

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Rinehart-Miller-Gecell House Survey Number: CARR-~~CR~~-1358

Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property known as the Rinehart-Miller-Gecell House, located on the Old Westminster Road between Westminster on the northwest and Reese on the southeast, in Carroll County, MD., is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The property consists of a mid-19th-century house and its associated kitchen dependency. The two-story, two-bay dwelling, probably of log construction, has been significantly enlarged by a two-story rear ell and altered, most notably, by replacement windows and new siding (a brick veneer on the first story facade and vinyl siding on all others). The detached kitchen is of frame construction, covered with a gable roof and featuring a large brick end chimney. Neither building survives as a distinctive example of its type. Further, the property is not known to have any associations with events or persons significant to our past; the property is not eligible for listing on the National Register under Criteria A, B, or C.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

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Elizabeth Hannold and Kim Williams 2/26/96
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable
Bdk 4/21/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; Domestic/Secondary Structure

Known Design Source: _____

Rinehart-Miller-Gecell House
Westminster
Carroll County

CARR-1358

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:
Domestic/Single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1358

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rinehart-Miller-Gecell House

and/or common August Gecell House

2. Location

street & number 1329 Old Westminster Pike not for publication

city, town Westminster vicinity of 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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Tinkler, tax map 46, parcel 70

street & number 1329 Old Westminster Pike telephone no.: 410-876-8690

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

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original site
 moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION 7.1

8. Significance

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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	late 1850's	Builder/Architect	Unknown
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D		
	and/or		
	Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G		
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION 8.1

Rinehart-Miller-Gecell House
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This modest site is located on Old Westminster Pike between Westminster on the northwest and Reese on the southeast. It is composed of a small, possibly log, ell-shaped dwelling which has been heavily altered with new chimney, vinyl siding and replacement windows of proportions and sizes much different from the original, plus imitation brick sheathing on the north (entrance) facade. The one story, full width porch is carried around the northeast corner and one-half the depth of the east elevation on the contemporary styled wrought iron supports.

The standing seam metal roof has a gable which parallels the north facing principal elevation. The entrance is located west of center between a three-part picture window on the east and a one-over-one sash window on the west.

Just east of the structure is a small, gable roofed, frame domestic outbuilding, possibly a small summer kitchen. There is a large brick chimney on the east elevation, and an entrance sheltered by a shed roof extension on the south side. It is clad in German siding.

This property was owned in the mid-nineteenth century by John Rinehart, who acquired land along the south side of the Old Westminster Pike. He resided on a large, 138 acre farm located on the south side of the Old Westminster Pike in the southwest quadrant of its intersection with Beaver Run Road (now called Arnold Road), in the middle decades of the nineteenth century.

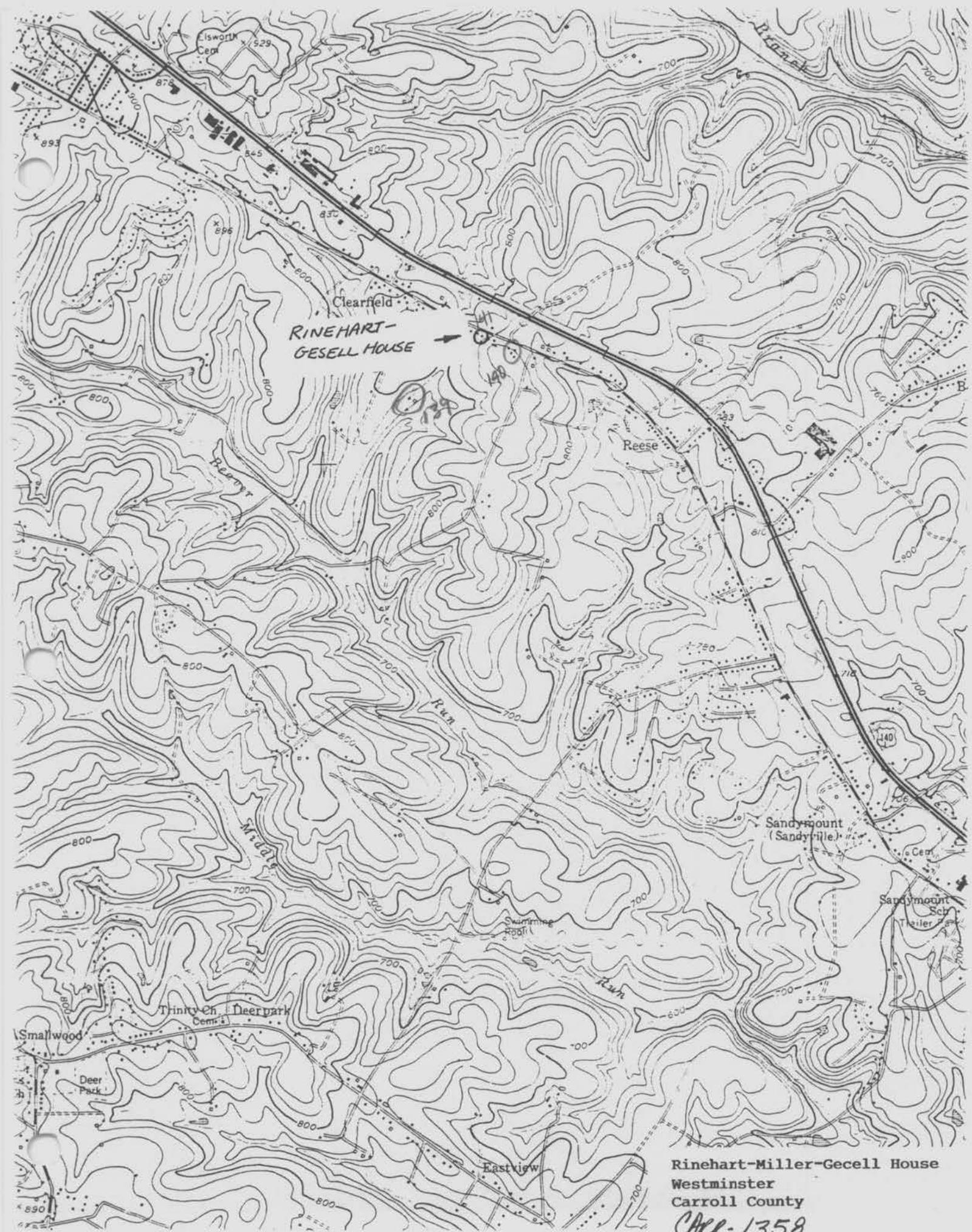
During his tenure he divided off five lots: two for his sons Jacob and William along Beaver Dam Road, and three along the south side of Old Westminster Pike, two of which he evidently built on. This is one of the structures that he built.

Thus this property may be that referred to as Parcel #3 in Equity Case 1027 (between Maggie A. Little and others versus Jacob Rinehart, et. al, Admrs and others, of July 15, 1869). It was described in the Democratic Advocate of January 16, 1869 as "improved with a comfortable, two-story log rough cast house with a good cellar." Prior to the sale of the house by the estate of John Rinehart it was evidently rented to tenants. By 1877 the property was owned by E. Miller, and in 1916 by August Gecell.

Rinehart-Miller-Gecell House
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

This very modest historic site, probably built by John Rinehart in the late 1850's, is composed of a simple, probable log house and a small domestic outbuilding thought to be a summer kitchen. The dwelling has been extensively altered with an imitation brick facade, replacement windows, vinyl siding, and other changes equally disfiguring. The only extant period outbuilding, thought to be a summer kitchen, is in better condition.



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GESELL HOUSE

Rinehart-Miller-Gecell House
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