

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: John Blocker House				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Bepler House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: U. S. Route 40, 1 mile west of Green Lantern Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Garrett		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Sarah Blocker and Laura Klotz				
STREET AND NUMBER: Star Route				
CITY OR TOWN: Frostburg			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Garrett County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: South Third Street				
CITY OR TOWN: Oakland			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 317-525				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is located on the north side of U. S. Route 40, one mile west of Green Lantern Road. It sets back several feet from the road on flat terrain. A stream known as Two-Mile Run flows several feet to the east of the house.

The house is a two and a half story, frame structure with a cross-gable on the facade (south side), clapboard siding, and a stone foundation. The building consists of a rectangular shape main portion with a two and a half story, frame wing attached to the westerly side of the back (north side). The end walls have returns. The cornice and the areas under the eaves are plain. The roof appears to have slate shingles and has lightning rods along the ridge. When compared to the other houses of this type found in the area, this structure is much larger in proportion and plainer in decoration.

The main section has five bays across the facade (south side) and two bays along the sides. The facade has a center door on the first floor, five windows on the second, and one after window above the central bays of the two lower floors. The windows are double-hung wooden sash with four-over-four lights. The attic windows in the gables have round tops. It appears that the exterior window shutters were removed in recent years.

A four bay porch runs the length of the facade and extends several feet to the east of the house covering a driveway and forming a portecochere. The section over the driveway extends back about two feet along the side of the house. The porch has a concrete floor, brick and concrete pillars and balustrades, and a frame porch. The portion in front of the house is divided into three sections with a small section centered and two larger and equal sections flanking it. The western end and westerly front bay are enclosed with long, narrow casement windows. This porch appears to have been built several years after the house was erected.

Another porch with a balcony runs along the back (north side) and the east side of the wing. It was originally a frame porch with a sharply pitched roof. In recent years, the first floor section was replaced with a concrete floor and iron railing.

The interior has a center hall with two rooms along both sides. The rooms are not of equal size. The staircase, located on the east side of the hall, appears to be original. Each of the doorways off the hall have transoms. The trim found throughout the first floor of the main section is of a design found commonly in early Victorian houses in south

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Mid-Nineteenth Century.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Blocker house is its architecture. The building represents a rural expression of the architectural style known as the Italiniate. Although the exact date of construction is unknown, the house appears to date from the mid-nineteenth century. The approximate date is based upon both interior and exterior stylistic features.

Traditionally, the building is known as the Bepler house and some people speculate that it was built for Bepler. That would date the house after 1870 when Henry Bepler purchased the land from the heirs of Isaac Beall. (Allegany County Land Records, Book 31, Page 191). The stylistic features of the first floor interior trim, however, indicate that the house may date from several years earlier. The trim (See sketch under description) is very similar to a type found commonly in south-central Pennsylvania houses of the 1830-1850 period. The land on which the house stands was a part of a larger tract owned by Jesse Tomlinson in the early part of the nineteenth century. In 1840, Tomlinson sold this section to Beall. (Allegany County Land Records, Book HB, number BB, page 190). The house dates probably from the years of Beall ownership.

The father of the present owners purchased the land about 1894 from the Bepler heirs. Presently, the farm contains about 300 acres of land. Another house in the Italiniate mode is included on the farm and is located on the south side of the road about .1 mile east of the Blocker house. (See form number G-I-004).

There is additional speculation by the local residents that the house was once used as an inn. Although not substantiated, the legend is based probably on the largeness of the structure and the fact that many of the interior doors have transoms.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Md.
 Garrett County Land Records, Oakland, Md.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Ronald L. Andrews, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc. DATE: 4/23/74

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn

CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

 Signature

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#7 DESCRIPTION (Continued)

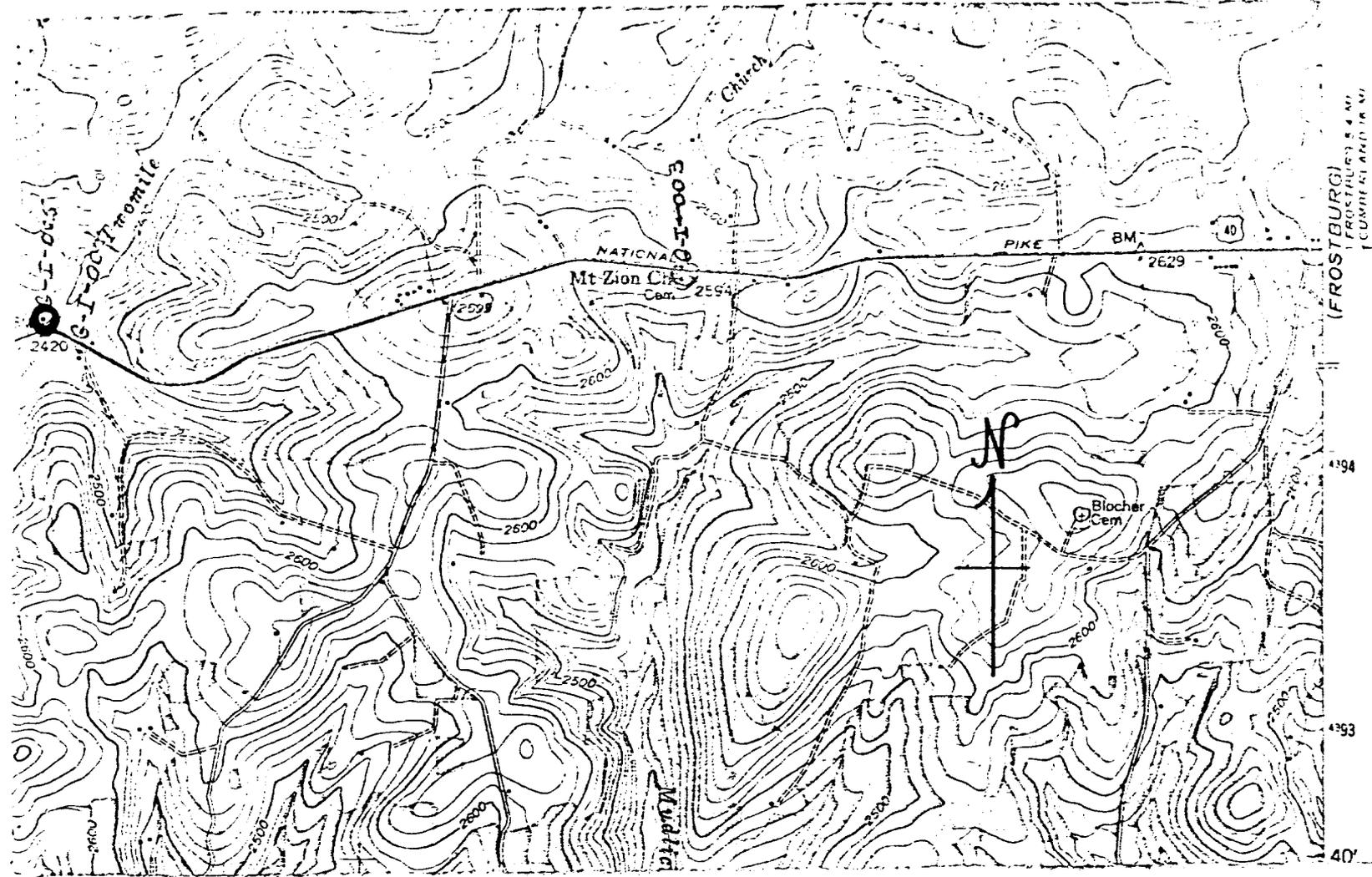
central Pennsylvania. (See attached sketch). The mantel piece in the south east room on the first floor is of a design characteristic of the mid-Victorian period.

The basic structure remains intact and appears to be in a good state of repair.

Sketch: (Not to scale) --

Door trim from first floor southeast room, west wall:





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 "Beyler House"
 U.S Route 40, 1 mile W of Green Lantern Rd
 Garrett Co., Maryland

Avilton, Md. - Pa.
 7.5 Minute series
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 1947



residence of John Blocker

"Bessler house"

U.S. Rt. 40, 1 mile W of Green Bankers Rd

Garrett County, Maryland

SE view

February, 1974

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