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Ca. 1775

Gieselman House

Woodsboro, Maryland

Private

The Gieselman House is a 2-story fieldstone house with a standing seam metal gable roof and a one-story porch. Possibly built about 1775, it pre-dates the Woodsboro town plan of 1786. Occupied by Jessie Gieselman in 1873, the house and its log cooper shop exemplify the stonemasonry and wood construction technology of German settlers in Frederick County in the 18th century. Its remaining outbuildings document the domestic living unit in small towns of the late 18th, the 19th, and early 20th centuries.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Rural Agrarian Intensification (A.D. 1680-1815)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
Economic, (Commercial and Industrial)

Resource Types:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/Single dwelling/residence
Commerce/Trade/Specialty Store/Cooper Shop

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Gieselman House and Cooper Shop (preferred)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 305 N. Main St. not for publicationcity, town Woodsboro vicinity of congressional district 6th

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 checked="" 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Glen F. & Laura Stottlemeyer

street & number 305 N. Main St. telephone no.:

city, town Woodsboro state and zip code Md. 21798

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 911

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 515

city, town Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-8-54

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 5

Summary Description:

The Gieselman House is a two-story fieldstone house with a standing seam metal gable roof and a one-story porch located on the west side of North Main Street (Maryland Route 194) in Woodsboro, Maryland. The principal elevation faces east and has five bays with a center entrance. A one-story frame shed addition extends across the entire rear or west elevation. Also located on the same lot are a log and frame cooper shop building, the brick base of a demolished wash house now used as a root cellar, a frame hen house now used as storage, with an adjoining frame outhouse, and a corrugated metal garage.

Additional Description:

The Gieselman House has 4 over 4 wood windows with paneled wood shutters on the first story and louvred wood shutters on the second story. The simple wood cornice returns on the gable ends. The porch on the east elevation has a standing seam metal roof and Tuscan wood columns. The wood lintels over the window openings are molded in a simple relief. The original door opening is partially concealed behind a storm door. It has a wood paneled door, paneled soffits and a recessed transom. From 1939 to approximately 1988, a frame enclosure on the porch concealed the doorway. The principal evidence of this alteration are the replaced floorboards in the center of the porch deck.

The north and south elevations have 2 bays each with shuttered windows on each story as on the east elevation. Two small square louvred attic windows are located in each gable end. Brick interior chimneys are located at each gable end. The west elevation has two windows on the second story separated by a small square window. The frame shed addition also has a standing seam roof and German siding.

The interior was not accessible for this survey. The owner says considerable alteration has taken place; however, further study is needed to assess fully its integrity.

Outbuildings:

The cooper shop located about 30 feet north of the house is banked into the slope so that an entrance to the shop opens on the road level. A stone foundation is exposed almost to the lintel of the door to the shop. The east and south elevations above the foundation are sided with vertical flush boards. An exterior rubble stone chimney with a brick top is located on the north elevation. The west elevation shows the exposed log structure with the common inverted V-notched corner joinery of German log structures. A single center entrance door with a deteriorated, corrugated metal roofed porch is flanked by a single 6 over 6 window. Two additional 6 over 6 windows are located in the upper east elevation.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Significance Summary:

The Gieselman House was possibly built about 1775, prior to the layout out of the Woodsboro town plan in 1786, making it one of the present town's oldest buildings. Occupied by Jessie Gieselman in 1873 according to the C.O. Titus map of Frederick County, the stone house and its log-structured cooper shop exemplify the stonemasonry and wood construction technology of German settlers in Frederick County in the 18th century. The cooper shop exemplifies the small trade buildings which often accompanied dwellings in towns and villages. The remaining outbuildings document the domestic living unit in small towns of the late 18th, 19th, and early 20th centuries.

Historic Context:

The Gieselman House was compared to existing survey information on stone houses built by German settlers in Frederick County in the 18th and 19th centuries. Its general state of integrity of exterior materials is very good as many comparable buildings have larger additions and rear ells of different time periods. An intruding alteration on the front porch was removed, restoring the elevation to its historic appearance. The existing outbuildings show the range of other building materials and resource types common to a small domestic group. The only missing element is the bank barn. In terms of the house's location at the edge of a small town, the cooper shop is more important to the context than the barn. The cooper shop was compared to other resources in Woodsboro as shown on the 1873 Titus map which shows dwellings and shops on the same lot. Some of these are still extant, but have been altered or incorporated into other buildings.

Background Information:

The circa 1775 date was given by the current owner, referring to title research done by local historians. The title has not been researched for this survey and should be done to verify the owner's information.

In Woodsboro Remembers (p. 66), the house is said to have been built by Jessie Gieselman (sic). On p. 70 is a photo of the cooper shop and the brick wash house identified as the Gieselman Cooper Shop. The cooper shop was also used during the early 20th century as a residence, information also given by the current owner.

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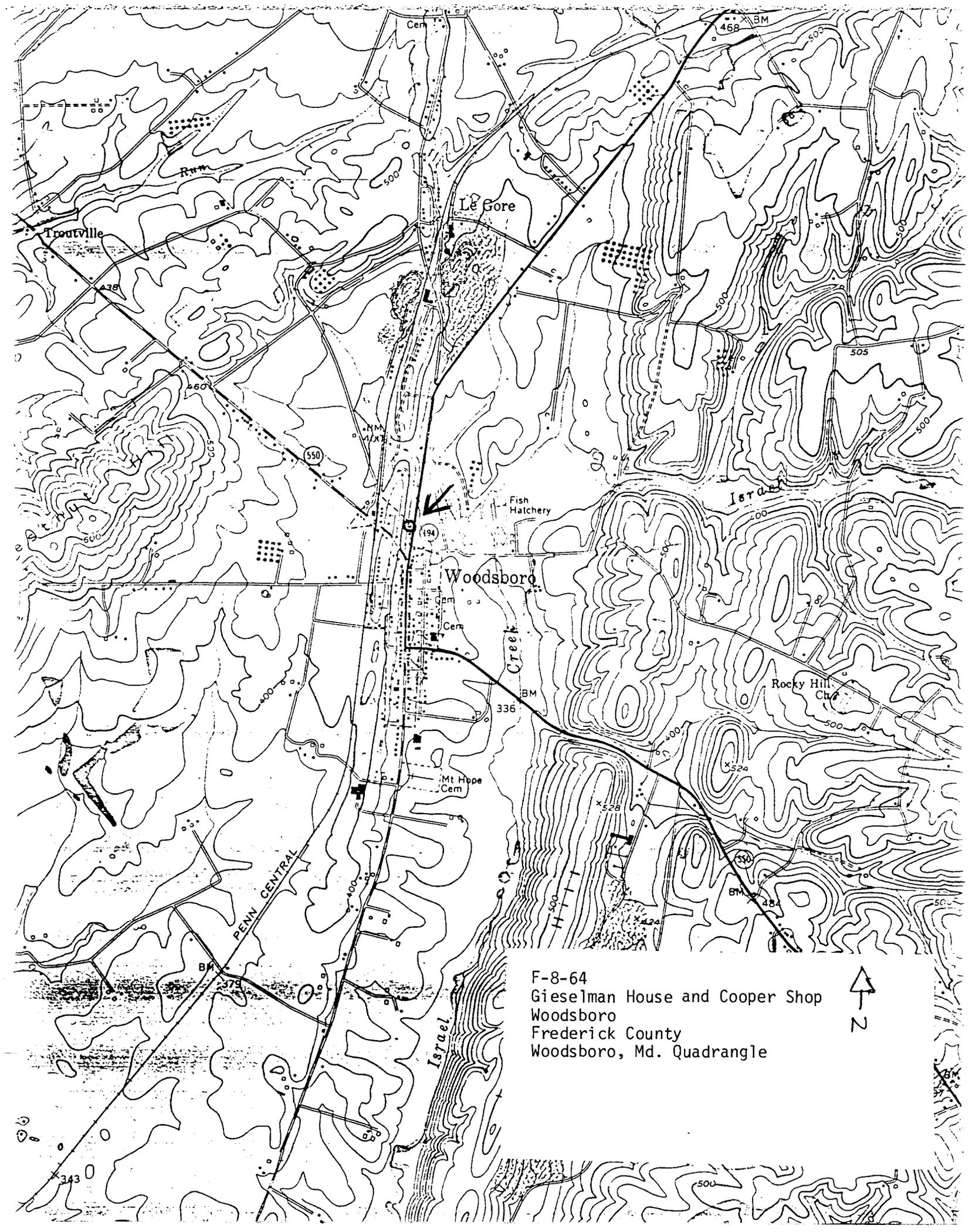
8.1 Significance Continued

The Frederick County Landmarks Foundation has placed a historical marker (#135) on the Gieselman House. Information in their file states that the owners in 1836 were Adam & Mary Haugh. Prior to the Haughs, the owner was John Graybill (dates unknown).

7.1 Description Continued

Between the cooper shop building and the house is a concrete-topped brick platform, the base of a brick wash house which was partially demolished in about 1940. Exterior doors to the former basement on the east give access to the present root cellar. Behind the root cellar to the west is a concrete block enclosure over the well.

The corrugated metal garage, built about 1940, is located on the site of a bank barn. The frame hen house and outhouse have shed roofs and are oriented toward the south. Flush board siding, placed both horizontally and vertically, enclose the hen house. A variety of windows are located on the south elevation. The outhouse has flush vertical siding.



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Woodsboro, Md. Quadrangle





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East elevation

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North elevation

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Cooper Shop and root cellar, east elevation

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Cooper Shop, well and root cellar, west elevation

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Cooper Shop, west elevation

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