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Garst House - Meadowlark Farm
Walkersville
Private

Circa 1800
Henry Dietrick

The Garst House, a two story brick structure located on Stauffer Road near Ceresville and Walkersville, was built by Henry Dietrick circa 1800. The first recorded sale of the property was between Henry Dietrick and his son, Philip Dietrick, in 1826. The property passed through a number of prominent owners in the ensuing years. It was purchased in 1901 by Ezra L. Cramer Jr. from the estate of his father, Ezra L. Cramer Sr. The farm was at this time referred to as "Level Meadows."

The principal facade is five bays wide. The main entrance is located in the third bay. It consists of a recessed doorway with three light transom in which is set a wooden panelled door with original box lock. The remaining bays are occupied by 6/6 original pegged windows crowned by wooden lintels and framed by replacement shutters. A three bay entrance porch spans the facade. It is supported by plain wooden columns and covered by a standing seam tin roof.

The house was constructed in three sections. The original north wing was laid in Flemish bond brick. The south wing was laid in common bond brick with a row of headers every six rows of brick. A brick and frame addition is located on the north side of the north wing. The entire structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof and constructed on a stone rubble foundation. A number of interesting outbuildings further add to this impressive structure and setting. These include a brick outbuilding with original strap hinges, a brick silo and stone barn.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Garst House - Meadowlark Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
South Side of Stauffer Road

CITY, TOWN
Walkersville ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth M 58/ P 5

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
XX BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. and Mrs. John Garst

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Box 9203

CITY, TOWN
Walkersville ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21793

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 498
Folio #: 207

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Garst House, a two and a half story Flemish bond and common bond brick structure, is situated on the south side of Stauffer Road facing east. The Garst House, like many rural houses, was built in sections. The north wing is the oldest section of the house followed by the south wing, and the brick frame two story addition to the north side.

The principal facade of the main structure is five bays wide. Occupying the third bay is the main entrance. It consists of a recessed panelled doorway with three light transom and a wooden panelled door with original box lock. Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second floors are original, pegged 6/6 windows crowned by plain wooden lintels, and framed by replacement louvered shutters.

A three bay entrance porch spans the facade of the structure. It is supported by plain wooden columns and covered by a standing seam tin roof. Beneath the roof is a plain wooden boxed cornice.

The northern wing of the main structure, the oldest section of the house is laid in Flemish bond brick. The southern wing is laid in common bond brick with a row of headers every six rows of brick. The entire structure is covered by an original standing seam tin roof. The foundations are constructed of stone rubble. Two double chimneys rise from the structure, one from the south and one from the north gable end.

A two story brick and frame addition rises to the north of the north wing. The addition is two bays wide with 6/6 windows and replacement louvered shutters. The addition rests upon a stone rubble foundation and is covered by a standing seam tin roof. A one story closed porch on the facade of the addition is a later renovation. A chimney rises from the north gable end.

An interesting outbuilding is located to the rear of the structure. The structure is constructed of brick and rests upon a stone foundation. An original board and batten wooden door with strap hinges serves as the entrance. The building is covered by a standing seam tin roof.

One of the most distinctive features of the farm is the stone barn and brick silo. The barn is covered by a standing seam tin roof and is constructed of stone rubble. Hogarth curves are visible on the west side of the structure. The brick silo is laid in American bond brick with a row of headers every seven rows of brick.

The Garst House is a unique and excellent example of rural architecture in the Frederick County area. The excellent outbuildings add distinction to a well proportioned and symmetrical main structure.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Circa 1800 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Henry Dietrick

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Garst House, a two story brick structure, was built in the early nineteenth century by Henry Dietrick. The property was sold to Philip Dietrick, son of Henry Dietrick in 1826.[1] The land on which the house was built was originally a part of Dulaney's Lot, a tract of land owned by attorney Daniel Dulaney before the Revolutionary War. The property was a part of the property sold to Susannah Beatty in 1732 by Dulaney.[2]

A number of distinguished Frederick County residents owned the property in the ensuing years. The property was purchased by Ezra L. Cramer, Sr. from Jacob Hostetter in 1870.[3] Ezra Cramer, born 1827 on the Cramer home farm near Walkersville, was a land speculator.[4] His son Ezra L. Cramer, Jr. purchased the property then called "Level Meadows" from trustee, Frank L. Stoner, in 1901.[5] The farm was again sold in 1905 to Clayton M. Zimmerman, a prominent landowner and farmer in the Walkersville area. The farm has remained in the family of Clayton Zimmerman to the present day.

The Garst House is significant agriculturally, architecturally, and historically to the Frederick County area. The land on which the house is situated has been in continual agricultural use since 1732. Architecturally the home is an excellent example of rural architecture further enhanced by the distinctive outbuildings, including the stone barn and brick silo, part of the working structures on the farm. Historically the farm is part of the Beatty purchase of one thousand acres from attorney Daniel Dulaney. Susannah Beatty and her twelve sons were among the earliest settlers in the area of Ceresville, Mount Pleasant and Walkersville.

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[1]Frederick County Land Records, Liber J. S. 26; Folio 274.

[2]Ibid., Liber A. F. 9; Folio 47.

[3]Ibid., C. M. 5; Folio 415.

[4]T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland, 1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967, Vol II, p 1268.

[5]Frederick County Land Records, Liber D. H. H. 11; Folio 221.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 193 acres, 1 rood and sixteen perches

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

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STATE: Maryland

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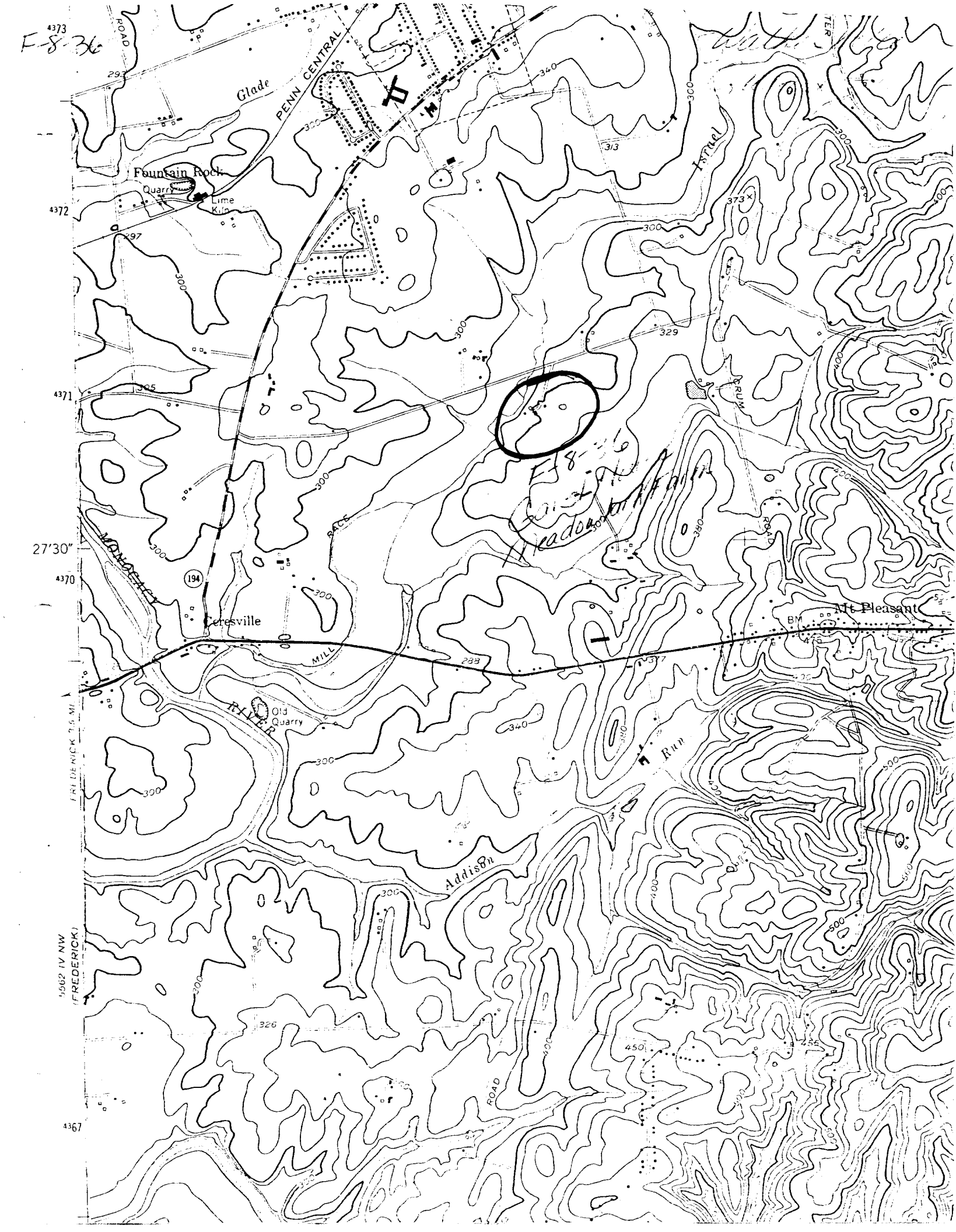
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Quarry
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CRUM
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Meadowbrook Farm
MONOCACY
RIVER
194
Ceresville
MILL
RACE
Old Quarry
Mt Pleasant
BM
Run
Addison
ROAD
27'30"
4373
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FREDERICK 3.5 MI

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Guest House
southeast elevation
DES 7/20/79
5/5 Stauffer Road

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Guest House
northeast elevation
DE 57/20/19
5/5 Stauffer Rd.

F-8-36
Guest House
Stone barn
& brick silo
DES 7/20/79
5/5 Stauffer Rd.