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The Werner/Warner Farm
Finzel
Agriculture/Private

Mid-late 19th century

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There are 2 frame houses and a frame bank barn on the site.

House A is a 2 story, 3 bay by 2 bay frame dwelling with a gable roof. The facade faces N.W. and is covered with a 2-story shed roof porch supported by four square, fluted, wooden columns.

House B is a 2-story, 3 bay by 1 bay frame house with a gable roof and faces N.E. A 1-story kithcen ell extends from the S.W. elevation. A large modern aluminum sided addition is located on the S.E. elevation.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Werner/Warner Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Route 546, approx. .2 mi. S. of PA State line.

CITY, TOWN
Finzel

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	X AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X 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	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Irene Werner c/o Helen Natolly, Natolly Real Estate Telephone #: (301) 689-5489

STREET & NUMBER
91 W. Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Frostburg

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21532

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 311
Folio #: 398

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Werner/Warner Farm is located on the E side of Rt. 546, approximately .2 mile S of the Pennsylvania line.

There are two frame houses and a frame bank barn on the site.

House A is a two story, three bay by two bay frame structure with a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The house has irregular width weatherboard siding with reeded cornerboards on the SE elevation and partial returns in the gable ends. The house rests on a stone foundation and is set into a bank with the central entrance facade facing NW. There is an interior chimney in the SW gable end and an exterior chimney on the NE gable end.

A two story shed roof porch along the facade is supported by four square wooden fluted columns and 2 wooden fluted pilaster cornerboards. The columns are supported by a concrete retaining wall. The ceiling under the facade porch is pressed metal. The facade entrance has a cornice with dentils, a 3-pane transom and 3 pane sidelights with corner lights. The sidelights surmount molded wooden panels.

The one story shed roof rear porch on the SE elevation is supported by six square wooden posts with a jig-sawn, open-work balustrade and rests on a stone and concrete block foundation. The floor is tongue and groove and there are steps on the NE end c the porch. A central entrance is flanked on each side by two pairs of four pane casement windows.

The NW, SW and second story SE elevation windows are six over six sash, and the NE elevation has four over four sash windows. There are two four pane windows in both attic gable ends.

The interior of House A is a central hallway plan with two rooms on either side. An interior wall on the NE side of the house has been removed. The staircase leading to the second floor is located in front of the hallway with an entrance to a full basement under the staircase.

House B is a two story, three bay by one bay frame house with a raised seam metal gable roof. There is a one story raised seam metal gable roof kitchen ell addition on the SW elevation. It has an exterior brick chimney at the gable end. A large modern vertical aluminum sided addition is on the SE elevation. The three bay by one bay with ell section of the house has german siding with cornerboards and stylized returns. It rests on a concrete foundation.

The facade faces NE and has an off-set entrance. A one story raised seam metal hip roof porch runs across the facade. It is supported by four turned posts and has a tongue and groove wood floor.

All windows are two over two sash with molded window heads and plain board surrounds. The ell addition has an off-set entrance, NW of the chimney.

The frame bank barn lies just N of House B. The enclosed forebay on the SE elevation has six stall entrances.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Werner/Warner Farm is representative of the mid to late nineteenth century farms found in Garrett County.

It is situated on a part of what once was the large land holdings of Joshua Johnson, descendent of Maryland's first governor, Thomas Johnson. Joshua Johnson settled this area of Garrett County in 1836 at the site of the Johnson farm on Rt. 40, west of Frostburg (present farm house was built by his sons in 1882). His vast land holding did not become available to other settlers until after his death in 1853. (Hoye, pp. 101-102). It appears that the land was sold after 1859 to settlers but not legally conveyed until the turn of the century. (Garrett County Land Records, Liber 38, Folio 263).

The Werner family migrated to this country from Germany in 1852, landing in Baltimore. Via train to Cumberland, they went to Meyersdale, PA., crossing the mountains on foot. It is unknown how long they stayed in Meyersdale, but one son, Frederick, his wife Barbara Deist Werner and 9 children came to the Finzel area to settle (Werner, Hilda C. The Werner Family). It can be assumed that they arrived at about the time Joshua Johnson's land was offered for sale, c. 1859. The 2 farmhouses on the farm confirm this mid-to late-nineteenth century date of settlement.

The Warners married into the Werner family; one of them married Daisy Werner, a granddaughter of Frederick, born in 1884. (Werner, Hilda C., The Werner Family).

The Finzel community cemetary is located .2 mile south of the farm on the east side of Rt. 546. It was originally laid out for the Finzel family and descendents, Werners, Drees, and Rosenbergers. Some of the tombstone inscriptions include:
John G. Finzel, died March 21, 1881, Aged 66 years, 3 months, 29 days.
Annie M. wife of J.G. Finzel, died March 19, 1892, Aged 73 yrs. 10 mos. 20 ds.
signed by R. or B.H. Koontz, Berlin, PA.
John R Werner, 1892-1947; Rose E. Werner, 1893-1975/ James Werner, 1887-1978; Laura Werner, 1894- /Henry J. Finzel, 1847-19__; Sarah C., 1852-1915/ Mary Carrie Finzel, 9/2/1870 to Aug. 26, 1931, "Too many sacrifices"/Lawrence B. Finzel, 1873-1919, "Led the World in Mining Coal."/ John Finzel, 1861-1902; Rachel, 1868-1945/ Rosenberger: Grace R. 1886-19__; John E. 1878-1957/ Godfrey Rosenberger, 1847-1939; Margaret, 1847-1920/ F. Casper Drees, 1856-1918; Anna C., 1856-1935.

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Garrett County Land Records, Liber 38, Folio 263.

Hoye, Charles E., Garrett County History of Pioneer Families, n.d.

Werner, Hilda C., The Werner Family. 1956 and 1969. (Collection of Robert Warner, Finzel, MD.).

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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
Donna Ware, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE
March 1981

STREET & NUMBER
Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE
301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SITE PLAN

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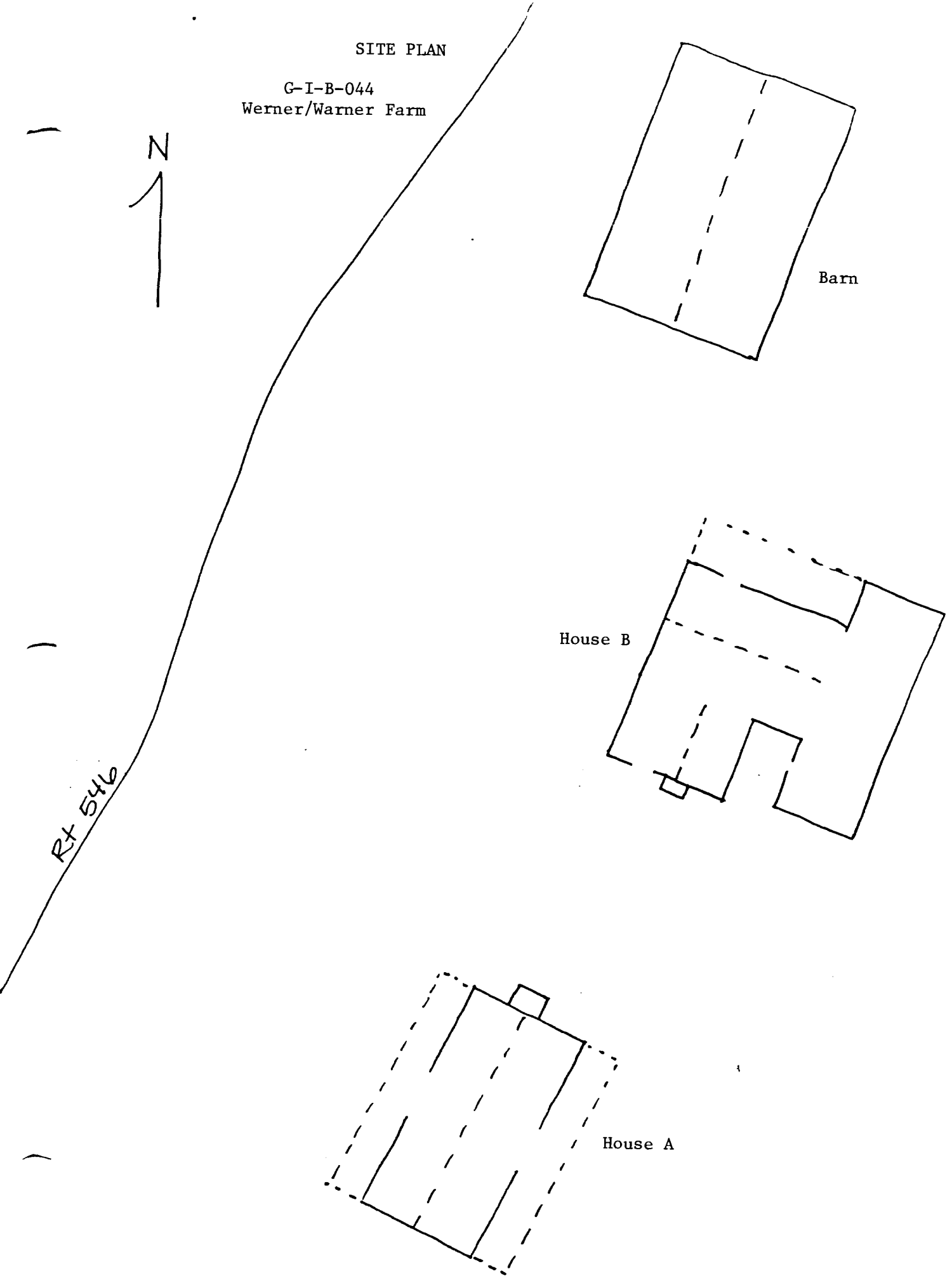
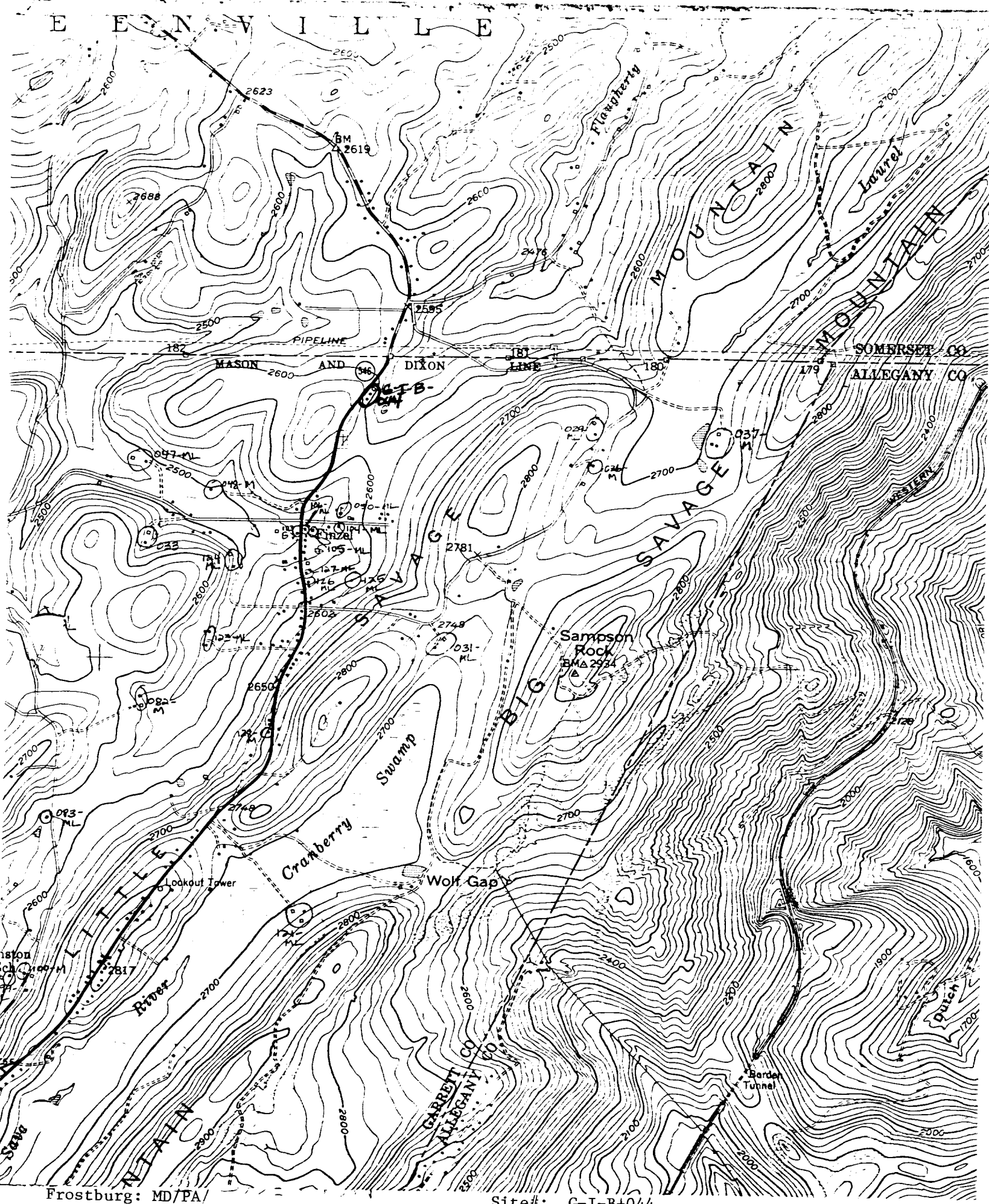
Werner/Warner Farm





Frostburg: MD/PA/
7.5 Minute Series
Scale 1:24,000
1948; photorevised 1974

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Route 545, approx. .2 miles S of PA State line

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Werner/Warner Farm

Garrett Co., MD

C. Lyons 10/16/80

Hs. A: Facade, NW elev.

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Garrett Co., MD
C. Lyons 10/16/80
SE elev. & SW gable end Hs. A

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Garrett Co., MD
C. Lyons 10/16/80
House B: SW elev.

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Werner/Warner Farm
Garrett Co., MD
C. Lyons 10/16/80 House B
Facade-NE elev. NW gable end

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Garrett Co., MD
C. Lyons 10/16/80
Barn: bank NW elev.