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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

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1. Name of Property

Historic name: Cover's Tannery

Other names/site number: CARR-1583

Name of related multiple property listing:
N/A

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: 626 Francis Scott Key Highway

City or town: Keymar State: MD County: Carroll

Not For Publication: Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

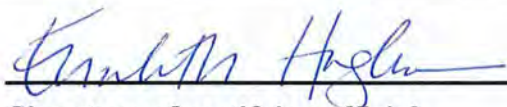
In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria.

I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

 national statewide X local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

XA B XC D

	<u>8.15.2019</u>
Signature of certifying official	Date
<u>State Historic Preservation Officer; Director, Maryland Historical Trust</u>	
Title: State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government	

In my opinion, the property <u> </u> meets <u> </u> does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
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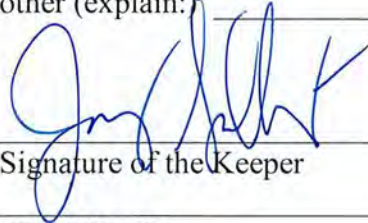
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4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register
- determined eligible for the National Register
- determined not eligible for the National Register
- removed from the National Register
- other (explain:)



Signature of the Keeper

9-27-2019

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only **one** box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

No Style

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: Stone, Wood, Brick

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

The property known as Cover's Tannery is located at 626 Francis Scott Key Highway, approximately 1.5 mile southwest of Keymar, 5.5 miles southwest of Taneytown and 4 miles northwest of Union Bridge, in northwest Carroll County, Maryland. The property is located on the west side of the road and faces the road. The road parallels a ridge line behind the house and barn, thus these structures are banked into the hillside which slopes up behind them. The complex consists of a ca. 1790 log house with a ca. 1830 stone addition, a contemporaneous frame bank barn and frame summer kitchen, and a late 20th century garage concrete block and frame garage.

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Narrative Description

The **house** faces east toward the road and has a rubble stone foundation. It is a two story log structure with five bays on the first story and four on the second story. The building is two bays deep. It is sheathed with beaded bottom edge weatherboards on the first story of the east elevation and plain weatherboards elsewhere. It has a gable roof with wood shakes and a northeast to southwest ridge. There is an interior brick chimney on each gable end.

The east elevation on the first story has a center entrance with a wide door frame and a new door set in it. The doorway has been narrowed with infill on either side of the door. There are two 9/6 sash on either side of the door that are old but not original to this structure. They are set in mortised and tenoned and pegged frames that have ovolo backbands. The first story has a one story five bay porch that has recently been rebuilt to match the remains of the earlier porch. The four bays of the second story do not align with the openings of the first story. Each bay has a 6/6 sash set in a wide frame that has an ovolo backband; these frames do not appear to be pegged. On the southwest end, flush with the east elevation is a 1-1/2 story 2 bay by 1 bay wing of rubble stone. The east elevation of the wing has a 6/6 sash with head cut trim in the south bay and a new door in an original frame in the east bay. There is a wood box cornice and an interior brick chimney on the southwest gable end.

The southwest elevation of the wing has a four-light sash set in a small opening to the west of the first story; there is a 6/6 sash in a new frame in the gable end south of the chimney. The west elevation of the wing has a new door in an original frame in the north bay and a 6/6 sash with new trim in the west bay. The roofing on this elevation is corrugated metal and there are three new skylights. The roof continues down at the same pitch to cover a porch across the entire west elevation of the wing. The north end of this porch has new weatherboard infill.

On the west elevation of the main block, the first story is three bays wide, with a center entrance that has a beaded-edge-vertical-board door with a six-light sash set into it. The door frame is wide and has a cavetto-and-bead backband. There is a 6/6 sash to either side of the doorway and the frames match the door frame. There is a bulkhead cellar entrance below the north bay. On the second story the end bays have the same 6/6 sash and frames as the first story; there is no opening in the center bay. On the north elevation the first and second stories each have two 6/6 sash with replaced trim; the gable peak has two four-light sash.

There is a cellar under the north end of the house only. There is a summer beam that runs north/south and the joists run east/west and overlap each other on top of the summer beam. The joists are hewn on all four sides and some have lateral grooves to hold wattle and daub insulation. Some of the joists are reused, as they have empty mortises; it is not clear whether the grooved joists are original or were also reused. On the north elevation east of the summer beam is a stone fireplace support which is not tied in to the foundation. West of the summer beam is a

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diagonal joist suggesting a corner chimney was in this location, but no corresponding stone support has survived.

The first story has a center passage double pile plan. In the center passage the original front door jamb survives, the doorway is about 3ft 10" wide and on either side are pintel holes with small holes below them suggesting that originally double doors hung on rat-tail hinges. The passage has new flooring, new baseboard and new architraves. The walls are hand planed beaded-edge tongue-in-groove vertical board. The crown molding in the passage is a recent addition.

The doorway to the southeast room had been widened at one point; it has been returned to its original width but relocated slightly east of its original position. The door in this doorway was moved here from between the southeast and southwest rooms. It is a six panel door hung on HL hinges that are original to the door. The door has a slide bolt and a ghost of a rimlock.

The original opening from the passage to the southwest room has been closed; the door, similar to that described for the southwest room, is stored in the barn.

The door to the northwest room is of beaded-edge tongue-in-groove boards that line up with the boards of the wall. The door has wrought iron dovetail hinges, a wooden stock lock, and a wrought iron slide bolt below the lock. Above the stock lock is part of a suffolk latch with keyhole, on the passage side of the door is the ghost of a large suffolk latch with a teardrop cusp. The rear or west exterior door of the passage is an exterior door of beaded-edge-vertical boards with tapered battens. It is hung on tapered strap hinges that have round ends and rat-tails on the pintels. There is a small rimlock and the ghost of a large earlier rimlock. The winder stair is at the west end of the passage, offset to the south. The entrance to the stair is unusually wide and there is no evidence of an original door in this location. The stairs have been repaired with new risers; the treads were reused but were not original, according to the owner.

In the northeast room, part of the baseboard is original and the rest is a reproduction. The south and west partitions are formed of beaded vertical boards. The north and east walls have diagonal riven lath and plaster over logs which were historically whitewashed on their interior, according to the owner. The east window jambs are pegged to the logs; they have ovolo backbands that appear to have been taken off and put back backwards in order to get more depth when the wall was plastered. On the north elevation, offset to the west, is a brick fireplace with a small opening and very slight splay to the jambs. West of the fireplace on the wall is sawn vertical lath suggesting that this fireplace replaced a previous larger one. The window on the north elevation has mitered architrave with an ogee backband; the owner reported that chair rail originally existed in this room.

The northwest room has replaced flooring and no baseboard. Chair rail survives on the west wall. The west window matches those on the east wall of the northeast room and the north window matches that in the north wall of the northeast room. This room has new crown molding.

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In the only alterations to the original floor plan, the partition between the southeast and southwest rooms was removed, and the doorway from the passage to the southwest room was enclosed. In the combined south room the ceiling plaster was removed, revealing sash sawn joists half-lapped into a hewn summer beam that runs north/south. The south wall has been studded out to support sagging joists in the southwest corner; the logs are exposed at the eastern portion of the wall. Near the center of the south wall is a fireplace of brick with a small opening and slightly splayed jambs, without mantel. The two bottom logs in this area are cut out, probably indicating that a larger fireplace was here originally. A ghost on the wall to the west of the fireplace indicates the location of the partition which formerly divided this room. East of the fireplace is a door opening leading to the stone wing; according to the owner, the jambs for this opening are not pegged to the log ends. Also on the south wall, west of the fireplace is a small window opening with a mortised and tenoned and pegged frame that had been lathed and plastered over. The frames are also pegged to the log ends; a shutter found here has tapered battens and was hung on strap hinges with a round pointed end. The chair rail survives on the east wall; windows have narrow architraves beaded at the inner edge with no backband.

The wing is set two steps below the floor level of the main block. The flooring has been replaced with reused material. The walls have original chair rail. The exposed joists have beaded bottom edges. On the north side, the logs of the main block are exposed. The west window and east door and window all have mortised and tenoned and pegged frames. On the south wall, offset toward the west, is a large cooking fireplace with straight stone jambs that were formerly plastered; the plaster has been removed and the masonry repointed. There is a brick hearth and a wood lintel, with no mantel. In the west corner of the back wall of the fireplace is a four-light sash set in what may be an original opening for a bake oven. The opening has brick jambs that have been repointed, and a wooden lintel with circular saw marks. In the southeast corner of the room is an enclosed winder stair with two steps set below a beaded-edge-vertical-board door hung on tapered strap hinges with round ends. The door has a suffolk latch with teardrop cusps. An original closet below the stairs has beaded-edge-vertical board doors with straight battens hung on strap hinges with pintles and a suffolk latch with lima bean cusps. A similar door has been added above this one. On the west elevation, offset to the north is a doorway to the enclosed section of the rear porch of the wing; this doorway has a beaded-edge vertical board door and a plain head cut trim. It once had a suffolk latch but now has a Dutch elbow lock.

The second story of the main block has a center passage in the west half with two rooms across the east and a room in each western corner. In the passage the stairway has a square newel post with a molded cap, square balusters, and a molded handrail. A straight run of stairs to the attic is enclosed with beaded-edge tongue-in groove boards that appear to be secured with t-headed nails. The doorway to the attic has beaded-edge-vertical boards with straight battens. The door is hung on cast iron butt hinges marked "T. CLARK'S COM"N".

The northwest chamber door has head cut trim with no evidence of a backband. The door opening may have been narrowed with the addition of one vertical board. The door is of tongue and groove vertical board with no beads and has three straight battens, and is hung on H-L

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hinges, nailed to the door and wall. A cast iron rim lock with mineral knob replaces an earlier lock and knob.

The northeast chamber door is set at an angle and has the same head cut trim as the northwest chamber door. Several boards above the door are flush and have no tongues and grooves and no beads, this may be because the summer beam projects into the passage at this location. The door has three battens and is hung on H-L hinges, it had a rim lock that is now gone.

The southwest chamber door has head cut trim and applied ogee backband fastened with rose head nails. The door has two battens. There is an escutcheon with foliate leaves on top and bottom on the passage side of the door, while the room side has a Dutch elbow lock. Nailed to the door with wrought nails, this lock has a dead bolt at the bottom. The door is hung on strap hinges that are tapered with round end and instead of pintles it has a dovetail that is nailed to the jamb with wrought nails.

The southeast chamber door has the same architrave latch, escutcheon, strap hinges and battens as the southwest chamber door. The flooring is random width pine.

The northeast chamber has a board wall on the south elevation and plaster walls on the north, west, and east sides. The summer beam runs through this room and is plastered and has a flush board on the soffit. A corner fireplace with a simple board mantel is located in the northwest corner of the room. The window on the north has architrave with mitered joints and an ogee backband, the jambs are covered with boards. The east windows have an ovolo applied to the jamb boards.

The northwest chamber has a board wall on the south elevation and plaster walls on the west, north, and east elevations. The north window is identical to the north window in the northeast chamber. The jamb boards have small wire nails. The west window is the same as the east windows in the southeast chamber.

In the southeast chamber the east wall is of boards and the north, south and west walls are plaster. The west wall has vertical boards above the doorway and just to the south of it between the opening and the ovolo backband suggesting that the plaster was added later. The east windows are identical to the east windows in the northeast chamber.

In the southwest chamber the east wall is of alternating overlapped vertical boards, covered with riven lath fastened with cut nails. To the south end of this wall there is later infill of sawn lath near the chimney suggesting that the original chimney was larger and that the infill was necessary after the chimney was replaced with a smaller one. The log wall in the south elevation has riven lath and plaster over logs which were whitewashed on their interior surface. There is a plaster wall on the west and a board wall on the north elevation.

The attic stairs are fastened with t-headed wrought nails and the attic floor is face nailed with the same nails. The rafters are hewn top and bottom only and have a center tenon and peg at

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the ridge. Collar beams were cut out and made into knee wall studs, which have since been removed. The collar beams were fastened with half dovetail, half lapped and pegged. The rafters are cut off at the foot and fastened at the top log or a false plate. Alongside of the rafters are small pieces of tapered wood that extend out over the eave. The four light casements in the attic are hung on plain cast iron butt hinges and the window frames are fastened with cut nails. The undersides of the attic floorboards and the sides of the joists below are heavily whitewashed. The joists run east/west and are sawn.

About 110' north of the house is a bank **barn** with a forebay that faces east towards the road. The barn does not align neatly with the house, nor does it face in the exact same direction. The barn has an asymmetrical profile with a rubble stone lower story, portions of which have been removed on the southeast, and a timber frame upper story sheathed in beaded-edge-vertical boards. It has a gable roof of corrugated metal with a north to south ridge. On the east elevation the lower story has a door opening for a Dutch door with five wooden louvers above. To the north the wall has been removed and there are two mortises in the sill above which probably held the frame of a vent. Then a flush stone wall which was probably one side of a second doorway to the north. Set in the stone wall is a wooden louver vent, then a Dutch door hung on tapered strap hinges with round or tear drop ends. Above this doorway is another wooden louver. The north end of the lower story has been converted to a milking parlor. The stone wall was completely removed and a concrete block wall was constructed beneath the forebay; this wall has a center door on rollers and four 2/2 sash on each side.

The upper story on the east elevation has five plain wooden louver vents. Near the center is a vertical board door on strap hinges, probably set in an original opening. The northernmost bay and vent were added to the barn in the 19th century.

On the south elevation the lower story stonework has traces of gray paint with white penciling. There are two diamond-in-section wooden louver vents in mortised and tenoned and pegged frames. The stone wall of the lower story continues east to the end of the forebay where there is a semicircular arched opening with ashlar, keystone and voussoirs. This opening now has a slatted door on tapered strap hinge with a round end. On the upper story a wagon shed of 2x4 construction is attached, with a corn crib at the south end of the wagon shed. Above the wagon shed roof is original siding with a semicircular wooden louvered lunette. The barn has tapered rakeboards.

On the west elevation, the lower story has a wooden louver vent in the south bay, and the upper story has two pair of new aluminum wagon doors on rollers. To the west of the doorways the siding has a drip molding below it. The north bay of this elevation has plain vertical board siding that is wire nailed. The west roof is covered with inverted v-seam metal roofing.

On the north elevation of the lower story, a concrete block milk room was added to the east bay in the early 20th century. This has an asphalt shingled gable roof with a north-to-south ridge. There are two six-light steel sash on the east and west elevations and one on the north elevation. To the west, an altered opening pierces the stone foundation of the barn and holds a

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pair of 2/2 sash. The upper wall has two vents set below two vents, and a twelve-light sash in the gable peak.

Inside the barn on the lower story the north end has been converted to a milking parlor and has no significant details exposed. The south end has a hewn summer beam that runs north to south; Lally columns replace the wooden posts that formerly supported it. The joists are hewn top and bottom inside the barn and on all four sides beneath the forebay. Several of the joists are reused v-notch corner logs of varying lengths and they appear to have been added later as they are often set close to other joists and there is no flooring above them. Those joists that span the whole width of the barn appear not to have been reused. The south wall has a peg rail that acts as a lintel for the vents set into the stone wall and a wooden box set into the wall in the south corner. There are no stalls or other original details left in the lower story.

In the upper story of the barn the north bay was added, creating a floor plan with a haymow on each end and two center threshing floors. The original granary is in the south corner over the forebay. There are added bents along the west side of the south center threshing floor set inside the south haymow. The original bents are roughly sash sawn and have three posts. The forebay is framed separately by smaller posts and girts. The roof is supported by purlin post trusses. The rafters are sawn and appear to have a center tenon and peg at the ridge. There is a steel hay fork track in the ridge. The original west elevation and bays have or had a sill mortised and tenoned and pegged between the posts of the bent above the floor level. There is then a center post between this sill and the plate and there are also down braces between the sill and plate. This arrangement survives in the south bay, but was cut out in the north center bay for a doorway when this bay was converted to a threshing floor. The north bay has a circular sawn heavy timber frame that is mortised and tenoned and pegged with a purlin post supporting the roof framing. The rafters are 2x4's that are mitered at the ridge. The girts are supported by blocks nailed to the original posts.

The frame **summer kitchen** is about 30' south of the house. It is a 1-1/2 story 2 bay by 1 bay structure with German siding and corner boards and has a rubble stone foundation. The gable roof has corrugated metal and an east to west ridge. The north elevation has a window opening in the east bay and a vertical board door in the west bay. The west elevation has a window opening in the gable end. The south elevation has a window opening in the west bay. The east elevation has two 6/6 sash with head cut trim.

A late 20th century two-car **garage** of concrete block and frame construction adjoins the summer kitchen on the north.

Contributing Resources 3: house, barn, summer kitchen

Non-contributing Resources 1: garage

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

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Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Architecture

Industry

Period of Significance

ca. 1790-ca. 1930

Significant Dates

Significant Person

(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

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Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

The Cover's Tannery property is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, in that the house and barn are outstanding examples of regional vernacular architecture from the period 1790-1820. Both the house and barn reflect the influence of Germanic building traditions. The barn, with its siting in an excavated bank, projecting forebay, and heavy timber frame above a stone lower story, reflects a traditional form particularly associated with Germanic farmsteads in the Pennsylvania Culture Region. Dating from the early 19th century, it is an exceptionally early example of frame barn construction in central Maryland. The house similarly reflects Germanic influence in its log construction, wrought iron hardware, and interior plan, particularly on the second story which has survived largely unaltered. A noteworthy feature of the principal façade is the adaptation of the first floor to a symmetrical, five-bay, central entrance arrangement more characteristic of Anglo-American architecture in the period, while retaining the Germanic four-bay layout above. This may reflect a pattern of adaptation to the dominant culture in the region.

The property derives additional significance under Criterion A for its association with the early industrial development of the region. Several small-scale tanneries operated in Carroll County in the nineteenth century. The surviving domestic/agricultural complex reflects the status of a successful tannery operator, who also derived a portion of his income from farming. The early 20th century milk house and concomitant alterations to the barn represent modern developments in dairy practice during that period.

The Period of Significance, ca. 1790-ca. 1930, begins with the presumed construction date of the house and ends at a date by which the contributing elements had attained their historic form and appearance.

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Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least **one** paragraph for each area of significance.)

In March 1798, Jacob Cover, Sr. received the deed for two tracts of land he purchased from Andrew Kaldenbach (Cottebough) of Georgetown for ~500. The tracts were 25 acres and ~18 acres, and they comprised the first land he had purchased in what was then Frederick County, just east of the Monacacy River. The same year the tax assessor recorded that his property held a log house, barn, and tanyard. Unfortunately, the records are not detailed enough to determine whether the existing log house and barn are those listed in 1798, and whether Cover built them and the tannery or whether they existed previously. As Cover had probably purchased the land several years prior to the execution of the deed, he could have been responsible for all the improvements. While it is not possible to determine whether the house and barn predate or postdate 1798, both structures are consistent with a construction period of ca. 1790-1820. The house has remarkable similarities to the John Sheets Farm (CARR-1581) of ca. 1798-1808, with a center passage, double-pile plan with vertical-board partition walls and a corner fireplace originally in the southeast room. The stairway is not set in the narrow passage, but instead is enclosed and set just off the passage, very much like the Peter Wentz Farmstead in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. While the first story has undergone various changes, the second story is virtually pristine and contains an excellent variety of early hardware. The barn is also an excellent and rare survival. Most barns in 1798 were of log, so frame barns built before 1820 were always uncommon, and few have survived from that period in Carroll County.

Jacob Cover (b. 29 Dec. 1758) married Elizabeth Rudisell (b. 23 Jul. 1763), daughter of Tobias Rudisell, in 1785, and they had five children before her death on 21 August 1801. Their fourth child was John, who would follow Jacob in the tannery business. Jacob then married Elizabeth's younger sister, Susanna (b. 26 Nov. 1775) and they had two children. Susanna's younger brother, Ludwick (b. 25 Feb. 1778) also became a tanner; his brick house of c.1807, at the west end of Taneytown, is already listed in the National Register (CARR-213). Ludwick's father, Tobias, was a blacksmith, so it is possible that Ludwick apprenticed with Jacob Cover and learned the trade there. Both the Covers and Rudisells were members of the Taneytown Lutheran Church, and must have known each other before the families became linked by marriage. Tanning ran in both families, and most of the local tanners must have had connections with each other, as Ludwick's son Thomas Rudisell took over his tannery, and Ludwick's daughter Alice married Lewis M. Motter, who by 1850 was a tanner in Emmitsburg. The 1808 map of Frederick County does not show this property, though that map is nowhere near complete. Nothing more is known of the property until the death of Jacob Cover in September 1823. In his will, Jacob Cover provided for his widow, Susanna. He gave her the use, or income from the renting of, his

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tavern at the fork in the road north of his dwelling, during her life. She also received \$50 a year for her life, and a collection of furniture, including a bed, three tables, a corner cupboard, a case of drawers, a bureau, seven chairs, a ten plate stove, two carpets, four pair of window curtains, and other necessary items, for her life. Their children would divide these items after her death. In addition, Susanna received the legacy that she and her husband had inherited from her father. This included a black slave named Maria, two cows, a bed, her sidesaddle, and \$800. Taken together, this enabled her to live her remaining years comfortably, though she died the following February in 1824. Jacob Cover was still actively engaged in the tanning business, judging from his inventory. This included 91 cords of Chestnut, Spanish Oak, and Black Oak bark and 606 skins or hides, in various states of completion, from "ruff", to "stiff", in "tan", marked and finished. Most numerous were calf skins, which were valued at from \$1.00 each, in the rough, to \$8.00 each when finished. Cover was also tanning sheep, hog, horse, and dog skins. Much of the leather was specified as upper leather or sole leather and so was clearly intended for shoes. Cover also had tanners and currier's tools, a bark wheel, which was probably for grinding bark, and a stove in his tanshop. He also owned a complete collection of farming implements, and was raising corn, wheat, rye, flax, and hay. He had a vegetable garden that included potatoes, and three horses, two cows (besides the two willed to Susanna), and seven hogs. He also owned four male slaves, Phillip (\$325), Tom (\$200), George (\$130), and David (\$80), in addition to Maria (\$60). This was unusual for Carroll County. The slaves probably worked in both the tannery and in the fields, and Phillip, worth \$325, may have been a skilled tanner. It is possible that tanners could not easily hire help for what was notably a foul-smelling occupation, and thus Cover relied on slaves, but George Crouse's Tannery (CARR-1424) relied on white labor in the 1840's.

John Cover purchased his father's 101 acre farm and tannery for \$2,850. He continued the tanning business, and like his father, owned slaves. He may have been the John Cover for whom a reward was offered in 1814 after the beating death of a slave, though he would have been young since he was probably born c.1795-1799. In 1852, his slaves were Harriet--age 34, George--age 3, and Sarah--age ~2. The latter two were likely Harriet's children. There is no evidence that John Cover used slave labor in the tanyard. The tanning business was still a lucrative one, apparently, as Cover had \$1,250 in a Maryland bank and held \$1,400 in private securities. The farm was worth \$2,520 and the tanning stock worth \$1,860. This profitability is even more evident in the inventory of John Cover's estate, taken after his death in late 1864. The value of his railroad bonds and bank shares totaled \$19,510. In addition, his interest in a tannery in Herbaugh's Valley, in Frederick County, was alone valued at \$27,640. This must have been a considerable operation, since his own farm would sell for \$7,000. Most of the rooms in his house had carpets or matting on the floors and were heated by stoves. The kitchen had a cooking stove. Tannery items were not listed in John Cover's inventory. This may have been because he was no longer running it, but had leased it to another, as in 1866 Thomas F. Cover was assessed for \$9,000 worth of leather hides, bark, and other tannery items, and in 1868 Lycurgus Miller was residing there. Miller may have simply been farming the land.

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In 1868 the farm was advertised for sale. At that time, Francis Scott Key Highway was known as York Road, as it was the road from Frederick to York. The farm was ~121 acres, with about 30 acres in timber. The remaining acreage held an orchard, the house, barn, tannery and all associated buildings and yards, meadows, and six fields, each with water in it. Subtracting all the land that was not part of the fields, these fields must have averaged about 10 to 14 acres. The advertisement noted that "the improvements consist of a large two-story weather-boarded dwelling house, with back building attached, in good repair; good bank barn, wagon shed, carriage house, granary, smokehouse ... (*American Sentinel*, 10 December 1868, p. 2, c. 7)." This is the first mention of the kitchen wing, which it calls a back building, though in reality it is a side wing. Of course, by this time, John Cover already had a cook stove, so the wing probably dates to much earlier, and may have been added by Cover in the 1820's, after he purchased the house from his father's estate. The mortised and tenoned and pegged window and doorframes are typically found on structures before 1830, but there are few other features with which to confidently date the construction of the wing. The advertisement added that "There is also attached to this valuable property a tanyard, in the best possible condition, being but recently fitted up, sufficient to tan 3000 side of leather per year, and has a good run of custom, and is supplied with a fountain of water sufficient for all tanning purposes." The description did not list the number of vats or size of the tanning house. [The tanyard was located across the road from the house and barn, where a tributary of the Little Pipe Creek provided water for the tanning operation.]

The property was purchased by John Biehl, who it appears from the tax records was a tenant farmer in Frederick County. Based on the 1876 tax records, Biehl was farming but not running the tannery, and may have continued to lease it to others. Biehl owned five horses, eight cows, eleven hogs and \$175 worth of farm implements, but had no stock in trade related to tanning, such as hides or bark. The fate of the tannery in this period is not known, but small, local industries such as tanning often could not compete in the late nineteenth century with larger, more mechanized urban concerns, and they began to disappear. It almost certainly had ceased operation by the time Charles Garber bought the property in 1910, after John Biehl's death. The property was then solely relegated to farming; the early 20th century improvements to the barn and construction of the milk house represent the evolution of dairy practices in the period.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Carroll County & Frederick County Land Records
Carroll County & Frederick County Tax Assessments, 1798, 1825, 1835, 1852, 1866, 1866-76, 1876, 1876-96, 1896-1910
Jacob Cover inventory, JMP 7-283, Carroll County Wills
American Sentinel (Westminster, MD). 10 Dec. 1868, p. 2, c.7
Virginia Dreyer Stenley, "The Rudisell Family of Taneytown," typescript, 1995, Historical Society of Carroll County
J. Thomas Scharf, History of Western Maryland. 1882; rpt Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1968), pp. 843-844
Martenet's 1862 Map
Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson Atlas, 1877
Rand McNally Atlas, 1917

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): CARR=1583

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 3.0475 acres

Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates (decimal degrees)

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- 1. Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____
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Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

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- 2. Zone: _____ Easting: _____ Northing: _____
- 3. Zone: _____ Easting: _____ Northing: _____
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Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The metes and bounds of the nominated property are described among the Land Records of Carroll County, Maryland in Liber LWS 1251, folio 376.

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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The nominated property, 3.0475 acres, encompasses the surviving remnant of the acreage historically associated with the resource.

11. Form Prepared By

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Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A **USGS map** or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property: Cover's Tannery

City or Vicinity: Keymar vicinity

County: Carroll County

State: Maryland

Photographer: Peter Kurtze

Date Photographed: August, 2012

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

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Front (east) façade, view from southeast
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Rear (west) elevation, view from southwest
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Summer kitchen, view from southeast
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Fireplace in stone section, view from northeast
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Fireplace in first floor north room, view from southeast
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Corner fireplace, northeast chamber, view from southwest

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Barn and milk house, view from northeast

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Barn, detail of masonry and forebay, view from southeast

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Barn and wagon shed, view from southwest

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Barn framing, view southeast from center threshing floor

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Barn roof framing detail

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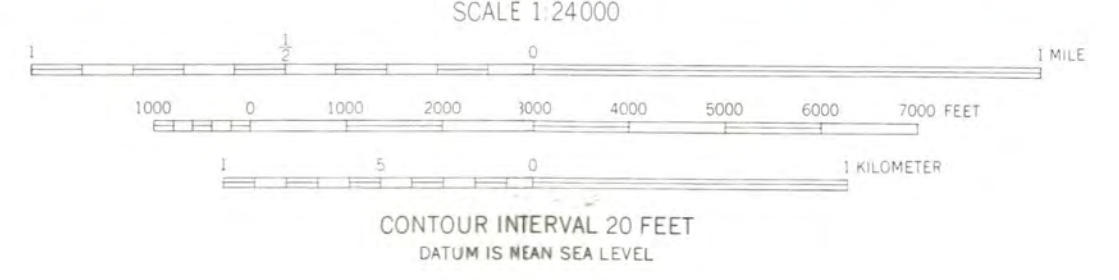
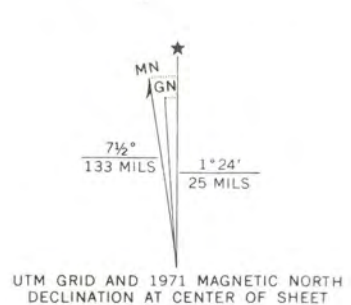
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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Requested Action: Nomination

Property Name: Cover's Tannery

Multiple Name: _____

State & County: MARYLAND, Carroll

Date Received: 8/20/2019 Date of Pending List: 9/12/2019 Date of 16th Day: 9/27/2019 Date of 45th Day: 10/4/2019 Date of Weekly List: _____

Reference number: SG10004486

Nominator: SHPO

Reason For Review: _____

X Accept Return Reject 9/27/2019 Date

Abstract/Summary Comments: Locally significant for its architectural characteristics as an example of vernacular construction typical of German settlement in the 18th century. The log house features a balanced facade, albeit with a five bay first level and a four bay second level. Many interior features remain, including wrought iron hardware. The building is also closely associated with a small-scale tannery and is a significant example of this type of small scale industrial development in the area.

Recommendation/ Criteria: Accept / A & C

Reviewer Jim Gabbert Discipline Historian

Telephone (202)354-2275 Date _____

DOCUMENTATION: see attached comments : No see attached SLR : No

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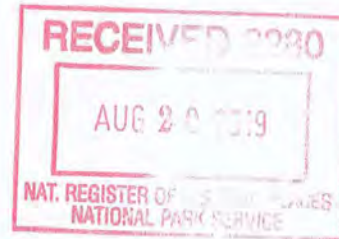
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RE: Cover's Tannery (CARR-1583)
Carroll County, Maryland

Dear Ms. Beasley:

Enclosed is documentation to nominate the above-referenced property to the National Register of Historic Places. Our State Review Board concurs in my recommendation for listing. Please note that although the enclosed photographs are over two years old, they nevertheless accurately represent the current appearance of the resource.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have questions in this matter, please contact Peter Kurtze at peter.kurtze@maryland.gov or (410) 697-9562.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hughes
Director-State Historic
Preservation Officer

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Enclosures: NR form, CD



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2 messages

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Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 3:22 PM

To: "NR-MD: PETER KURTZE (E-mail)" <peter.kurtze@maryland.gov>

Peter:

I need to confirm with you something. The nomination, in Section 8, checks Criteria A & C, with Industry and Architecture as the areas of significance,

Section 3, though, only checks Criterion C. Can you confirm that the SHPO believes that the property is eligible under both A and C?

Jim Gabbert
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Peter Kurtze -MDP- <peter.kurtze@maryland.gov>

Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 4:27 PM

To: "Gabbert, James" <james_gabbert@nps.gov>

Thanks, Jim. Yes indeed, the SHPO endorses both A and C. Sorry for the error.



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