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John Keller House
Buckeystown
Private

1900
John Keller

The John Keller House is a two and one-half story hip roofed frame residence covered with narrow clapboarding with corner boards. The main entrance is a multipaneled door with segmented and paneled side lights with three light transom.

A frame columned porch with turned balustrade railing and decorative garland frieze extends across the front of the residence.

Three bay wide finials with cast iron finials extend from the north and south ends of the building. The roof is covered by patterned slate material with fishscale shingling and supported by a boxed cornice with decorative diamond frieze.

The house was built in 1900 soon after Keller purchased the lot for \$460.41 from the M. J. Grove Lime Company which had acquired the large Simmons Farm one year earlier.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC John F. Keller House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Albert E. Ropp

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 131

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

5- - 18

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

The John Keller House is a two and one-half story hip-roofed frame residence which faces east from the west side of Route 85 in Buckeystown. The principal facade of the residence is five bays wide. The main entrance, a multi-paneled door with segmented and paneled side lights and three light transom is located in the third bay. Occupying the remaining bays on the first level are 1/1 windows with louvered shutters.

A five bay wide frame columned porch extends across the front of the residence. The twin dentiled cornice of the porch is decorated by a garland frieze with pediment over the entrance way. Turned balustrades form the railing around the porch.

Located in each bay on the second level are 1/1 windows with louvered shutters. A small center gable extends from the porch directly over the main entrance and is occupied by a small segmented Palladian window.

Three bay wide turrets with cast iron finials extend from the north and south ends of the building. An original two story frame addition with two story open porch extends to the rear of the residence.

The entire structure is built on a low coursed random stone foundation and is covered by narrow weatherboarding with corner boards. The roof is covered by patterned slate material with fishscale shingling. The roof is supported by a boxed cornice with decorative diamond frieze. Two single brick chimneys extend from either side of the center roof of the building and one straddles the roof in the rear addition of the building.

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input 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	1900	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	John F. Keller
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John F. Keller House was built in 1900, soon after Keller purchased the lot for \$460.41 from the M. J. Grove Lime Company¹ which had acquired the large Simmons farm (Springdale) one year earlier.² John Keller was the nephew of Charles E. Keller.³

The garland frieze decoration on both Keller houses in Buckeystown is almost identical.

Interior carved wood paneling remains intact on the interior of the house.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber DHH 5; Folio 404.

²Ibid., Liber WIP 9; Folio 416.

³T. J. C. Williams, History of Frederick County, P. 1360.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T. J. C., The History of Frederick County, Maryland, Regional Company: Baltimore, Maryland, 1965; 1906 Reprint, p. 1188.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .38 acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

clh

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

5/31/79

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

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



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John Keller House

w/s Rte 85

BULLYSTONE

EAST ELEVATION

CEW 3/79



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John Keller House
W/3 Rte 85
BUCKEYSTOWN

SOUTHEAST
TELEVATION

CEW 3/79