The 3 bay by 1 bay main block with full length facade porch is the original structure; the rear wing, which has a two story bay window on its southwest side, is a later addition. Both sections are covered with German siding and lit by 2/2 sash windows. The wood shed and ice house that would complete the farm have been torn down.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Joe King Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Clarence Knox, Jr. Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Lemoyne King Rd. - E side, .6 mile S of White Church-Steyer Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Gorman

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Clarence Knox, Jr.

Telephone #: (301) 334-4556

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Steyer

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 221

Folio #: 199

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 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

The Joe King Farm is located on the east side of Lemoyne King Road approximately .6 mile south of its junction with White Church-Steyer Road. The site includes a dwelling, a shed, and a barn.

The house is a frame, two story, gable-roofed building on a coursed stone foundation. Its basic configuration is an ell plan that was constructed in two parts. The 3 bay 1 bay main block with full length facade porch is the original structure; the rear wing, which has a two story bay window on its southwest side, is a later addition. A rear porch, now partially enclosed, extends across the southeast side of the main block and continues along the northeast side of the rear wing. A bathroom in the form of a one room shed-roofed wing was later added to the northeast side of the rear wing at the second floor level. The facade has a symmetrical three bay, center door arrangement with a transom-topped door. Two over two sash windows with plain board surrounds and simple drip moldings light both wings. The bay window, however, has paired one over one sash on its main face and single one over one sash on its side faces. A circular window pierces the gable of the bay window, while small rectangular ones are placed in the gables of the main and rear wings. German siding with cornerboards covers the exterior walls of the house. A layer of "random ashlar" asphalt siding covers the southwest and southeast elevations of the rear wing. The roof is clad with corrugated metal and has exposed rafter ends. An interior concrete block chimney is located on the ridgeline of the rear wing.

The interior is arranged in a center hall plan. The stairway is an oak, 15 tread, straight run with turned balusters spaced 2 per tread. The newel post is square with bullseye blocks near the top. The interior doors are raised four-panel doors with a grained finish. Door and window surrounds are flat board with a bead on the inner edges. The bathroom is equipped with a wooden bathtub that has a metal lining and folds down from the wall.

A frame shed on a stone foundation sits just north of the house. To the south is a frame bank barn with several shed additions. The present occupants of this site reported that an ice house and a wood shed were torn down.

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 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

ca. 1890 and 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This frame, three bay by one bay, gable-roofed structure is a house type common to western Maryland from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

The main block of this house was already on the property when Joe King moved here in 1896. It was he who had the rear wing added<sup>1</sup>. The house, barn, and the wood shed and ice house that were torn down, comprise a small working farm that is typical of the Gorman area.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

<sup>1</sup>Interview with Mrs. Clarence Knox, Jr., May 13, 1981.

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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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

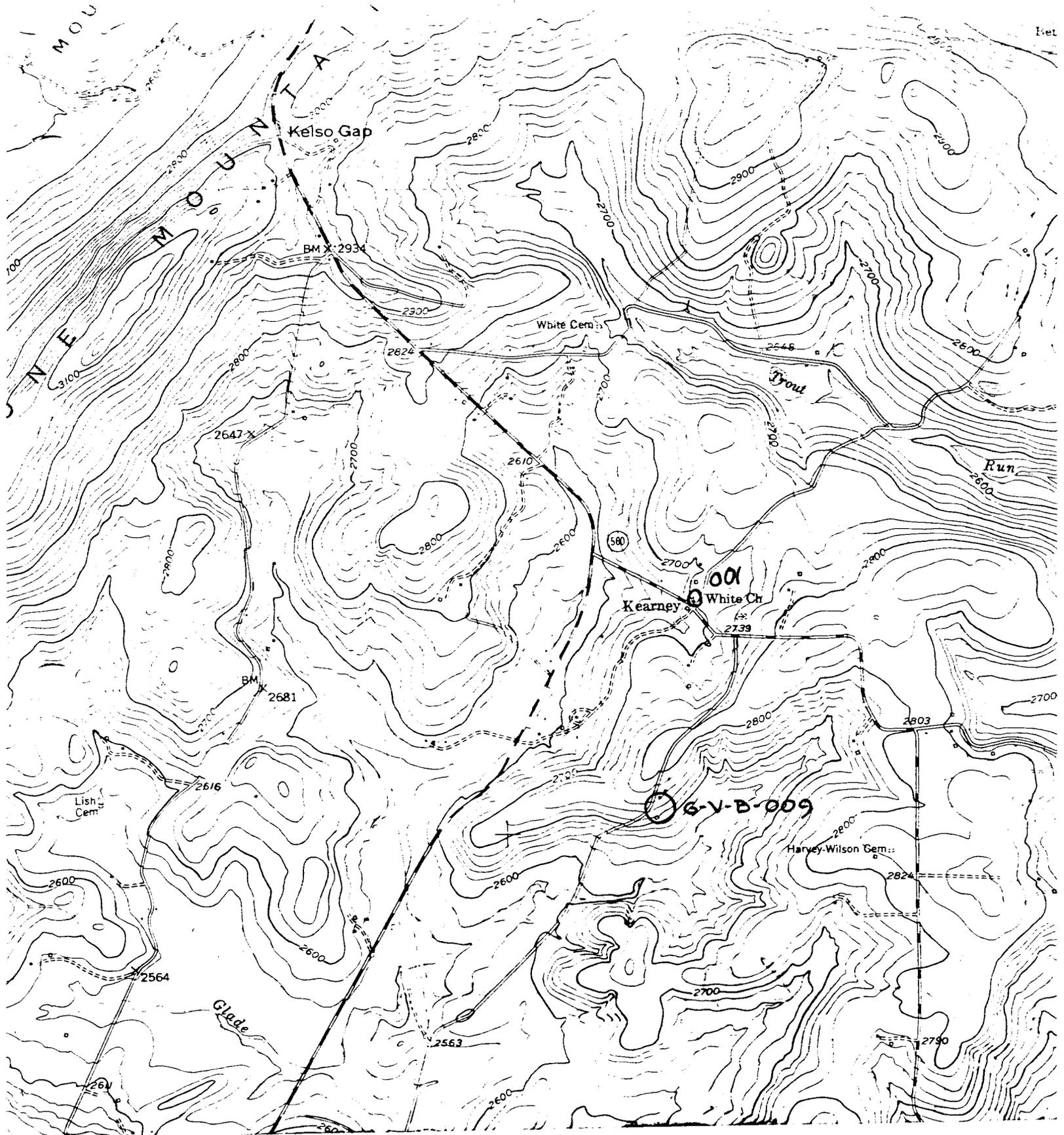
STATE

Maryland 21401

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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale - 1:24,000  
 1949; photorevised 1974

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 .6 mile S of White Church-Steyer Rd.



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Garrett County, MD

Valerie Cēsna 5/13/81

Facade: NW & NE elevs.



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Rear: SE gable end



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SW elevation