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Barney Howard House
Burkittsville
Private

C. 1860

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The house is particularly important because of its association with the slaves of the 1860's in Frederick County which evolved into a free Black community after the Emancipation Proclamation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Barney Howard House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Route 17

CITY, TOWN

Burkittsville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME C. J. Kennedy

Telephone #: 530-6416

STREET & NUMBER

9601 Montgomery Drive

CITY, TOWN

Bethesda

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

20014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 1006

Folio #: 127

STREET & NUMBER

North Court St.

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Barney Howard House is a two story stuccoed stone house banked on the east side of South Mountain facing east near Burkittsville.

The principal facade which is two stories high is three bays wide. A simple frame two story porch extends from the east side of the building between the first and third bays. The second story floor is level with the mountain floor to the rear of the cabin.

Located in the second bay on the first and second levels are replaced entrances. Occupying the remaining bays on each level are window openings. Most of the framing of the windows is missing, however they appeared to have held six light panes.

The interior of the residence on the first level appears to have been divided into two rooms, one 16' x 16' includes a large stone fireplace on the north gable wall, stairs, door and window. The small room on the south side measures 8' x 16' with one window. The floor is dirt covered.

A tight winder staircase is located in the northeast corner of the building and leads to the second floor which has a severe forward tilt. A stovepipe hole is the opening in the fireplace on the second level. A small open staircase in the northwest corner leads to a crawl space on the attic level.

A single beam extends across the entire length of the building on the first level.

The building is constructed of mostly reused lumber with eighteen inch stone walls. It is covered by a replaced asphalt gable roof. A single brick chimney extends from the north gable end of the building.

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, Black History	<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	C. 1860	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Barney Howard
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Barney Howard House is significant as an example of a residence built by a freed Black soon after his emancipation in the 1860's.

Howard acquired the five acres of land from Mary D. Governor in February, 1869, and paid \$500.00 for it.¹ The land had been part of the Thomas Lee Estate which Howard may have worked on as a slave. The Howard family lived in the house, building another log dwelling adjacent to it in the 1920's, until 1977.

The house is particularly important because of its association with the slaves of the 1860's in Frederick County which evolved into a free Black community after the Emancipation Proclamation.

Frederick County Land Records, Liber CM 4; Folio 4.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE

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DATE

7/26/79

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

HARPERS FERRY QUADRANGLE
VIRGINIA—MARYLAND—WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

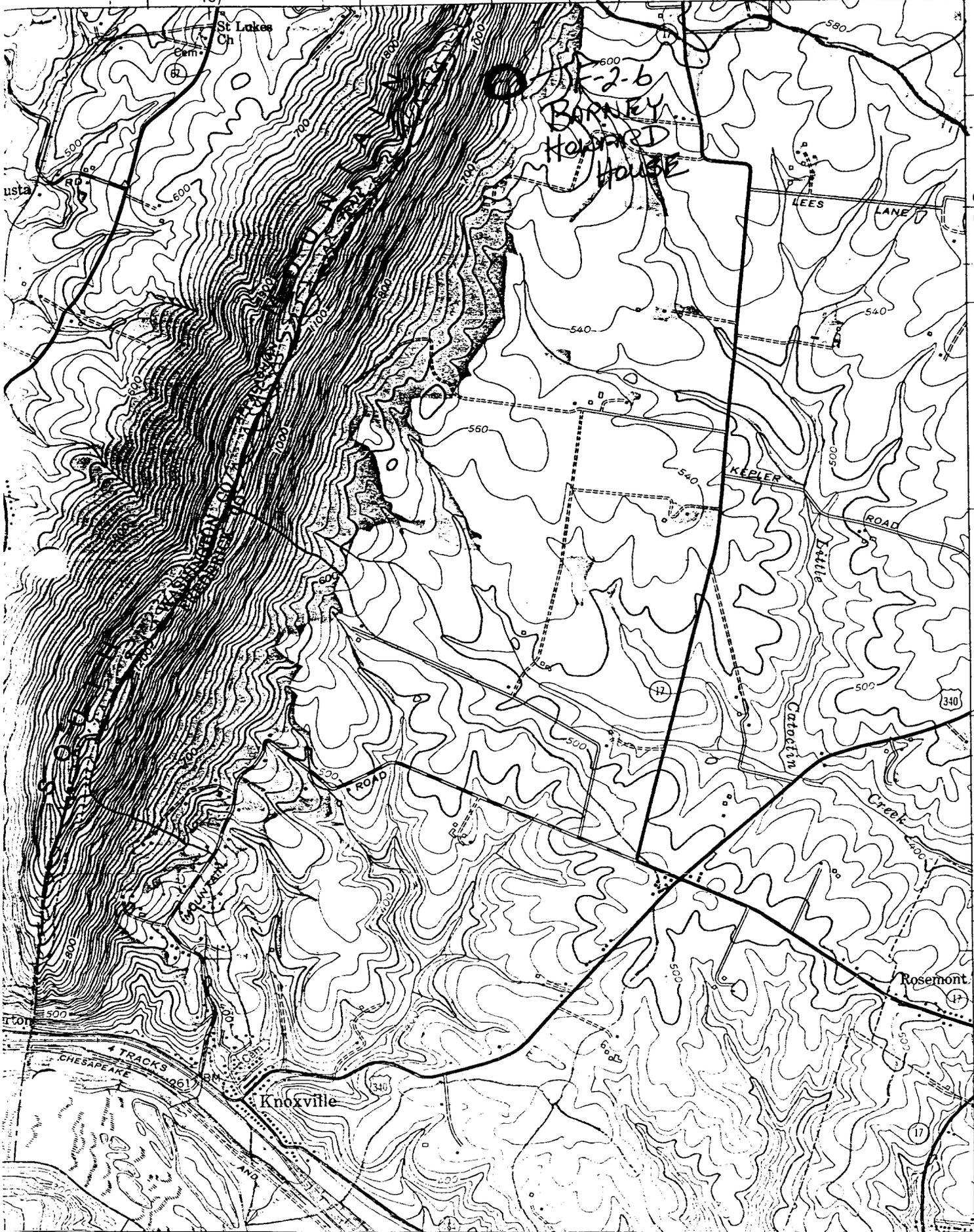
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9.3 MI. TO U.S. 40
BROWNSVILLE 0.6 MI.

SW/4 ANTIETAM 15' QUADRANGLE
BURKITTSVILLE 1.5 MI.

77°37'30"
39°22'30"

2 240 000 FEET (VA.)



620 000 FEET
(VA.)

PETERSVILLE 0.8 MI.
FREDERICK 13 MI.

20'

Knoxville

Rosemont

4 TRACKS
CHESAPEAKE



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(EAST ELEVATION)



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