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Charles Keller House
Buckeystown
Private

1899

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Charles Keller House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
East 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 checked="" 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 Kenneth Lloyd

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 26

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21717

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 1028

Folio #: 931

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input 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 Charles Keller House is an irregular shaped Colonial Revival three story frame residence with some Queen Anne elements which faces west from the east side of Route 85 in Buckeystown.

The Charles Keller House because of its size and multiple gables and projections is the most prominent residence in Buckeystown. The principal facade is three bays wide. The main entrance located in the second bay is an elliptical arch entrance with fan light and side light which is flanked by fluted frame columns. The original door, a five panel door has been altered by the replacement of three panels with glass panes. The center section of the building where the entrance is located is emphasized by projecting from the main block of the building. The main entrance is further emphasized by the treatment of the second bay on the second and third levels.

In the second bay on the second level are three windows, larger 1/1 sash in the center flanked by two narrow 1/1 windows with a pedimented frontispiece decorated by garlands in relief.

Located in the second bay on the third level is a Palladian window with round arch sash. A pedimented dentil cornice with return completes the center portion of the building.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second levels are 1/1 windows with louvered shutters. Hip roofed dormers supported by scrolled brackets project on the third level.

Three bayed windows are located in the northwest and southwest corners of the building. Double hung single pane sashes with louvered shutters occupy each bay. An unusually wide friezed band decorated by garlands in relief extends across the facade of the building and is repeated in a frieze on the columned porch with turned railing which surrounds the west and north sides of the building on the first level.

The main entrance is emphasized by a pediment with dentil cornice. The main block of the building is four bays deep. An original two story addition extends to the rear of the main block.

The entire structure is built on a low random stone foundation and is constructed of beveled siding with corner boards. The building is covered by a slate hipped roof with boxed cornice with dentil molding. Two corbeled brick chimneys and a balustraded deck rise from the center roof of the residence.

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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 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 1899 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Keller

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Charles Keller House, a fine three story frame Victorian residence which dominates the center of Buckeystown, was built in 1899 when Charles Keller purchased land from the Suman family who lived south of the property.¹

Charles Keller was the son of Jonathan Keller and Jane Louisa Springer. His father, according to William's "History of Frederick County", moved to Buckeystown from Middletown and worked as a Tailor and Justice of the Peace in Buckeystown. Charles Keller worked in the lime industry with his brother, O. J. Keller, and in 1899, upon the death of his brother, became President of the O. J. Keller Lime Company.

According to William's History, "Mr. Keller is one of the enterprising businessmen of Frederick County...He built a beautiful three story residence in Buckeystown. It is one of the finest homes in the city."²

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber HWB 306; Folio 78.

²T. J. C. Williams, History of Frederick County, P. 1161.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T. J. C., History of Frederick County Maryland, Regional Publishing Company: Baltimore, Maryland, 1967; 1906 Reprint, p. 1161.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.40 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 clh

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

7/3/79

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland 21701

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