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Bozman-Fitzgerald House
Venton vicinity
private

c. 1900

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Bozman - Fitzgerald House

2. Location

street & number Fitzgerald Road _____ not for publication

city, town Venton _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maryland _____ county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert Fitzgerald

street & number "Waller's Adventure" _____ telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne _____ state and zip code Maryland 21853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court _____ liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse _____ folio

city, town Princess Anne _____ state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal state county local

depository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

Survey No. S-358

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 of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Bozman-Fitzgerald House Description

The Bozman-Fitzgerald house stands on the north side of Fitzgerald Road near Venton, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, center hall frame house faces south with the principal gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1900, the two-story weatherboarded frame house is supported by a new brick and concrete foundation, and is covered with asphalt shingles over wood shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story wing, and an old detached kitchen is sited behind the house.

The south (main) elevation is a two-story, three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. A shed roof porch distinguished with a center gable and decorative eave trim shelters the first floor openings. The turned porch posts have been removed temporarily while the porch floor is being rebuilt. A four-panel door with shallow raised panels remains in place. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and the cross gable has a pointed arch two-over-two sash window. The eaves to the house are trimmed with decorative sawtooth edging, and the gable front is sheathed with fishscale shingles. Narrow brick stove stacks rise from the center of the house on either side of the passage.

The east and west gable ends are essentially alike with a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and a pointed arch attic window is surrounded by a field of fish-scale shingles. Wooden finials rise from each roof peak.

The north side of the main block is largely covered by the two-story, one-room plan wing. A shed porch is fixed to the east side, and the porch has been partially enclosed to house a first floor bathroom. Two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors, and a narrow brick stack rises from the gable end.

The interiors of the house retain large portions of the turn of the century woodwork; however, the center stair has been vandalized and the turned newel post, balusters and handrail have been removed. The stringer retains its Victorian decoration, and narrow beaded boards sheathe the triangular space below. Shallow four-panel doors are framed by molded surrounds with bulls-eye blocks. The west room retains its period mantel as well as paneled window aprons and simply molded baseboards. The turn of the century plaster remains intact as well. The east room is finished in a similar manner with a late Victorian mantel, plaster walls, and ogee molded baseboards.

The back room is fitted with narrow beaded board wainscoting, and a four-panel door opens into the space beneath the stair in the middle room. The small room behind the wainscoted room was used as a pantry. The second floor is finished in less elaborate manner with turn of the century woodwork.

Standing separately behind the house is the old detached kitchen, a single-story, one-room plan frame structure supported by a brick pier foundation and sheathed with asphalt shingles over weatherboards. A door is located in the south side, and single two-over-two sash windows light either side. A narrow stove stack formerly pierced the

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance

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Description cont.

north gable, but the stack has been leveled off at the roofline. The interior is sheathed with narrow beaded boards, and cabinets are fixed to the northwest corner of the room.

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Monie, MD Quadrangle, 2942

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Monie

Venton

WEST PR
ST PETE

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BM T56

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St Peters ME Church

Oriole

St James ME Church

Champ

Goose Point

Clifton Pt

Chimney

R I V E R

St Peters Creek

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Venton vicinity, Somerset County, Md.

Interior window trim

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East Elevation
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South Elevation
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