

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Cedar Knoll Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East side of a dirt road - 1450' from Intersection Middleburg Road.

CITY, TOWN

Middleburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Carroll

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Donald Schwartz

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Middleburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21768

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Courthouse

Liber #: 383

Folio #: 191

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Westminister

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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**

Cedar Knoll Farm is part of the tracts of Good Intent and Good Hope first surveyed and granted as land patents in the 1750's. The portion on which Cedar Knoll is located passed from Adam Drach to Daniel Lynn in 1829. The Lynns were an extensive and well-known Carroll County farming family which operated this farm and others. Cedar Knoll remained in the family for most of the 19th century. The graveyard located on the property a short distance from the house contains several Lynns. While the property has transferred four times since leaving the Lynns, it has continued in operation as a farm, and remained approximately the same size throughout this century. The last two owners have been dairy farmers.

The house, believed to date to the 1830's, is a two-story frame structure in rectangular shape with a gable roof. A two-story frame addition with flat roof extends the length of the house at the rear. The addition replaced a former porch and balcony. Lengthy oblong 2/1 sash with eared pediment lentils evenly spaced on the front and side facades are a notable feature of the structure. The roof line has a simple box cornice with returns. Several barns and sheds of unknown periods are located adjacent to the house.

The modest but elegant farm house grouped with its outbuildings, former tenant house (now gutted) and family cemetery is significant as an early family farm which has survived in an age when such are rapidly disappearing.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 170 acres

(Suggested Potential National Register boundaries)

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Concurrent with 1977 property boundaries. See Title Reference on page 1.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	do
Steven Levy, SHA/MHT Preservation Planner	

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	February 1978

STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
21 State Circle, Shaw House	(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland 21401

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

COMPILATION OF RESEARCH NOTES BY SHA SURVEY TEAM  
(Weissman, Suffness and Kurtze) January 30, 1979)

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Cedar Knoll Farm, MD 77  
Owned by Donald Schwartz

The Cedar Knoll Farm complex is made up of a late-19th-century farmhouse, an early-19th-century gutted log cabin (probably the original residence), a barn, shed, and family cemetery. A 1965 deed (Carroll County Courthouse, liber 383, folio 191) in the MD 77 file at MHT gives information as to the original land patent and mentions some of the owners of the property.

The farmhouse is a large handsome white, novelty-sided two-story structure with eared pedimented lintels over the windows. The late 19th C date for this structure seems indicated by both the exterior and interior fenestration, as well as historical information found on maps. It is not indicated on the Middleburg map in An Illustrated Atlas of Carroll County, Md. of 1877 or in the 1862 Martenet map of Carroll County? (The 1862 map does not show the farm road, which is shown on the 1877 map as Route 427.)

Both maps show, however, the original farmstead, the gutted cabin located on the west side of the farm road in the 1877 map. It is a one-and-one-half-story gable roofed log structure covered with novelty siding. There are no dormers, and there are identical large stone and brick chimneys on each end wall. A large porch runs the length of the east side of the house.

The south end of this structure appears to be the oldest part; a one-room, hand-hewn log cabin with brick infill. This part has shallow basement over spring. It contains beaded tongue-and-groove paneling inside the roof, beaded baseboard, chair rail, and diagonal hand-riven lath. The house was enlarged threefold with an addition to the northeast. This part has an east wall also of log construction, and west and north walls of frame with brick infill, and with an identical fireplace. This suggests that two buildings may have been connected by the center section. Vertical sawn lath in the loft of the original section and throughout the addition indicates that the loft was not finished until the time of expansion, which was perhaps at the same time the newer farmhouse was built. Two staircases led to the loft, one at each end of the building; the winder staircase in the southwest corner of the original section was also added at the time of expansion, as seen in the use of the same vertical sawn lath. That the house was electrified indicates that it may have been occupied in the early decades of the 20th century.

The barn and shed are modern, with the same white novelty siding as on the main house and log cabin.

The small cemetery, located on a hill about 400 feet northeast of the farmhouse, contains graves of some of the previous owners, the Linn (or Lynn) and Koons families. The archeological report on 77 noted that the present fence may not be original boundary of cemetery. Research in the Chancery, tax and geneological records at the Hall of Records in Annapolis, and the Carroll County Historical Society in Westminster does not indicate that either of these families was particularly important in the County's history.<sup>3</sup> Scharf's History of Western Maryland, Vol. 2, p. 899 (1882), notes that Lewis Lynn owned the tavern in Middleburg at that time (1882).

Volumes of the Maryland and D.C. Gazetteer and Business Directory (Hopkins Library) show that no Lynn or Linn was listed under "Middleburg Farmers" in 1887 or in 1896-97, but in 1896-97, under business listings, a W.H. Lynn, Hotel is listed in Middleburg. In the 1915 volume, a L.H. Lynn, Hotel is listed and an L.F. Lynn is listed under "Middleburg Farmers".

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<sup>1</sup>Lake, Griffing and Stevenson, Philadelphia, 1877, p. 17.

This map shows a D. Linn on the west side of Rt. 427, and an L.F. Linn at the corner of the farm road and the main road through Middleburg.

<sup>2</sup>Simon Martenet and Assistants, Baltimore, 1862.

In the Middleburg town map, a Jas. (Jos?) Linn, Hotel is shown, and a B.S. (R.S.?) residence is shown. In the larger map of the Middleburg area, there is no farm road shown, but an A. Linn is shown at the corner of this road and the main road where L.F. Linn is in 1877. A D. Linn is seen at the same spot as in 1877.

<sup>3</sup>At Carroll County Historical Society, voters lists of Middleburg District show several Lynns or Linns: In 1865, Lynn, Joseph, Abraham L., Abraham, Lewis F., Daniel; Linn, Jos, Abraham L, Abraham, Lewis F, Daniel, Calvin, Daniel #.

Union Bridge Quad





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