

BA 2056

MILLER GAS STATION

1926

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This commercial building is a survival of the early motoring era and shares the same tract with a frame house that was in recent years a pharmacy. S. Howard Miller, originally a blacksmith in Hereford, was first owner of the station, added to his tax account as new in 1926. In 1930, Miller sold to Emory C. Leight and wife, who sold in 1936 to Fred E. Wilhelm. Thomas H. Newburger bought it in 1940. It was leased to the Esso Standard Oil Company in 1951. The present owner took title in 1972. This one-story functional style stone and stucco structure now houses an automotive parts store, a long and low building eleven bays wide with a few traces of Twenties Modern. The structure once houses an office, a restaurant, and the owner's dwelling quarters.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC MILLER GAS STATION

AND/OR COMMON

Mueller Automotive Co.

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

16,909 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 (gas sta.)   | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED (dwelling) | <input checked="" 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

Patrick D. Meadowcroft

Telephone #: 357-8631

STREET & NUMBER

16,900 York 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 #: EHK JR. 5259

Folio #: 209

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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MILLER GAS STATION

|  |                                       |   |   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <b>CONDITION</b>                         |                                       | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                            | <b>CHECK ONE</b>                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input checked="" 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 Gas Station is now a store, but originally contained service bays, a restaurant, and some living space. It is a one-story building of functional style, stone and stucco according to an old advertisement; it has a few faint traces of the modern school of the 1920s. The building is long and low, with dominant horizontal lines produced by a broad frieze that was probably designed to carry the name of the gasoline sold there. The structure is a total of 11 bays along the York Road, to which it presents its main (west) facade.

From north to south, there are: (1) a flat-roofed repair garage with two former service bays with drive-in entrances and an access door, (2) a flat-roofed office portion with a cluster of three plate-glass windows, an office door, and a large plate-glass display window; an expanse of stucco followed by another small plate-glass window sheltered by a multi-colored aluminum awning, then a solid, flush office door; and, (3) a gable-roofed, one-story living quarters, three bays wide with an entrance door and two small sash windows.

The broad frieze that runs across the main facade of the commercial portions of the building is cluttered with signs advertising the present parts supply business; there is also a large sign mounted on a steel pole. Other forms of clutter include a radio mast, light posts, drink vending machines, outdoor telephone booth, and oil-drum trash containers.

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blacksmith builder and the present. It is one of the unobtrusive type of stations that blended in with general stores and small town post offices in the 1920s and 1930s.

## NOTES:

1. R. L. Polk, Maryland State Gazette and Business Directory (Baltimore, 1915), p. 1034.
2. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1923, f. 633.
3. B.C. Deeds, LMCLM 844:376.
4. B.C. Deeds, CWB 968:466.
5. B.C. Deeds, RJS 1349:450.
6. Tax Ledger, 1940-46, District 7, f. 274.
7. B.C. Deeds, RJS 1458:119.
8. B.C. Deeds, JWB 1642:261.
9. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2070:375.
10. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2273:19.
11. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2366:103.
12. B.C. Deeds, OTG 5105:687; also, EHK JR. 5259:209.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

MILLER GAS STATION

Baltimore County Deed Books and Tax Ledgers.  
Tax Ledger, District 7, 1923, f. 633.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.61

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Irregular parcel with 144-foot frontage on east side of York Road with 186-foot depth on south boundary. Map 22, Parcel P179.

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

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

DATE

March 24, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

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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Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, MAR 1980  
Neg. located at MHT  
Main (W) facade from SW