

OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY.

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PREFACE

Otho Baker (b. 1810 – d. 1877) was a canal boat builder from Bakersville, Md., which is just north of Mercerville, Md., a town on the canal.

Text within (parentheses) was found in the original document. Text within [brackets] is something I added for clarity or because it was missing from the original, e.g., census report.

I have added some additional family information to help other researchers. My interest stops with their departure from the canal.

Any new information about the families would be most welcome.

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Referring to the table of statistics at the end of this report, Otho Baker was the first son, second child, of Elias and Nancy Baker, Sr. The family home was in Bakersville, and all 16 children of Elias and Nancy Baker Sr. were born there. A William Baker showed up in the U.S. Census of 1810, living in Lower Antietam Hundred, Washington County, Maryland. However, the ages of the 6 persons in the household do not match those recorded in the table of statistics at the end of this report.

No records have been found describing Otho Baker's childhood. He did have 12 siblings to play with; brother Samuel Baker and sister Ann Elizabeth died in infancy. Otho Baker, age 25, married Susan Carter Stonebraker, age 20, on September 16, 1835.

On April 16, 1836, Otho Baker paid \$100 for one-fourth + of an acre from Samuel and Jane Knodle, his wife.¹ The text of the deed suggests that the parcel of land included houses, buildings, orchards, and appurtenances. Susan Baker was about 8 months pregnant with Urilla Baker.

Their first child, Urilla Baker, was born on May 22, 1836. Then Elenora Baker was born on January 6, 1837, Otho's last sister.

On July 31, 1840, Otho and Susan Baker, in consideration of \$125, sold the one-fourth + of an acre to Samuel Show.² With the sale of that property, where did Otho and Susan Baker live? Their first son, Milton Baker, was born in 1840, but a record of his death has not been found.

On September 22, 1845, Elias and Nancy Baker, in consideration of \$350, sold a parcel of land containing 4-³/₄+ acres to their son Otho Baker.³ The text of the deed suggests that the parcel of land included houses, buildings, orchards, and appurtenances.

Otho and Susan Baker lived in Bakersville, Md., through the birth of their 7 children.

A new boat (not yet named), built and owned by Mr. Otho Baker, of Mercerville, Washington County, Md., arrived here today on its first trip with 1,112 barrels of flour, the largest load ever brought down the canal.⁴ This boat is 125 tons burthen and draws less than five feet of water. Mr. B has two more of the "same sort" for sale.

A friend informs us that a canal boat, named "The Whale," arrived in Georgetown on Saturday last, laden with eleven hundred and twelve barrels of flour.⁵ This is said to be the largest cargo ever conveyed to market on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. The boat in question was built by Mr. Otho Baker at Mercerville, Maryland, and with the above cargo drew four feet of water. It is said that Mr. Baker has recently completed a boat capable of carrying 1,400 barrels of flour or 150 tons of coal.

The 1850 census records that Otto [*sic.* Otho] Baker, age 40, lived in dwelling number 703, Subdivision 2 [Bakersville], Washington County, Maryland, and that he owned real estate valued at \$500; he was a boat

¹ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book RR, p. 876, recorded 5/11/1836.

² Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book WW, p. 614, recorded 11/4/1840.

³ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book IN 1, p. 807, recorded 5/5/1846.

⁴ *Sun*, Baltimore, Md. newspaper, Saturday, 4/20/50, p. 4.

⁵ *Daily National Intelligencer*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, Thursday, 4/25/1850, p. 4.

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builder.⁶ Living with him were: Susan, age 33, his wife; Uvilla, age 14, his daughter; Samuel, age 8, his son; William, age 6, his son; Ann, age 4, his daughter; Elias, age 2, his son; Mary Morrison, age 30; Ellen Pool, age 30; James Taylor, age 47, a carpenter; George Basset, age 36, a carpenter; George Basset, Jr., age 2; Lloyd Davis, age 28, a carpenter; Jacob, age 24, one of his brothers, a carpenter; and Terry Booser, age 41, a carpenter. Apparently, the son, Milton Baker (b. 1840), died before this census.

The Whale canal boat made two more trips to Georgetown in September 1850. She was subsequently renamed *Otho Baker* and made five additional trips to Georgetown during November and December of that year, as recorded at the end of this report. It is worth noting that the canal did not open to Cumberland until October 10, 1850; thus, the preponderance of freight was agricultural products until that date. It took three trips in 1851 before the *Otho Baker* converted to carrying coal, as shown in the tabulation at the back of this report.

On December 19, 1850, Otho Baker placed a Mechanic's Lien on a house in Mercerville.⁷

On April 10, 1851, L. C. Heskett, of Bakerville, Maryland, registered the canal boat *Otho Baker*, hailing out of Mercerville, Class C., 90 feet in length, 14 feet - 6 inches in breadth, 12 inches draft empty, and 68 inches draft loaded. The 1850 census reported L. C. Heskett, age 32, a transporter, as living in dwelling number 702, Subdivision 2 [Bakersville], Maryland, adjacent to Otho Baker.⁸ Living with him were: Joana, age 27, his wife; Virginia, age 2, his daughter; William, age 2/12, his son; and John Stevens, age 43, an unrelated clerk. A record of a mortgage for the purchase of the boat has not been found. Under the new ownership, the *Otho Baker* canal boat made 13 trips in 1851, all to Alexandria, Virginia, as recorded at the end of this report. Note that after the first two descending trips freighting flour, the boat freighted coal from Cumberland. The ascending trips were usually light, empty; the one trip to Clearspring and two trips to Shepherdstown were not the boat's ultimate destination, which was Cumberland.

On May 8, 1851, Otho Baker of Washington County, Maryland, registered the canal boat *Susan Harris*, hailing out of Mercerville, Class B, 86 feet - 10 inches in length, 13 feet - 10 inches in breadth, 10 inches draft empty, and 54 inches draft loaded. Available records confirm the *Susan Harris* arrived at Georgetown from mile post 89, [McMahons Mill] on March 13, 1851, with a cargo of corn and flour. She also arrived at Georgetown on April 29, 1851, from mile post 86, [Guard Lock No. 4] with a cargo of flour, &c. Note that both trips occurred before the boat was registered. Subsequent trips have not been found.

Mr. Piper, who owned the "Mercerville property," had some 15,000 barrels of flour in and around his warehouses at the start of the 1852 navigation season.⁹ Attached to that property was the well-known boat yard of Mr. Otho Baker, where the largest, strongest, and prettiest boats that float upon the waters of the canal were built. He launched a splendid boat last week and will have another ready in a few days, with three others on the stocks, which should be finished in a few weeks. All are sold.

⁶ 1850 census, Maryland, Washington County, Subdivision 2, enumerated 8/22/1850, p. 98.

⁷ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book IN 5, p. 477, recorded 1/7/1851.

⁸ 1850 census, Maryland, Washington County, Subdivision 2, enumerated 8/22/1850, p. 98.

⁹ *Sun*, Baltimore, Maryland, newspaper, Thursday, 3/25/1852, p. 1.

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On Sunday night, April 17, 1852, a heavy rain commenced and continued through Wednesday, resulting in a flood exceeding that of 1847 by at least a foot.¹⁰ At Baker's boat yard, everything was gone, losing \$3,000. Mr. Piper had 1,000 bbls. of flour damaged by the flood waters, losing \$3,000.¹¹ After three months of repairs, the canal resumed navigation at the close of July; the total loss was set at \$200,000. The freshet of April was followed by two or three breaches in the embankments during August and September, each of which caused a further suspension of navigation. The trips that canal boat *Otho Baker* took in 1852, 1853, and 1854 are tabulated at the back of this report. Note that the boat made only 6 – 8 trips per year freighting coal from Cumberland. Return trips were usually light, empty, but occasionally ascending freights were carried.

Another canal boat named *Susan Baker* was registered on May 31, 1854, hailing out of Mercerville, Class C, 91 feet in length, 14 feet 4 inches in breadth, 10 inches draft empty, and 60 inches draft loaded. The owners were M. Stonebraker and D. J. Rentel. The canal boat *Susan Baker* made at least three trips in 1854: departing Alexandria on 6/7; arriving Alexandria on 8/8 with Cumberland coal; and arriving at Alexandria on 9/8 with Cumberland coal. A search for additional data was unsuccessful.

On March 20, 1855, Otho and Susan Baker, in consideration of \$80, sold 1+ acres of their land to William H. Atchison.¹²

In 1855, the canal boat *Otho Baker* made three trips: departing Alexandria on 4/20; departing Alexandria on 5/9; and arriving in Alexandria on 9/7 from Cumberland with coal. In that same year, the canal boat *Susan Baker* made but two trips: arriving in Alexandria on 4/9, with Cumberland coal; and departing on 9/22 for Shepherdstown with groceries, boots, shoes, &c. A search for additional data was unsuccessful.

On July 14, 1855, James Tenant, in consideration of \$3,375, sold fifty acres of land to Otho Baker.¹³

A local newspaper reported the marriage: "On the 15th inst., by Rev. H. Baker, Mr. *David Bell*, of Altona, Blair County, Pa., to Miss *Elenora Baker*, of Bakersville, Washington County, Md."¹⁴ Otho's last sister.

Trip records for the canal boats *Otho Baker* and *Susan Baker* during 1856 have not been found. The few records for the *Susan Baker* during 1857 are shown at the back of this report. Note that all arrivals were at Georgetown, not Alexandria.

Heavy Load.¹⁵ The Boat "Susan Baker," owned by Rentch & Stonebraker, of this place, Mr. Geo. Harris, Captain, left the Wharf of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, at this place, on Saturday last, 20th inst., laden with 4,000 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of wheat, 150 bushels of oats, 128 barrels of flour, 56 bushels of timothy seed – the entire weight of which was one hundred and thirty-four tons. The boats averaged 4 feet, 8 inches of water in the bow and 4 feet, 5 inches in the stern.

This is now said to be the heaviest load ever known to leave the wharf of Shepherdstown, upon the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. – *Shepherdstown Reg*

¹⁰ *Daily National Intelligencer*, Washington, D.C., newspaper, Wednesday, 4/21/1852, p. 2.

¹¹ *Sun*, Baltimore, Maryland, newspaper, Saturday, 4/24/1852, p. 1

¹² Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book IN 10, p. 341, recorded 4/17/1855.

¹³ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book IN 10, p. 528, recorded 8/14/1855.

¹⁴ *Shepherdstown Register*, Shepherdstown, WV, newspaper, Saturday, 11/24/1855, p. 4.

¹⁵ *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va. newspaper, Tuesday, 3/30/1858, p. 3.

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On December 20, 1867, Otho and Susan Baker, in consideration of \$800, sold 3-¾ acres of land to Margaret Jane Seaman.¹⁶

On May 17, 1869, Otho Baker, Trustee, in consideration of \$4,920, sold 1-¼ acres of land to Isaac Wilson.¹⁷

The 1870 census listed Otho Baker, age 60, a farmer with a personal estate valued at \$2,00 and real estate valued at \$7,000, living in Bakersville, Md.¹⁸ Living with him were: Susan, age 54, his wife; William H., age 24, his son; Elias E., age 21, his son; Otho W., age 19, his son; and Annie Baker, age 16, unrelated, a domestic servant.

On March 29, 1872, Jacob Eakle, Otho Baker, and Jacob Kendel, Trustees, in consideration of \$150, sold 40 perches of land to William P. Ramsburg.¹⁹

The Washington County Convention of the Republican Party met at Hagerstown on September 8, 1874.²⁰ Otho Baker and others were named as a Committee on Organization, Credentials, and Rules. After completing some administrative tasks, the Convention nominated members to the County Central Committee. Otho Baker and others were nominated. There were four ballots, and Otho Baker was not elected a delegate.

On August 21, 1875, Samuel Boyer was in considerable debt with Otho Baker and Jonas Speilman, being sureties on several promissory notes.²¹ To save them harmless if the notes were not paid, Samuel Boyer mortgaged two parcels of land: the first, a 9½+ acre plot, and the second, a 3-acre plot.

On May 3, 1876, Samuel Boyer, indebted to sundry parties in several sums of money and unable to pay the same, decided to assign all his property to Otho Baker and Jonas Spielman,²² who were authorized to sell any or all parcels at public or private sale to pay the debts.

On May 20, 1876, Otho Baker was in debt to the amount of \$1,000 to George W. Smith, Jr., and Otho Baker mortgaged the 50-acre plot of land he resided on, provided that if the debt, with interest, was paid on or before May 1, 1877, then this mortgage would be void.²³ The mortgage was released on May 14, 1897.

On October 18, 1876, Jonas Spielman and Otho Baker, Trustees, in consideration of \$590, sold 3 acres of land to Mary Ann Show.²⁴

¹⁶ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book LBN 2, p. 307, recorded 1/14/1868.

¹⁷ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book McKK 1, p. 525, recorded 5/20/1869.

¹⁸ 1870 census, Maryland, Washington County, District 12, enumerated 6/24/1870, p. 25.

¹⁹ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book McKK 4, p. 492, recorded 4/2/1872.

²⁰ *Baltimore American*, Baltimore, MD, newspaper, Wednesday, 9/9/1874, p. 1.

²¹ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book 74, p. 44, recorded 2/1/1876.

²² Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book 74, p. 323, recorded 5/5/1876.

²³ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book 74, p. 375, recorded 5/30/1876.

²⁴ Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book 74, p. 714, recorded 10/23/1876.

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Otho Baker died on May 10, 1877, at home in Bakersville, Maryland; an obituary has not been found. His remains were interred at the Salem Lutheran Church Cemetery, Bakersville, Maryland.

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VITAL STATISTICS OF THE OTHO BAKER FAMILY

Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Birth State
Elias Cary Baker, Sr.	hus	3/1/1785	9/8/1808	5/22/1863	Maryland
Nancy Ann Zuck	wife	1790		5/24/1875	Maryland
<i>Louisa Baker</i> (James)	dau	3/8/1809		8/7/1834	Maryland
Otho William Baker	son	2/16/1810	9/16/1835	5/10/1877	Maryland
<i>Elias Cary Baker, Jr.</i>	son	3/4/1811		1867	Maryland
<i>John Baker</i>	son	11/10/1812		1880	Maryland
<i>Josiah Baker</i>	son	11/10/1812		1902	Maryland
<i>Henry Baker</i>	son	11/23/1816		1894	Maryland
<i>William Curtis Baker</i>	son	4/20/1819		1912	Maryland
<i>Hiram Baker</i>	son	4/8/1821		12/31/1828	Maryland
<i>Charlesta Baker</i>	dau	1822			Maryland
<i>Mary Sophia Baker</i> (Piper)	dau	11/7/1823		1906	Maryland
<i>Jacob Baker</i>	son	6/11/1826		1912	Maryland
<i>Charles Luther Baker</i>	son	8/8/1828		1907	Maryland
<i>Samuel Baker</i>	son	11/1/1831	infant	10/17/1832	Maryland
<i>Susan Rebecca Baker</i> (Wilson)	dau	1832		1907	Maryland
<i>Ann Elizabeth Baker</i>	dau	4/10/1835	infant	4/10/1835	Maryland
<i>Elenora Baker</i> (Bell)	dau	1/6/1837	11/24/1855	1913	Maryland
End of 1st Generation					
Otho William Baker	hus	2/16/1810	9/16/1835	5/10/1877	Maryland
Susan Carrie Stonebraker	wife	1815		11/18/1898	Maryland
<i>Urilla Baker</i> (Beeler)	dau	5/22/1836	1857	6/24/1906	Maryland
<i>Milton Baker</i>	son	1840	never		Maryland
<i>Samuel H. Baker</i>	son	1/24/1841		1892	Maryland
<i>William H. Baker</i>	son	8/1843		1911	Maryland
<i>Ann Elizabeth Baker</i> (Jones)	dau	7/24/1846		6/22/1933	Maryland
<i>Elias Elmer Baker</i>	son	9/25/1848	2/22/1876	4/18/1929	Maryland
<i>Otho William Baker</i>	son	10/26/1851		3/30/1928	Maryland
End of 2nd Generation					
John Henry Beeler	hus	1835	1857	4/19/1904	
Urilla Baker	wife	5/22/1836		1906	Maryland
<i>William Elmer Beeler</i>	son	1858	infant	1859	Maryland
<i>Otho Milton Beeler</i>	son	3/29/1860		1924	Maryland
<i>Joseph Ellsworth Beeler</i>	son	1862		1889	Maryland

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Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book RR, p. 876, recorded 5/11/1836.

At the request of Otho Baker, the following Deed was recorded May 11th, 1836.

This Indenture made this sixteenth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and thirty-six, between Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, of Washington County and State of Maryland, of the one part, and Otho Baker of the County and State aforesaid of the other part.

Witnesseth, that the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars, current money of the United States, to them the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, in hand paid by the said Otho Baker at or before the sealing or delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, do hereby acknowledge and thereof do release, acquit, and discharge the said Otho Baker, his heirs, executors, and administrators of these presents they, the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, have granted, bargained, and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell unto the said Otho Baker, his heirs or assigns forever that lot or part of a tract of land called "Monteurado" lying and being in the County and State aforesaid and which is included within the following lines and limits, viz. **Beginning** at a corner stone planted in the road leading from Bakersville to Knodle Store and running thence North thirty-four degrees East, eight and a half perches to a stake; thence North forty-eight degrees West, six and a half perches to a stake; thence South forty-eight and three-fourths degrees West, seven perches to a corner of the divisional line between Samuel Knodle and Daniel Coffeman; thence with said divisional line South thirty-nine and a half degrees East, eight and a half perches and three links of the chain to the place of the beginning.

Containing and now laid out for one-fourth of an acre and sixteen perches of land, be the same more or less, and houses, buildings, orchards, ways, waters, water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises hereby granted or in any part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining. To Have and To Hold the said lands and premises hereby conveyed, and all and singular other the premises hereby granted and every part and parcel thereof with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns forever. To the only proper use and behoof of him, the said Otho Baker, and of his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, for themselves and their heirs doth covenant, grant, promise, and agree to and with the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns, that they, the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, and their heirs, the said tract of land and premises hereby granted, bargained, and sold and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns against them the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, and their heirs against all and every person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend. And the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, for themselves and their heirs do further covenant, grant, promise and agree to and with the said Otho Baker for himself, his heirs and assigns that they, the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, and their heirs shall and at all times hereafter whenever required thereto by the said Otho Baker and his heirs at the proper cost and expense of the said Otho Baker and his heirs or assigns make, do, execute and acknowledge all and every such further assurance or assurances, deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, in the law as he the said Otho Baker, his heirs or assigns, of his or their counsel in the law may or shall advise, devise or require for the more certain and effectual assuring, conveying and quieting the possession of the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns of, in, and to the said tract of land and premises with the appurtenances forever. In Witness whereof, the said Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

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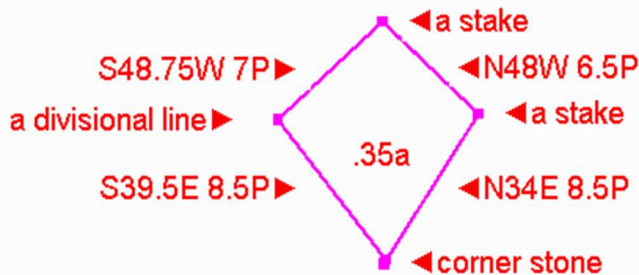
Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presence of
Walther James, Sr.
Wm. Booth

Samuel Knodle {Seal}
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Jane X Knode {Seal}
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State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: On the sixteenth day of April 1836, before us, the subscribers, two Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Washington County, personally appeared Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodle, his wife, whom the subscribers are satisfied of their own knowledge are the persons who are named and described as and professing to be the grantors in the above indenture or conveyance and acknowledge the same to be their act and deed for the purposes thereunto mentioned. And the said Jane Knodle, wife of the said Samuel Knodle, did sign, seal, and execute the said instrument of writing in our presence and out of the presence and hearing of her said husband. And the said Jane Knodle, being by us privately examined apart from and out of the presence and hearing of her said husband, whether she doth make her acknowledgement of the same willingly and freely without being induced thereto by fear or threats of or ill usage by her said husband or fear of his displeasure, acknowledged that she doth make her said acknowledgement thereof willingly and freely, and without being induced thereto by fear or threats of or ill usage by her said husband, or fear of his displeasure.

Acknowledged before and certified by

Walther James, Sr.
Wm. Booth



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Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book WW, p. 614, recorded 11/4/1840.

At the request of Samuel Show, the following Deed was recorded November 4th, 1840.

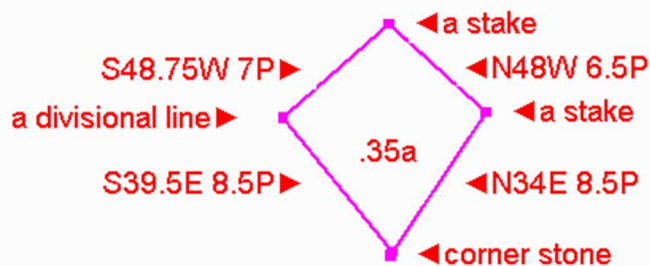
This Indenture, made this thirty-first day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and forty, between Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, of Washington County and State of Maryland, of the one part, and Samuel Show of the County and State aforesaid, of the other part. **Witnesseth**, that the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, current money of the United States, to them the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, in hand paid by the said Samuel Show at or before the sealing or delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, do hereby acknowledge, and thereof do release, acquit, and discharge the said Samuel Show, his heirs, executors, and administrators by these presents; they the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, have granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell unto the said Samuel Show, his heirs and assigns forever, that lot or part of a tract of land called "Monteurado," conveyed to said Otho Baker by Samuel Knodle and Jane Knodel, be deed bearing date the sixteenth of April, 1836, and which is included within the following lines and limits, viz.: **Beginning** at a corner stone planted in the road leading from Bakersville to Knodle's Store, and running thence North thirty-four degrees East eight and a half perches to a stake; thence North forty-eight degrees West, six and a half perches to a stake; thence South forty-eight and three-fourths degrees West, seven perches to a corner on the divisional line between Samuel Knodle and Daniel Coffman; thence with said divisional line, South thirty-nine and a half degrees East, eight and a half perches and three links of the chain, to the place of the beginning. **Containing** and now laid out for one-fourth of an acre and sixteen perches of land, be the same, more or less; and all houses, buildings, orchards, ways, waters, water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises hereby granted or in any part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining. To Have and To Hold the said lands and premises, hereby conveyed and all and singular other the premises hereby granted, and every part and parcel thereof, with their and every of their appurtenances, unto the said Samuel Show, his heirs and assigns forever. To the only proper use and behoof of him, the said Samuel Show, and of his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, for themselves and their heirs do covenant, grant, promise, and agree to and with the said Samuel Show, his heirs and assigns, that they the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, and their heirs, the said tract of land and premises hereby granted, bargained, and sold, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Samuel Show, his heirs and assigns against them the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, and their heirs against all and every person or persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend. And the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, for themselves, and their heirs, do further covenant, grant, promise, and agree to and with the said Samuel Show, for himself, his heirs and assigns, that the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, and their heirs, shall and will, at all times hereafter, whenever required thereto by the said Samuel Show, and his heirs, at the proper cost and expense of the said Samuel Show, his heirs or assigns make, do, execute, and acknowledge, all and every such further assurance or assurances, deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, in the law, as he the said Samuel Show, his heirs and assigns, or his or their counsel learned in the law, may or shall advise, devise or require, for the more certain and effectual assuring, conveying, and quieting, the possession of the said Samuel Show, his heirs and assigns, of, in, and to the said tract of land and premises, with the appurtenances forever. In witness whereof, the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

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Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of
Wm. Booth, Emil Knodle

Otho Baker {Seal}
Susannah Baker {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: On this thirty-first day of July, 1840, before us, the subscribers, two Justices of the Peace, of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County, personally appeared Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, whom the subscribers are satisfied of their own knowledge, are the persons who are named and described as, and profess to be the grantors in the above indenture or conveyance, and acknowledge the same to be their act and deed, for the purposes therein mentioned. And the said Susan Baker, wife of the said Otho Baker, did sign, seal, and execute the said instrument of writing in our presence, and out of the presence and hearing of the said husband. And the said Susan Baker, being by us privately examined apart from, and out of the presence and hearing of her said husband, whether she doth make her acknowledgement of the same, willingly, and freely, without being induced thereto by fear or threats of ill usage by her said husband, or fear of his displeasure, acknowledges that she doth make her said acknowledgement thereof, willingly, and freely, and without being induced thereto by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her said husband, or fear of his displeasure. Acknowledged before and certified by. Wm. Booth Emil Knodle.



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At the request of Otho Baker, the following Deed was recorded May 5th, 1846.

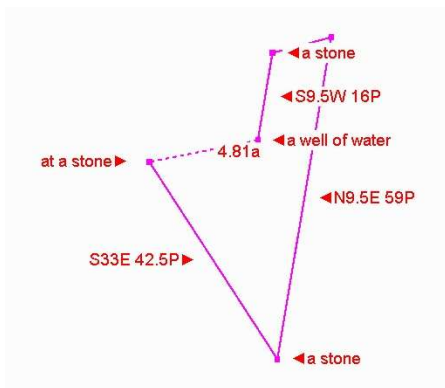
This Indenture, made this twenty-second day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and forty-five, between Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, of Washington County and State of Maryland, of the one part, and Otho Baker, of the County and State aforesaid, of the other part. **Witnesseth**, that the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, current money of the United States, to them the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, in hand paid by the said Otho Baker on or before the sealing or delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof doth release, acquit, and discharge the said Otho Baker, his heirs, executors, and administrators by these presents; they the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, hath granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell unto the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns forever, all that part or parcel of land lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, being part of a tract of land called the "Resurvey on part of Sprigg's Delight," included by the following meets and bounds, to wit: **Beginning** at a stone put up at the end of thirteen and three-fourths perches on the first line of that part of said land which was conveyed by Joseph Stonebreaker and others to Thomas Hampton and Susanne Tolson and running with that part from thence South thirty-three degrees East, forty-two perches and one half of a perch to a stone; North nine and one-half of a degree East, fifty-nine perches; South seventy-five degrees West, eleven perches to a stone; South nine and one-half degrees West, sixteen perches to the center of a well of water; and from thence by a straight line to the beginning. **Containing** and now laid out for four acres and three-fourths of an acre and twenty perches of land, be the same, more or less, and all houses, buildings, orchards, ways, waters, water courses, profits, commodities, hereditaments, and appurtenances, whatsoever to the said premises, hereby granted or in any part thereon belonging or in any wise appertaining. To Have and To Hold the said land and premises hereby conveyed and all and singular other the premises hereby granted, and every part and parcel thereof, with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns forever. To the only proper use and behoof of him, the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, for themselves and their heirs doth covenant, grant, promise, and agree, to and with the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns, that they, the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, and their heirs, the said tract of land and premises hereby granted, bargained, and sold, and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns against them the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, and their heirs, and against all and every person or persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend. And the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, for them and their heirs, doth further covenant, grant, promise, and agree to, and with the said Otho Baker, and his heirs and assigns, that they, the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, and their heirs, shall and will at all times hereafter, whenever requested thereto by the said Otho Baker, his heirs, at the proper cost and expense of the said Otho Baker, his heirs or assigns, make, do, execute, and acknowledge all and every such further appearance or appearances, deed or deed, conveyance or conveyances, in the law, as he, the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns, or his or their counsel learned in the law, may or shall advise, devise or require, for the more certain and effectual assuring, conveying, and quieting the possession of the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns of, in, and to the said tract of land and premises, with the appurtenances, forever. In Witness whereof, the said Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, hath hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year above written.

OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presence of
Elias O'Neal, A. P. Henry, C. Welty J.P.

Elias Baker, Sr. {Seal}
Ann Baker {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: On this twenty-second day of September, 1845, before us, the subscribers, two Justices of the Peace, of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County, personally appeared Elias Baker, Sr. and Nancy Baker, his wife, who the subscribers are satisfied of their own knowledge, are the persons who are named and described as and profess to be the grantors in the above indenture or conveyance and acknowledge the same to be their act and deed for the purpose herein mentioned. And the said Nancy, wife of the said Elias Baker, Sr., did sign, seal, and execute the said instrument of writing in our presence and out of the presence and hearing of her said husband. And the said Nancy Baker, being by us privately examined, apart from and out of the presence and hearing of her said husband, whether she doth make her acknowledgement of the same willingly and freely, without being induced thereto by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her said husband or fear of his displeasure, acknowledges that she doth make her said acknowledgement thereof willingly and freely and without being induced thereto by fear or threat of, or ill usage by her said husband, or fear of his displeasure. Acknowledged before and certified by: Elias O'Neal, A. P. Henry, C. Welty J.P.



OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book IN 5, p. 477, recorded 1/7/1851.

At the request of Otho Baker, the following Mechanic's Lien was recorded January 7th, 1851.

Wm. H. Marshall, Insolvent Trustee of Thomas G. Harris.
To Otho Baker

December 19th, 1850. To the construction of a house situated at Mercerville, Washington County, under contract with Thomas G. Harris, made in 1849, finished on the 19th December, 1850. \$450

viz. The house being of frame and of the following dimensions:

Main house, one story and a half high, thirty-five feet by twenty.

Back building to the same of the same size with a brick smoke
house, twelve feet square, attached.

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: On this seventh day of January in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and fifty-one, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County, personally appeared Otho Baker and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the above account as stated is just and true, and that he has not received any security or satisfaction for the same. Sworn before, C. Sheppard, J.P.

OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book IN 10, p. 341, recorded 4/17/1855

At the request of William H. Atchison, the following Deed was recorded April 17th, 1855.

This Indenture, made this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and fifty-five, between Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, of Washington County, and State of Maryland, of the one part, and William H. Atchison of the County and State aforesaid, of the other part. **Witnesseth**, that the said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of eighty dollars, current money of the United States, to them the said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, in hand paid by the said William H. Atchison at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof the said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, do hereby acknowledge, and thereof do release and discharge the said William H. Atchison, his heirs, executors, and administrators, they, the said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, have granted, bargained, and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, and sell unto the said William H. Atchison, his heirs and assigns forever, a lot or parcel of land, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, being part of a tract of land called "The Resurvey or part of Sprigg's Delight," included by the following metes and boundaries, to wit: **Beginning** at the corner post near the Baker Oven, thence running with the pailing fence, between said part, and John James part, South ten and one-fourth degrees West, sixteen perches to the center of the pump; South eighty-six degrees East, nine and three-tenths perches to the road between said part and the land of Joseph Stonebraker leading to Mercerville; thence with and crossing said road diagonally North twelve and one-half degrees East, nineteen and six-tenths perches to a stone, corner with Joseph and Samuel Stonebraker; thence with a straight line to the place of beginning. **Containing** one and one-eighth acres of land, more or less, it being part of the land conveyed by Elias Baker to the said Otho Baker, all being in, and familiarly known as Tommy Town, together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, waters, water courses, rights, members, privileges, advantages, and appurtenances whatsoever, to the said premises hereby granted, thereto belonging, or in any wise appertaining. To Have and To Hold the said land and premises hereby conveyed, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said William H. Atchison, his heirs and assigns forever, to the only proper use and behoof of him, the said William H. Atchison, and of his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, for themselves and heirs do hereby covenant, grant, promise, and agree, to and with the said heirs and assigns, that the said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, and their heirs, the said tract of land and premises hereby granted, bargained and sold and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the said heirs and assigns, against them the said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, and their heirs and against all and every person or persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend. And the said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, for them and for their heirs, do hereby further covenant, grant, promise, and agree to and with the said William H. Atchison, his heirs and assigns, that they said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, and their heirs, shall and will, at all times hereafter, whenever required thereto by the said William H. Atchison, or his heirs, at the proper cost and expense of the said heirs or assigns, make, do, execute, and acknowledge, all and every such further assurance or assurances, deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, in the law, as he the said William H. Atchison, his heirs and assigns, or his or their counsel, learned in the law, may or shall advise, devise, or require, for the more effectual assuring, conveying, and quieting the possession of the William h. Atchison, his heirs, assigns of, in, and to the said tract of land and premises, with the appurtenances forever. In witness whereof, the said Otho Baker & Susan, his wife, have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered,

Otho Baker {Seal}

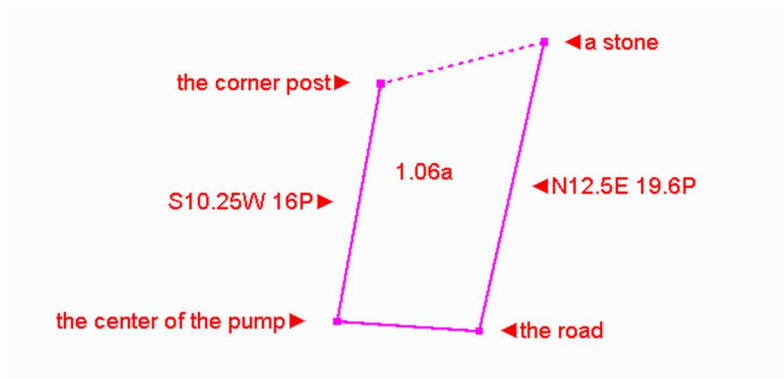
OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

in the presence of
Josiah Baker, David Reichard

Susan Baker {Seal}

State of Maryland, County of Washington, to wit: Be it remembered, and it is hereby certified, that on this twentieth day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and fifty-five, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County, personally appeared Otho Baker and Susam, his wife, they being known to me to be the persons who are named and described as, and professing to be the parties to the foregoing deed or indenture, and so severally acknowledge the said indenture or instrument of writing, to be their respective act and deed. The said Susan Baker, having signed and sealed said indenture before me out of the presence and hearing of her husband, and the said Susan Baker being by me examined out of the presence and hearing of her said husband, whether she doth execute and acknowledge the same freely and voluntarily, and without being induced to do so by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her husband, or by fear of his displeasure, declareth and saith that she doth. In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name on the day and year aforesaid.

David Reichard, J.P.



OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book IN 10, p. 528, recorded 8/14/1855.

At the request of Otho Baker, the following Deed was recorded August 14th, 1855.

This Indenture, made this fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and fifty-five, between James Tenant of Washington County, and State of Maryland, of the one part, and Otho Baker of the County and State aforesaid, of the other part. **Witnesseth**, that the said James Tenant, for and in consideration of the sum of three thousand, three hundred and seventy-five dollars, current money of the United States, to him the said James Tenant in hand paid by the said Otho Baker at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof the said James Tenant doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof doth release, acquit, and discharge the said Otho Baker, his heirs, executors, and administrators by these presents, he the said James Tenant hath given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened, and enfeoffed, and by these presents doth give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey, and confirm unto the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Washington County and State of Maryland, the same being part of a tract of land called "Sprigg's Delight," part of "The Resurvey on Sprigg's Delight," and part of a tract of land called "Chew's Farm," contained within the following metes and bounds, courses and distances, to wit: **Beginning** at a stone planted on the North margin of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and running thence North forty-six and one half degrees West, fifty-five perches and nine -tenths of a perches to a stone; North thirteen degrees East, forty-seven perches to a stone; South eighty-nine degrees East, twenty-seven and one-quarter perches to a stone; North fifty-five and one-half degrees East, one hundred and one perches and two-tenths of a perch to a stone; South seventeen and one-quarter degrees East, forty-eight perches to a stone on the outline of the aforesaid Canal; thence up said Canal South sixty-one and three quarter degrees West, ten perches and five-tenths of a perch to a stone; South fifty-six degrees West, fifteen perches and three-tenths of a perch to a stone; South fifty-one degrees West, eleven perches and six-tenths of a perch to a stone; South forty-seven degrees West, twelve perches to a stone; South forty-four degrees West, thirty-one perches and four-tenths of a perch to a stone; thence by a straight line to the place of beginning. **Containing** fifty acres of land together with all and singular the buildings, improvements, ways, waters, water courses, rights, members, privileges, advantages, and appurtenances whatsoever, to the said premises, hereby granted, thereto belonging, or in any wise appertaining. To Have and To Hold, the said lands and premises hereby conveyed, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns forever. To the only proper use and behoof of him, the said Otho Baker and of his heirs and assigns forever. And the said James Tenant, for himself and for his heirs, doth hereby covenant and agree, to and with the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns, that he, the said James Tenant, and his heirs, the said tract of land and premises, hereby granted, bargained, and sold, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, he the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns, against him the said James Tenant and his heirs, and against all and every person or persons, whatsoever claiming in any manner by, from, under, or in trust for the said James Tenant, or his heirs, shall and will warrant and forever defend. And the said James Tenant for himself and for his heirs, doth hereby further covenant, grant, promise, and agree to and with the said Otho Baker and his heirs and assign, that he, the said James Tenant and his heirs, shall and will, at all times hereafter, whenever required thereto by the said Otho Baker or his heirs, at the proper cost and expense of the said Otho Baker his heirs or assigns, make, do, execute, and acknowledge, all and every such further assurance or assurances, deed or deeds, conveyance or conveyances, in the law; as he the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns, or his or their counsel, learned in the law, may or shall advise, devise or require, for the more effectual assuring, conveying, and quieting, the possession of the said Otho Baker, his heirs and assigns,

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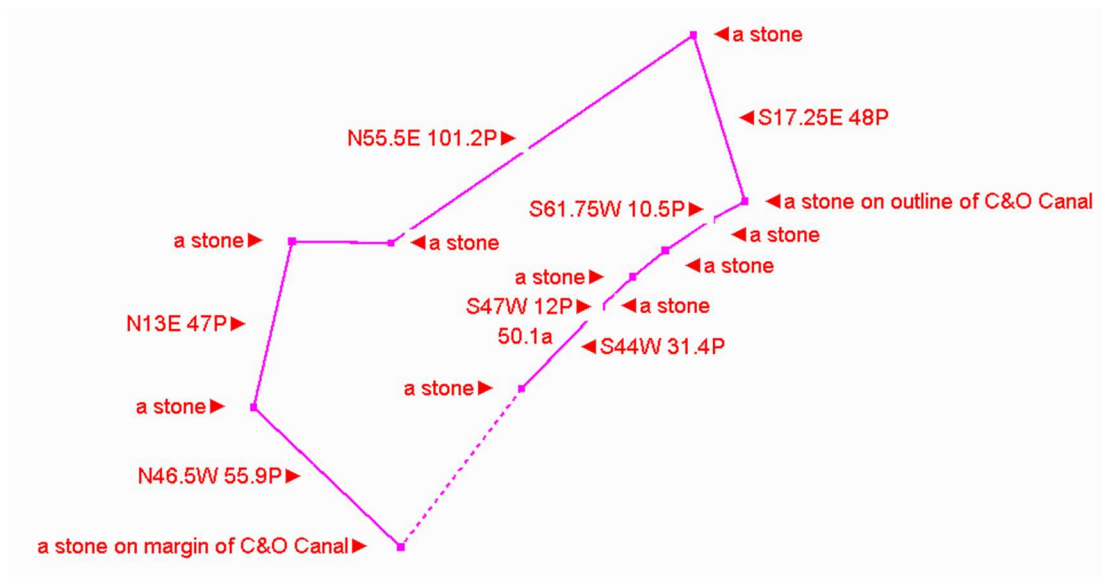
of, in, and to the said tract of land and premises, with the appurtenances forever. In witness whereof, the said James Tenant hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal, the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, and delivered
in the presence of
R. Ellsworth Cook, J.P.

his
James X Tenant {Seal}
mark

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: Be it remembered, and it is hereby certified, that on this fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and fifty-five, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County, aforesaid, personally appears James Tenant, he being known to me, to be the person who is named and described as, and professing to be a party to the foregoing deed or indenture, and doth acknowledge the said indenture or instrument of writing, to be his act and deed. In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name, the day and year aforesaid.

R. Ellsworth Cook, J.P. {Seal}



OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book LBN 2, p. 307, recorded 1/14/1868.

At the request of Margaret J. Seaman, the following Deed was recorded Jan. 14th, 1868.

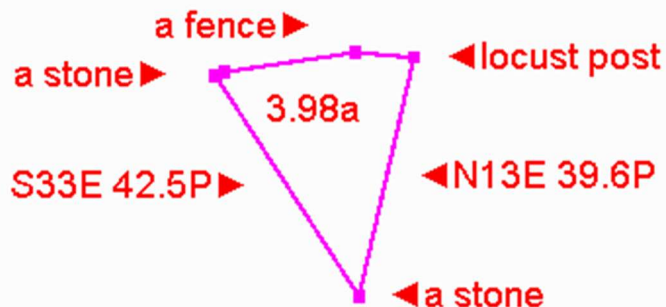
This Deed, made this twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred, and sixty-seven, by Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, of the County of Washington and State of Maryland. **Witnesseth**, that for and in consideration of eight hundred dollars, the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, do grant unto Margaret Jane Seaman, wife of Robert T. Seaman of the County of Washington and State of Maryland, her heirs and assigns in fee simple, all that piece of parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Washington and State of Maryland, the same being part of a tract of land called "The Resurvey on Sprigg's Delight," contained within the following metes and bounds, courses and distances, to wit: **Beginning** at a stone the end of thirteen and three quarters perches on the first line of that part of said land, conveyed by Joseph Stonebraker and others to Joseph Hampton and Susanna Tolsem, and running thence South thirty-three (33) degrees East, forty-two and one-half ($42\frac{1}{2}$) perches to a stone; North thirteen (13) degrees East, thirty-nine and six-tenths ($39\frac{6}{10}$) perches to a locust post; North eighty five (85) degrees West, nine and one-half ($9\frac{1}{2}$) perches to a fence; thence South eighty-one and one-half ($81\frac{1}{2}$) degrees West, twenty-one and four-tenths ($21\frac{4}{10}$) perches to the beginning. **Containing** three and three-quarters ($3\frac{3}{4}$) acres of land, more or less, with all the buildings thereon, and all and every, the right roads, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances, and advantages to the same or in any wise appertaining, and the said Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, further covenant that they will warrant generally the property hereby granted, and that they will execute such further assurances as may be requisite and necessary. Witness our hands and seals.

Teste: Samuel Boyer
Elias E. Baker

Otho Baker {Seal}
Susan Baker {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this twentieth day of December, in the year one thousand, eight hundred, and sixty-seven, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County aforesaid, personally appeared Otho Baker and Susan Baker, his wife, and acknowledged the foregoing deed to be their respective act.

Samuel Boyer, J.P.



OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book McKK 1, p. 525, recorded 5/20/1869.

At the request of I. Wilson, the following Deed was recorded on May 20th, 1869.

This Deed, made this seventeenth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine by Otho Baker, Trustee. **Witnesseth**, where by a decree of the Circuit Court for Washington County, aforesaid, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed on the nineteenth day of January A.D. 1867, Equity Docket No. 2014 in the case of Otho Baker and wife Complainants, vs Ann Baker and others Defendants, the said Otho Baker appointed Trustee to sell the land decreed to be sold by said decree, who has sold the same to Isaac Wilson of the County and State aforesaid, who has fully paid the purchase money, therefore, to wit: four thousand, nine hundred, and twenty dollars, now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, the said Otho Baker doth grant unto the said Isaac Wilson all the right and title of the parties to the aforesaid cause in and to all that lot or parcel of land with all the buildings erected thereon, situated in the village of Bakersville, County and State aforesaid. **Beginning** at a stone planted in the middle of the public road leading from Keddysville to Bakersville, and at the Southeast corner of Montell's lot and bounding on his lot, North twenty-two and one-half degrees East, nine and one-half perches; South seventy-three and three-quarter degrees West, three and three-quarter perches to the lands formerly belonging to John B. Eakle, deceased, thence allowing on these lands North twenty-one degrees East, five and a half perches; South seventy-one degrees East, sixteen perches to the West margin of the public road leading from Bakersville to Fairplay; thence along the west margin thereof, South twenty-two and one-half degrees West, fifteen perches; thence along the public road leading from Bakersville to Mt. Maria Church, North seventy-one degrees West, twelve and three-quarters perches to the beginning. **Containing** one and a quarter (1¼) acres and seven perches of land, more or less.

Witness my hand and seal

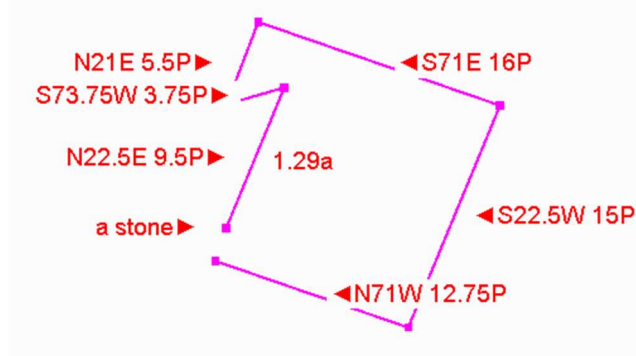
Otho Baker (Seal)

Test: Samuel Byer, J.P.

B. H. Lowrge

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this sixteenth day of May in the year one thousand, eight hundred, and sixty-nine, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County aforesaid, personally appeared Otho Baker, Trustee, as aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing Deed to be his act.

Samuel Boyer, J.P.



OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book McKK 4, p. 492, recorded 4/2/1872.

At the request of William P. Ramsburg, the following Deed was recorded April 2nd, 1872.

This Deed, made this 29th day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two, by Jacob Eakle, Otho Baker, and Jacob Kendel, Trustees of Mount Pleasant School in Election District 12. **Witnesseth**, that in consideration of the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money, the said Jacob Eakle, Otho Baker, and Jacob Kendel, Trustees as aforesaid, do grant unto William P. Ramsburg of Washington County and State of Maryland, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, all the following described part of a tract of land called "Loss and Gain," lying in the County aforesaid and contained within the following metes and bounds: **Beginning** at a post where formerly stood a stone and running thence South 42° West, 7 perches to the middle of the road leading to Bakersville and to intersect the line of Elias Eakle's land (formerly Joseph Stonebreaker's) thence along the middle of said road North 30° West, 8 perches; thence leaving the said road and running North 42° East, 4 perches to a locust stake; thence South 46¾° East, 7-44/100 perches to the place of beginning. **Containing** 40 perches of land, more or less, being the same lot or parcel of land which was conveyed by Jacob Stonebreaker and Sinclair Stonebreaker to Jacob Middlekauff and John Docenberger, acting trustees of a school (heretofore known as Mount Pleasant Schoolhouse. And the said Jacob Eakle, Otho Baker, and Jacob Kendel, Trustees as aforesaid, covenant that they will execute such further assurances as may be requisite.

Witness our hands and seals

Witness Samuel Boyer

James P. Wadell

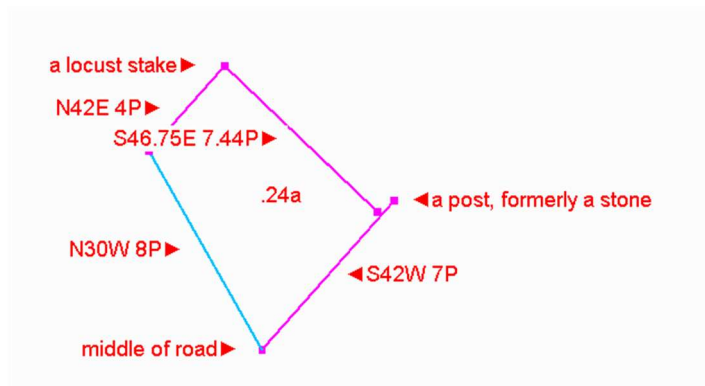
Jacob Eakle, {Seal}

Jacob Kendel {Seal}

Otho Baker {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 29th day of March in the year A.D. 1872, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Jacob Eakle, Otho Baker, and Jacob Kendel, Trustees as aforesaid and acknowledged the foregoing deed to be their respective act.

Samuel Boyer, J.P.



OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book 74, p. 44, recorded 2/1/1876.

At the request of Baker & Speilman, the following Mortgage was recorded Feb. 1st, 1876.

This Mortgage, made this 21st day of August A.D. 1875, by me, Samuel Boyer of Washington County, State of Maryland, and to Otho Baker and Jonas Speilman of said County and State. **Witnesseth**, whereas I, Samuel Boyer, now desire to secure and save harmless Otho Baker and Jonas Speilman, who are my sureties and endorsers and for the purpose of indemnifying and saving them harmless from all loss or damage by reason of such indorsements, and suretyship, and whereas amongst other things said Jonas Speilman and Otho Baker are my endorsers upon a certain promissory note for eighteen hundred dollars payable to the Washington County National Bank of Williamsport, said note falling due on or about 1st November 1875, and are also my endorsers upon a certain other promissory note for twenty-five hundred dollars payable to the president and directors, and Company of the Hagerstown Bank, said note falling due about the 1st of October 1875, and whereas said Otho Baker is my surety upon a certain promissory note now overdue for about the sum of one thousand, five hundred dollars, payable to Henry T. Neikirk, and whereas said Jonas Speilman is my security upon a certain promissory note to Jacob F. Miller for five hundred dollars, and whereas said Jonas Speilman is also my surety upon a promissory note payable to Sisall S. Colbert since intermarried with Daniel Long, whereon the sum of two hundred and seventy-five dollars still remains unpaid. Now to secure the payment of the notes and debts above described and of any of them, and to save harmless and to indemnify said Otho Baker and Jonas Speilman from any and all loss by reason of said endorsements and suretyships, as well as by reason of any or all endorsements and suretyships for me, by them or either of them, I, Samuel Boyer, do grant unto said Otho Baker and Jonas Speilman, all the following described real estate, situate in said County and State, that is to say the following two parcels of land, the first parcel being part of a tract called "The Resurvey on Sprigg's Delight," and part of "Long Sought." **Beginning** to include said parts at a stone marked **H**, standing about 24 perches [illegible] the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and running thence N 61° W 67-1/10 perches to a stone, the corner of a lot sold by Lewis Watson to John Gatel, and with the division fence between said lot and the land hereby resurveyed S 25° W 15-8/10 perches to the land belonging to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, thence proceeding over said lands S 66½° E, 9-2/10 perches; S 65¼° E 11-1/10 perches; S 64° E, 11-2/10 perches to a stone marked **No. 3**, on the survey of said Canal; S 59¾° E, 2-8/10 perches; S 52½° E, 19½ perches or until it intersects the end of a line drawn S 44° W, from the beginning; thence down on the said margin of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal; S 40¾° E, 17-8/10 perches to the Southwest corner of a parcel of land conveyed by Louis Watson and wife to Nancy Bowers; thence with the fourth line thereof reversed N 41½° E, 9-2/10 perches to a stone; thence with the third line of a deed from Jacob Harper and wife to Florence Harris; thence by a straight line to the place of the beginning. **Containing** 9½ acres and 33 perches of land, more or less, the same being what is commonly called the Mercerville property, being the same that was heretofore conveyed to said Samuel Boger by Elizabeth Watson and others by deed dated October 1st, 1869, and recorded in Liber McKK 2, folio 236, &c, and therein more particularly described, and the second parcel being a secured parcel, lying on the road leading from Sharpsburg to Book's [sic. Snyder's] Landing, **containing** three acres, more or less, said parcel being the same that was heretofore conveyed to Samuel Boyer by Thomas Bommer and wife by deed dated December 19th, 1867, and recorded in Liber LBN 2, folio 280, &c, and therein particularly described. **Provided** that if I, Samuel Boyer, shall and do pay the said notes and each of them within six months from the date hereof, and shall and do save harmless and keep indemnified the said Otho Baker and Jonas Speilman from all loss, expense, or damage, by reason of said endorsements and suretyships or either of them or by reason of any endorsement or suretyship whatsoever for and then this

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mortgage shall be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue in law. And it being agreed that until default in the considerations of this mortgage and specifically in the payment of said notes or any of them, and in the event of loss, damage, or any expense, whatsoever by reason of said suretyships and endorsements or any of them, thereupon I, Samuel Boyer, warrant and agree that it shall be lawful for said Otho Baker and Jonas Speilman, their certain attorney or assigns, to enter and sell said mortgage of premises or any part thereof at public sale, or upon time at their discretion at Hagerstown, after first giving notice of the time, place, and terms of sale in some newspaper published at Hagerstown three weeks prior to the day of sale and to apply the proceeds first to pay the expenses attending such sale, including all costs and charges and the usual Equity Trustees Commissions to the persons making such sale on the gross proceeds thereof, next to pay the mortgage debt, including all loss, damage, and expenses as aforesaid, thence to pay the surplus to said mortgagee.

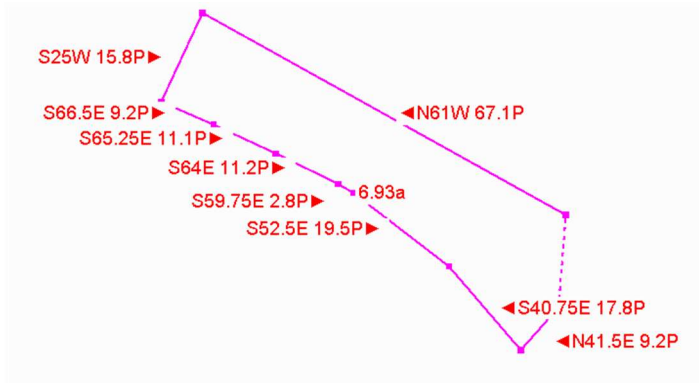
Witness my hand and seal.

Test, Morgan Miller

Samuel Boyer, {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this 21st day of August A.D. 1875, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State aforesaid in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Samuel Boyer and acknowledged the foregoing mortgage to be his act. At the same time, personally appeared Otho Baker and Jonas Speilman, and did each make oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God that the consideration of the foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide as therein set forth.

Morgan Miller, J.P.



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Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book 74, p. 323, recorded 5/5/1876.

At the request of Spielman & Baker, the following Deed of Trust was recorded May 5th, 1876.

This Deed, made this third day of May, A.D. 1876, by me, Samuel Boyer of Washington County, State of Maryland. **Witnesseth**, that whereas, I, said Samuel Boyer,, being indebted unto sundry parties in several sums of money and unable to pay the same in full, being by reason of miscarriage in business and shrinkage in value embarrassed, have proposed and agreed to assign all my property to Otho Baker and Jonas Spielman of said County and State in trust, for the benefit of my creditors. Now, therefore, in consideration of the premises, and of five dollars, I, said Samuel Boyer, do grant, bargain, sell, and assign unto Jonas Spielman and Otho Baker, and the services of them, the executors, administrators, and assigns, of the services of them as Trustees, the following property, that is to say, the following described real estate situate in said County and State, that is to say the property known as the Mercerville Property whereat I, said Sael Boyer now resides, being the same that was conveyed to me by Elizabeth Watson, William W. Cronise, and Sarah E., his wife, Henry Smith and Lucinda, his wife, by deed dated October 1st, 1869, and recorded in Liber McKK No. 2, folio 236, also a second parcel being part of said Mercerville Property being the same property that was conveyed by William M. Marshall, Trustee, to said Boyer by deed dated June 5th, 1871, recorded in Liber McKK No. 3, folio 721, also a house and lot being the same that was conveyed to Samuel Boyer by Thomas Bouman and wife, by deed dated December 19th, 1867, and recorded in Liber SB No. 3, folio 280, and the one-half interest in the property conveyed to Samuel Boyer and Jonas Spielman, by George Kemp and Edward T. Steffey by deed dated January 26, 1869, recorded in Liber McKK No. 1, folio 581, also all the personal estate of said Samuel Boyer, also the rest and residue of my estate. real, personal, and mixed, of all kinds whatsoever, and wheresoever situate, to have and to hold and to take the same, upon trust, that they of the service of them, the executors, administrators, or assigns of the service, do and shall as soon as conveniently may be, make sale of so much thereof as may be saleable for the best price, at either public or private sale, and upon such notice and upon such terms, and at such place or places as the said Trustees may decree best, and to collect such of said claims as may be collectable. And it is hereby declared that the said Jonas Spielman and Otho Baker and the survivors of them, and the executors, administrators, and assigns of the survivors shall stand possessed of the surveys from such sales and collections as aforesaid. In Trust for the following purposes, that is, to say: in the first place, to pay and reimburse themselves all such costs, charges, and expenses as may be incurred in the execution of the trust hereby created, together with a commission of six percent on all sums received and upon the white fences of the estate, as well as the costs and charges for the preparation of these presents, and of the execution thereof, and then in Trust to apply the residue of said money in payment of the several debts of the creditors of me, said Samuel Boyer, without any priority or preference of payment, other than that already established or secured by law. And after payment of such debts, costs, and expenses, then, In Trust, to pay the surplus, if any, to me, said Samuel Boyer, my executors, administrators, and assigns. And I do appoint said Jonas Spielman and Otho Baker, and the survivor of them, the executor, administrator, and assigns of the survivor, my Attorneys, jointly and severally in [illegible] or otherwise to liquidate all accounts relating to the premises and to collect all the debts and sums of money hereby assigned, to give discharges for the same, to compound for dubious debts, to appoint and remove necessary agents. And to do all other acts requisite to be done in the premises as fully as I, said Samuel Boyer, might or could have done if these presents had not been executed; said Trustees not to be chargeable with any loss that may happen in the execution of the Trust aforesaid, without their respective willful default. Witness my hand and seal.

Test: Joseph A. Skinner

Samuel Boyer, {Seal}

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State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this third day of May, A.D. 1876, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State aforesaid, in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Samuel Boyer and did acknowledge the foregoing Deed of Trust to be his act.

Joseph A. Skinner, J.P.

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Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book 74, p. 375, recorded 5/30/1876.

At the request of George W. Smith, Jr., the following Mortgage was recorded May 20th, 1876.

This Mortgage, made this twentieth day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, by me, Otho Baker, of Washington County, in the State of Maryland. **Witnesseth**, that in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars now due from me, the said Otho Baker to George W. Smith, Jr., I, the said Otho Baker, do grant unto George W. Smith, Jr., all the following described piece or parcel of land, situate in Washington County, in the State of Maryland, being part of a tract of land called "Sprigg's Delight," part of the "Resurvey on Sprigg's Delight," and part of "Chews Farm," all lying contiguous and containing about fifty acres of land, adjoining the lands of Andrew Reutche, Dr. Wm. H. Grime and others and bounded on the South by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, and upon which Samuel H. Baker now resides, being the same land and premises which were conveyed to me, the said Otho Baker, by James Tenant, by deed dated July 14th, A.D. 1855, and duly recorded in Liber IN No. 10, folio 528, one of the Land Records of Washington County, aforesaid, as by reference thereto will fully and at large appear. **Provided** that if I, the said Otho Baker, shall pay, on or before the first day of May in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, to the said George W. Smith, Jr., the sum of one thousand dollars, with the interest thereon from the date of these presents, then this mortgage shall be void. And the said Otho Baker hereby covenants, promises, and agrees to and with the said George W. Smith, Jr., that he, the said Otho Baker, will pay the said sum of one thousand dollars with the interest thereon from the date hereof, on or before the first day of May next. Witness my hand and seal.

Test. Joseph A. Skinner

Otho Baker, {Seal}

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit: I hereby certify that on this twentieth day of May in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County aforesaid, personally appeared the above named Otho Baker and acknowledged the within and foregoing mortgage to be his act. And at the same time, personally appeared George W. Smith, Jr., the mortgagee named in the foregoing mortgage, and made oath in due form of law that the consideration mentioned in the said within and foregoing mortgage is true and bona fide as therein set forth. Acknowledged and sworn before:

Joseph A. Skinner, J.P.

I hereby release the foregoing mortgage. Witness my hand and seal this 14th day of May A.D. 1897.

Test: J. B. Oswald, Clerk.

George W. Smith, Jr., {Seal}

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Washington County Courthouse, Hagerstown, Maryland, Book 74, p. 714, recorded 10/23/1876.

At the request of Mary Ann Show, the following Deed was recorded October 23rd, 1876.

This Deed, made this 18th day of October, 1876, by us Jonas Spielman, Otho Baker, Trustees of Samuel Boyer, Samuel Boyer, and Minerva Bayer, his wife, all of Washington County, Maryland. **Witnesseth**, that in consideration of five hundred and ninety [dollars], we, the said Jonas Spielman, Otho Baker, Trustees of Samuel Boyer, Samuel Boyer, and Minerva Bayer, his wife, doth grant, bargain, and sell to Mary Ann Show, wife of Henry Show, of the County and State aforesaid, all that certain tract of land lying on the road leading from Sharpsburg to Mercerville, in the County of Washington and State of Maryland, containing three acres of land, more or less, and adjoins the lands of Benjamin F. Middlekauff and Elias Eakle, it being the same property which was conveyed by Thomas Bonan, and wife, to Samuel Boyer, and bearing date of 19th December, 1867, and recorded in Liber LBN 2, folios 280 and 281, one of the Land records of Washington County, and the said Jonas Spielman, Otho Baker, Trustees of Samuel Boyer, Samuel Boyer, and Minerva Bayer, his wife, warrant generally the property herby conveyed.

Witness our hands and seals:

Test: J. H. Wade

Jonas Spielman, Trustee {Seal}

Samuel Boyer {Seal}

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Otho Baker, Trustee

Minerva X Boyer

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State of Maryland, Washington County. I herby certify that on this 18th day of October, 1876, personally appeared before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County, Jonas Spielman, Otho Baker, Trustees of Samuel Boyer, Samuel Boyer, and Minerva Bayer, his wife, and did each acknowledge the foregoing deed to be their act.

J. H. Wade, J.P.

OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Trips of the *Whale/Otho Baker* during 1850. Ag = Arrived at Georgetown.

<u>D</u> A	Date 1850	Point of origin /Destination	Cargo
Ag	4/20	Mercerville	1,112 bbls. of flour
Ag	9/6	Mercerville	890 bbls. flour
Ag	9/18	Mercerville	672 bbls. of flour
Ag	11/4	81 miles	925 bbls. of flour
Ag	11/14	Mercerville	5-¼ tons of castings
Ag	11/29	81 miles	1,150 bbls. of flour & 1 bbl. of apples
Ag	12/10	81 miles	1,200 bbls. of flour
Ag	12/23	81 miles	1,100 bbls. of flour

OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Trips of the *Otho Baker* during 1851. Aa = Arrived at Alexandria. Ag = Arrived at Georgetown. Da = Departed Alexandria. Dg = Departed Georgetown. Dc = Departed Cumberland.

<u>D</u> A	Date 1851	Point of origin /Destination	Cargo
Aa	1/15	Mercerville	1,003 bbls of flour
Ag	1/23	81 miles	flour, &c.
Aa	3/12	81 miles	1,225 bbls of flour
Dc	3/21	Shepherdstown	99 tons 12 cwt of coal
Dc	4/5	Alexandria	110 tons 00 cwt of coal
Aa	4/12	185 miles	110 tons 00 cwt of coal
Da	4/15	Clearspring	groceries
Dc	4/24	Alexandria	105 tons 12 cwt of coal
Aa	5/2	185 miles	105 tons 12 cwt of coal
Da	5/3	Cumberland	empty
Dc	5/9	185 miles	113 tons 10 cwt of coal
Aa	[5/16]	Cumberland	113 tons 10 cwt of coal
Da	[5/17]	Cumberland	empty
Dc	5/24	Alexandria	99 tons 05 cwt of coal
Aa	5/31	Cumberland	99 tons 05 cwt of coal
Da	6/3	Cumberland	empty
Dg	6/5	Cumberland	empty
Dc	6/13	Alexandria	99 tons 04 cwt of coal
Aa	6/21	Cumberland	99 tons 04 cwt of coal
Da	6/23	Cumberland	empty
Dc	7/1	Alexandria	95 tons 13 cwt of coal
Aa	7/9	Cumberland	95 tons 13 cwt of coal
Da	7/14	Cumberland	empty
Dc	[7/23]	Alexandria	coal
Aa	7/31	Cumberland	coal
Da	8/1	Cumberland	empty
Dc	8/15	Alexandria	102 tons 08 cwt of coal
Aa	8/22	Cumberland	102 tons 08 cwt of coal
Da	8/26	Shepherdstown	groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, &c.
Dc	9/2	Alexandria	111 tons 10 cwt of coal
Aa	9/8	Cumberland	coal
Da	9/13	Cumberland	empty
Dg	9/16	Cumberland	empty
Dc	9/20	Alexandria	90 tons 11 cwt of coal
Aa	[9/27]	Cumberland	90 tons 11 cwt of coal
Da	[9/30]	Cumberland	empty
Dc	10/7	Alexandria	118 tons 00 cwt of coal
Aa	10/14	Cumberland	118 tons 00 cwt of coal
Da	10/18	Cumberland	empty
Dc	[11/1]	Alexandria	coal
Aa	11/9	Cumberland	coal
Da	11/12	Cumberland	salt
Dc	11/20	Alexandria	127 tons 15 cwt of coal
Aa	11/28	Cumberland	127 tons 15 cwt of coal
Da	12/3	Shepherdstown	groceries, boots, shoes, hats, caps, &c.

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Trips of the *Otho Baker* during 1852. Aa = Arrived at Alexandria. Da = Departed Alexandria.
Dc = Departed Cumberland. Dg = Departed Georgetown.

<u>D</u> A	Date 1852	Point of origin /Destination	Cargo
Dg	3/16		
Aa	4/1	Cumberland	coal
Da	4/2	Cumberland	
Aa	4/20	Cumberland	
Da	7/21	Shepherdstown	groceries, &c.
Aa	8/19	Cumberland	coal
Da	8/19	Williamsport	drugs, paint, oils, &c.
Aa	9/7	Cumberland	coal
Da	9/8	Old Town	groceries, &c.
Aa	9/29	Cumberland	coal
Da	10/7	Cumberland	
Aa	10/26	Cumberland	coal
Da	10/26	Cumberland	salt
Aa	12/6	Cumberland	coal
Da	12/7	Cumberland	
Aa	12/23	Cumberland	coal

OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Trips of the *Otho Baker* during 1853. Aa = Arrived at Alexandria. Da = Departed Alexandria.
Dc = Departed Cumberland. Dg = Departed Georgetown.

<u>D</u> A	Date 1853	Point of origin /Destination	Cargo
Aa	4/28	Cumberland	coal
Da	4/29	Cumberland	
Da	6/3	Cumberland	
Aa	9/17	Cumberland	coal
Da	9/17	Cumberland	
Aa	10/3	Cumberland	coal
Da	10/3	Clear Spring	groceries, shoes, boots, &c.
Da	10/15	Cumberland	
Aa	10/28	Cumberland	coal
Aa	11/26	Cumberland	coal
Aa	12/14	Cumberland	coal
Da	12/16	Cumberland	

OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Trips of the *Otho Baker* during 1854. Aa = Arrived at Alexandria. Da = Departed Alexandria.
Dc = Departed Cumberland. Dg = Departed Georgetown.

<u>D</u> A	Date 1854	Point of origin /Destination	Cargo
Aa	4/21	Cumberland	coal
Da	4/21	Cumberland	
Aa	5/13	Cumberland	coal
Da	5/18	Cumberland	
Aa	6/4	Cumberland	coal
Da	6/5	Cumberland	
Aa	6/20	Cumberland	coal
Da	6/21	Cumberland	
Aa	7/3	Cumberland	coal
Da	7/5	Shepherdstown	groceries, boots, shoes, hats, &c.
Aa	8/19	Cumberland	coal
Da	8/19	Cumberland	
Aa	9/8	Cumberland	coal
Da	9/12	Shepherdstown	groceries, boots, shoes, hats, &c.

OTHO BAKER FAMILY HISTORY

Trips of the *Susan Baker* during 1857. Ag = Arrived at Georgetown. .

<u>D</u> A	Date 1857	Point of origin /Destination	Cargo
Ag	4/1	Shepherdstown	corn
Ag	8/17	Cumberland	107 tons of coal
Ag	8/27	Shepherdstown	700 bu. wheat, 400 bu. corn
Ag	10/2	Cumberland	106 tons of coal
Ag	11/28	Cumberland	108 tons of coal