

ABSTRACT

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Zeller Farm

Hagerstown Vicinity

private

19th Century

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Zeller Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Broadfording Road west of I-81

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF **Hagerstown**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Bilrite Homes C/O Groh Realty

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
151 W. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Washington County Court House**

Liber #: **286**

Folio #: **407**

STREET & NUMBER
West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN
Hagerstown

STATE
Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 4093

DATE
Summer 1967 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS **Maryland Historical Trust**

CITY, TOWN
Annapolis STATE
Maryland 21401

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 \leq 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm is located at the end of a private lane extending in a southerly direction from Broadfording Road, just west of interstate highway 81 in Washington County, Maryland. The buildings are situated on an area of relatively level limestone ground with the house facing east.

The dwelling is a two story, three bay brick building resting on fieldstone foundations. A two story, four bay ell extends to the rear or west. It has a double porch along its north elevation and a one story hipped roof porch at its south wall.

All elevations of the front section of the house display Flemish bond brickwork. This extensive use of Flemish bonding is unusual among Washington County's 19th century brick houses. American or common bonding is used in the wing. Flat arches of brick are present above most openings.

Windows and doors are aligned with each other in the walls. The openings seem relatively large in relation to wall area. They have narrow frames with rounded exterior surfaces. Most windows have been replaced with two over two pane double hung sashes. Some nine over six light sashes remain in the ell. Most windows are flanked by pairs of louvered shutters with movable louvers. Some two panel shutters are also used.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. It is framed similarly to the windows and includes a five light transom above double four panel doors. The door jambs are also paneled. Extending along most of the front elevation is a Victorian period porch supported by turned posts with decorative brackets.

The roof of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys with a corbel at their tops are located inside the end walls of the main section. Chimneys are also located inside the end walls of the ell, just to the north and south of the roof ridge respectively.

Behind the house is a small log building, presumably a smoke house. It has a wood shingle roof and a batten door secured with long strap hinges. Further behind the house is a stone spring house which stands over a portion of a large spring around which are remains of some stone walls and possible foundations. Northwest of the house is a large stone end bank barn with frame gables. It is topped with decorative metal ventilator cupolas. In a sale bill of 1896 the barn is described as "new". Further to the west, beyond the barn is a two story, five bay wooden dwelling, possibly of log construction which may have been built as a tenant house. Long and narrow the structure appears to have been built in parts.

A public sale advertisement for this property which appeared in the Hagerstown newspaper during the fall of 1896 lists the following improvements on this farm: A new bank barn, a large brick house with 11 rooms, a wagon shed, corn crib, spring house, carriage house and tenant house.

The farm contains 131.34 acres. The buildings appear to be in good condition.

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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 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 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

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The farm includes parts of the land grants "Hager's Delight" and "Doubtful". In his will made April 6, 1869, Samuel Zeller leaves the farm to his son, Samuel S. Zeller, referring to it as the "home place." (Will Liber F/260). In 1879 Samuel S. Zeller sold the farm to Henrick A. Sutton (78/91). The property changed hands numerous times during the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 131.34 acres

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

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

August 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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