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Boss Farm
Burrsville
Private

First Half 19th Century

The Boss farmhouse exhibits regional characteristics of how one room houses were enlarged and made to conform to more typical houses of the period. This was accomplished by the addition of a three bay section containing stair hall and parlor. The same progression is seen at Willson's Chance near Denton.

Near the house is an interesting dairy with wide overhanging eaves.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Jim Boss Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Harrington Road, approximately 1/2 mile east of Baker Road

CITY, TOWN

Burrsville

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James M. Boss

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 1, Box 198

CITY, TOWN

Denton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21629

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 192

Folio #: 380

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 Jim Boss Farmhouse is located on a dirt lane proceeding north from Harrington Road, approximately one-half mile east of its intereection with Baker Road near Burrsville, Caroline County. The exterior of the house is substantially altered by aluminum siding and the addition of a one and one-half story east wing. However, interior details show evidence of an early one room house which was added to and remodeled in a manner representative of Caroline County architecture.

The main section of the house is a two story frame structure with five bays along the main (south) facade. The main facade's fenestration is irregular with the two east bays offset from the closely spaced three bays on the west. The windows contain 2/2 sash with wood frames, molded shelf lintels, and replaced black louvered shutters. The entrance is in the central bay with a recent wood door frame. There are brick chimneys inside each gable end. The east wing addition has three bays with modern 6/6 sash windows and three gable dormers in the roof.

Evidence on the interior of the house and from earlier repair work done to the house provide the reason for the irregular facade. The two eastern bays are the original part of the main section which existed as a one room house with a door in the westernmost of the two bays. This section has hewn framing members and four inch clapboard siding which still exists within the present partition wall to the west side of the house. The three bay west addition provided a central hallway with a dog leg stair plainly ornamented with a chamfered newel post, and a single room parlor. This addition seems to be of the mid 19th century, and suggests that the original section is early 19th century.

There is a significant outbuilding on the property that is a combination smoke house and diary. It has a rectangular main section of vertical siding (now covered with clapboards) and an extended gable to form an overhang shelter.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
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<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Jim Boss House displays the regional characteristic of how one room houses were expanded and brought into more fashionable styling in Caroline County. This was accomplished by the addition of a three bay section containing a parlor and central hall way with staircase. This progression is found in several other Caroline County houses. In this case, the facade was allowed to be irregularly spaced and ornamentation throughout the house was minimal. Therefore, it is a good example of domestic farmhouse architecture of the rising middle class.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

March, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

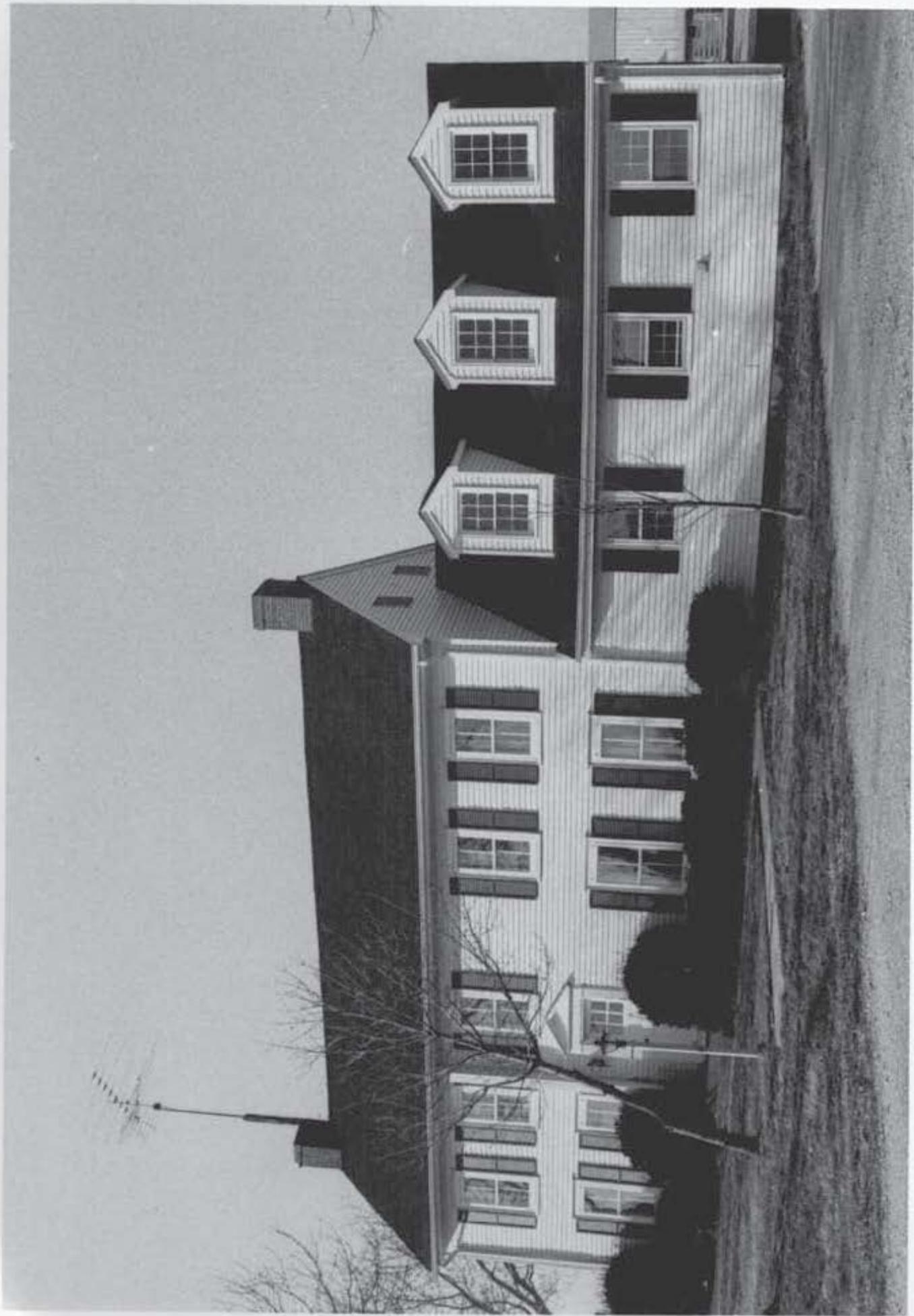
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Maryland 21401

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