

CAPSULE SUMMARY
Shearer House
BA-572
19400 Grave Run Road
Hampstead, Baltimore County
Circa 1865
Private

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Sited close to the road, this two-and-a-half wood frame dwelling is located in a rural setting on a sloping grassy lot surrounded by mature trees. Along the road is a picket fence. This L-shaped house is raised on a full solid rubble coursed foundation with quoins, and is capped with a cross gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The dwelling is clad with German weatherboard siding. The façade, facing west away from the road, is three bays wide with two central recessed entries, one for access to the basement and one on the first floor. The first and second story of the façade is lighted with five 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows with square wood sills, and the basement has two 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows. Both the basement and first floors entries contain a single-leaf door. The basement is a woof flush door, and the first floor entry is covered, however, it is illuminated with a three-light transom. There are two

interior-end brick parged chimneys, and a two-story gallery on the rear ell. The porch uses wood posts and square balusters. The roof features a molded wood cornice with returns, overhanging eaves, and is sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. Two historic outbuildings remain on the property; a bank-side barn, and a log dwelling. The log dwelling is two stories high, constructed with v-notching, and is two bays wide with a side gable roof clad with corrugated sheet metal. The building has been reset upon concrete piers. The façade is lighted with two 3/3 and one 6/3 double-hung wood sash windows. The entrance is missing its single-leaf door. The building features stone chinking, exposed roof rafters, wood shakes in the gable ends, and square sills. The barn is one-and-a-half stories high and five bays wide with a large center two-leaf drive-in entrance. Two windows originally were 4/4 double-hung wood sash. Two openings are covered with wood louvered vents. The barn is raised on a rubble coursed foundation, is clad with vertical boards, and the roof is sheathed with corrugated sheet metal. A low stone wall is located west of the barn.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-572

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Shearer House (preferred)

other

2. Location

street and number 19400 Grave Run Road __ not for publication

city, town Hampstead __ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Edward T. and Suzanne L. Mullin

street and number 19400 Grave Run Road telephone Not Available

city, town Hampstead state MD zip code 21074

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 10637 folio 210

city, town Towson tax map 10 tax parcel 15 tax ID number 0506020275

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			1	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	1865 ca.	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1865 ca.		

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 38.13 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Lineboro Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Shearer House is located at 19400 Grave Run Road in Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 10, parcel 15 since its construction in the third quarter of the 19th century.

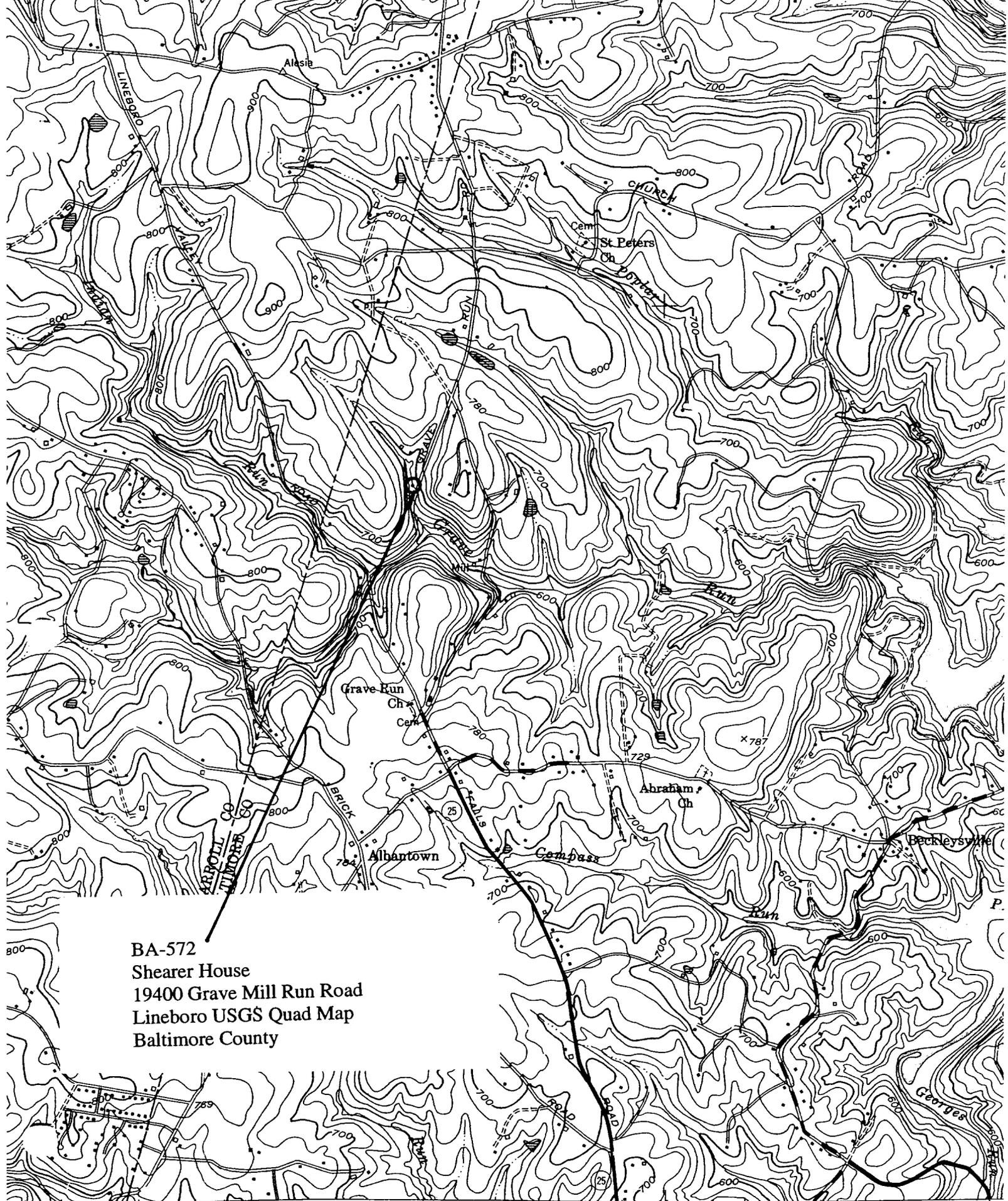
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	February 11, 2002
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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 Shearer House
 1940 Grave Mill Run Road
 Lineboro USGS Quad Map
 Baltimore County

343 | 344 (HAMPSTEAD) 5663 III SE | 345 | WHITE HOUSE 2.1 MI. BUTLER 7.3 MI. | 346 47°30' | 347 | FORESTON 1.3 MI. 2.7 MI. TO MD. 137

SCALE 1:24 000



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BARN, SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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