

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

NK 4/29/77

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bowman - Beck House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Beck Road and Beard's Church Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Smithsburg Vicinity

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Washington

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Gladys B. Bowman C/O Sylvia Rodgers

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 2

CITY OR TOWN: Smithsburg STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Washington County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 415/217

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Historical Trust Survey #3104

DATE OF SURVEY: Summer 1967 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <50% <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This house is located at the junction of Beck Road and Beard's Church Road east of Smithsburg in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces south.</p> <p>The structure is a two and a half story, five bay dwelling constructed of roughly coursed local stone. There is no decorative stonework associated with the exterior of the house. A large cross gable of stone construction is centered at the front of the house. A small frame lean to addition is attached to the rear of the house.</p> <p>Windows are spaced evenly at all elevations. The openings are large in relation to the wall area, with six over six light double hung sashes held within narrow frames. An oval window with ray muntins flanked by rectangular sidelights are set in the face of the cross gable.</p> <p>The main entrances are located on the second and fourth bays of the front elevation. Fanlights are present over the entrances. A very plain doorway is located in the north bay of the west gable end.</p> <p>The roof is covered with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls. Simple boxing finishes the eaves. Large brick chimneys are located inside each gable end.</p> <p>A modern three bay, one story enclosed porch is centered at the front elevation.</p> <p>Near the house are a barn and other buildings related to agricultural use. The house is in good condition and is located on a tract containing 164 acres.</p>	

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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area of significance of this house is its architecture. Quite unusual in appearance for Washington County, the structure derives its major importance from its uncommon architectural features, including its cross gable with the oval window and flanking sidelights and its pair of entrances giving it a severely symmetrical appearance.

The windows are of unusually large proportions for Washington County's stone houses. The age of the house has not been determined, however, the owner has said that the structure is believed to date from the 1830's. A description of the house appearing in the June 18, 1928 issue of the Baltimore Sun reports that an 1812 date was found on a foundation stone. Extensive research and a thorough examination of the structure are necessary to substantiate either of these dates.

The property on which the house stands was for many years known as the "Beck Farm", having been purchased by Philip Beck in 1849. Philip Beck is said to have been among the founders of the nearby Beard's Church. The farm remained in the Beck family until 1893. Prior to Beck ownership, the property belonged to Francis Protzman who acquired it in three transactions in 1797 and 1803. The property includes parts of "Gleanings", "Bald Barrens", "The Forest", and "Webb's Discovery". Biographical sketches on the Protzman and Beck families are to be found in Thomas J. William's, History of Washington County.

The house is indeed worthy of further study.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Baltimore Sun, "Old Maryland House Well Built", June 18, 1928.
 Washington County Land Records
 Williams, Thomas J., A History of Washington County, Maryland
 Hagerstown: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 164 acres

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION: Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE: July, 1975

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Court House Annex

CITY OR TOWN: Hagerstown

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

WA-I-055
DEED RECCRDS

- 415/217 October 23, 1964
Grantor: John Wagaman, Jr.
Grantee: Gladys B. Bowman and Harold H. Bowman
- 415/216 October 23, 1964
Grantor: Gladys B. Bowman
Grantee: John Wagaman, Jr.
164 acres
- 261/79 February 27, 1951
Grantor: John Wagaman, Jr.
Grantee: Gladys B. Bowman and Hugh W. Bowman
9 parcels
- 261/78 February 27, 1951
Grantor: Gladys B. Bowman and Hugh W. Bowman
Grantee: John Wagaman, Jr.
- 238/664 November 26, 1946
Grantor: Harry Newcomer
Grantee: Luther K. Lung and Gladys B. Bowman
- 238/663 November 26, 1946
Grantor: Luther K. Lung
Grantee: Harry Newcomer
- 164/190 January 2, 1923
Grantor: John W. Lung and Amelia E. Lung
Grantee: Luther K. Lung and Effie B. Lung
\$14,000, "Gleanings", "Bald Barrens", "Webb's Discovery"
"The Forest" 171 acres
- 131/423 March 31, 1909
Grantor: Henry Funk
Grantee: John W. Lung
\$12,464

Grantor: Louisa J. Wolf and Henry C. Wolf
Grantee: Henry Funk
- 113/547 January 15, 1907
Grantors: Alexander Neill and Chas. A. Little, Trustees
Grantees: Louisa J. Wolf
\$9,704.25 171 acres
- 100/262 April 9, 1893
Grantors: Geo. W. Smith and J. Clarence Lane, Jr.
Grantees: David Beck, Daniel Beck, Benjamin Beck
\$15,701 153½ acres

DEED RECORDS, CONTD:

IN 11/624 April 3, 1852

Grantor: John D. Ridenour, Jr.

Grantee: Philip Beck

\$11,662.12 212 acres

The property is described as the real estate of Francis Protzman, deceased.

Chancery Record Vol. #4, folio 118, March 21, 1849

K/24 February 25, 1797

Grantor: Christian Good

Grantee: Francis Protzman

± 402, "Resurvey on Webb's Discovery" 33½ acres

K/105 April 13, 1797

Grantor: Peter Hoover

Grantee: Francis Protzman

± 1000. "Forest", "The Gleanings" 96 acres

P/174 March 4, 1803

Grantor: John Beard

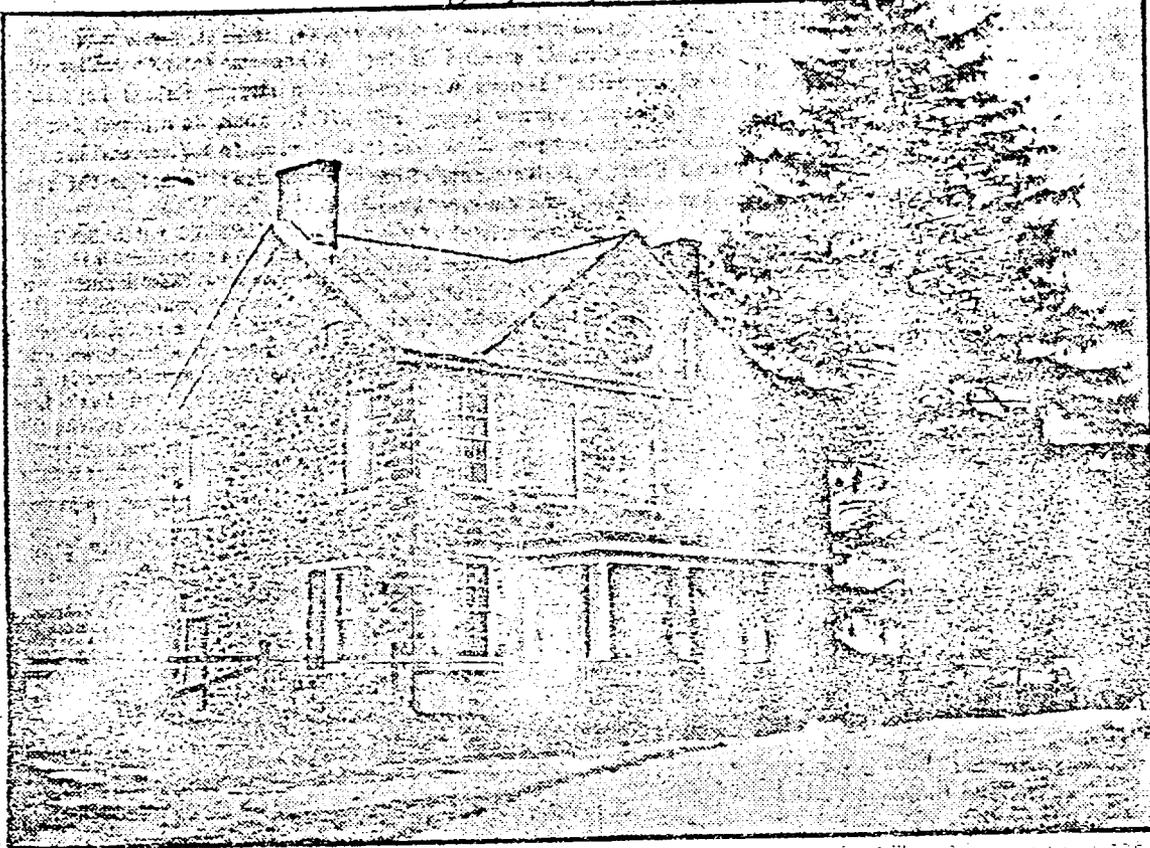
Grantee: Francis Protzman

± 792 "Forest", "The Gleanings", 12 acres

No. 9.

Old Maryland House Well Built

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Hagerstown, June 17. (Special)—This stone house, erected 116 years ago, is one of the best-built homes in Washington county, the walls being more than two feet thick. Its age was unknown until several years ago when workmen repairing the building uncovered a stone in the foundation on

which the date of erection was cut. The house, standing on the old Beck farm, in the Chewsville section, contains nine large rooms, five of these having fireplaces. The woodwork is exquisite and the oval window as seen in the photo indicates that only master workmen were employed in its construction.



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