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Yommer-Beachy Farm
Keyser's Ridge 1901
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Yommer-Beachy Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Zehner Road

CITY, TOWN
Keyser's Ridge

__ 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
Alvin Beachy

Telephone #: 301-895-5395

STREET & NUMBER
Zehner Road

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 #:
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

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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

This two-story vertical-plank farmhouse measures three bays by two bays, with one-story shed-roofed additions covering the south facade and the rear. The facade addition has an open porch at the west end. The gabled structure has a cellar which is fully exposed on the east. A modern exterior brick chimney heats this end.

The facade's central entrance is now enclosed in the addition. Modern 1/1 windows have been placed in the original frames. Single pane windows light either side of the attic.

Asbestos shingles cover the roof and walls. German siding exists under the asbestos. Cut stone blocks form the foundation.

The floor plan consists of four rooms, two on either side of the central stair. A built-in chestnut cupboard adjoins the stair.

The house is constructed of two layers of vertical planks. On the second floor, the planks are papered over with a 1937 German newspaper.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	X ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1901 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built c.1901 for Mrs. Elizabeth Yommer from lumber that her daughters, Katharine and Martha, acquired by cutting logs on the property and hauling them to a sawmill. According to Katharine Yommer Beachy's son Alvin, current owner of the property, the girls undertook the building scheme when they were in their early 20's. Their father John Yommer apparently ignored pleas from his wife for a new house to replace their old log cabin. Sadly, Elizabeth Yommer died before the house was finished.

John and Elizabeth Yommer are said to have emigrated to the United States, perhaps to Baltimore, from Germany, in about 1860.

Near the cemetery southeast of the house is a "flailing rock", a large flat rock where settlers brought wagonloads of grain to be flailed. This was anticipated as an annual social occasion.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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
Merry Stinson, Architectural Historian

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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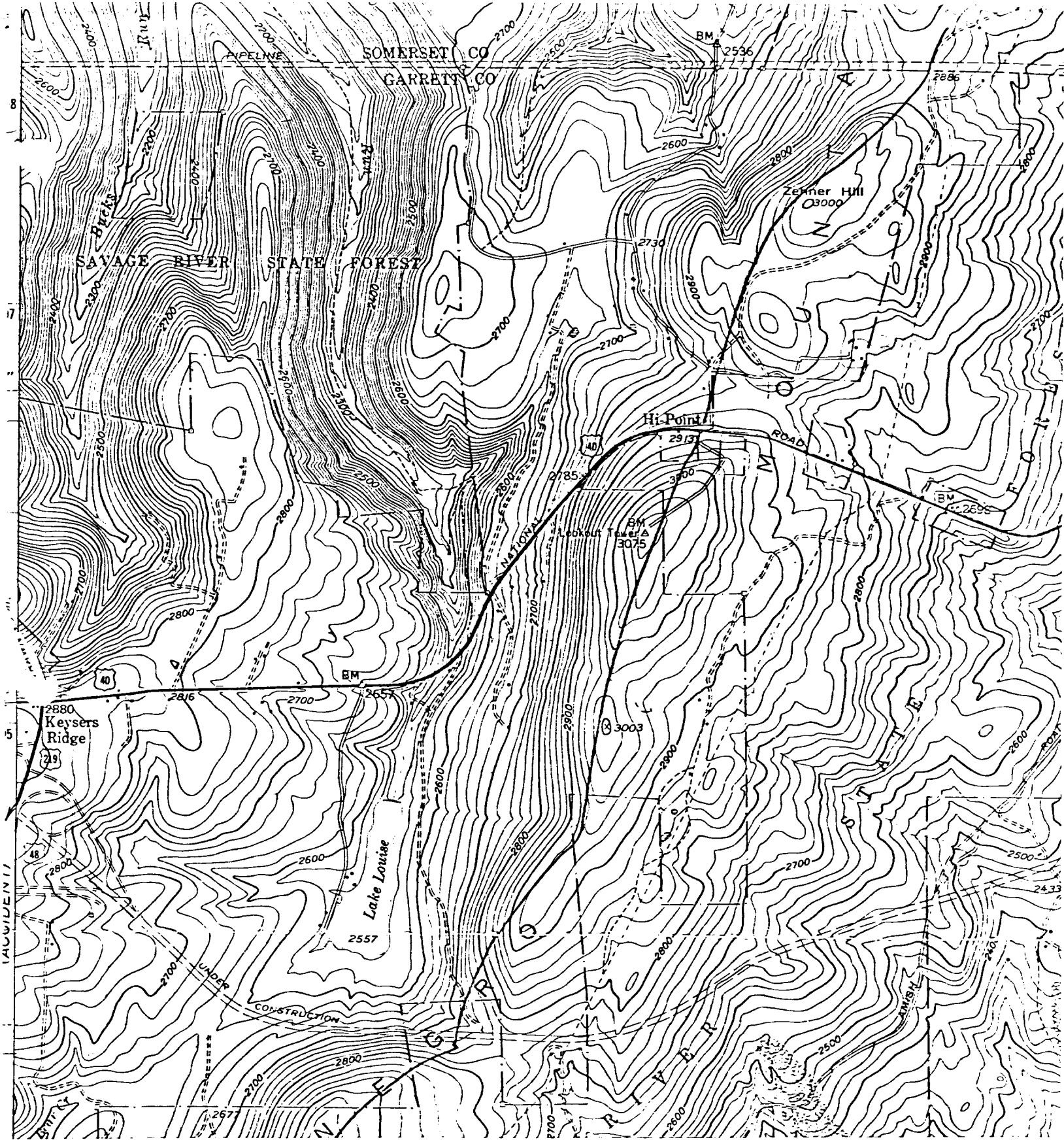

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