

**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Moses Brown House (preferred)

and/or common Harvest Farm

**2. Location**

street & number 7604 Ridge Road not for publication

city, town Eldersburg vicinity of S.E. of Eldersburg congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Carroll code 013

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mrs. Ethel Cable

street & number 6704 Ridge Road

city, town Eldersburg vicinity of state Maryland 21784

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Office Building

street & number

city, town Westminster state Maryland 21157

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Maryland Historical Trust has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1980  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

## 7. Description

<u>    </u> excellent	<u>    </u> deteriorated	<u>    </u> unaltered	<u>  X  </u> original site
<u>  X  </u> good	<u>    </u> ruins	<u>  X  </u> altered	<u>    </u> moved    date _____
<u>    </u> fair	<u>    </u> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Moses Brown House stands on the westerly side of Ridge Road about one mile south of its intersection with Liberty Road, State Route 26, near Eldersburg in southeastern Carroll County.

The house consists of two three bay sections: a circa 1785 2½ story log structure with a symmetrical facade and steeply pitched gable roof to which is attached a circa 1814 2½ story stone building with the entrance in the south bay and a low gable roof. The roof axis runs east/west.

The log section sits on a stone foundation and is capped by a standing seam metal roof. An internal brick-flued stone chimney pierces the south gable end of the roof. At the first floor level of the front (east) facade, the central door is flanked by two windows with original paneled shutters, but late 19th century 2/2 sashes. The wall here is plastered and whitewashed. Windows on the second floor are aligned with those of the first floor and have 6/6 sashes and louvered shutters. On the south facade, a nearly centrally placed door offers access into the house. The southwest corner of the first story is now covered by a one-story pantry built as part of the shed roofed porch which now stretches around the west, south and east facades. Except for another 6/6 window near the ridge of the roof, the south facade is blank. The rear (west) elevation of the first story is also obscured by an addition built under the porch at the southwest corner. This board and batten addition also is storage space. With this addition, now only the central door and flanking north window can be seen. On the second story of the west side, two 6/6 windows with original shutters are found in the outer bays. The entire section is covered with late 19th century weatherboarding with corner boards.

The stone section was constructed in 1814. The front facade is also three bays in width, and is notable for its huge doorway opening, with deep paneled reveals and four light transom. Voussoired lintels and cut stone sills are present here, as well as in all windows. First floor windows are 12/12 lights, and retain original shutters each of which are divided into 3 raised panels. Windows on the second story are smaller, with only 8/6 lights. A simple boxed cornice marks the intersection of roof and walls.

The north elevation of the house is unbroken by any windows, except in the gable. At this point two casement windows of four lights each flank the massive internal stone end chimney. Between these windows is a slate block with the initials "MB" (for Moses Brown, who had the house built) and the date "1814", the year this stone section of the house was erected. The rear (western) elevation, like the front facade, also consists of three bays. Fenestration is identical, except that a single 6/6 window is found at the southwest corner, between the first and second floor level and lights the stairs. The doorway in the westernmost bay is also sheltered by an extension of the porch from the log portion of the house. A bulkhead can be found at the northwest corner. All basement windows on this and the front facade originally had horizontal diamond shaped bars. All now have replacement outer windows and are blocked.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

The first floor plan of the log section consists of two rooms with a partition wall running ~~north to south~~ *east-west* between them.

A simple boxed corner stair leads to the bedrooms above. Two 4-paneled doors, both original with H-L hinges, lead to the second floor and to storage space under the stair.

On the second floor of the log house, the original three room arrangement was altered by the removal of a partition and the conversion of a room into a bathroom. The boxed stair continues into the attic. The southwest corner contains a fireplace which has no mantelpiece or surround. The only other features of note are a simple chairrail and an original window opening on the north wall which was blocked and converted for shelves when the stone section was added.

The interior of the stone section has a side hall and one large parlor on the first floor and a hall and three original six panel doors (one at each end and one under the staircase giving access to the basement) and a simple but well proportioned balustrade on the stair case. The exterior doors have cast-iron carpenter locks. The balustrade has a classically influenced turned newel, square balusters, and round handrail. The staircase has open ends, ogee decoration on the step-ends, and simple panels with flat fields forming the wall underneath. The staircase is open to the attic.

The parlor on the first floor is the largest and most decorated of all the rooms in the house. It contains an interior fireplace flanked by low cabinets on the north wall and wide architrave trimmed windows with raised panel reveals on the east and west walls. The mantelpiece has double fluted half columns with bases and capitals supporting an Adam influenced frieze with beaded central and side oval panels below a strip of gauge-work moulding under the mantel shelf. The interior of the fireplace and the hearth were rebuilt in recent years.

The low cabinets flanking the fireplace have flat paneled doors and broad pilasters. The architrave chairrail in the room ties into the top of these cabinets. The only doorway into the room has the wide architrave trim as surrounding the windows and a six panel door with raised fields. All of the woodwork in this parlor appears to be original.

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

From the second floor stair landing, a long hallway running north to south leads one into three bedrooms. The largest of these takes up roughly half the area of the first floor parlor. This room has an original six panel entrance door with lock, a centrally placed mantel with reeded pilasters on bases, reeded shelf, and architrave trim. Particularly notable are the original "built-in" closets, also with original doors and locks, which flank the mantel. The other bedrooms also contain architrave moulding. The stairway on the southern wall of the hall, continues into another dogleg and into the attic.

The Moses Brown House is structurally sound and fairly original in condition with known major alterations being those mentioned in the above text.

All original outbuildings associated with the house have been removed.

### ACREAGE JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries for the acreage included in this nomination are determined by those of the planned surrounding housing development in what was farmland. With the construction of this development, the boundaries will take on strong visual and physical qualities because of the landscaping of the development and the new buildings.

# 8. Significance

<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>			
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**Specific dates** Log section c.1785 **Builder/Architect**  
Stone block 1814

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

SIGNIFICANCE

The Moses Brown House is significant as an example of late 18th-early 19th century Carroll County architecture in transition both in style and in the status of the person for whom it was erected. The original section of this two part house is a two and a half story log structure which was erected about 1785 and is notable for the very high pitch of the roof, corner fireplaces (one of which retains an original mantelpiece) and much original extant simple Classical influenced woodwork (particularly the mantelpiece with the ogee frieze in the west first floor room.) As the owner prospered, the second portion of the house, a stone structure, was erected. Built about 1814 (the year recorded in the date stone), this stone section exhibits a volumetric and stylistic sophistication in woodwork found in few houses of this period in southeastern Carroll County.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The stone section of the house was erected for Moses Brown as indicated on the date stone on the north gable wall. The frame section is believed to have also been erected for him. Moses, who was born in 1768, was the son of Abel Brown, a prosperous farmer who had huge land holdings in the area (nearly 8,000 acres), and would have had the resources for building a structure such as the log house. Although simple in decoration, the log section exhibits definite aesthetic strivings (example: the ogee friezed mantelpiece) and a sense of permanency. As Brown prospered and his family grew (ten children), he more than doubled his living accomodations with a stone addition that continued the attention to design and construction found in the earlier house but now made more elaborate by his prosperity.

Each section of the house, even if considered separately, has the architectural integrity and significance worthy of National Register recognition. The imposing stone block exhibits a combination of elements that illustrate the transition between the Georgian and Federal styles in this region of Maryland. Overall massing, the 12/12 windows and carefully cut quoins are the most prominent elements that represent the Georgian style. Federal period stylistic elements can be seen through the use of a side hall floor plan, lofty volumetric proportions, and fine woodwork such as the Adamesque mantel that adorns the parlor.

The ~~prosperity~~<sup>property</sup> remained in the Brown family until 1839. From this period, the property has had several owners. The present owner acquired title in 1952 and named the property Harvest Farm. Since 1952, the house has been rented. The property is being subdivided for a housing development with the Moses Brown House to be sold separately.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Carroll Co. Land and Will Records, Co. Office Building, Westminster, Md.  
"Maryland Genealogical Bulletin", Vol. 19, #1, (Winter, 1978), pgs. 16-20.  
Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland, 2 vols. Philadelphia:  
Louis Everts, 1882, II, 874.  
Trescott, Vernon, J, Notes on file at Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.

## 10. Geographical Data

ACREAGE NOT VERIFIED

Acreege of nominated property 0.94 acres

UTM NOT VERIFIED

Quadrangle name Finksburg Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property measures approximately 205' along Ridge Road and projects in a southerly direction 200' on the east side and 210' on the west, and 180' on the southerly end. The boundary is more precisely defined on the attached map labeled "Proposed Outsale of Part of the Ethel H. Cable Property" prepared in May, 1980 to a scale of 1"=100'.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mark R. Edwards and Ronald L. Andrews

organization Maryland Historical Trust date June, 1980

street & number 21 State Circle telephone (301) 269-2438

city or town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

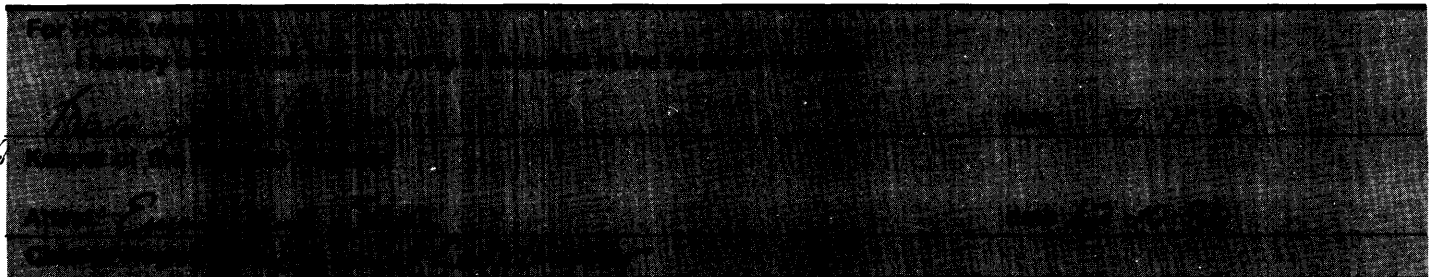
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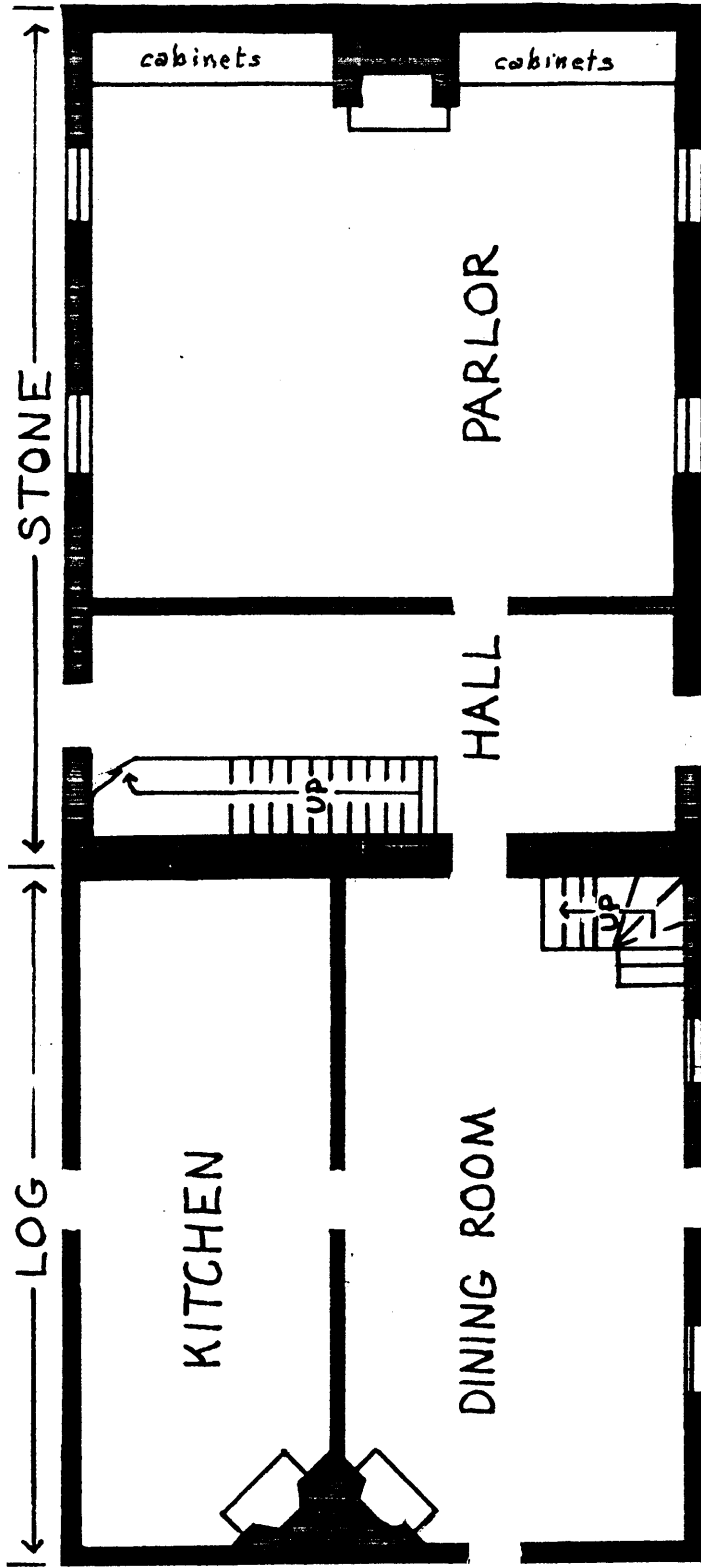
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature J. Little 10-30-80

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

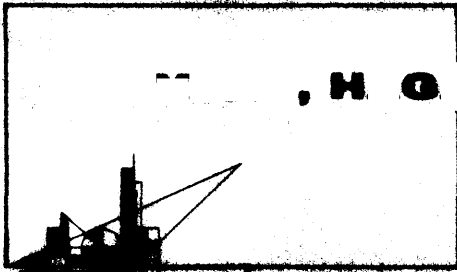


Brown, Moses, House  
Eldersburg vicinity  
Carroll Co., Md.



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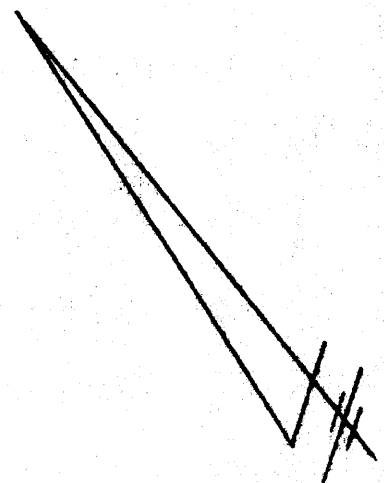
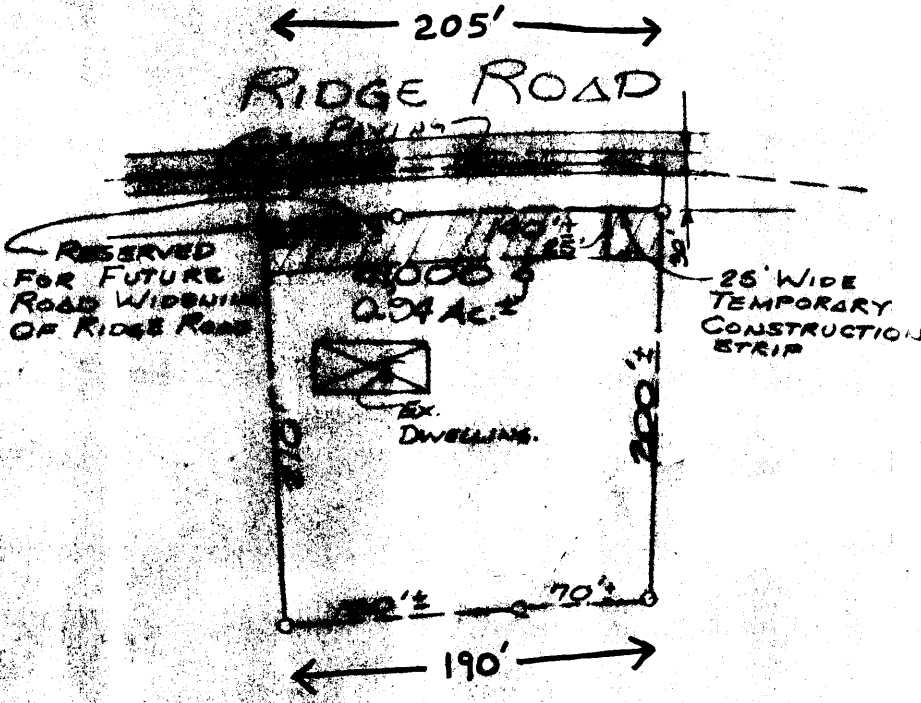
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111 JOHN STREET / WESTMINSTER, MD. 21157 (301) 848-1790  
11 S. WASHINGTON STREET / EASTON, MD. 21601 (301) 822-5433



BROWN, MOSES, HOUSE  
Eldersburg vicinity  
Carroll County  
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PROPOSED OUTSALE  
OF  
PART OF THE  
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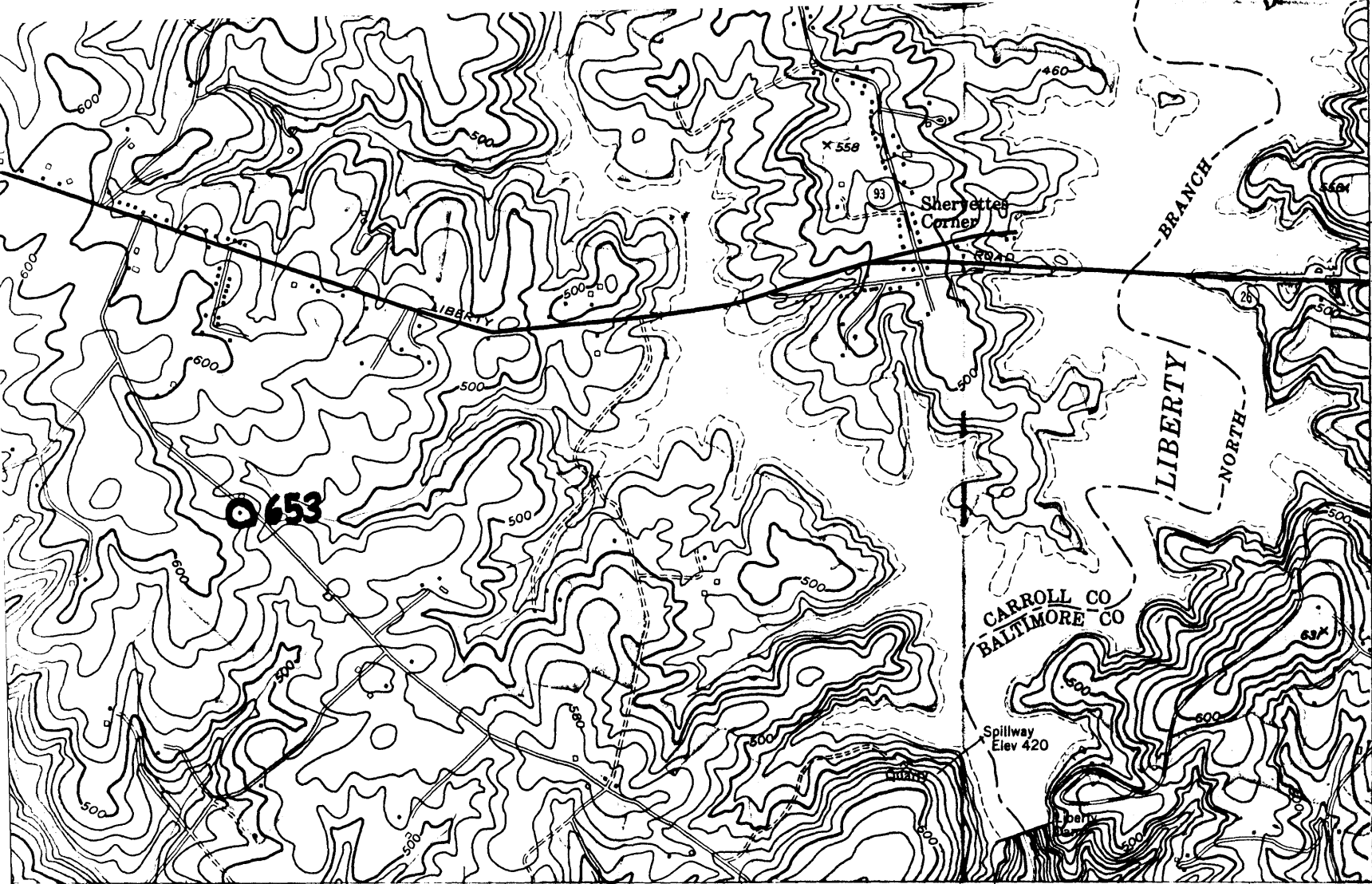
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Signed this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 1980

SCALE 100 ft. = 1 inch

SURVEYOR AND CIVIL ENGINEER





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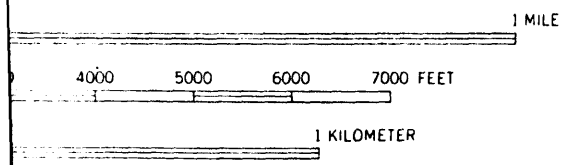
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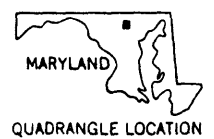
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

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- Medium-duty
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt
- U. S. Route
- State Route

FINKSBURG, MD.  
NW/4 ELLICOTT 15' QUADRANGLE  
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Carroll Co., Maryland*

ELLICOTT CITY  
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AL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
URVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST