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MILLER HOUSE

1846-1850

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This small vernacular style dwelling, two doors south of the IOOF hall is two stories, plus attic, covered with composition shingles. The house has four basic parts: rear wing, steel-roofed additions, etc. There is a full-width front porch with a wrap-around section that serves as a sunporch. This is apparently the second house on this lot, put up between 1846 and the 1850 when the lot owner, Abraham C. Hicks appeared on the 1850 map. The earlier house, Mrs. Johnson's was assessed at \$150 in 1841 and had apparently perished. In 1890, John G. Naylor, a blacksmith acquired the property, and Samuel Howard Miller, another blacksmith took title in 1907. This plain house seems to date from the first period of town growth.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC MILLER HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Miller House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

16,904 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Hilda I. Miller

Telephone #: -

STREET & NUMBER

516 Monkton Road

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: GLB 2735

Folio #: 111

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Miller House is the second structure south of the Odd Fellows Hall in Hereford and it presents its east facade to the York Road. It is of frame, covered with composition shingle, two stories plus attic. The house is vernacular in style, with its main door in the middle of the main block, producing a center-hall plan. The structure consists of four parts: (1) a gable-roofed main block, three bays wide, (2) a south end, one-story, shed-roofed sunroom or former porch, (3) a gable-roofed rear wing flush with the side wall of the main block, and (4) a shed-roofed addition at the northwest rear corner of the main block.

There is a full-width front porch across the main facade, which continues on the north as a wrap-around porch, leading to a front door leading into the shed-roofed extension (No. 4, above).

The porch roof is supported by five square wooden posts. The deck is of wood, one step above grade. The railing is composed of three plain, parallel bars. The entrance door is solid, protected behind a contemporary frame storm door of nine rectangular lights. The two windows opening on the porch are 2-over-2 double-hung sash types, as are the windows in the main block opening onto the porch roof. The shed-roofed north extension is one bay wide, with a paneled door at first-story porch level, and a typical 2-over-2 window at second-story level looking out over the porch roof. (This set-back bay makes the total count of bays facing York Road four).

The south end of the main block is one bay deep with a typical window at both first and second-story level, serving the rooms closest to the street.

The south wall of the rear wing has one typical window at second-story level; beneath it, at first-story level is the shed-roofed sunroom or glassed-in porch mentioned before; this projection has two casement windows of six lights each facing York Road; a cluster of similar windows faces south.

The north facade is four bays deep.

Roofing on the porch and main gable roof is of rubber or asphalt material. Foundation is stone.

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1846-1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There was a house on this lot in August of 1832 when Garrett Tipton and wife sold for \$60 to "Alsey Johnson, a colored woman." That deed referenced a property line running between two houses and Ms. Johnson was to get "the southside of Chymmy standing between the two houses." (1) The Johnson heirs sold in October 1846 to Abraham C. Hicks for \$75. (2) Hicks appears as owner of a house on the 1850 county map by J. C. Sidney. The 1841 tax ledger had listed Easter Johnson, colored woman, with a 1/2 acre and \$150 worth of improvements. However, Hicks was not found in the 1852 Assessment, but in 1856 he and his wife sold to John Richenburger for \$400, which would suggest a considerable increase in the value of the structures from the time of Mrs. Johnson. This deed mentioned that the Odd Fellows property bordered the Hicks lot (the Hall had been built in 1855). (3)

John Richenberger (sic) conveyed in 1870 to William Ruhl for \$400, and Ruhl sold in 1872 to Sarah E. Tracey for \$450. (4) The 1876 tax ledger valued Annie Tracey's House and Lot at Hereford at \$600, but did not show Sarah Tracey. (5) The place passed to Stophel Storm who, in 1890 conveyed to John G. Naylor. (6) Naylor's frame house was worth \$300 in the 1896 assessment; he also had a blacksmith shop worth \$30. (7)

In 1907, Samuel H. Miller and wife bought the property, two distinct parcels, from Naylor. (8) This property has remained in the Miller family through various transfers to the present. The 1915 business directory shows that S. Howard Miller was a blacksmith, and the history of other tracts on the opposite side of the road show that he went into the garage business in the 1920s. (9)

The 1911 tax ledger showed that S. Howard Miller had built a "Blacksmith shop & Hall," new in 1915, and valued at \$300. His old shop was still carried on the books. (10) The 1918 tax ledger listed only one dwelling, two stories, 24 x 36, and did not mention the hall as such. (11) Samuel

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Howard Miller died in 1940 and the present owners took possession under documents recorded in 1955. (12)

The Miller house seems to be an early structure from the first stage of town growth, although it appears to be younger than the dwelling of 1832 that changed hands for so trivial a sum to Mrs. Johnson.

## NOTES:

1. Baltimore City Deeds, AI 221:308.
2. Baltimore City Deeds, AWB 378:241.
3. Baltimore County Deeds, EHA 65:520.
4. B.C. Deeds, EHA 65:522; also, EHA 77:319.
5. Assessor's Field Book and District 7 Tax Ledger, 1876, f. 174.
6. B.C. Deeds, JWS 183:382.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, n.p.
8. B.C. Deeds, WPC 308:477.
9. R. L. Polk, Maryland State Gazette and Business Directory (Baltimore, 1915), p. 1034.
10. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 631
11. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 677.
12. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2735:111.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Baltimore City Deeds; Baltimore County Deeds, Tax Ledgers.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.25

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

- Stands on Lot 2 of overall deed (Map 22, P. 27)
- a. S89-1/4 E 31.6 perches on Everett Avenue
- b. N6-1/2 E 6.1 perches on York Road
- c. N89.5 W 32.1 perches
- d. With straight line to beginning.

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

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

DATE

April 1, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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U.S.G.S. Q 7.5 Minute Quad  
HEREFORD

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OF THE ARMY  
ENGINEERS

NW  
EEL

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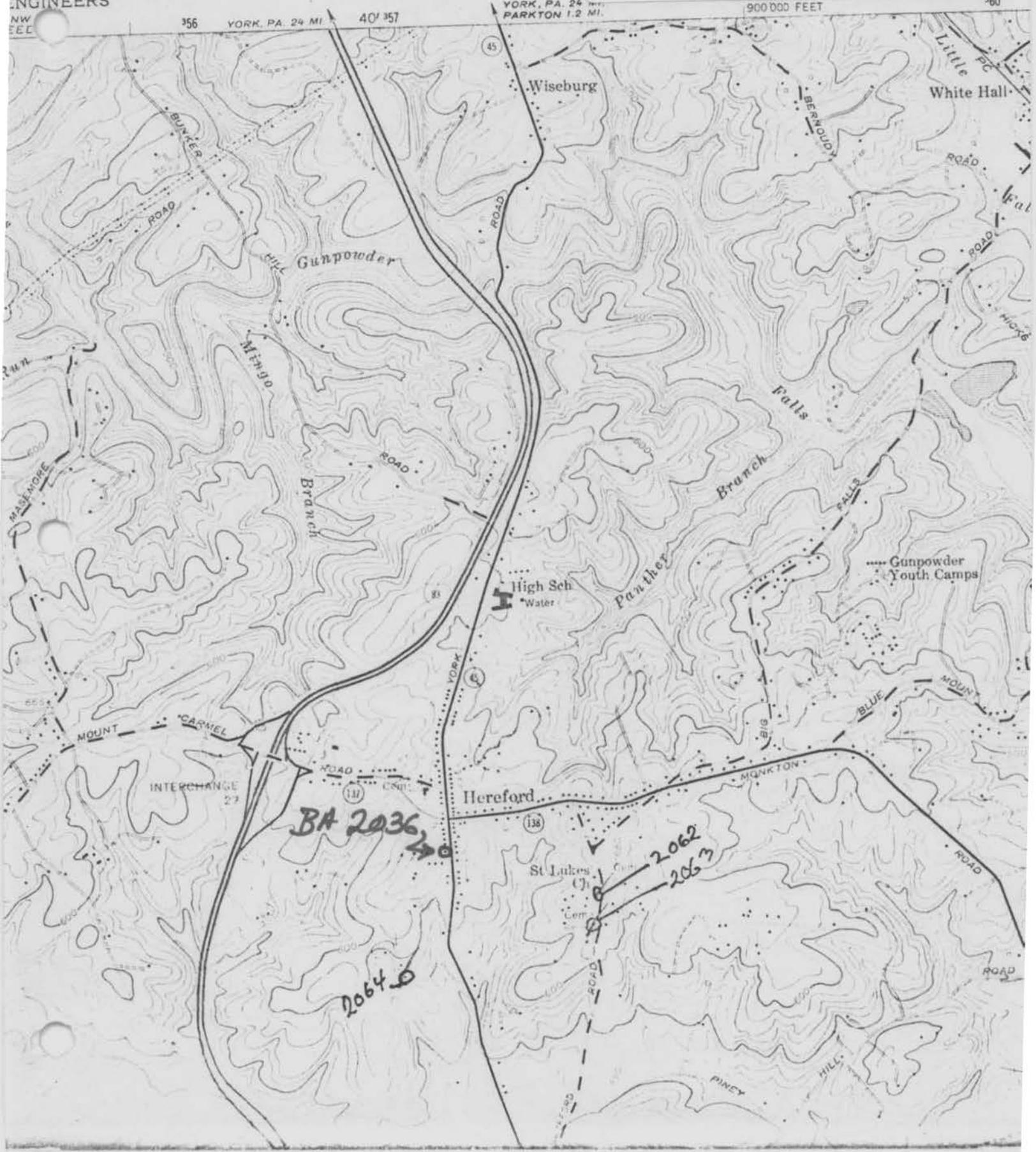
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YORK, PA. 24 MI  
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*2063*



MILLER HOUSE BA 2036  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (E) facade from east



MILLER HOUSE BA 2036  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, OCT 1979  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (E) & south facades