

G-II-C-332

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Grantsville  
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Henry Wagner Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 495

CITY, TOWN

Grantsville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett

**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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James Morrison

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bitteringer

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21522

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 306

Folio #: 503

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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**

Spiker Run flows northwest to southeast through this farm. A steep embankment rising about 100 feet above the stream's southwest bank is heavily wooded, primarily with hemlocks. An open, grassy terrace northeast of the stream rises to a steep hill. The foot of the bluff provides an advantageous setting for a frame bank farm and a two-story farmhouse. The hill is terraced in an extensive orchard.

The south-facing vertical-plank farmhouse measures three bays wide by two bays deep. A rear ell and a front porch have been removed. The gabled structure's facade includes a central entrance containing a four panel door. The exposed coursed ashlar cellar on this side also features a central entrance, in which a batten door appears. Two entrances containing tapered, beveled batten doors occupy the two westernmost bays on the rear. 6/6 sash windows framed in narrow boards light the house. Either end of the attic is lit by a four-pane window. Two-pane windows appear in the cellar.

An interior brick chimney heats the east end. A stove pipe is located at the west end.

Corrugated sheet metal covers the roof. Jigsaw brackets support the eaves. The walls are sheathed in tongue and groove lapped weatherboards.

The floor plan consists of a central stair boxed in by a room to either side. A small vestibule is located at either end of the stair, north and south.

The western room serves as the kitchen. The north end of the kitchen is divided off as a pantry. At the south end, a hand pump at the sink provides water piped in from the outdoor spring.

The interior of the house is plastered. The east room is trimmed in a plain baseboard and chair rail. This parlor's door opening from the front vestibule features a painted finish, loosely interpreting wood-graining in a squiggled pattern.

This building is constructed with 2" thick by 10" - 1'1" wide vertical planks, which appear to be pine. The 8" by 12" hewn sills are rabbeted to receive the planks, which are nailed into the 4" sill ledge with cast iron spikes. The sill extension now broken off, originally provided support for the southern porch. Wire nails hold the weatherboards. The corner boards are fastened with cast iron spikes.

A date plaque in the center of the cellar wall was recently removed by vandals.

A spring located (c.301) to the northwest is enclosed in a small stone structure. A single slab of stone forms the roof. A batten door provides access to the spring.

**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
400-1499	<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 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 Henry Wagner

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This typical Garrett County farm remains unaltered, though slightly deteriorated. Both the house and barn are good examples of their respective types. The house is a fairly late example of a structure employing a single layer of 2" thick vertical planks set in a rabbeted sill. Later vertical plank buildings at nearby Jennings (G-II-C-071), dating from the early 20th century, often utilized one or two layers of thinner boards, about 1" thick, nailed directly to the sill face.

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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

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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

STATE

Maryland 21401

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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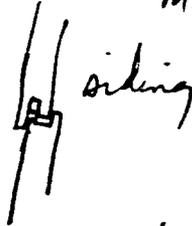
The bank barn, southwest of the house, is overshoot on the south side. The gabled, hewn-frame structure is covered with vertical boards and set on a stone foundation. Several louvered ventilators topped by pediments pierce the walls. The lower section includes several windows and five Dutch doors, three of which are topped by transoms.

The stone foundation and ruins of a large frame outbuilding are located west of the dwelling.

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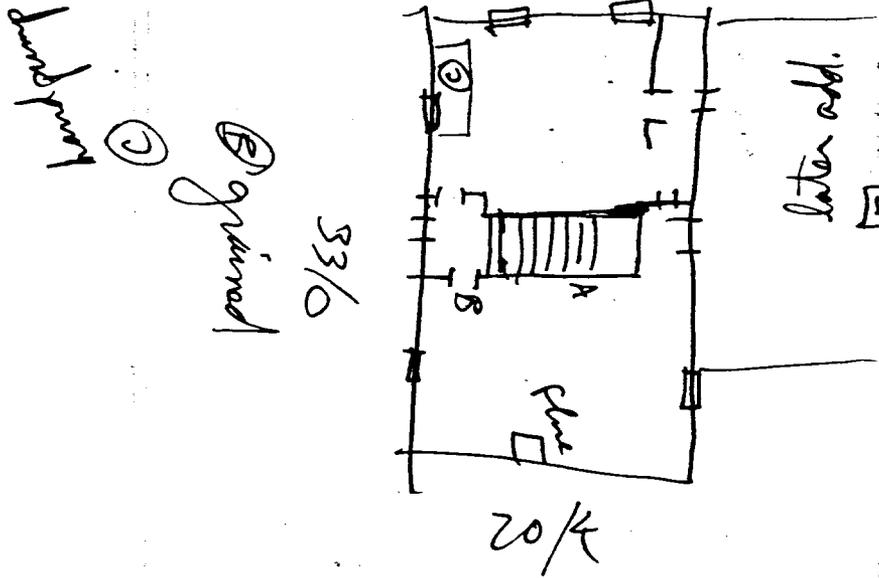


wire nail



planks 2" x 10" - 1/1  
 sill continued to support porch floor

A. plain chain rail & base bd.



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Henry Wagner Farm (from Germany?)

miner - broke back in mine - bought 50 A. mid. lot  
 Fuller built ho & barn 18 0 1/2

James Morrison 306/503 #333/624



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Henry Wagner Farm  
Garrett County, MD

M. Stinson 4/82

W & S elevation



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Henry Wagner Farm  
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N & W elevation



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Construction SE corner