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Creager House  
Walkersville, Maryland  
Private

Circa 1780

The Creager House, a two and a half story stone structure, was built in the late eighteenth century. The farm on which the house is situated has been owned and tenanted by a number of Walkersville families in the ensuing years.

The house was built in two sections. The south wing, the original structure, is four bays wide with replaced entrances located in the second and fourth bays. The remaining bays are occupied by original pegged 9/6 windows on the first floor, and 6/6 windows on the second floor, all crowned by stone flat arches. 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. A pent roof which once spanned the south wing has been removed and replaced by a box cornice on the east and west sides. Two cannon-ball arches are found; one in the south and one in the north gable ends of the south wing. These once held the date of construction of the south wing.

The north wing, constructed of rubble stone is two bays wide with a replaced door in the first bay and 6/6 windows in the remaining bays. A one story closed porch to the rear of the structure is covered by a saltbox or catslide roof. Both structures are covered by a standing seam tin roof. The entire structure rests on a stone rubble foundation with a stone water table which spans the facade.

The structure is an architecturally significant residence with features unique to the Walkersville area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Creager House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East Side of Stauffer Road

CITY, TOWN

Walkersville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6 M58/P65

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mr. and Mrs. Willard Holter

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

East Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Middletown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21769

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 591

Folio #: 537

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

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Creager House, a two and a half story stone structure, is located on the east side of Stauffer Road facing east.

The house, like many rural homes, was built in two separate sections. The south wing is the oldest section of the house. The south wing constructed of coursed quarried stone, is four bays wide on the first floor. The entrances are located in the second and fourth bays. They consist of deeply recessed doorways with replaced doors. Occupying the remaining bays on the first floor are original pegged 9/6 windows. Occupying the three bays on the second floor are 6/6 windows. There is evidence of shutters that once framed these windows but are now missing. Stone flat arches crown the windows and the entrances.

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

The structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof. A pent roof once covered the south, west, and east sides of the structure. This is now removed and a replacement box cornice with return is in its place. A single brick chimney rises from the center of the structure. The structure rests on a stone rubble foundation with a stone water table across the facade of the structure.

The south side of the south wing is two bays wide. Occupying the two bays are 9/6 windows on the first floor, and 6/6 windows on the second floor. Two six pane gable windows are located above the area of the once existent pent roof. All windows in the south wing are crowned by stone lintels. In the upper reaches of the gable is found a brick cannonball shaped arch that once housed a stone inscribed with the date of the house. An identical arch is found in the north gable of the south wing.

The north wing, a later addition to the structure, is constructed of rubble and fieldstone. It is two bays wide with an entrance in the first bay. It consists of a replaced door in a deeply recessed doorway. Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second floors are original 6/6 windows.

To the rear of the structure is a frame closed porch covered by a saltbox or catslide roof. The entire structure is covered by a standing seam tin roof. The structure rests upon a stone rubble foundation. Original snow boards are found on the east and west sides of the structure above the replaced box cornice. One brick chimney rises from the north gable end of the stone addition.

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**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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Creager House, a two and a half story stone structure, was constructed in two separate sections. The south wing, the oldest section of the house, was constructed in the late eighteenth century. The stone rubble north wing, a later addition, was probably constructed in the early nineteenth century.

The Creager House was owned by a number of Walkersville families throughout the nineteenth century. It remained in the Creager family for over forty years. The house and farm were purchased by Ephraim Zimmerman in 1879.<sup>1</sup> Ephraim Zimmerman, a prominent Frederick County resident, was the owner of a number of farm properties in the Walkersville - Mount Pleasant area and served as county school commissioner and elder of the Mount Pleasant Church.<sup>2</sup> The property passed to the son of Ephraim Zimmerman, Clayton M. Zimmerman, in 1894.<sup>3</sup> The farm remained in the Zimmerman family until 1957.

The Creager House is a significant structure in the vicinity of Walkersville and Mount Pleasant. Owned and tenanted by a number of Walkersville families for years, the house is an excellent example of vernacular architecture. The cannonball brick arches in the gables which once housed the date of construction are quite unique in this particular area of the county.

<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber T.G. 11; Folio 304.

<sup>2</sup>T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland (1910; rpt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1967) Vol. II, p. 1198.

<sup>3</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber J.L.J. 5; Folio 644.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**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**

NAME / TITLE clh

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ORGANIZATION  
Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE  
10/19/79

STREET & NUMBER  
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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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Auger Hole

e/s Stauffer Rd.

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southeast elevation



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Crager Horse

e/5 Stauffer Rd

n. Walkersville

DES 7/27/79

northwest elevation



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Cruger House

DES 7/27/79

e/s Stauffer Rd.

Detail - south  
gable