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1892

The Hosmer House  
Deer Park  
Private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Hosmer House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Off Deer Park Hotel Road, NE side, approx. .3 mile SW of Deer Park

CITY, TOWN

Deer Park

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
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

Robert B. Garrett

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 278

Folio #: 483

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED | DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD                 | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED              |   |                                |            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR                 | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |                                |            |

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

The Hosmer House is located off Deer Park Hotel Road on what was originally Governor's Boulevard in the plan of the small neighborhood surrounding the Deer Park Hotel, SW of the village of Deer Park. The House is set back from the road and is screened by evergreens.

The house is a two and a half story, gable-roofed, T-plan house with a three-bay center-door facade. The facade points S and its attice level has three gable dormers. A one-story, shed-roofed porch covers the facade's central bay and a similar porch covers the N elevation of the T.

The house rests on a cut and squared stone foundation and the frame walls are covered with natural wood weatherboarding. The framing and weatherboarding are Georgia pine. The N elevation of the mainblock, E of the T, and the E elevation of the T are covered with brown aluminum siding. Most windows are six over six sash. Although there are a few one over one sashes. On either side of the facade door are small square four-paned windows, and on the attic level of the gable ends and in the ddrmers are square nine-paned windows. At the N end of the E elevation of the main block is a seven-sided bay; five of its sides have windows, the central side a six over six sash and two sides on either side of it three-paned windows.

The facade door has two windows made up of small panes set in its upper half.

The roof is covered with tar paper. The sides of the dormers are covered with wood shingles. The house has three interior brick stone chimneys; one at either gable end on the main block, and one on the E elevation of the T. The facade porch has a half wall of westherboards and a central entrance. Above the half wall the porch roof is supported by wooden posts with simple carved brackets. The rear porch is modern.

The interior is arranged around a central stairhail and is composed on the first floor of the main block of four rooms. All interior finishes are of Georgia pine. Other details are unknown.

**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   |
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)<br><i>RECREATION</i> |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

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|----------------|------|-------------------|-------------|
| SPECIFIC DATES | 1892 | BUILDER/ARCHITECT | J.M. Jarboe |
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house is one of several built on land around the Deer Park Hotel which was owned by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. After the completion of the hotel in the 1870's, the railroad began selling plots of land around it for the wealthy to build summer cottages. This "cottage", built entirely of Georgia pine shipped by rail to Deer Park, was constructed for the Hosmer family by J.M. Jarboe, a prominent Oakland builder. However, the house achieves its distinction as the home of Patrick J. Garrett for many years the superintendent of buildings and grounds of the Deer Park HOTEL, who bought the house in 1910.

Patrick Garrett, apparently no relation to John Work Garrett, president of the & O Railroad, who gave the county his name, managed the buildings and grounds of the Deer Park and Oakland Hotels for 1887 to 1929. Under his supervision annexes were added to the Deer Park Hotel in 1887. He also managed the Deer Park Improvement company Farm and the Garrett and Frick Cottages. In all, Patrick Garrett's domain covered over 4000 acres, including the Boiling Spring. Mr. Garrett's wife was a great-granddaughter of Meshack Browning, and the Garretts' son Robert and his wife occupied the house after the Garrett's death. Mrs. Robert Garrett still lives in the house.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

"Patrick J. Garrett and Deer Park," The Glades Star, V. 1, #34 (June 1949), 355.  
Charles A. Jones, Deer Park's Days of Glory," The Glades Star, V. 3, #16 (March 1964), 274.

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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

Ann Burns, Historic Sites Surveyor

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

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Chain of Title

G-IV-B-169 Hosmer House  
278/483 From: William R. and Rose Garrett  
6-16-67 To: Robert B. Garrett  
Deed Consideration: \$10.00 and "other good and valuable consideration"

His interest in:

Lots 1,2,3,4 in Block 2 of a Plat laid out by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company of Deer Park

133/123 From: Charles A. Garrett and Olia Garrett  
5-13-44 To: Robert B. and William R. Garrett  
Deed Consideration: \$10.00

His interest in Lots 1,2,3,4 in Block 2 of a Plat of Deer Park laid out by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

Patrick J. Garrett and his wife died intestate and the property was divided among their 3 sons.

61/146 From: Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company  
8-4-10 To: Patrick J. Garrett  
Deed Consideration: No money indicated

In 1889 Katherine B. Hosmer was sold Lots 1 and 2 and Addison A. Hosmer Lots 3 and 4 in Block 2 of a Plat of Deer Park, by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company; however, no deeds were ever issued to them by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.

The Hosmers built a house and "other appurtenances" on the land and in 1910 wanted to sell to Patrick J. Garrett so the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company issued a belated deed to him.

61/149 From: Estella DePayster Hosmer  
8-4-10 To: Patrick J. Garrett  
Deed Consideration: \$1.00

Lots 1,2,3, and 4 in Block 2 of a Plat of Deer Park

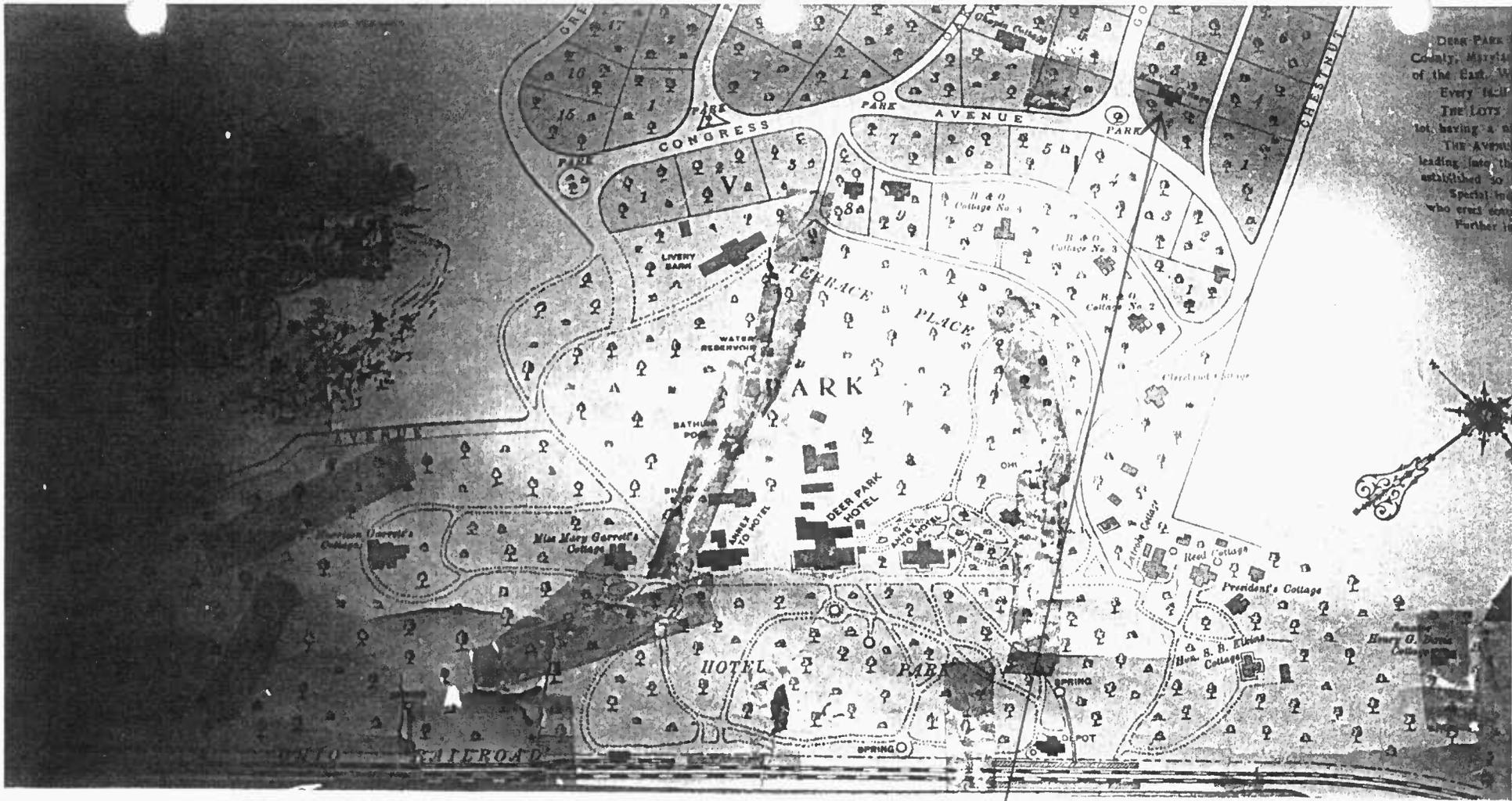
61/150  
6-30-10  
Deed

From: Edward S. Hosmer, Katherine and Rollin Norris, and  
Louis H. Hosmer, heirs at law of Addison A. Hosmer  
To: Patrick J. Garrett  
Consideration: \$3000.00

Lots 1,2,3,4 in Block 2

Restrictions:

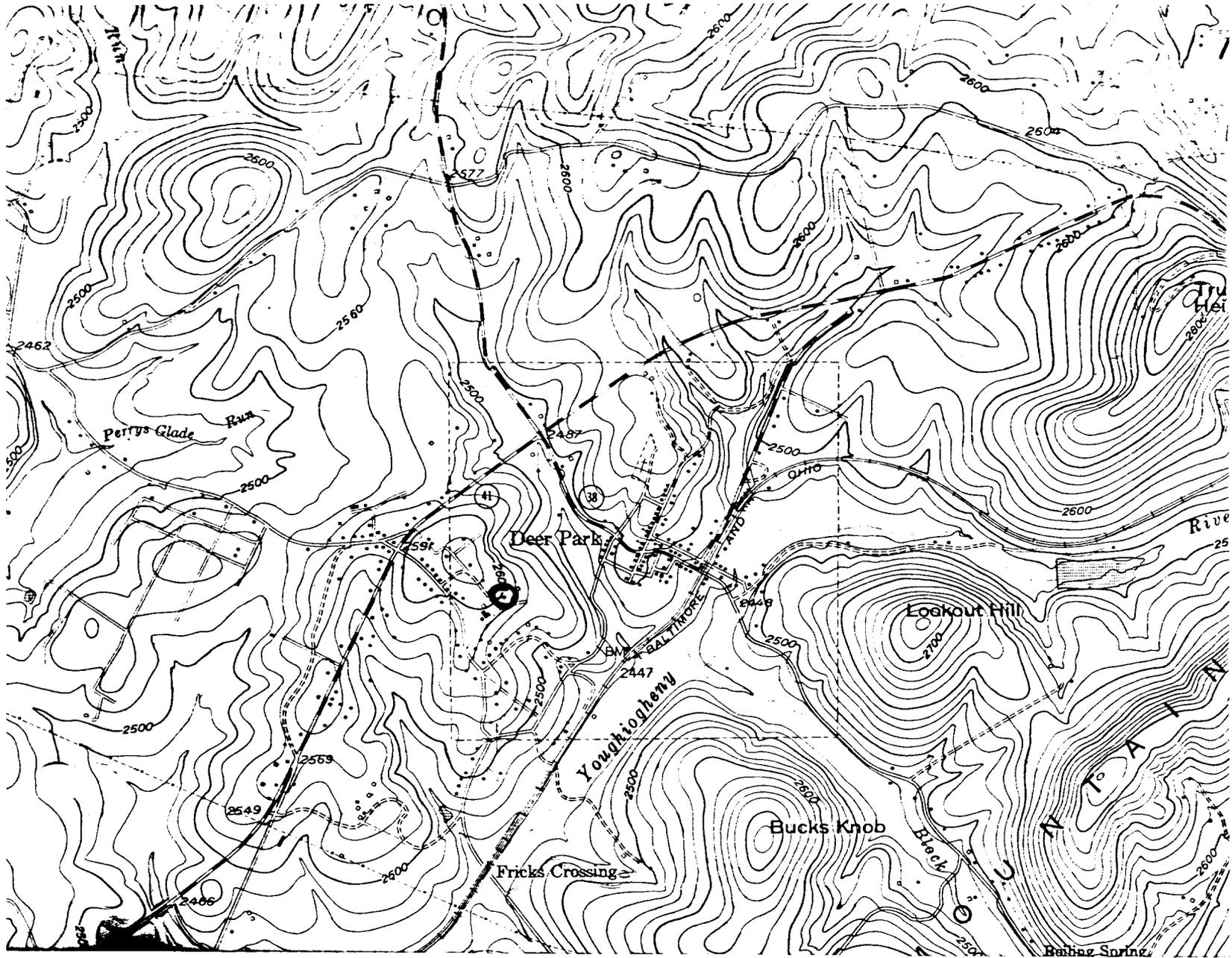
1. No "trade, business, manufactory or occupation whatsoever, and especially the sale of malt or spirituous liquors, or any nuisance" could be carried on; the property could not be used for "public amusement or for any purpose whatsoever than strictly for a private dwelling house."
2. Not more than one house was to be erected on the tract conveyed, without the consent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.
3. If any dwelling house was built on the property, the house "shall not cost less than \$1800.00, and each stable attached thereto, if desired, not less than \$1000.00."



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Hosmer House (Cottage)



Deer Park:MD  
USGS 7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1948, photorevised 1974

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Hosmer House  
Off Deer Park Hotel Road, NE side,  
Approx., .3 mile SW of Deer Park  
Deer Park MD



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Hosmer House

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facade-S elev.; E elev.



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E & N elevs.



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N & W elevs.