

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Steven L. Tichnell Farm Inventory Number: G-V-B-096

Address: 5510 Gorman Road City: Oakland Zip Code: 21550

County: Garrett USGS Topographic Map: Gorman

Owner: Steven and Janet Tichnell Is the property being evaluated a district? ___yes

Tax Parcel Number: 31 Tax Map Number: 86 Tax Account ID Number: 16-004839

Assess Visual Effects of Allegheny Heights Windpower

Project: Facility Agency: _____

Site visit by MHT Staff: no ___yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? ___yes no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ___Yes	Eligible district ___yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___yes ___no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria: A B C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Steven L. Tichnell Farm is located at 5510 Gorman Road. The house is set in a slight hollow near the top of Backbone Mountain at Kelso's Gap. The front elevation faces southward. Views of Backbone Mountain are visible from the rear and west elevations of the house.

The two-story, wood-frame house occupies an L-shaped ground plan with additions. Archival evidence suggests that house may have been constructed ca. 1875. The main block is three-bays by one-bay, while the ell is two-bays by one-bay. The exterior walls are clad in vinyl siding on the south and east elevations and asbestos shingles on the west gable end. The building rests on a concrete-block foundation. The intersecting gable roofs are sheathed with composition roll roofing. The eave has an enclosed soffit. A single interior brick chimney that projected from the south gable end has been replaced by a concrete-block flue. The other chimneys have been removed. The front elevation has a central doorway that contains a wood panel door with lights. The windows are one-over-one-light, wood-frame, double-hung units. Picture windows flanked by one-over-one-light, double-hung sash windows occupy the front elevation, the side elevation, and the enclosed porch.

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Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D	Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments: _____	

<i>Andrew Lewis</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<i>4/7/05</i> Date
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR Program	<i>4/7/05</i> Date

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A one-story porch spans the south and east elevations. The porch along the east elevation was enclosed since 1981. The porch posts are 2x4-inch wood posts. A narrow one-story lean-to addition is located along the north elevation of the main block. This lean-to intersects with a one-story lean-to along the west elevation of the ell. A narrow one-story, shed-roof addition added since 1981 projects from the northwest corner of the ell.

A one-story, one-bay by one-bay, concrete-block meathouse is located west of the house. The meathouse has a single wood door in the east elevation. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed with wood.

Ruins of a former corncrib and a garage are also located near the house.

A one-story, three-bay by two-bay, concrete-block garage is located south of the house. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed in standing seam metal. Three wood garage doors with a band of lights occupy the east elevation. Two, two-light windows occupy the south elevation.

The barn complex is sited up the hill northwest of the house. The barn currently is one story set on a concrete foundation. The exterior is clad with metal siding. A one-story, shed-roofed addition spans the east elevation of the barn. The south end has a wide sliding metal door. An open loafing shed with corrugated metal roofing is attached to the north end of the addition. Mrs. Tichnell reported that the floor had given way in the old barn and it was reduced to a one-story building (Tichnell personal communication 1/10/2005).

A one-story, concrete-block shed or dairy is located south of the barn.

A wood-frame building with a concrete-block south end stands east of the main barn. The building has a gable roof. The openings are along the east and west elevations.

The Tichnell family has owned the property since 1943, when Gilmore Tichnell purchased the property from Penelope Moon (Garrett County deed 132:362). Penelope Moon bought the property in 1916 from Ephraim and Eliza Kelso (Garrett County Deed EZT 70:212-215). Kelso assembled 620 acres between ca. 1860 and ca. 1900 from a variety of sources, including part of tract of land called "Triumph" patented in 1836 and embracing military lots 471 and 474 on the east side of Backbone Mountain which Kelso acquired in 1873; part of a tract of land called "Harrison" patented in 1841 and embracing military lots 895, 896, and 4046 on the west side of Backbone Mountain which Kelso acquired in 1890; two parts of "Fowler's Lot" patented by Benjamin Fowler in 1839 which Kelso purchased in 1898; all of a tract of land called "West Side" patented by Kelso in 1893 and embracing military lots 894 and 976; and 33 acres that Kelso acquired title to by enclosed possession by fencing the property for 40 years.

Ephraim W. Kelso, age 23, was listed in the 1870 census as a farm laborer in the home of Henry Thompson in the Oakland area (U.S. Census 1870). In 1873, he purchased a tract of land named "Triumph" comprising military lots 471 and 474 on the east side of Backbone Mountain from Julia Ann Whip, nee Wonderly, then age 23, who was listed in the 1870 census as living in Cabin Run Township in West Virginia with her husband Sanford Whip and three small children. It is unlikely that Julia Ann resided on the property prior to its sale. Since this property was the earliest acquisition made by Kelso, it is likely that he resided on the property and the house may be associated with Kelso's occupation of the property. The site is also popularly known as Kelso Gap, both the house and the name appearing on the 1899 Oakland USGS 15-minute quadrangle map.

The house appears to date from the late nineteenth century and was probably the residence of Ephraim Kelso. Twentieth-century alterations to the house have compromised its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and

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feeling to illustrate a type, period, or method of construction (Criterion C) as a domestic building from the late nineteenth century. The barns and outbuildings also have been altered so that they no longer retain integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling to illustrate agricultural patterns in Garrett County (Criterion A) or to illustrate their types, periods, or methods of construction (Criterion C). Documentation of the significance of Ephraim Kelso remains incomplete under Criterion B. Kelso's name does not appear in Schlosnagle (1978), Weeks (1948), or Scharf (1882).

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Prepared by: Katherine Grandine, M.A., R.
Christopher Goodwin &
Associates, Inc.

Date Prepared: January 2005

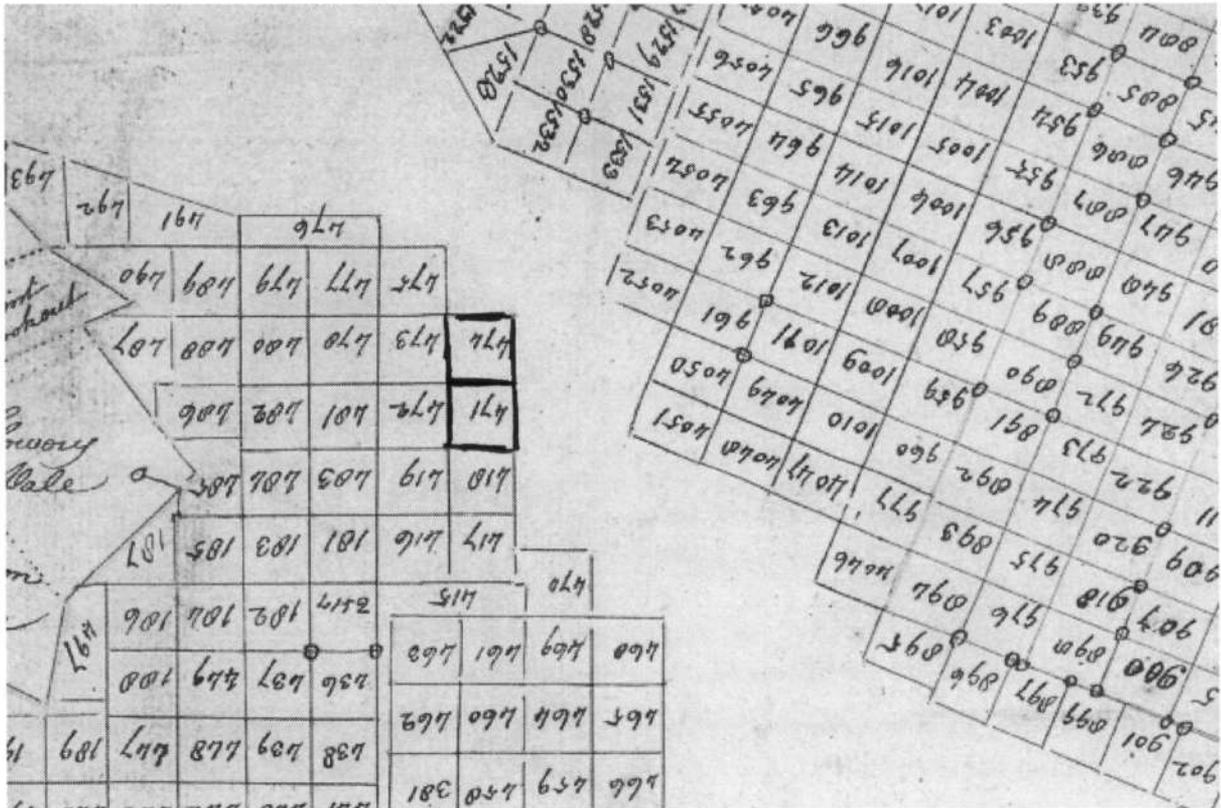
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Kearney

Garrett County

Historic Map: Map of military lots, tracts, patents, etc. in western Allegany and Garrett Counties, Maryland] Copied from the original, Hezh. Veatch.

Library of Congress Map collection.



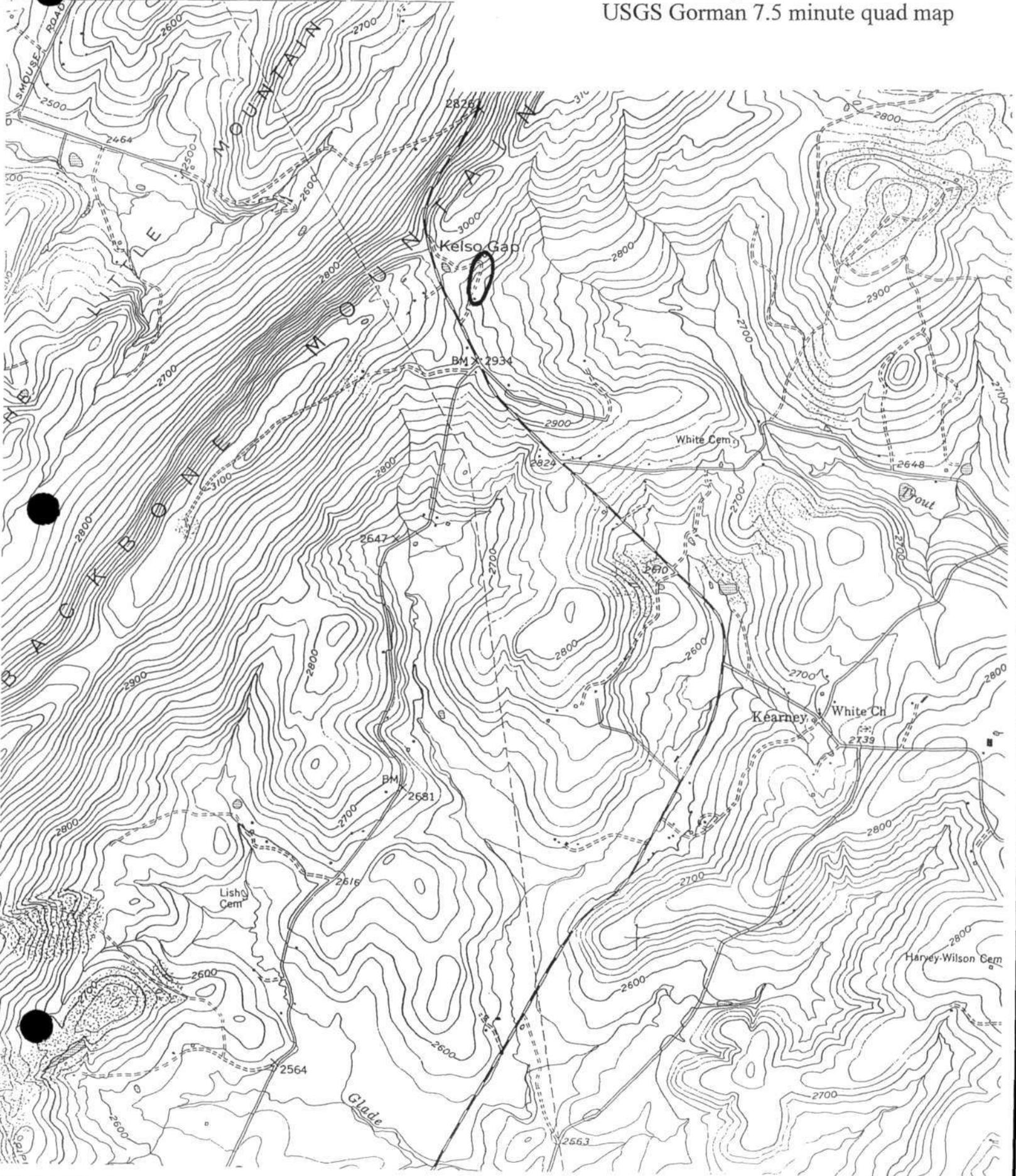
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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Steven L. Tichnell Farm G-V-B-096
Kearney
Garrett County
USGS Gorman 7.5 minute quad map

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GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Steven L. Tichnell Farm
Gorman
Private

late 19th century

The Steven L. Tichnell frame farmhouse is a two story, three bay by one bay gable roof structure with a two bay by one bay ell. The house rests on a stone foundation. The original German siding has been covered with aluminum siding on the first story facade and southwest elevations, with asbesto elsewhere.

A frame barn on a cinderblock foundation is also located on the property.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Steven L. Tichnell Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

MD Route 560, approx. 1/4 mile north of Oak Grove Road

CITY, TOWN

Gorman

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

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

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
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input 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

This frame farmhouse is situated in a hilly area off MD Rt. 560 approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ miles north of Oak Grove Road. The house faces north-west. It is a two story, three bay by one bay gable roof structure with a two bay by one bay ell. Single story shed additions run along the rear, southeast elevation of the main block and the northeast elevation of the ell. A single story, one bay by one bay gable roof structure connects with the northeast shed addition at it's rear, southeast end. A porch supported by plain wooden posts, extends the length of the facade and the southwest elevation. The house can be entered from the central front, the southwest elevation and the northeast elevation of the rear shed addition.

There is one interior brick gable end chimney at each end of the main block and a third at the gable end of the ell. One over one sash windows light the house. Large picture windows have been put in, one in the first story facade at the west end and one in the southwest elevation at the west end. The house rests on a stone foundation. The original German siding has been covered with aluminum siding on the first story facade and southwest elevations with asbesto elsewhere. Asphalt shingles cover the roof.

A frame barn on a cinderblock foundation is also located on the property.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.

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

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

August 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

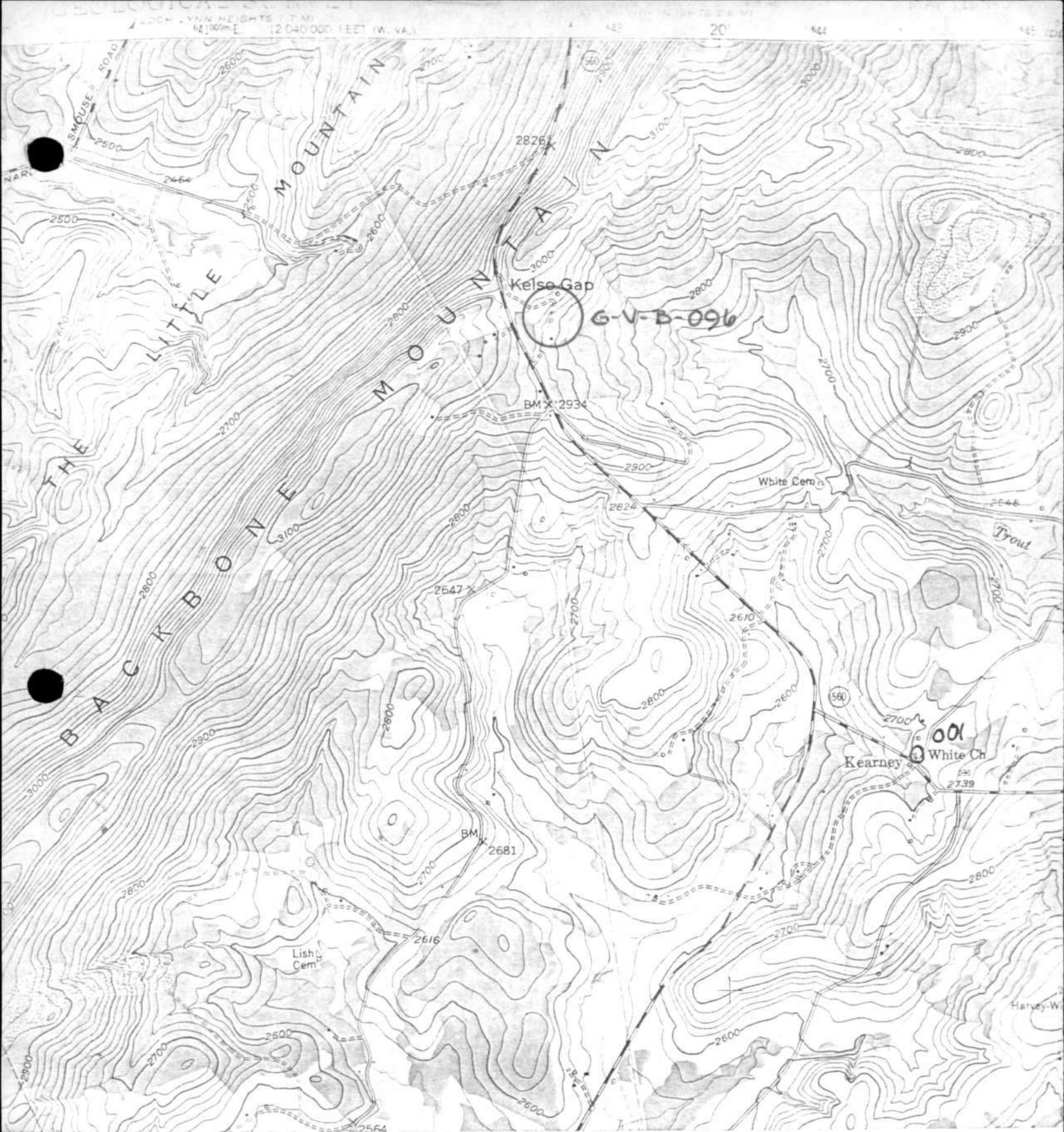
STATE

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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USGS 7.5 Minute Series
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Steven L. Tichnell Farm
MD Route 560, approximately ¼ mile
North of Oak Grove Road

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Steven Tichnell Farm

Garrett County, MD

Valerie Cesna 8/17/81

Facade: NW & SW elevations



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Steven Tichnell Farm

Garrett County, MD

Valerie Cesna 8/17/81

Rear: NE & SE elevations