

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes.
no

Property Name: Richard W. Henderson House (Thornton Hill Farm) Inventory Number: BA-186
Address: 14601 Western Road _____ City: Sparks Zip Code: 21152-9630
County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Hereford
Owner: James A. Walsh and Sandra S. Walsh Is the property being evaluated a district? _____yes
Tax Parcel Number: 256 Tax Map Number: 34 _____ Tax Account ID Number: 2000005253
Project: Walsh Property Floodplain Study Agency: MDE Permit Tracking #200366127/N66158
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? X ___yes ___no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: BA- 2214
NR-listed district X yes Eligible district yes District Name: Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource X ___yes ___no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___yes ___no

Criteria: B X C D Considerations: B D None
Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

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

Introduction

The Richard W. Henderson House (Thornton Hill Farm) was documented in September 1976 on a Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form (MIHP No. BA-186) (Black and Wollon 1976a). The property is located within the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District (MIHP No. BA-2214), which was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in March 1978 (Black and Wollon 1976b). The purpose of this Determination of Eligibility form is to update the 1976 MIHP form and to provide an assessment of the potential of the resource to contribute to the significance of the historic district. An exterior inspection of the Henderson House was conducted on 3 October 2006; interior access was not possible.

Description

A winding driveway leads to the Richard W. Henderson House at 14601 Western Road. The yard is neatly landscaped with various plants and shrubs. Mature pine trees and hardwoods surround the house. An in-ground

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swimming pool is located in the back yard. The 87.74-acre property comprises agricultural fields and wood-fenced horse pastures (Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation 2006). The property encompasses the 1840 main dwelling; a ca. 1840 springhouse; a nineteenth-century barn surrounded by twentieth-century additions; an early to mid-twentieth century cow barn, silo, and corn crib; and numerous mid to late-twentieth century animal pens that are dispersed throughout the pastures. The property also contains a ca. 1970 tenant house, which is located at 14638 Thornton Mill Road.

The main dwelling faces north. The earliest sections of the house are a two-and-one-half-story, gable-roofed, stone main block with an 1840 date stone and a ca. 1840 three-story, shed-roofed, stone kitchen wing that extends from the east end of the main block's rear (south) elevation. These earliest sections create an L-shaped footprint. A one-story, gable-roofed, stone and wood-frame addition with a 1991 date stone was constructed by the current owners along the rear elevation of the kitchen wing. A similar ca. 1991 addition extends from the east elevation of the kitchen wing. With the exception of the 1991 additions, the dwelling basically retains the form and materials described in MIHP Form BA-186 prepared in 1976 (Black and Wollon 1976a).

The main block and kitchen wing are constructed of randomly laid stone. Windows are six-over-six-light, wood-frame units with stone sills; most windows on the front (north) elevation of the main block have louvered blinds. Roofs of both sections are sheathed in standing-seam metal.

The two-and-one-half-story, five-bay-by-three-bay rectangular main block has a central hall floor plan. The gable roof features three gabled dormers on each slope. On the rear roof slope, the two dormers on the east end have been added since the 1976 documentation. An interior brick chimney rises on each gable end. Initials "MPM" and the date "1840" are inscribed in the west chimney. An undecorated wood cornice is located along the front and rear elevations of the main block. The centrally located, wood front door is recessed within paneled jambs ornamented with engaged Tuscan columns. The door has two side-by-side, vertical panels and is crowned by a three-light transom. Four-over-four-light sidelights set over wood panels flank the door. A full-width, one-story, hipped-roof porch with a wood floor and ceiling spans the front elevation of the main block. The porch features square wood posts; a wood railing with square balusters is located on the east end of the porch.

The shed roof of the three-story, three-bay, kitchen wing slopes east to west. A brick chimney projects from the center of the roof slope. According to the 1976 documentation, a one-story, shed-roofed porch sheltered the west elevation (Black and Wollon 1976a:7). This porch has been converted into a modern sun porch with skylights; the shed roof is sheathed in standing-seam metal. In 1976, "a small one-story, shed-roofed glazed porch of contemporary design, with a stone chimney at its west end" extended west from the kitchen wing (Black and Wollon 1976a: 7). This porch has been removed.

The one-story, gable-roofed, stone and wood-frame addition along the rear elevation of the kitchen wing features a date stone in the west gable. The date stone is inscribed with the initials "JSW" and the date "1991." The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles; an interior brick chimney projects from the roof ridge. The west wall of the addition is constructed with randomly laid stone and features a multi-light bay window. Remaining walls are of wood-frame construction clad with horizontal, beaded wood siding. Windows are wood-frame, six-over-six-light units. A set of glazed paired doors is located on the east elevation.

The one-story, gable-roofed, stone and wood-frame addition along the east side of the kitchen wing exhibits similar characteristics as the 1991 addition described above. The front part of the addition is constructed with randomly laid stone; the front (north) elevation features a large, arched window. Remaining windows in the stone part are wood-frame, six-over-six-light units. The back part of the addition is of wood-frame construction and includes a

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wood-frame sun room clad with horizontal, beaded wood siding. The roof of the addition is sheathed in asphalt shingles.

Outbuildings

A stone springhouse comprising one story and a loft is located east of the dwelling. The building appears to be contemporary with the original sections of the house, which were built ca. 1840. The square springhouse faces west and terminates in a gable roof sheathed in standing-seam metal. The roof slope overhangs the front (west) wall, which contains a centrally located door opening. A window opening is located on each remaining elevation. The south gable features a door opening to the loft. All window and door openings are unfilled. The springhouse has a poured-concrete floor. Ceiling joists run east to west and are half-round, hewn logs with cut nails; these joists support wide floor boards in the loft. Evidence of a spring is not visible.

A nineteenth-century outbuilding that originally may have been a small barn is located south of the dwelling. The two-story, wood-frame, gable-roofed building has a twentieth-century, wood-frame addition on each side elevation. Each addition is one story in height with a shed roof. Exterior walls of the building are clad with board-and-batten siding and plywood with furring strips. The roof of the building is sheathed in standing-seam metal and asphalt shingles. A one-story, plywood garage addition is located along the building's rear elevation.

An early to mid-twentieth century cow barn is located southeast of the dwelling. The barn has a concrete-block lower level and a wood-frame upper level that terminates in a gambrel roof with an east-to-west ridge. The west elevation of the barn is built into a bank. A set of double vertical-board sliding doors located in the west gambrel open onto the top of the bank. The sides of the door frame are constructed with large, square posts. The roof is sheathed in standing-seam metal. The wood-frame sides of the gambrel roof are clad with vertical boards. The interior floor of the upper level has wide, circular-sawn floor boards. The lower level of the barn, which features metal-frame windows and beaded vertical-board sliding doors, appears to shelter horses. There is no evidence of a former dairy.

A concrete-block, circular silo is located south of the cow barn. External metal bands secure the concrete blocks. A metal, conical hipped roof with a gabled dormer caps the silo.

A wire, circular corn crib is located southwest of the cow barn. The corn crib has a poured-concrete floor, a louvered side opening, and a conical roof sheathed in standing-seam metal.

Numerous mid to late-twentieth century animal pens are dispersed throughout the farm. These pens are generally one-story buildings constructed of wood, corrugated metal, or T1-11 siding.

A ca. 1970 one-story, wood-frame, ranch-style tenant house is located southeast of the cow barn. The house has a separate driveway from the main dwelling and is accessed at 14638 Thornton Mill Road. The four-bay house features a gable roof.

History

Settlement within the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District began in the eighteenth century. The region was primarily agricultural and rich in limestone, a resource used for both fertilizer and construction. The area historically contained many saw and grist mills to aid the local farmers. Small villages and hamlets, many of which no longer survive, sprang up at various crossroads within the region. At the time of the 1976 National Register

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nomination, many descendants of the original settlers continued to reside within the district on the land farmed by their ancestors. Numerous early nineteenth-century dwellings currently survive (Black and Wollon 1976b).

Research previously conducted on the Richard W. Henderson House is documented in MIHP Form BA-186 (Black and Wollon 1976a). The date stone on the original house that reads "MPM 1840" refers to former owner Mordecai H. Matthews, who acquired the property in 1830, and his wife, Philema Matthews. The inscription includes the first initials of both the husband and wife, a common Quaker practice of dating houses. The Matthews family owned the property until 1879 (Black and Wollon 1976a: 8).

The date stone on the addition that reads "JSW 1991" refers to the current owners, James A. and Sandra S. Walsh, who acquired the property in 1985 (Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation 2006).

Evaluation

The Richard W. Henderson House is located within the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District (MIHP No. BA-2214), which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District is the eastern extension of the Worthington Valley Historic District (MIHP No. BA-2215), also listed in the National Register. The Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District is a large, rural historic district encompassing 9,975 acres; the district is significant for its association with agriculture in Baltimore County applying National Register Criterion A and for architecture applying National Register Criterion C. The period of significance discussed in the National Register nomination form was unspecified; however, the nomination form emphasized built resources constructed during the late-eighteenth century and the first half of the nineteenth century (Black and Wollon 1976b). As documented in MIHP No. BA-2214:

"Historically, this district has always been an agricultural area. From the earliest times, it was recognized for the large and prosperous farms which produced crops of corn and grass, cattle and sheep" (Black and Wollon 1976b:8-11).

The Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District contains a collection of farmsteads, houses, and agricultural outbuildings that exhibit the distinctive characteristics of their types, periods, and methods of construction applying National Register Criterion C, with particular emphasis on buildings constructed between the late-eighteenth century through ca. 1850. According to MIHP No. BA-2214:

"Structures in this district have always been traditional in form and detail, little affected by current style or taste. The abundant stone is the typical building material, recognized and appreciated for its permanence, obviously a most important detail to early builders. The absence of important late nineteenth-century houses indicates the early prosperity which the area enjoyed, the conservative taste of its inhabitants and the degree of permanence which earlier builders incorporated into their structures" (Black and Wollon 1976b:7-1).

The Richard W. Henderson House is a representative example of the type, period, and method of construction of houses constructed during the first half of the nineteenth century in the district; references to the house and springhouse were made in the 1976 Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District nomination form (Black and Wollon 1976b:7-3, 7-6, 7-8). Constructed of stone, the 1840 Henderson House has a traditional center hall plan with a kitchen wing. The center hall plan and shed-roofed kitchen wing became a prevalent building form during the mid-nineteenth century as the region prospered (Black and Wollon 1976b: 7-3, 7-6). The Greek Revival elements featured in the front entrance and on the wood cornice of the Henderson House were typical of the period between 1830 and 1850 (McAlester 1994:179-182). Applying National Register Criterion C, the Richard W.

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Henderson House (MIHP No. BA-186) possesses the qualities of significance and integrity necessary to be a contributing resource to the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District. The house retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

The ca. 1840 stone springhouse stands adjacent to the Richard W. Henderson House. The Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District contains many nineteenth-century springhouses due to the abundance of springs. Most springhouses in the district were constructed with stone, a durable material that survived well in a damp environment (Black and Wollon 1976b:7-7). The ca. 1840 stone springhouse near the Henderson House is typical of those constructed in the region. Applying National Register Criterion C, the springhouse possesses the qualities of significance and integrity necessary to be a contributing resource to the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District. The springhouse retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

Although the nineteenth-century barn with twentieth-century additions may possess significance, the building no longer retains sufficient integrity of design, materials, feeling, and association to be a contributing resource to the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District. The cow barn, silo, corn crib, animal pens, and tenant house are twentieth-century buildings that post-date the period of significance emphasized in the Western Run-Belfast Road Historic District nomination. Applying National Register Criterion C, these buildings and structures do not possess the significance necessary to be contributing resources to the historic district.

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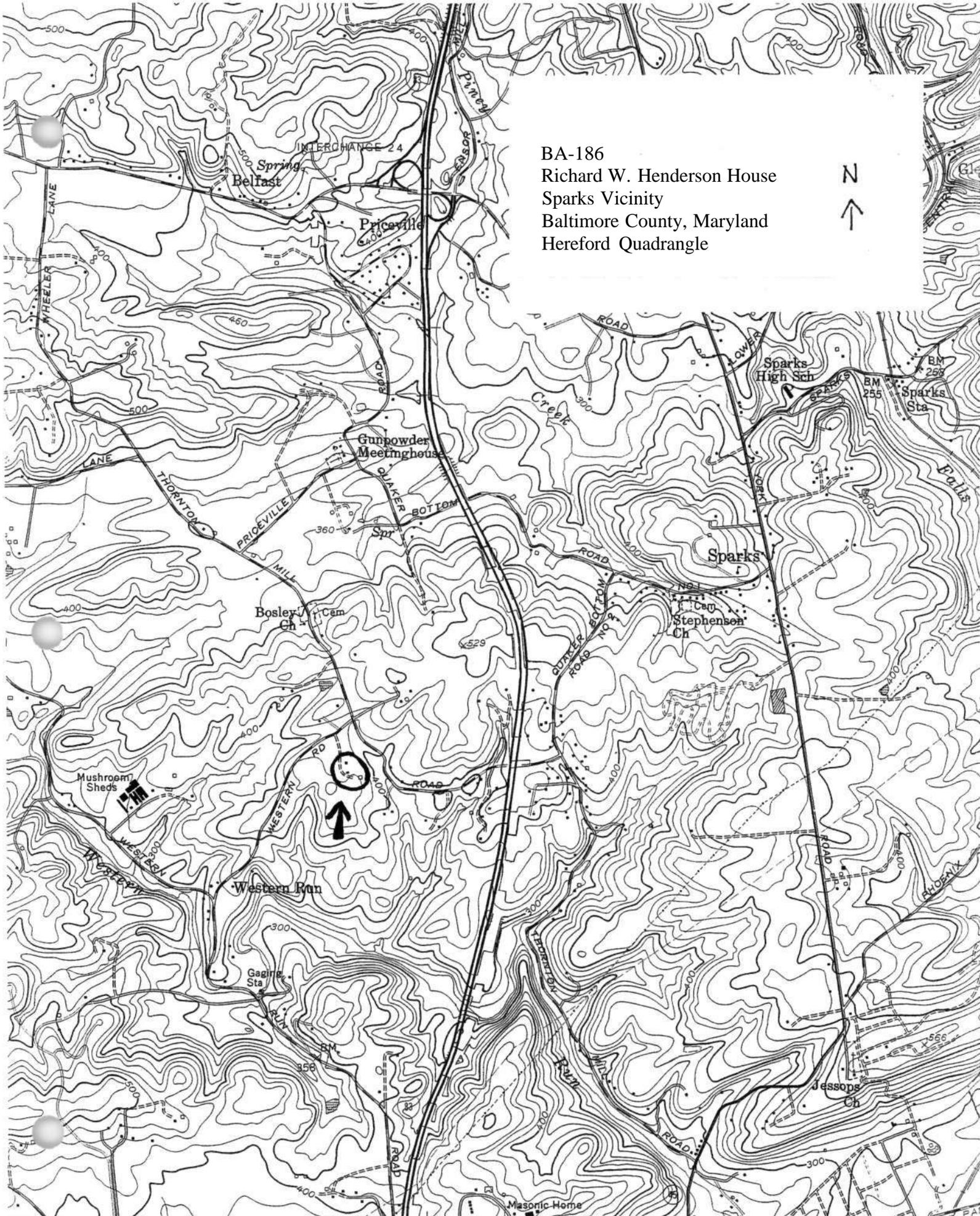
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 Richard W. Henderson House
 Sparks Vicinity
 Baltimore County, Maryland
 Hereford Quadrangle





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Richard W. Henderson House

Baltimore Co., MD

RCG+A, Inc.

October 2006

Neg: MD SHPO

Front (N) elevation

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Richard W. Henderson House

Baltimore Co., MD

RCG+A, Inc.

October 2006

Neg.: MD SHPO

Front door, N elevation

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Richard W. Henderson House

Baltimore Co., MD

RCG+A, Inc.

October 2006

Neg.: MD SHPO

W elevation

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Baltimore Co., MD

RCG+A, Inc.

October 2006

Neg. : MD SHPO

Side (E) addition - front (N) elevation

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Richard W. Henderson House

Baltimore Co., MD

RCG+A, Inc.

October 2006

Neg.: MD SHPO

Rear (S) elevation

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Richard W. Henderson House
Baltimore Co., MD

RCG+A, Inc.

October 2006

Neg.: MD SHPO

Springhouse -

Front (W) elevation

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Richard W. Henderson House

Baltimore Co., MD

RCG+A, Inc.

October 2006

Neg: MD SHPO

19th century barn w/20th century additions-
NW corner

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Richard W. Henderson House

Baltimore Co, MD

RCG+A, Inc.

October 2006

Neg.: MD SHPO

Cow barn, silo, corn crib - W elevations

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Thornton Mill and Western Rds.
Not accessible
1840

This house bears a datestone with the initials MPM and the date 1840. This corresponds to the ownership of the property by Mordecai H. and Philema Matthews. The stone house is situated on early land grants known as Taylor's String and Taylor's Discovery, all owned by the builder's father, Mordecai Matthews. It is a substantial but traditional house, with touches of Greek revival only in its detailing. Only a stone spring house remains of the many out-buildings required to support rural life.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

II NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Richard W. Henderson House

LOCATION

STREETS. NUMBER

Thornton Mill and Western Roads

CITY. TOWN

Sparks

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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COUNTY

Baltimore

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

[OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richard W. Henderson

Telephone #; 771-47^1

STREET & NUMBER

Western Road

CITY. TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 211-53

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE. REGISTRY OF DEEDS. ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber # 4979

Folio # 300

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY. TOWN

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STATE

Md,

I REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY. TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Henderson House is a two and one-half storey stone house, five bays in length, its principal facade to the north. Extending south behind its east end, with east walls flush and of continuous construction, is a three-storey stone kitchen wing, three bays in length, with a shed roof perpendicular to the main house. Its taller wall is its easterly and its eave aligns with that of the main house. Brick chimneys rise flush above each gable of the main house and a third rises a little east of center, flush with the south wall of the rear wing. Three dormers are in the front or northerly roof slope, one in the rear. A one-storey hipped-roof porch with square wooden columns shelters the north front and a one-storey shed-roofed porch shelters the west side of the kitchen wing. A small one-storey shed-roofed glazed porch of contemporary design, with a stone chimney at its west end, extends west from the kitchen wing.

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At the base of the brick chimney in the west gable is a carved marble datestone:

M. P. M.
1840

The principal entrance is centered in the north front; it consists, of a two-panel door, 4/4 sidelights and a transom, all set within paneled jambs, trimmed externally with engaged Tuscan columns. Typical windows in other bays are 6/6 with narrow beaded frames, (See Continuation Sheet #1)

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE-CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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— 1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
— 1500-1599	3CAGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
— 1600-1699	X-ARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
— 1700-1799	_ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
JC1 800-1899	—COMMERCE	_EXPLORATION/S	EMENT	—PHILOSOPHY
— 1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

* SPECIFIC DATES 1840 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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This house, located just south of the intersection of Western and Thornton Mill Roads, bears a datestone reading:

MPM
1840

The date corresponds to the ownership of the property by Mordecai H. Matthews and his wife, Philema. (The Quaker manner of dating houses frequently included the first initials of both husband and wife).

The property is situated on the early grants known as Taylor's String and Taylor's Discovery and was owned by Mordecai Matthews, according to the 1798 Federal Tax Assessment. Mordecai H. Matthews, his son, acquired the land through his father's will in 1830. In turn, he left the land and the house, called the Homestead, to his son, Alfred, in his will of 1873.

In 1879, Alfred Matthews lost the property as a result of his default on a mortgage. It passed through the hands of several owners, including the Ensor family, until purchased in 1969 by the present residents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henderson, who have established a horse-breeding farm here.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

Catharine F. Black and James T. Wolion, Jr. ATA

ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

DATE

Sept 16 1976

TELEPHONE

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STATE

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Richard Henderson House
Western Run-Belfast Historical District
Baltimore County, Md.

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louvred blinds, marble sills and roughly-worked stone lintels.

Internally, a central hall is flanked by two rooms on each side. The principal stair rises at the south end of the central hall, with intermediate landings, to the third floor. Its round walnut rail is supported by a walnut newel in the form of a Doric column, and by tiger-maple round tapered balusters. Chair railing in the hall is modern but the plaster cornice is probably original. Corner-block trim surrounds openings.

The westerly rooms are joined by a wide doorway, formally with a pair of hinged doors, Matching mantels are of black marble; they consist of plain pilasters supporting a plain frieze. Corner-block trim surrounds all openings; window reveals extend to the floor and jambs are paneled. A plaster cornice surrounds each ceiling.

The easterly rooms are slightly simpler, where mantels are of wood, similarly designed, the corner-block trim is simpler and only a single door links the rooms.

The second floor plan is Identical to the first and, predictably, trim is like the simpler easterly rooms below. The third floor is finished as two rooms.

The kitchen occupies the two southerly bays of the rear wing; its fireplace is a modern replacement of the original. A back stairway rises from the northeast corner of the kitchen. Two plain rooms are in the second storey and a single room is in the third, where the

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sloping roof allocs minimal headroom along the east side only. Split lathe fastened with cut nails is exposed in the third storey of the kitchen wing.

A one and one-half storey stone springhouse stands east of the dwelling. Its westerly roof slope extends over the west wall to shelter the doorway to the lower storey; a door to the upper storey is high in the south gable and a small ventilating window is below it.

i. STATE Maryland
COUNTS Baltimore
TOWN Western Tom
STREET NO. Valley
VICINITY DiSt. VIII
Thornton Mill Road

2 NAME Thornton Hill Farm

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE
PRESENT OWN ER
PRESENT USE
WALL CONSTRUCTION
NO. OF STORIES

DATE OR PERIOD 1840
STYLE
ARCHITECT
BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

see #186

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

Fieldstone house, with stone chimney marker giving the date.
Pine interior woodwork - paneling and circular staircase.
Owners, Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius V. Roe.

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(second HABS report)
E. Frances Offutt
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
March 20, 1968

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)
3- PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

7.PHOTOGRAPH
9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD