

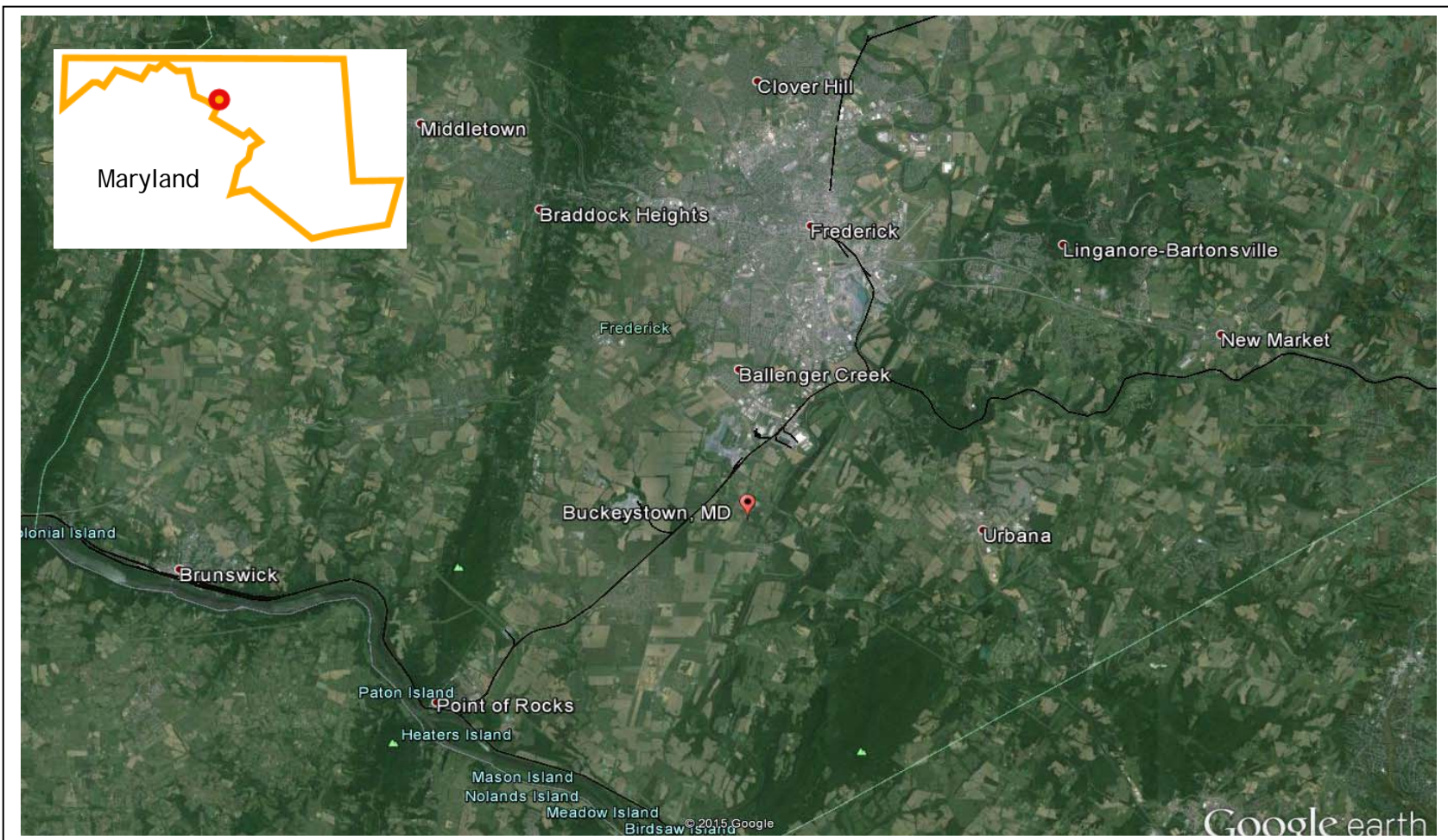
KRIEG-CAMPBELL FAMILY RECORDS

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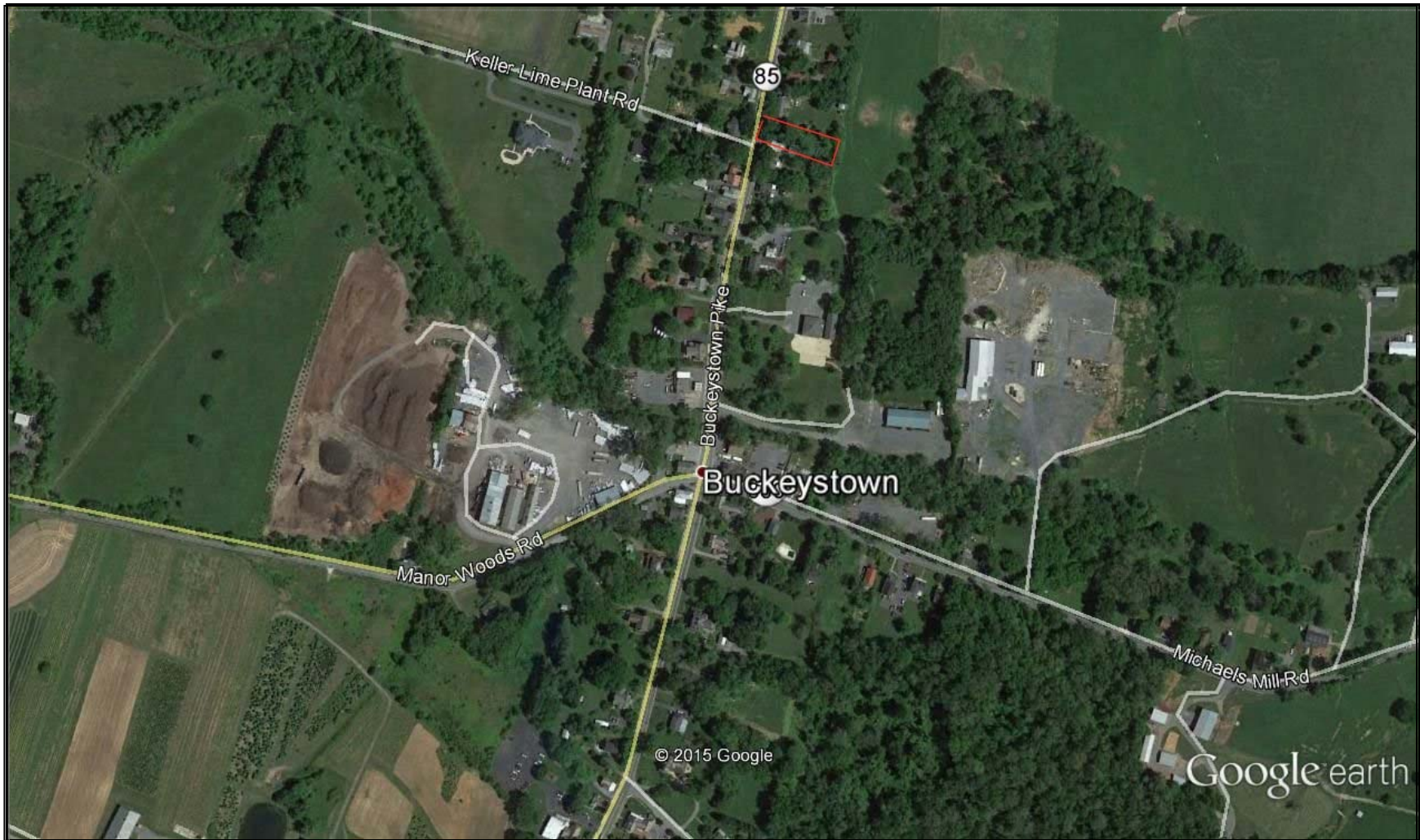
Photographed: 2015-04-18

Notes by Laurence John Krieg

On April 18, 2015, I visited Buckeystown, Maryland, to photograph and investigate the status of the Krieg family there. We have records (in the possession of Helen M. Krieg Came) from the carriage-making business of Wilhelm (William) Krieg in Buckeystown, beginning in the mid-1850s. I also visited the former wagon-making business of Heinrich Krieg in Bad Rotenfels, Baden-Württemberg, Germany, in the Black Forest area. Heinrich's son Franzjörg hosted me in 2012 and provided a personal tour of the Black Forest, which is remarkably similar to the rolling hills and mountains of central and western Maryland. It was partly due to the inspiration of the visit to the Krieg home and shop in Germany that I returned to Buckeystown after about forty-five years to "dig up old family roots".



Buckeystown is located in Frederick County, west-central Maryland, 42 miles west of Baltimore, 33 miles northwest of Washington, and 6 miles south of Frederick. It is probable that the Wilhelm Krieg family arrived in Buckeystown by train from Baltimore, where they first entered the United States in 1846 and lived for about ten years. The main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad (black line a little west of of the red marker) is less than a mile from Buckeystown, though where the nearest station was in the 1850s I do not know.



Buckeystown in about 2014 as seen from the air.
Probable Krieg home lot is outlined in red.



Buckeystown in about 2014 as seen from the air.

The road through the center of the map is Maryland Route 83, Buckeystown Pike. The smaller road on the left is Keller Lime Plant Road. The center of Buckeystown is below the map (south) and Frederick is about five miles above this map (north). The two red rectangles represent my best guess as to the location of the Krieg property. On the left, the carriage shop; on the right the house.



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Erected by Buckeystown Preservation Society, 1995

Photo Po26

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Showing: Historic marker erected by Buckeystown Preservation Society in 1995
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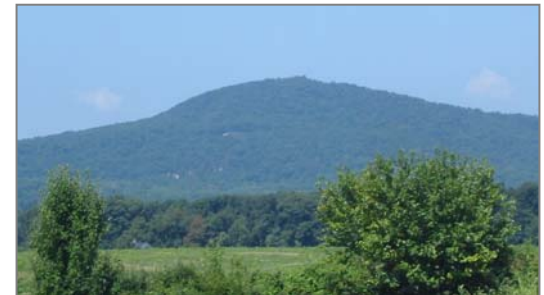
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Photo Po26 Notes

The Krieg house was on the east (left) side of the road, just north of the houses shown in this photo.

It is not surprising that Wilhelm Krieg chose to settle in Buckeystown: the landscape would have been familiar, and with a German family well established across the street, there would have been someone to turn to for advice on how to deal with life in this new country – despite likely dialect differences and the fact that the Sinstock family had been in the United States for fifty or more years by the time the Krieg family arrived, so only one or two older members (if any) would still be fluent in some form of German.

Sugarloaf Mountain (right) is very reminiscent of the Black Forest region of Germany. It rises abruptly about 800 feet above the surrounding farmland. Its base is about 3 miles south of Buckeystown.



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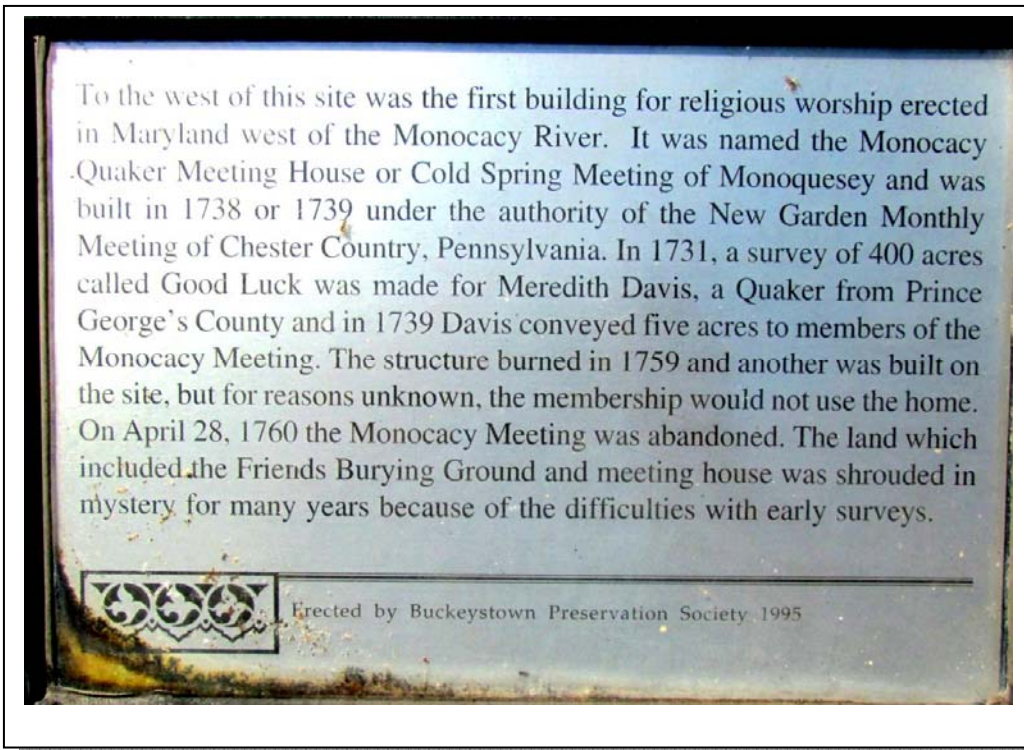


Photo P027

Date: 2015-04-18
Location: Buckeystown, Maryland
Showing: Historical tablet erected by Buckeystown Preservation Society,
1995

Photo P027 Text

To the west of this site was the first building for religious worship erected in Maryland west of the Monocacy River. It was named Monocacy Quaker Meeting House or Cold Spring Meeting of Monoquesey and was built in 1738 or 1739 under the authority of the New Garden Monthly Meeting of Chester Country [sic], Pennsylvania. In 1731, a survey of 400 acres called Good Luck was made for Meredith Davis, a Quaker from Prince George's County [Maryland] and in 1739 Davis conveyed five acres to members of the Monocacy Meeting. The structure burned in 1759 and another was built on the site, but for reasons unknown, the membership would not use the home. On April 28, 1760 the Monocacy Meeting was abandoned. The land which included the Friends Burying Ground and meeting house was shrouded in mystery for many years because of the difficulties with early surveys.



Photo Po28

Date: 2015-04-18

Location: Buckeystown, Maryland

Showing: Empty lot where Krieg house probably stood

About Photo Po28

I remember fairly well the nature and location of the house where we visited Cousin Evelyn Wellen in the 1950s, '60s, and early '70s. My father, William Laurence Krieg, would drive with us children from Bethesda to Buckeystown on Sunday afternoons once every month or two. It was a very pleasant country drive.

Cousin Evelyn was in her forties when I first met her, and by my last visit, she must have been well into her sixties. She had no source of income that I ever heard of, having dedicated many years of her life to the care of Ella Krieg, daughter of William Krieg, the original Krieg immigrant to the United States, in Ella's failing years. I don't recall meeting Ella; she would have been in her 80s in the 1950s. I do not have the date of her death.



Photo P029

Date: 2015-04-18

Location: Buckeystown, Maryland

Showing: Empty lot where Krieg house probably stood

About Photo P029

Owing to her lack of income, my father always left Evelyn an envelope. I expect other relatives helped her financially as well.

The house, presumably built by Wilhelm Krieg and his sons in the mid-1850s, was a frame structure on a rather narrow lot, extending back a fair way. By the time I first saw it, the house was already in very poor shape. The roof leaked, and there were vines growing up the back and sides of the house. We were warned not to venture onto the second-story back porch.

Evelyn was a great friend of cats, and there were always at least two or three in evidence, with more outside. The odor in the house was quite pungent.



Photo P030

Date: 2015-04-18

Location: Buckeystown, Maryland

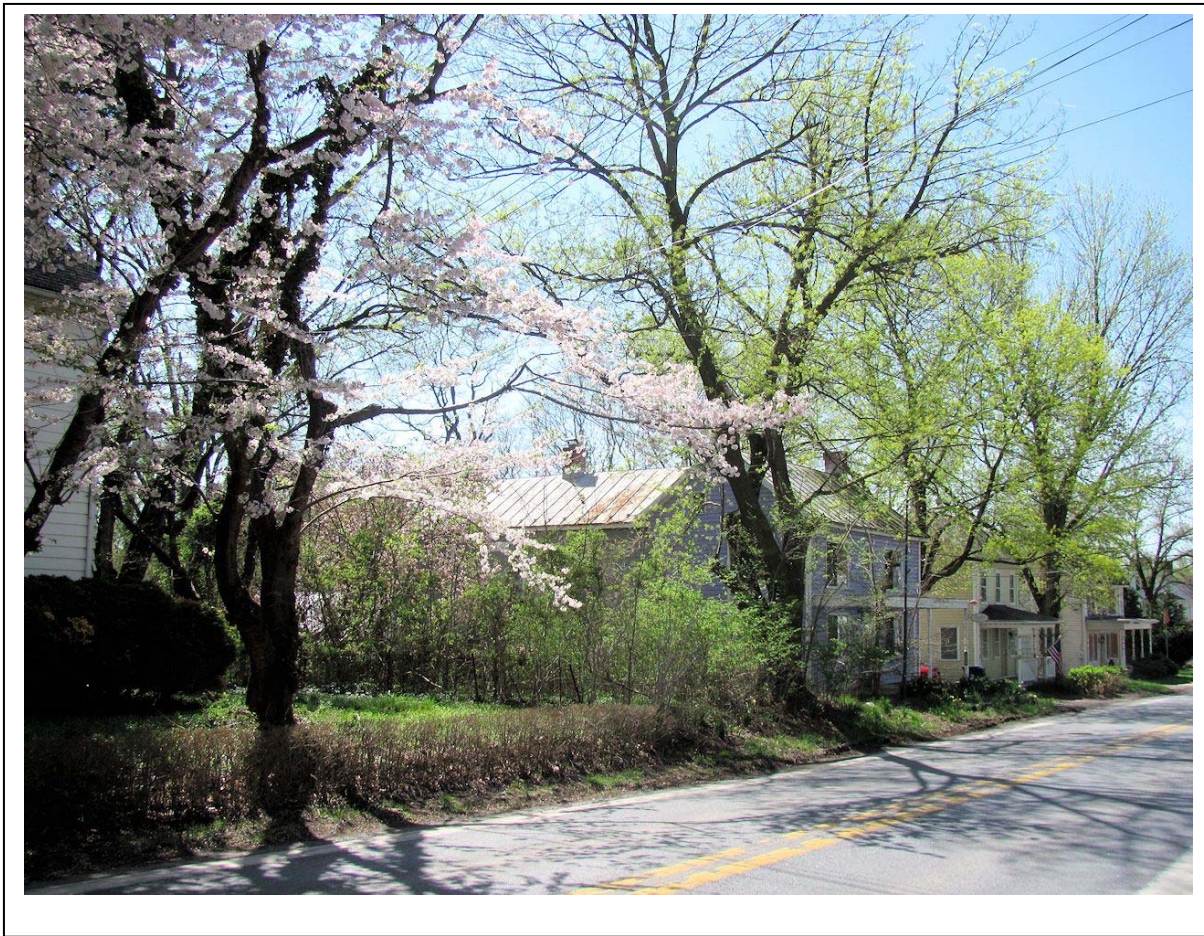
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About Photo P030

My last visit with my father was probably in 1970, while I was in the Army serving at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. When I left the Army in August of that year, I moved to Michigan for grad school, and have lived there ever since. Visits to Maryland became much shorter and less frequent, with Buckeystown visits a low priority.

Evelyn Wellen died in 1985 after spending some time in a nursing home in Frederick. My father was named her Executor and heir. Much to his surprise, it was found that Evelyn had several thousand dollars in a savings account.

As Martha and I were investigating the purchase of our first house at that time, he generously offered \$15,000 – the entire amount after paying her debts – as a much-needed down payment on our Ypsilanti house.



I suppose the house was demolished as a public hazard sometime around 1985. It would have been about 130 years old.

From the 1915 photograph on the historical marker, it is clear that most of the houses now on Buckeystown Pike are the same as were originally built in the 1850s or earlier. They have obviously benefited from much (costly) loving care.

If someone were interested, it would be very instructive to do some research in the Frederick County records to see who owns the land now. Buckeystown, though quaint, is relatively prosperous. I expect the lot has some value.

Photo P031

Date: 2015-04-18

Location: Buckeystown, Maryland

Showing: Empty lot where Krieg house probably stood



About Photo P032

If I had not been to Bad Rotenfels and seen the Krieg wagon shop there, I probably would never have noticed the small building across Buckeystown Pike from the site of the former Krieg house.

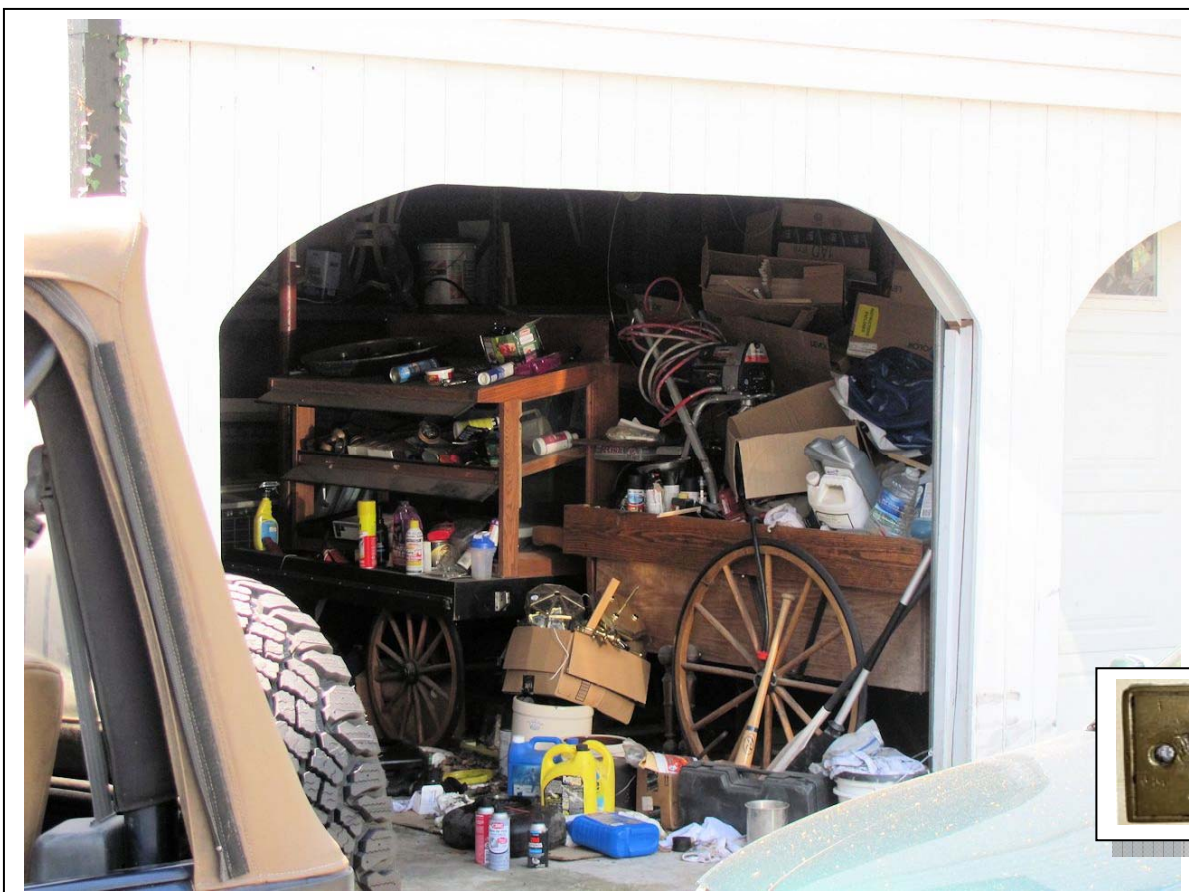
Though partially hidden behind parked vehicles, the little building's shape suddenly evoked memories.

Photo P032

Date: 2015-04-18

Location: Buckeystown, Maryland

Showing: Possible Krieg carriage shop



About Photo P033

As I walked over to get a closer look, I was rewarded with a glimpse of two wooden wagon or carriage wheels in the crowded work-storage area.

Coincidence...?



Photo P033

Date: 2015-04-18

Location: Buckeystown, Maryland

Showing: Possible Krieg carriage shop

Photo P055

Date: 1855-00-00

Location: Buckeystown, Maryland

Showing: Brass carriage-maker's name plate:

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BUCKEYSTOWN, MD



About Photo P034

The owner of the house across Keller Lime Plant Road (behind my back in this photo) was in the yard, wondering why I was taking pictures of this little building.

When I explained, he said the building belonged to the Davis family, whose house is behind the shop in this picture. He did not think it had originally been a part of their property, but thought it had been built sometime in the 1800s.

Photo P034

Date: 2015-04-18
Location: Buckeystown, Maryland
Showing: Possible Krieg carriage shop



Photo Wagnerei Krieg 01

Date: 2012-07-04

Location: Bad Rotenfels, Gaggenau, Baden-Württemberg, Germany

Showing: Krieg wagon shop, Franzjörg Krieg, Krieg house

About Photo Wagnerei Krieg 01

The wagon shop is on the right, the house in the background. Franzjörg tells me the shop was built when the Krieg family arrived in Bad Rotenfels in 1793 from Simonswald, further south in the Black Forest. The house was (re-)built in 1952 after being destroyed by an Allied bomb during World War II. (The target was a Mercedes military vehicle factory half a mile north.)

Though the photo doesn't show the shop clearly, it can be seen to be of the same general shape as (but larger than) the building in Buckeystown. The opening under the eaves shows the use of the upper story: it is used for curing wood before building it into the products of the workshop.



Photo P035

Date: 2015-04-18

Location: Buckeystown, Maryland

Showing: View from the shop toward the empty lot where the Krieg house was located, to illustrate the distance between the two.

Who Lived There?

Census records from 1900-1940 indicate these people living in the Krieg household:

Year	Last	First	Relation	Age
1900	Krieg	William	Head	72
	Krieg	Mary	Wife	65
	Krieg	Catherine	Daughter	47
	Krieg	Ella V.	Daughter	30
	Whitter	Lizzie	Daughter	40
	Whitter	Estelle	Granddaughter	10
1910	Krieg	Mary	Head	75
	Krieg	Katherine	Daughter	56
	Krieg	Lizzie	Daughter	50
	Krieg	Ella V.	Daughter	40
	Wellen	Jesse F.	Grandson	28
	Wellen	Margaret	Granddaughter	4.5
1920	Wellen	Evelyn	Granddaughter	3
	Krieg	Ella V.	Head	49
	Krieg	Katie	Sister	66
	Krieg	Elizabeth	Sister	60
	Wellen	Margaret	Niece	14
	Wellen	Evelyn	Niece	12
1930	Krieg	Catherine	Head	76
	Krieg	Ella V.	Sister	60
	Wellen	Evelyn C.	Niece	23
1940	Krieg	Ella V.	Head	71
	Street	Louise	Sister	68

Careful study of these records shows some inconsistency and raises many questions which need to be addressed elsewhere.