

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic W. Gehr Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South side Route 40, east of Indian Springs ___ not for publication

city, town Indian Springs vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Washington

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WA-V-233

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 of move _____
<input 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.

The W. Gehr Farm is located on the south side of Route 40, near the town of Indian Springs. The farm complex is set back slightly from the road, and is surrounded by open farmland, and behind it is Stone Quarry Ridge which borders the property on the south and west. Approaching from the east on Route 40, the view of the property is scenic.

The complex includes a farmhouse which faces northeast towards Route 40 and a barn on the slope to the west of the house. The house is 2½ stories high, gable roofed, and probably of frame construction. It is three bays wide by two deep, and has two interior end chimneys. The principal facade has a porch and a central doorway which is flanked on each side by a double-hung sash window like those seen throughout the house. The house appears to be well maintained and in good condition.

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** _____

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.

The W. Gehr Farm is significant architecturally as a well-maintained example of a typical mid-19th century Washington County farmstead which also has an unusually scenic setting. The farmhouse is an example of the I-house (a house form seen throughout Maryland), as built during this period. The property is shown on both the 1859 Taggart map of Washington County and the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas of the county as that of W. Gehr.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson, An Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland, Philadelphia, 1877.

Taggart, T., A Map of Washington County, Maryland, 1859.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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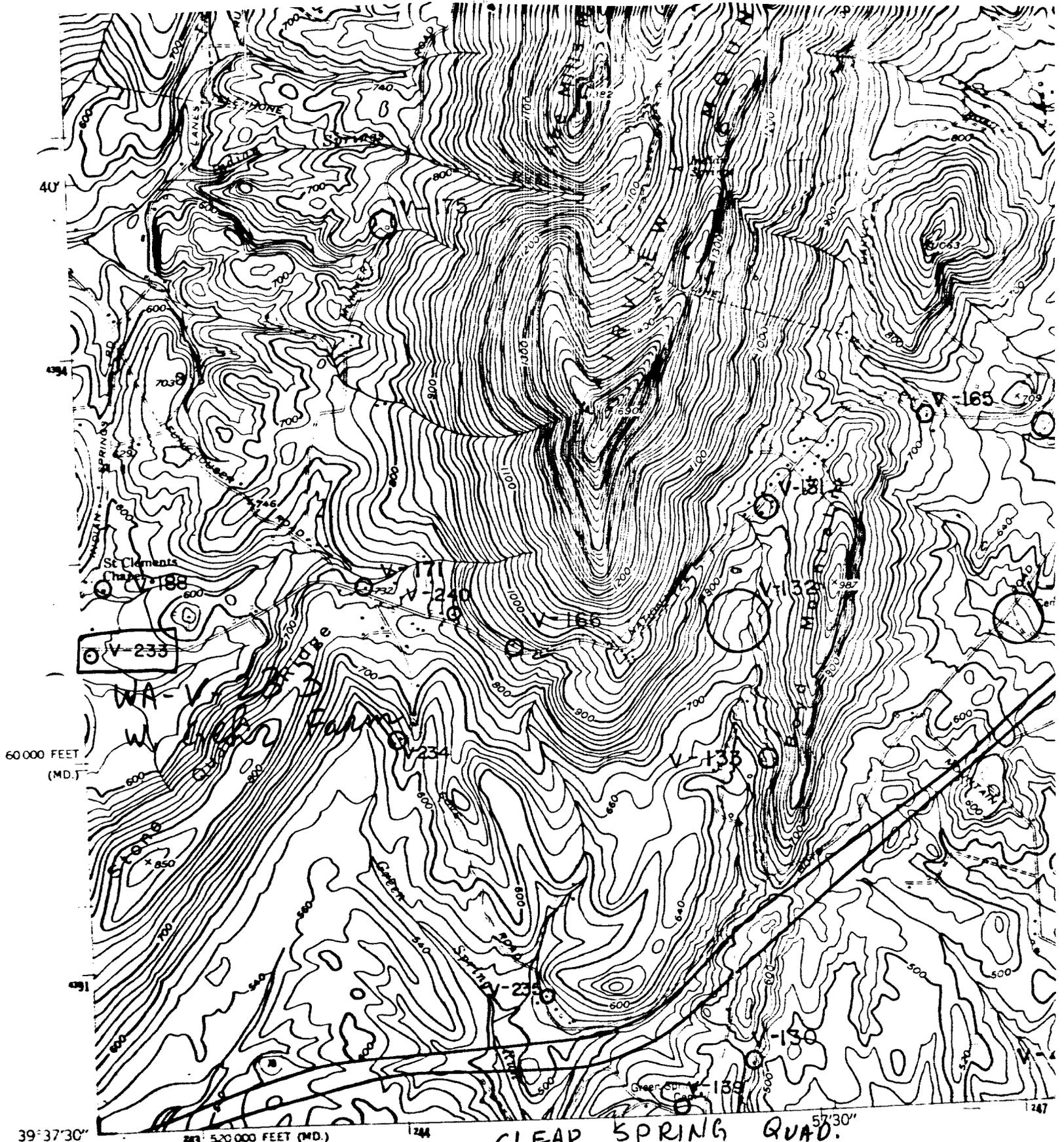
street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 269-2438

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

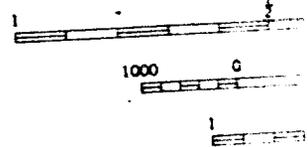
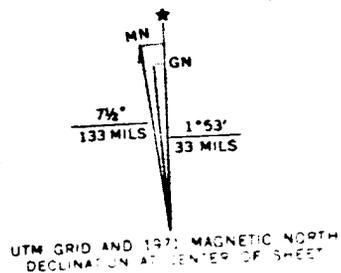
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 Topography from aerial photographs by photogrammetric methods
 Aerial photographs taken 1943. Field check 1944
 Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1955
 Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
 10,000 foot grids based on Maryland coordinate system,
 and Pennsylvania coordinate system, south zone
 (The boundary between them are shown in brown)



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