

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Cider Barrel

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
20410 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Montgomery

STATE  
Maryland

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 checked="" 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 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 **William Eugene Cross**

Telephone #: 654-6588

STREET & NUMBER  
5621 Huntington Parkway

CITY, TOWN

Bethesda

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 4168

Folio #: 258

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 1 story, wooden building faces ~~west~~<sup>EAST</sup> on Route 355 and has a false front of narrow, vertical boards spaced closely together and resembles a giant barrel. It is freshly painted red, white, blue and yellow with 3-inch, horizontal wooden bands painted black. A cable inobtrusively wraps the lower boards securely. A hood on brackets protects the counter opening which is inset. On either side of the opening protrudes the end of a spigot. Adjacent to the barrel on the north is a curve-fronted, 1 story, 1 bay deep building with the entire front built to slide away and reveal the apple stand within. This building also faces ~~west~~<sup>EAST</sup>, is painted red, white and blue with a gray painted cement floor. This front is made of closely spaced tongue and groove wooden boards bolted together. A 5-panel door in the north facade is just a few feet from the neighboring house.

The south facade reveals 4 connected wooden buildings with standing seam metal roofs painted green and board and batten walls painted white. The main building with the barrel front is joined by 2 small, 1 story sheds and a slightly larger 3 bay by 1 bay shed with gable roof at the rear. The main section has a projection in the roofline which appears to be a dormer without windows. Each of the small sheds has a hinged, board and batten, locked opening in the upper half of the facade.

A wooden, privacy fence surrounds the Cider Barrel on the south, ~~east~~<sup>WEST</sup> and north excepting the single bay with sliding door previously mentioned.

The Cider Barrel is surrounded by a trailer court and a townhouse development.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" 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      **1926**      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      **Andrew Baker**

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This barrel-facaded, art deco building is the only one of its shape in Montgomery County, and reflects business and enterprise as well as a prominent Germantown family and the architecture and the shifting transportation methods of the mid 1920s. It is most likely comparable with the Barrel House Liquors store on 14th street, D.C., described in Design Action, 1983, a publication of the University of Maryland's department of architecture.

Andrew Baker built the structure in 1926 when he purchased lots in the Mary J. Boland Farm subdivision.<sup>2</sup> The farm, part of Resurvey on Friend in Need, had been deeded to Mary J. Dorsey Boland by her mother, Valeria Waters, wife of Horace D. Waters, who was the widow of Joshua Dorsey.<sup>3</sup>

Andrew Baker was an entrepreneur who owned the large house and farm on Route 118 in Germantown, known as The Marylander. He spearheaded the move to build the Germantown bank in 1922, and served as one of its first trustees. His brother, Daniel W. Baker, owned another large Germantown farm, subsequently purchased by baseball star and state senator Walter Johnson, and now the site of the Seneca Valley High School and a high rise office complex under construction at Route 118 and Middlebrook roads. Andrew Baker planted a large apple orchard and installed a cider press behind his home. Germantown residents recall seeing dozens of 4-horse teams providing the energy for the wagons loaded with apples and lined up at Baker's cider press in the fall. The art deco building provided the retail outlet for his agricultural products of both cider and his own fresh apples. The apples were never sprayed and included numerous varieties, among them grimes golden and red and yellow delicious.<sup>4</sup>

During the booming economy of the 1920s, touring the countryside in private automobiles became a popular pastime. A tourist industry grew up along the Georgetown/Frederick Road, and several houses became tourist homes. The Cider Barrel was a favorite place to visit, and remains a successful business.<sup>5</sup> The fresh drink was available by the glass or by the jug, and could be obtained from one of the two spouts located on either side of the stand's counter.

After Baker's death, Christopher F. and Minnie Underwood Norton bought the property.<sup>6</sup> in 1931, indicating that even the Great Depression could not quell this particular business. The Nortons added a restaurant and served chicken dinners on Sundays after attending church at Neelsville Presbyterian.<sup>7</sup> Mr. Norton installed his own cider press at the rear (west) of the Ciber Barrel, and hauled in apples to make the product, and to sell whole.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Mont. Co. Land Records  
Mont. Co. Wills  
Mont. Co. Tax Assessment Records  
Interviews with W.E. Cross and J.U. Leaman

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.07 Acres

FIGURE NUMBER 10

**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

Margaret Marshall Coleman

April, 1985

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Historic Preservation Commission

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER

CITY OR TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Currently, William Eugene Cross, Norton's nephew, owns lots 69, 70, 71, 72 and 73 of the Boland Farm subdivision, and the Cider Barrel stands on Lot 70, the only one of these lots assessed with improvements.<sup>7</sup> The restaurant and cider press are gone, and house trailers and small, one room cottages are established on the other lots. According to the owner, much of the original Cider Barrel has been rebuilt.

### Title History

<u>liber/folio</u>	<u>date</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>
4168/258	1971	W. E. Cross set up a Declaration of Trust for lots 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 of the Mary J. Boland Farm subdivision
3987/422	1971	Martha Underwood Cross deeded property to William Eugene Cross "for love and affection"
CT 04271	1971	Will of Minnie Underwood Norton, leaving half of her interest each to Martha Cross and William Cross
2143/409	1955	Name of William Eugene Cross added to title along with Martha Cross and Minnie Norton.
983/151	1945	Minnie Norton and Martha Cross deeded property
514/322	1931	Christopher F. Norton and Minnie Underwood Norton deed from trustees of Baker estate
402/81	1926	Andrew Baker from Stedman Prescott, agent for Mary J. Boland
Plat Book 3/276	1925	Mary J. Dorsey Boland Farm subdivision

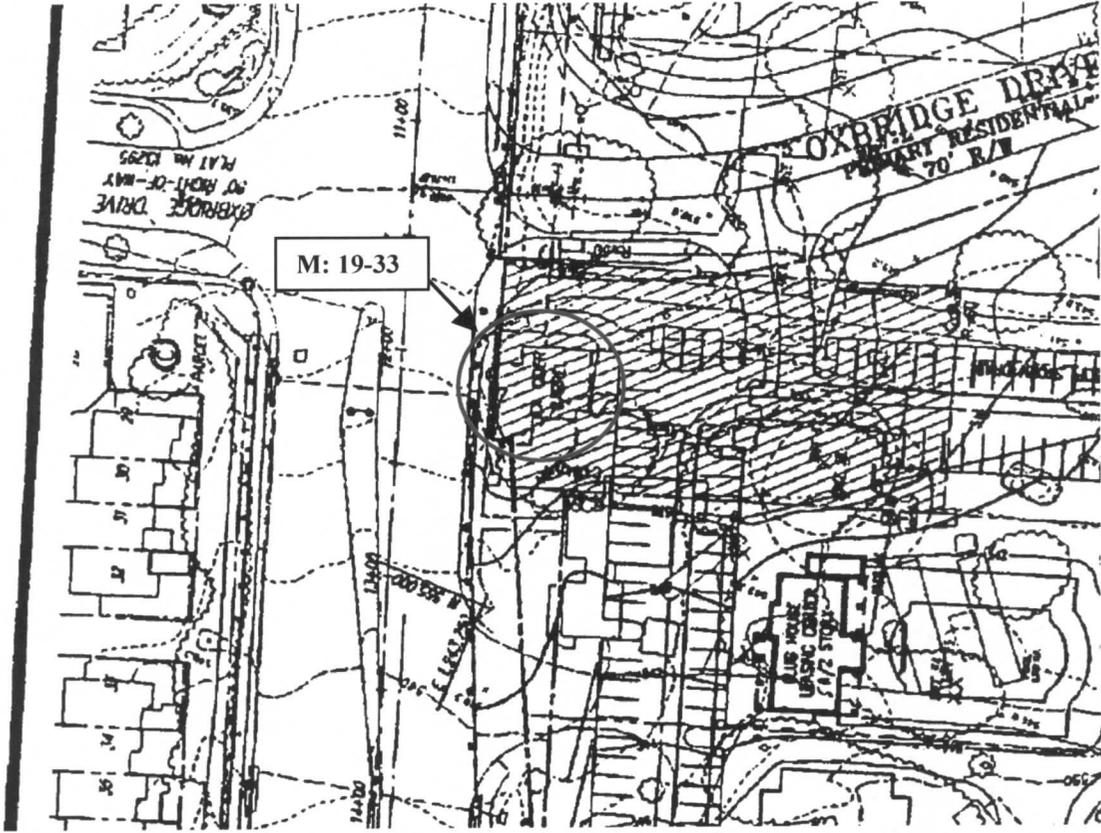
### Footnotes

1. Peter Smith, Board of Directors, D.C. Preservation League; interview, 4/22/85.
2. Plat Book 3/276.
3. TD 27/41, Land Records.
4. John Upton Leaman, Germantown septuagenarian; interview 4/18/85.
5. William Eugene Cross, owner; interview 4/22/85.
6. 514/322, Land Records.
7. Current tax assessment records for District 9, subdivision 10.

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 Cider Barrel  
 20410 Frederick Road (MD 355)  
 Cider Barrel Property, Preliminary Plan  
 Lots 66 thru 73 and part of Lots 74 & 75  
 Plat Map, December 2002

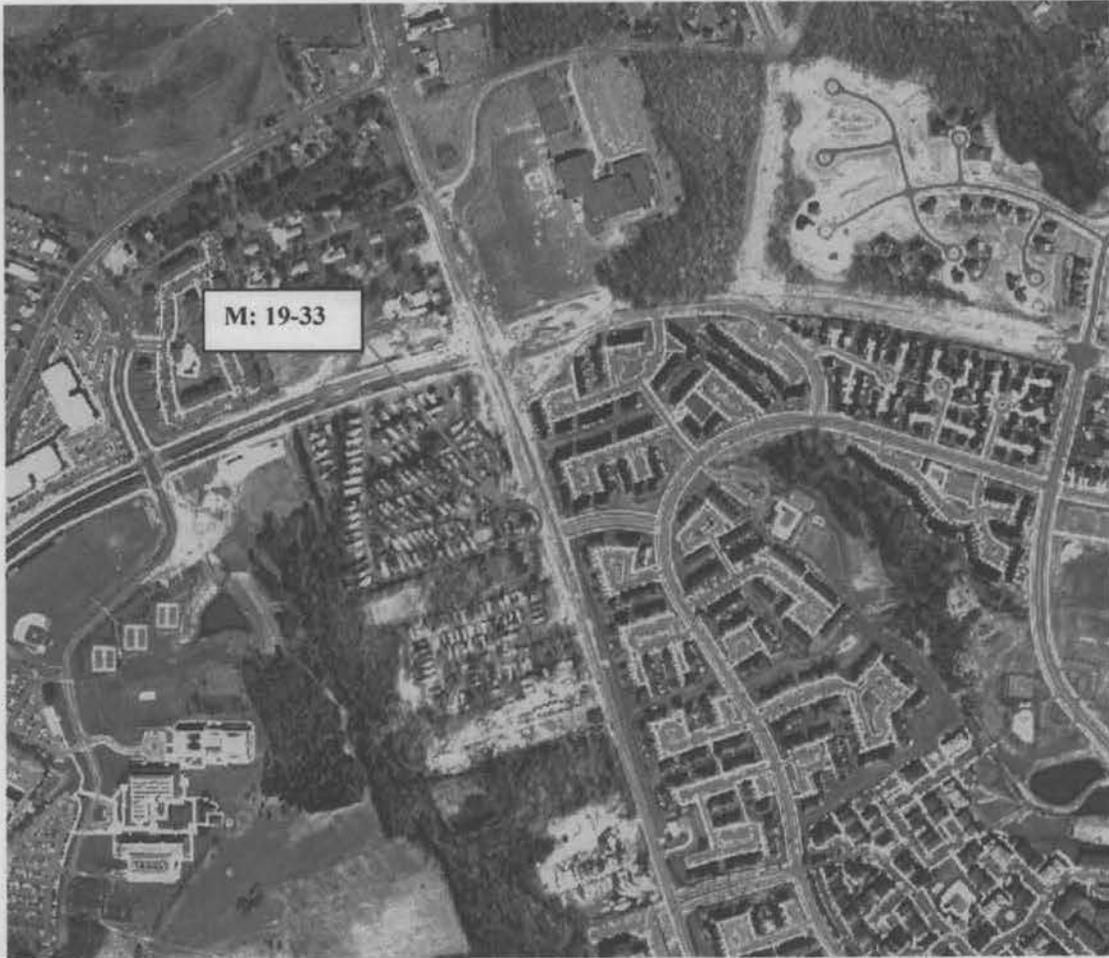


Lot No.	Area (Ac.)	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Area (Sq. Ft.)	Area (Sq. Ft.)
66	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
67	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
68	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
69	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
70	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
71	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
72	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
73	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
74	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
75	1.10	75,000	75,000	75,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11.00</b>	<b>787,500</b>	<b>787,500</b>	<b>787,500</b>

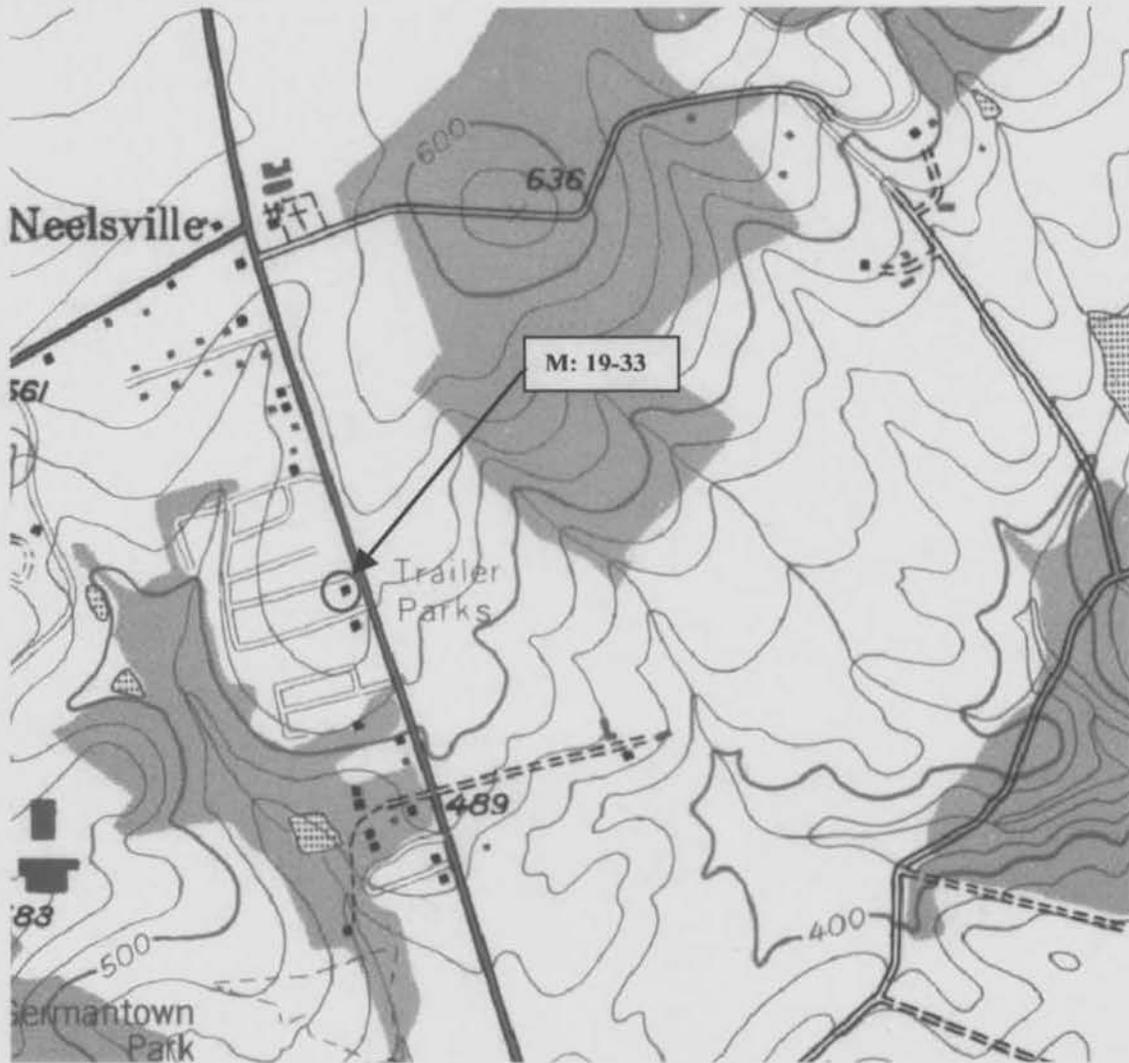


**PRELIMINARY PLAN**  
**CIDER BARREL PROPERTY**  
**LOTS 66 THRU 73 AND PART OF LOTS 74 & 75**  
 MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
 STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT  
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Cider Barrel  
20410 Frederick Road (MD 355)  
1993 Aerial photo



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