

G-II-C-292

Beachy-Reichenbecher Farm  
Keyser's Ridge  
Private

c.1845

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Beachy-Reichenbecher Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
Route 219

CITY, TOWN  
Keyser's Ridge

\_\_\_ 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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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  
Homer E. Reichenbecher

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
Route 219

CITY, TOWN  
Keyser's Ridge  VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 266  
Folio #: 89

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

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Beachy-Reichenbecker Farm rests below the crest of Keyser's Ridge, to the southeast. A large late 19th century frame bank barn on a stone foundation is located south of the 1845 log house.

The two-story south-facing house measures three bays long by two bays deep. A three-bay by one bay late 19th century vertical-plank ell extends from the west end of the rear. One porch covers the facade, and another covers the ell's east side. Land sloping away from the east end exposes an entrance and window in the stone cellar.

Corrugated metal covers the roof, and insul-brick sheathes the walls. The main entrance is positioned slightly west of center. A four-pane transom tops the door. Doors to the ell are located at the north end of the east side and the south end of the west side. Two over two sash windows are framed in plain flat boards and topped by pedimented window heads.

A c.1900 photo shows plain lapped weatherboards covering the house. This may be extant under the insul-brick. 6/6 sash windows framed in molded architraves are also shown. A window shown above the door has been covered on the outside, but still appears on the inside. Two interior chimneys, now removed, also appear in the photo.

The floor plan consists of one room running along the west end, flanked by two parlors on the east. The original stair and chimney location are unknown. The stair is presently located along the kitchen ell's south wall. The second floor, which includes an original attic stair, is similar to the first floor, with the space above the main room divided in three parts. (See floor plan).

Interior partition walls are built of tongue and groove beaded chestnut boards, in some areas left unpainted. The second floor's northwest chamber ceiling displays exposed, chamfered joists. A small flattened ogee molding trims all door and window openings. Doors feature two long panels.

The 8' X 12' hewn floor joists are visible in the cellar. A spring in the cellar originally provided a cool storage area.

In the attic, half-log common rafters are half-lapped and pegged.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" 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**

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Except for the removal of the original chimney and stair, and the replacement of exterior materials, the dwelling remains intact. The floor plan and door and window openings, as well as interior materials such as the architraves and beaded board wall paneling, are all original. These features present a well-finished house of comfortable size, rather than the more rudimentary pioneer "cabins" such as the Edward Barnard House G-IV-G-043 and the J. Bunnell Friend House G-III-A-049.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Cecil County Survey Report (Paul Touart) MHT, 1981

Garrett County Records (see title search)

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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**

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

April 1982

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

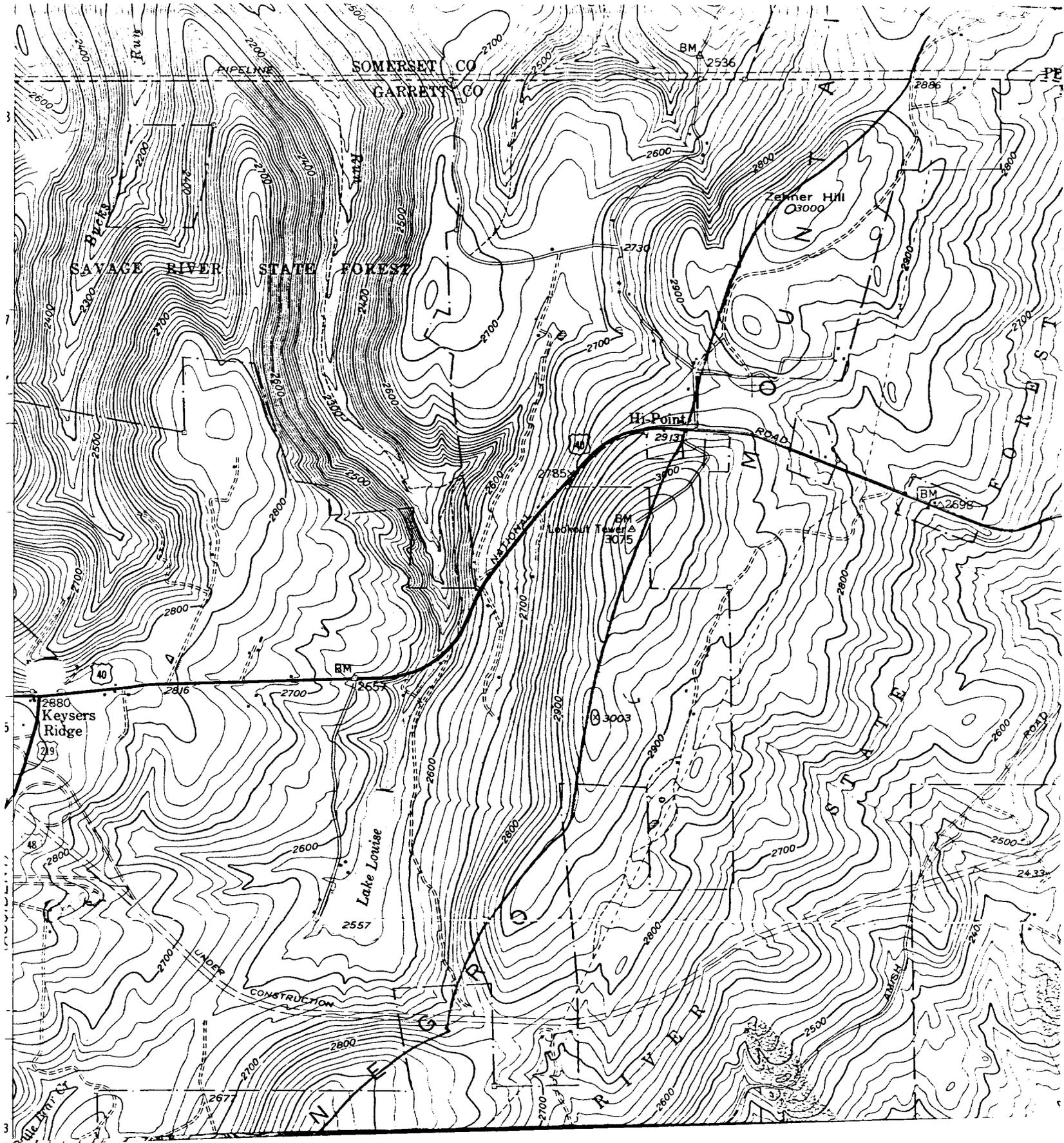
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Maryland 21401

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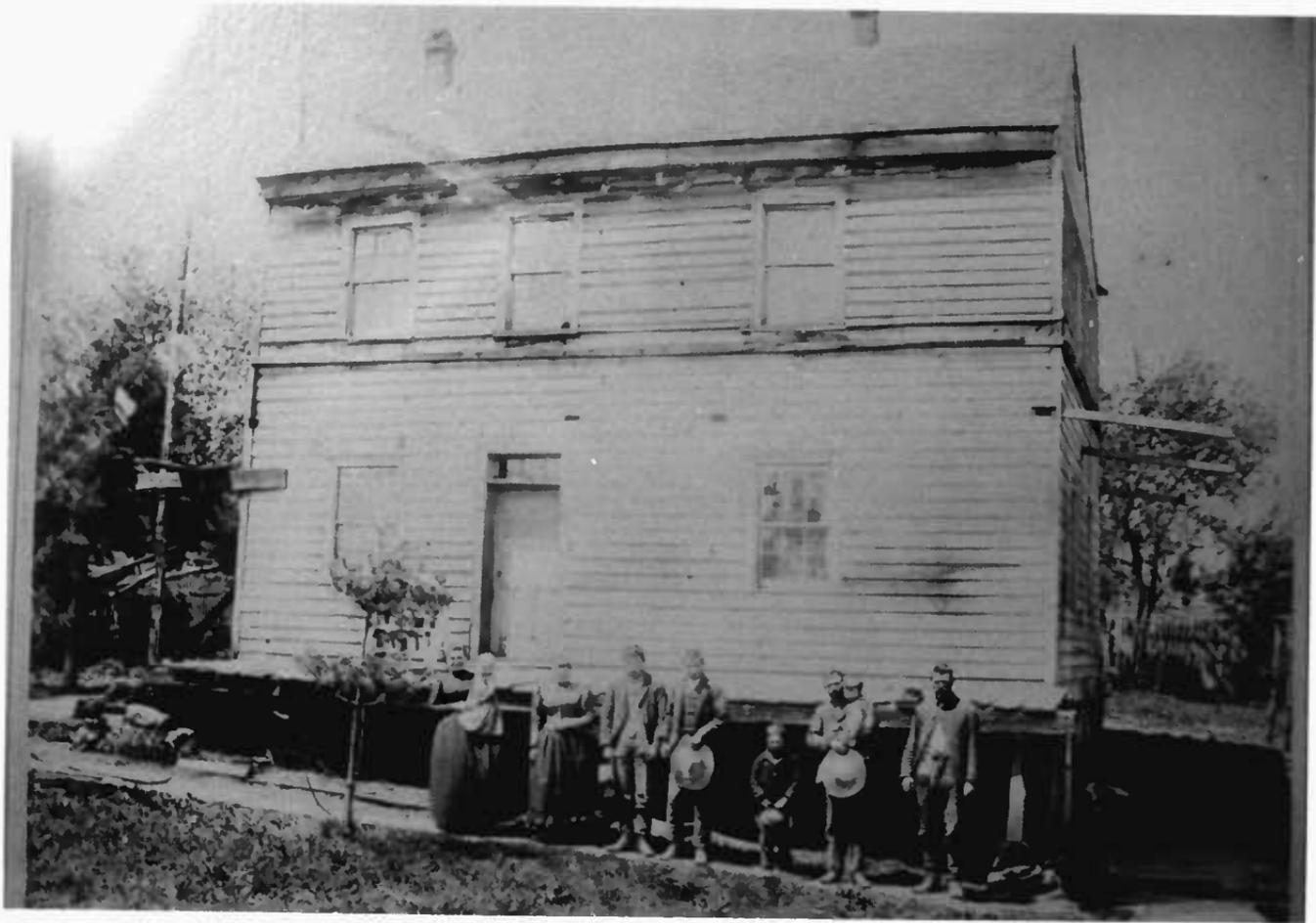
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USGS 7.5 minute series  
Scale - 1:24,000  
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Keyser's Ridge



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Beachy-Reichenbecher House  
Garrett Co., MD  
M. Stinson 10/81  
.S elevation

FIGURE 108



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Beachy-Reichenbecher House

Garrett Co., MD

M. Stinson 10/81

Old photo's elevation

FIGURE 109



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Beachy-Reichenbecher House

Garrett Co., MD

M. Stinson 10/81

E & N elevation