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James Werner House  
Finzel  
Private

c.1900

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

ML 1202335704

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

James Werner House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 546, east side, just south of intersection with Finzel Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Finzel

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Thomas Bodes

Telephone #: (301) 689-8165

STREET & NUMBER

Finzel Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Finzel

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

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**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The James Werner House is situated in the small town of Finzel, Garrett County's easternmost community.

Although the house has been altered and aluminum siding added, it still maintains the Four-Square House plan - a 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay square block covered by a pyramidal roof with 2 roof dormers on the front and back.<sup>1</sup>

The frame house rests on a stone, covered with concrete, foundation. The type of original siding is unknown.

The facade faces west and has a central entrance which is covered with a new 1-story aluminum porch.

The south elevation has a hipped roof porch supported by two wooden turned posts at the east end, covering an entrance into the rear of the house.

A small, 1-story, 2 bay wide wing extends from the rear, east elevation, of the house, at the south end.

There is one exterior brick chimney on the north elevation. All windows have been altered; they are 1/1 aluminum sash.

<sup>1</sup>The Four-Square House was described by Thomas Hanchett at the Vernacular Architecture Forum, April 23-26, 1981. This house form is a common type of the Neo-Rationalistic Style-a plain functional style.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

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
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<input checked="" 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

According to Mrs. Thomas Bodes, the present occupant, the house is 70-80 years old and was built for her grandfather, James Werner. James Werner is a descendent of Frederick Werner, an early German settler in Finzel (c. 1850s). James Werner, born in 1887 and died in 1978, is buried in the community cemetery, 1/4 mile north of Finzel on Route 546.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interview with Mrs. Thomas Bodes, Oct. 30, 1980.  
 Werner, Hilda C., The Werner Family, 1956 & 1969. (in the possession  
 of Robert).

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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, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1982

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

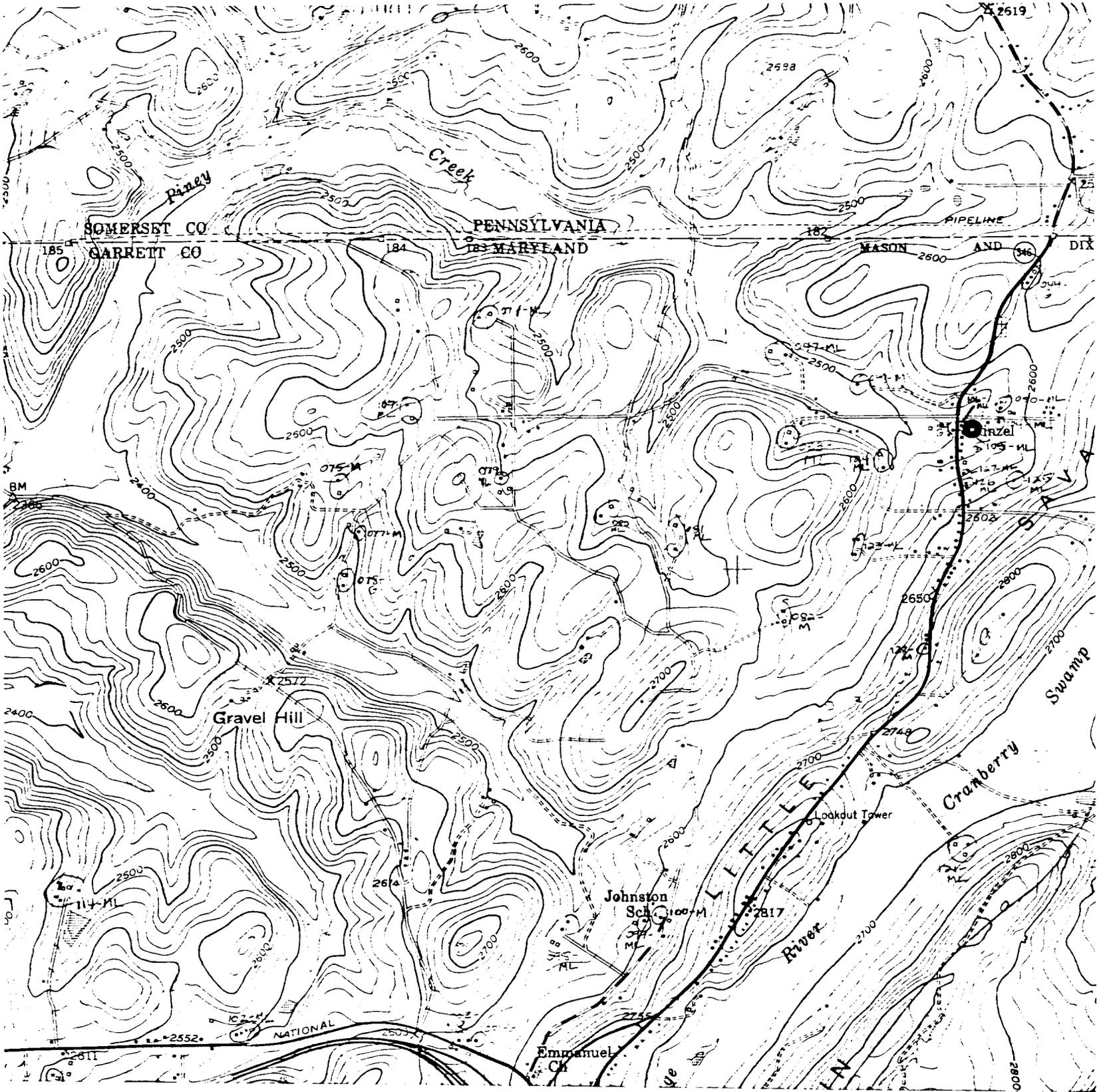
STATE

Maryland 21401

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.

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 USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1949; photorevised 1974

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James Werner House

Garrett Co., MD

C. Lyons 10/30/80

Facade, W elev.



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Fence detail, S side



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S elev.

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N elev - chimney end