

AL-II-A-067

Ricker Frame House

Architectural Survey File

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes ☒
no ☐

Property Name: Ricker Frame House Inventory Number: AL-II-A-067

Address: 1/10 mile south of Route 40 City: Gilpin Zip Code:

County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: FLINTSTONE

Owner:

Tax Parcel Number: Tax Map Number: Tax Account ID Number:

Project: Agency:

Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: Date:

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ no ☐ yes Name of District:

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number:

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Inventory Form AL-II-A-067

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

The Ricker Frame house was constructed during the Civil War era of the mid 1860's. All features on the house were made outstandingly large, including tall double hung wooden sash windows, 14 room in all, 11 foot ceilings on the first floor, and 10 foot ceilings on the second floor. A large winding staircase leads to the second level. Large French windows and doors decorate the façade. Four corbeled brick interior chimneys add to the extravagance of the architecture.

Jason Hanks was the man responsible for having the home built. At the time of construction, he was a prominent businessman, owning three tanneries, and they were located in Chaneyville, Gilpintown, and Everett. Meriweather and Ladew were the contractors who actually built the home.

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Prepared by: Emil Elinsky, DOT/FHWA Date Prepared: 02/14/1986

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

MHT Comments:

The Ricker House was Federally nominated for the National Register of Historic Places.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Alice Crompton

Reviewer, NR Program

Date

March 03, 1986

Date

E.O. 11593

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service

Name of property: Ricker House (AL-II-A067)

Location: Allegany County

State: MD

Request submitted by: DOT/FHWA Emil Elinsky

Date received: 2/14/86

Additional information received:

Opinion of the State Historic Preservation Officer:

☒ **Eligible**

☐ **Not Eligible**

☐ **No Response**

Comments:

The Secretary of the Interior has determined that this property is:

☒ **Eligible** **Applicable criteria:**

☐ **Not Eligible**

Comments:

36 CFR Part 69.3
Determination

☐ **Documentation insufficient**

(Please see accompanying sheet explaining additional materials required)

for Alice Crampin
Keeper of the National Register
Determined Eligible
Date: March 3, 1986

RICKER FRAME HOUSE

AL-II-A-067

.1 mile south of Route 40, Flintstone
1860 - 1870

The Ricker Frame House is a large, two story, three bay wide frame house that stands out as an example of the type of home that deviated from the normal "L" shaped weatherboard frame structure found in the rural parts of Allegany County. It features very tall six over six lights, four original corbeled brick chimneys, and French doors and windows on the facade. Jason Hanks, a prominent tannery operator, had the house constructed around 1865.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Ricker Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

.1 mile south of Route 40,

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

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

Frederick E. Ricker

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 2

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: E

Folio #: 8297

Record of Will

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AL-II-A-067

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ricker Frame House is located .1 mile south of Route 40 in Flintstone.

The rectangular shaped house is two stories tall, three bays wide, and rests on a low brick foundation. There is a plain water table. Wall construction consists of clapboards with plain features. Windows include double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights. The first story on the north end of the house features two French windows with 10 lights each. The main entrance faces north and has an original French door with a transom light. The roof is hipped and is covered with tin and tar. Square modillions approximately 18 inches long are spaced every two feet under the eaves. One bay hipped roof porches are found on the east, west and south sides of the structure. A balcony lies on top of the porch on the west side. The north end of the house has a three bay front end porch with a hipped roof supported by four tapered square columns. One gabled dormer lies in the center of the roof on the north side. The house also features four original corbeled brick chimneys to the interior of the structure.

The Ricker Frame House appears today as it did when built around 1865. It stands structurally sound and is in good condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
☐ PREHISTORIC	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING	☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	☐ RELIGION	
☐ 1400-1499	☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	☐ CONSERVATION	☐ LAW	☐ SCIENCE	
☐ 1500-1599	☐ AGRICULTURE	☐ ECONOMICS	☐ LITERATURE	☐ SCULPTURE	
☐ 1600-1699	☒ ARCHITECTURE	☐ EDUCATION	☐ MILITARY	☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
☐ 1700-1799	☐ ART	☐ ENGINEERING	☐ MUSIC	☐ THEATER	
☒ 1800-1899	☐ COMMERCE	☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	☐ PHILOSOPHY	☐ TRANSPORTATION	
☐ 1900-	☐ COMMUNICATIONS	☐ INDUSTRY	☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		☐ INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1860 - 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Meriweather & Ladew

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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¹ Interview with Frederick Ricker, September 29, 1976.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 18 acres

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

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin, & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/3/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. AL-II-A-067

E. 8297
(Record of will)

DATE: 9/29/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

18 Acres

150/313 + 159/43

NAME OF PROPERTY: Ricker Frame House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: .1 mile south of Route 40, Flintstone

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTH

NAME OF OWNER: FREDERICK E. RICKER - 18 Acres

ADDRESS: RT. 2, FLINTSTONE

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

14 Rooms, 11' Ceiling
winding stair case

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PLAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other()
2 French in front pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: NORTH Double French Door
HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Transom Light
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # 1 Gabled
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip(☒) gable() FRONT 3 BAY WIDE - 2 side porch
BACK - 1 BAY WIDE WEST-SIDE-BALCONY UP TOP

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 4 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELED(☒) original(☒) replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end(☒) Outside end() Central() Interior (☒)

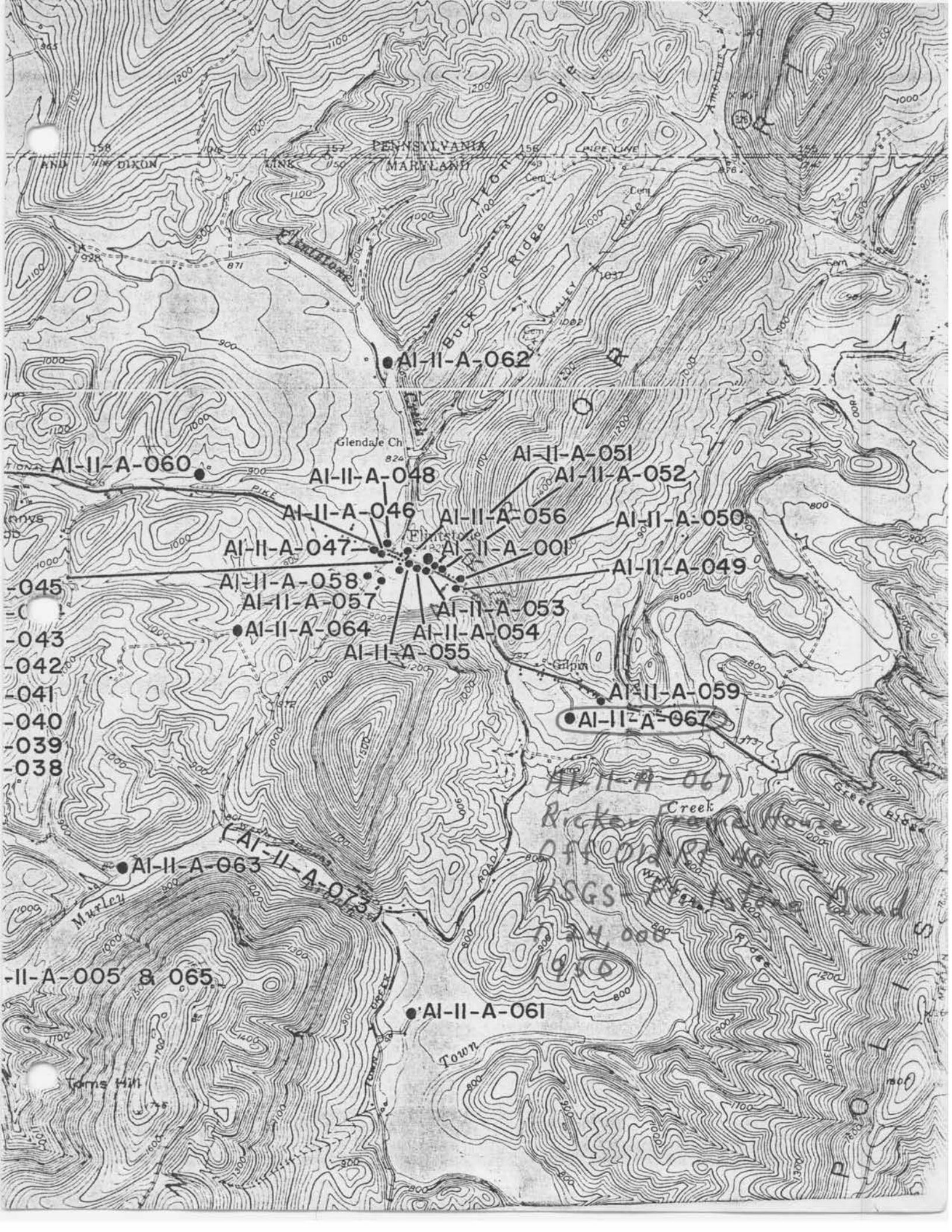
ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed - 1860-1870
Condition - Good

MERIWETHER & LADEW
built home

Tason Hanks had it built.
owned 3 families
Guthrie, Evans,
Clayville





Ricker Frame House

AL-II-A-067

1. mile South of Rt. 40, Flintstone

John Nelson

9/29/76

Northwest



RICKER FRAME HOUSE

AL-II-A-067

• 1 mi. South of Rt. 40, Flintstone

John Nelson

9/29/76

Southeast