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Patrick Dorsey House
New Germany
Private

1884

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Patrick Dorsey House

AND/OR COMMON

Patrick Dorsey House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Lower New Germany Rd., W side, 1.8 mi. S of US Rt. 40

CITY, TOWN

New Germany

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ronald F. and Riitta K. Dubansky

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 396

Folio #: 6

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 Patrick Dorsey House is a two story, 5 bay by 4 bay, balloon frame dwelling with a cross gable roof and a stone foundation. Sheathed with German siding, all elevations display a symmetrical arrangement of window openings. In addition, the facade and rear elevations are sheltered by full length, single story porches. The building's massing and pattern of openings reflect its double pile, center hall plan. The interior retains much of its original ornamentation, including interior window shutters, a finely worked staircase, and plaster ceiling moldings.

Located on the west side of Lower New Germany Road, 1.8 miles south of the National Highway, the house has a commanding position on a slight rise above the road, coming into view after rounding the bend in the road. A frame bank barn is positioned approximately 130 yards northeast of the house on the opposite side of the road. The terrain is partially wooded, sloping down from Red Ridge in a southeasterly direction.

The facade is characterized by a five bay, center door arrangement, a central cross gable pierced by a round-arched 2/2 sash window, and a full length, flat-roofed porch. Windows on the first floor are floor-to-ceiling length 2/2 sash, while those on the second floor are a slightly shorter length 2/2 sash. The windows on all elevations, 2/2 sash throughout, are underlined by heavy wooden sills and are without surrounds. The facade doorway appears to have undergone some alteration. An extra-wide modern replacement door is flanked by a three-pane sidelight over a single raised panel, on its le side only, then these both are topped by an unusually large two-pane transom. Most likely, this doorframe originally held a narrower door with sidelights on both sides.

The flat-roofed facade porch rests on a recently installed concrete block foundation and is supported by four square columns with two half-columns at either side of the entrance. The square baluster railing with diamond-motif inserts lining the floor level and roofline are modern embellishments.

The northwest and southeast endwalls of the house are identical. A bay window occupies the half wall of the first floor nearest the facade, and two sash windows fill the remainder of the wall space. The second floor is punctuated with four evenly-spaced windows and the gables are pierced by a single round-arched 2/2 sash window.

The rear (SW) elevation is masked on its first floor by a modern enclosed porch. Its three bay second floor has had its center bay blocked. This center bay was a doorway and originally had an exterior stairway leading up to it.

The interior has four rooms of equal size per floor, two rooms on each side of the center hall. Some alterations in room size have occurred on the northeast side of the second floor, however, due to the installation of a bathroom at the rear.

An open, straight run staircase of eighteen treads rises along the southern wall of the hallway. An octagonal newel post with turned moldings at its base and crown, is situated at the corner of the first step on ground level. The turned baluster railing, spaced two per tread, and the jigsaw scroll ornamentation that embosses each step e curves 180 degrees at the top of the flight and continues across the open portion of the hall on the second floor. On both stories, all of the doors leading off the hall are raised, four panel doors with box locks and white porcelain knobs. Each door is

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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 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	<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

1884

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

¹Jacob Brown. Brown's Miscellaneous Writings. (1976 reprint of 1896 edition by the Bicentennial Committee of Garrett County, Maryland), p. 43.

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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

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Patrick Dorsey House
#7 Description (Cont'd)

topped by a very large, two-pane transom and is surrounded by a heavy molding.

On the first floor, the two front rooms have remained nearly in their original state, while the two rear rooms have been modernized as a kitchen and a laundry room. Both front rooms have all of their windows shuttered and surrounded by heavy moldings, including the bay windows on the endwalls. Because the windows are tall, each one has four jointed shutters so that they may be only partially closed, if desired. Each individual shutter has four recessed panels lined with vertically set beaded board. A large plaster ceiling molding is set in the center of each of these two rooms, the two moldings being different designs.

The second floor rooms have no ornamentation other than molded window surrounds.

Access to the attic is through a ladder in the hall. The attic walls are finished with lath and plaster, and whitewashed.

The building rests on a coursed, dressed, stone foundation with a full basement. A datestone set in the foundation of the northwest bay window reads: S1888PD.

The gable roof, with its central facade cross gable, is covered with corrugated metal. Two interior brick chimneys rise through the roof from the front room on the south side, and the rear room on the north side. The cornice is composed of a cyma recta underlined by a narrow cavetto molding and a plain fascia. It follows all angles of the roofline, then forms partial returns at the endwalls.

Also on the property is a gable-roofed, frame, bank barn on a poured concrete foundation. Its frame is constructed of both hewn and circular sawn lumber, mortise and tenoned together, and is sheathed with vertical board siding. A forebay extends across the rear elevation, and both endwalls are pierced by three louvered ventilation panels.

Jacob Brown. Brown's Miscellaneous Writings. J. J. Miller,
Cumberland, Md., 1896. (1976 reprint by Bicentennial
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AVILTON, GARRETT COUNTY.

said to be in a prosperous condition. But their spacious, plain edifice, now fifteen years old, needs a coat of white paint. They are able, but not willing, for such an enterprise.

This whole neighborhood was once densely covered with white pine and spruce, but it has in years past been cut and made into lumber in its various forms. In the places of once pine forests, of pine trees are now many farms under good cultivation, with excellent crops this season and a ready market for all surplus products in the George's Creek valley. The continuous rains for many weeks have delayed and somewhat damaged the crops, but still the yield will be more than an average, even though some buckwheat and corn should be spoiled. Besides the cereals and provender, there is an immense chestnut crop, now nearing its close. Plenty of sleek pigs in the woods.

There has been a decided improvement in this community not only in the people, but in every way, in the past few years. Beautiful new residences greet your eyes in many places, such as Hon. George W. Blocher and his brother Henry, who has just finished a handsome residence upon the old Blocher-Musselman seat, and Mr. Patrick Dorsey, who is comforted in one of the very finest dwellings in the county.

We were the guests of the widow Hanson Brown. She and her son John H. Brown run the best farm on the ridge. Their energy and prudence have been rewarded this season with full crops of all kinds for "man and beast." Her home is one of great hospitality and generosity to the many comers and goers, and of course, she is much liked and respected. She is a reader and a subscriber of the REPUBLICAN, and wonders why her bill does not put in appearance for payment, as it is her only known debt. A healthy financial condition truly. We met another patron, the spouse of a moderate Democrat, and a close reader of the REPUBLICAN—a lady of sense and considerable information. The writer was modestly questioned as to the authorship of certain articles heretofore published in the paper named of a historic character. She seemed to take pleasure in admitting she had read them with pleasure and interest, but she begged to say there was one error, in stating William Conrad was the last survivor of the jury that convicted George Swearngen in 1829. She averred her ancestor Jacob Winters, one of that panel, died a year or two later than

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SALISBURY AS IT

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Fifty years ago and ed many errands to home two miles south

SALISBURY AS IT WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO—AS IT IS NOW. 44

Conrad. No doubt she is right. A bright woman is hard to beat on matters of fact. There can be no impropriety in saying the lady referred to is Mrs. Andrew Lancaster. Just here let it be remarked city people greatly mistake and underestimate the intelligence and general information of the country people. Many of them are careful readers, and make good practical use of what they read and observe.

It was not difficult to persuade us to make a visit to our old friend P. Dorsey. Here one finds genuine hospitality and pure civility. His much respected wife died several years ago. His household is handsomely presided over by his trained daughters who make it pleasant for you whether it be a short or long stay. Dorsey is doing a large and prosperous business in the manufacture of lumber and shingles; for the latter there is more demand now than for some years, at good prices. This industry is now the only one of the kind in this part of the county.

The pioneer settler in this neighborhood was Christian Garlitz, at least 70 years ago. He built a cabin near where the Catholic church now stands in the dense woods, mostly pine. Tradition has it that in clearing a spot of ground around the house a perverse tree was felled upon it with the young wife inside. The anxious cry was "Sally, are you dead." She was unhurt, but strange to say, more than fifty years after, good old Christy was killed in the woods by the fall of a tree. The men here of three score or more, are Eli Whitzell, Christian Blocher, Andrew Blocher, Leo McKenzie, Israel Garlitz and P. Dorsey, all respectable and good citizens. The two oldest died within the last year—Jesse W. Chaney and Jeremiah McKenzie.

October 16th, 1888.

SALISBURY AS IT WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO, AND AS
IT IS NOW.

A visit combining business and pleasure brought us to this—a place of many bygone associations and recollections of a pleasant nature.

Fifty years ago and more, when a mere urchin we performed many errands to this now beautiful town, from a quiet home two miles south, just beyond the State line. The coun-

CHAIN OF TITLE

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December 21, 1978
396/6
\$47,000.00
5 acres ±

From: Harry E. Robeson & Helen S. Robeson
To: Ronald F. Dubansky & Riitta K. Dubansky
Election District No. 3.
"...being the remainder of a larger tract of land
of record in Liber A.G.R. No. 129, Folio 558..."
(metes and bounds given)

January 19, 1943
129/558
\$3,200.00
240 acres ±

From: Enoch O. Robeson & Lillie F. Robeson
To: Harry E. Robeson & Helen S. Robeson
"...known as Lot No. 18, being part of a tract
of land called 'WALNUT HILLS'..." (metes and bounds
given)

June 14, 1939
120/77
\$1,442.98 +
\$1,321.57
240 acres ±

From: Mary Krause
To: Enoch O. Robeson & Lillie F. Robeson
Consideration: \$1,442.98 plus \$1,321.57 due on a
mortgage, plus \$320.00 due on a
mortgage (same notes as above)

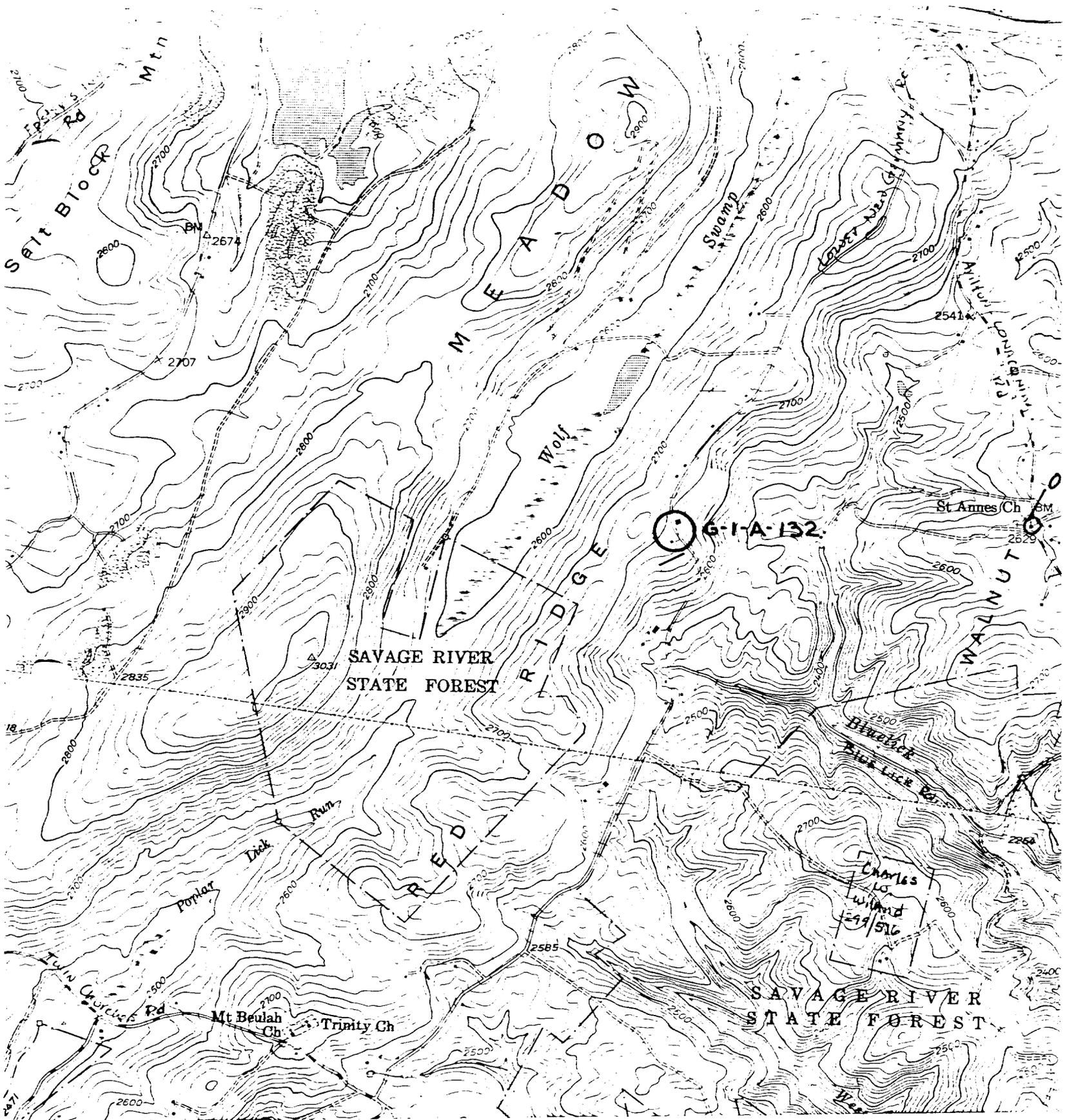
February 3, 1922
82/288
\$9,000.00
240 acres ±

From: John F. Hummell & Anna A. Hummell
To: John G. Krause & Mary Krause of Somerset, Co., PA
(same as above)

June 8, 1920
77/529
\$4,000.00
240 acres ±

From: Mary C. Dorsey, Margaret Dorsey, Clara A.
Dorsey and Daniel W. Dorsey
To: John F. Hummell
Lot No. 18 "Walnut Hills"

Note: Deed search not conducted at Allegany County Courthouse



Avilton, MD-PA
 USGS 7.5 Minute Series
 Scale 1:24,000
 1947; photorevised 1974

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 Lower New Germany Rd., W side,
 1.8 miles S of US Rt. 40



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Garrett County, MD
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Facade- NE elevation



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Rear: SW & SE elevations



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NW elevation



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Interior; Door, North Room



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Ceiling Molding; North Room



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Ceiling Molding; S Room



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Stairway



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