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John P. Speicher Barn
Accident
Private

1877

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
John P. Speicher Barn

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Route 219S, E side, at S end of town of Accident

CITY, TOWN
Accident

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6th

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	X OTHER: STORAGE

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
W. H. Fratz, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 265
Folio #: 441

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 John P. Speicher Barn is located on the E side of Rt. 219S at the S end of the town of Accident. The barn is set back from the road and before it is a gravel parking lot on which has been placed a self-serve gas station.

The barn is a large, two story, gable-roofted structure with a bank entrance on the NW elevation. A gable ell extends from the SE elevation and the ell is filled with a shed addition. The foundation is of coursed stone and the walls are covered with vertical boards and corrugated metal, painted red. The sliding doors on the NW elevaiton are painted white. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and has four cupolas, three on the main block and one on the ell. The cupolas have louvered vents on all four sides and are painted red, trimmed with white. The cross gable roofs are covered with slate shingles and have iron lightning rods at the centers.

On the NE gable end is a builder board, saying: "John P. Speicher, June 2nd, 1877.

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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	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1877 BUILDER/ARCHITECT John P. Speicher

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The barn was built by Speicher as a horse barn. The Speichers were horse traders, importing Belgian horses to sell in Garrett County. The barn was used as a stockyard until 1948 and is now used for storage.

A date plaque on the northeast gable specifies "John P. Speicher, June 2nd 1877" as the builder and building date of the barn. The building's hewn timber framing is typical of barns of this period.

The well-preserved framing and unusually elaborate cupolas are especially significant features of this barn.

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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

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CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis
STATE: Maryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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oak timber, in place of the chestnuts and laurels which covered the ridge we had cut our way through.

On the 4th July we camped at Thicketly Run, and General Braddock sent forward some Indian scouts towards the French fort, to procure intelligence. These scouts returned on the 6th, bringing with them a French officer's scalp. The Frenchman had been out shooting within half a mile of the fort, when they killed him.

I have now, my dear Mother, given you a kind of diary of the most striking events that have occurred to us up to this point of our march. I regret that time will not allow me to be more full and particular in my descriptions. It would please me to give you a more lively account of this truly savage country, and of some sublime spectacles produced by the effect of the setting sun among the lofty peaks of the mountains by which we are surrounded. But the courier who is to take this to Fort Cumberland will leave in five minutes. Therefore I have barely time to send my love to all my dear kinsfolks, and to sign myself, Your dutiful and affectionate son, Francis Peyton.

—o—

Great Meadoows, July 13, 1755
My dear Mother,

Never did I undertake to write a letter when so overwhelmed with grief and disappointment. Our expedition has failed! Our commander is dead! Our noble General Braddock! He died this day from his wounds. Alas! who could have anticipated such a disaster—such an extraordinary and disgraceful defeat as that which we have sustained on the Monongahela River.

I will endeavor to give you some connected account of our military operations since the letter I wrote you from Monaktuca Camp.—(Here he tells of the battle and retreat.)—

Our sick and wounded are suffering intensely from the heat of the weather, and from the mosquitoes, gnats and other insects; also from the want of proper medicines and supplies, ours having been for the most part lost during the flight.

The scenery of the country through which we have passed since leaving Winchester has been woundrously grand:———but I have no heart now to describe it in this hour of our defeat, humiliation and disgrace.

Francis Peyton.

PIONEER FAMILIES:

Speicher (Spiker)

THE SPEICHER FAMILY seems to have originated in Switzerland during the late 1500's. In the city Bern there is a "Speicher" Avenue, and high in the Alps, east of Zurich, is a small village named "Speicher." The name is derived from the German verb "speichern," to treasure up: a granary. In America the name is spelled variously by different branches of the family.

The Ulrich Spiker Line

ULRICH SPIKER (about 1710-1785,) ancestor of the Garrett county Spikers, arrived at Philadelphia, October 8, 1737, on the ship "Charming Polly," from Rotterdam. It is presumed that he came from the Rhenish Palatinate, but his ancestors were orginally from Switzerland. He settled for a time in eastern Pennsylvania, but moved into the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, where some of his descendants live to this day.

JACOB SPIKER (about 1745-1830,) son of Ulrich Spiker, is listed in the 1785 Virginia state census of Shenanadoah County as head of a family of nine persons. Jacob Spiker and part of his family moved from Virginia to Allegany County, Maryland. In the census of 1800 Jacob and John Spiker are listed as heads of families in the George's Creek District. In the census of 1810 they are again listed there: Jacob, family of 4; John, family of 6. Some of the children of Jacob Spiker were Elizabeth, John, Michael, Barbara and Adam. On April 12, 1830, Elizabeth, John Michael and Adam Spiker, and Robert Green and wife Barbary, all of Allegany County, deeded to Jacob Green 50 acres of land for $87. This appears to have been a settlement, in part, of the estate of their father, who resided near the present county line N.W. of Lonaconing. In Jacob Spiker's deed

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of April 6, 1816, for Lot 3871 to John Michell, Jr., his wife's name is recorded as Barbary.

JOHN SPIKER (b. about 1770, d. 1836,) son of Jacob, resided in the same neighborhood as his father. His will, dated October 8, 1836, and probated at Cumberland in November 8, 1836, provided that all of his personal estate should go to his wife, Mary.

MICHAEL SPIKER (b. about 1775) was a son of Jacob Spiker. He appears on the assessment roll of George's Creek (1804-1812) as owner of personal property.

Michael Spiker and his wife moved from the Lonaconing neighborhood prior to 1840 to Preston County, W. Va., and finally settled the George E. Spiker farm near Zar.

ADAM SPIKER (1789-1836,) son of Jacob Spiker, served in Captain Blair's company of Allegany County during the war of 1812. His wife, Ann Luck, died in 1877. He is buried in the New Germany church cemetery. Eight sons and four daughters survive him. Three of his sons were John, Isaac and Jacob. Adam Spiker resided on what is now the Ralph M. Alexander farm east of Accident, where he built a small log house used as a school house.

HENRY SPIKER (b. about 1800, d. May 7, 1880) was probably a son of John Spiker and a grandson of Jacob Spiker. He m. Lavinia Metts. One of their children was Joseph Adam Spiker, who was born near Grantsville, Md.

JOSEPH ADAM SPIKER (b. Jan. 14, 1824, d. May 6, 1905) m. Jan 6, 1843, Sarah, daughter of Abraham Hershberger, of Salisbury, Pa. They resided on the present Joseph Spiker farm near McHenry, Md.

Their children were:

1. Samuel, b. April 4, 1844. Lived at Accident, Md.
2. John P., b. March 27, 1846. Accident.

HENRY M. SPEICHER

3. (A son,) b. Dec, 15, 1848. D. in infancy.
4. T. Redeemus, b. May 10, 1850. Aceident.
5. (A daughter,) b. May, 1852. D. in infancy.
6. Jacob, b. Dec. 19, 1853. McHenry.
7. William Henry, b. March 19, 1856.
8. Sarah Ann, b. Oct. 25, 1858. Washington.
9. Martha, b. June 16, 1861. Mt. Lake Park.
10. Elizabeth C., b. May 3, 1864. Mt. Lake Park.
11. Abraham L., b. Jan. 9, 1866. Seattle, Washington.
12. Joseph E., b. April 19, 1868. Cumberland.

JOHN P. SPEICHER, who died September 29, 1925, was a son of Joseph Adam Spiker. He changed the spelling of his name to the original German "Speicher." He m. Catherine, daughter of J. Beeghley

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and Lydia Flickinger. Their children were Jonas A., Harvey J., Henry M., Emma L. (Guthrie,) William Asa, John M. and Norman E. John P. Speicher and all his children, except John M. resided at Accident. Harvey J. Speicher was State Senator sixteen years. Henry M. Speicher is Chief Judge of the Orphan's court.

The Johan Christoph Speicher line will appear in the next issue.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Total enrollment to June 30 ...1,041
Losses: Deceased 49
Dropped 16
65

Active membership, July 1, 1947:
Life members 80
Regular members 896
Total active members 976

Though our membership campaign closed on June 30, new members may continue to enroll before payment of the usual fees. Members dropped because of failure to notify the society of change of address, may be reinstated upon payment of $1.00 to the Secretary.

New Life Members:

Margaret I. Keller, Romney, W. Va.; Margaret Holland, Kitzmiller, Md.; E. E. Enlow, Sebastopol, Calif.; Rev. Robert Johns, Accident, Md.; Jesse J. Walker, Kitzmiller, Md.; J. F. Browning, Ruth Hoye, Sang Run; Mrs. Lillian B. Sincell, Donald R. Sincell, Orley V. Dunham, Treacy's Store, Wm. A. Sturgiss, S. Townshend Naylor, Lowell Loomis, Paul F. Nazelrod, Oakland, Md.

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RYAN'S GLADE: Mrs. Lyla Dixon.

AT LARGE: Emma Loar Gaddis, W. Earl Cobey, Wm. A. Parr, R. E. Cross, John H. Hoffman, Charles E. Clark, Blair Robinett.

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McHenry, MD
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale - 1:24,000
1947; photorevised 1974

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E. side, at S end of town of Accident

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Ann Burns 7/27/81
NW & SW elevs.

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