

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

Property/District Name: Lewis Dittman House Survey Number: ^{CARR-}~~CR~~-1362

Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA

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

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

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 Lewis Dittman House is located on the east side of Washington Road just south of the intersection of MD 32, Short Lane and Washington Road, in the community of Fenby. The property consists of a ca. 1870 single-family dwelling and is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Dittman House is a two-story, two-bay frame structure covered with a gable roof with a two-story rear ell and a two-story shed roof addition extending off of the rear. The house has been altered by the addition of replacement windows and new, vertical pattern aluminum siding. The interior has been entirely remodelled. The two-story, two-bay dwelling is representative of rural domestic building forms of the period, but lacks the architectural distinctiveness and integrity necessary to qualify it for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or

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

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 2, 1993

Kimberly Prothro Williams June 13, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
PK 4/28/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

Handwritten signature

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

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

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

Known Design Source: _____

Lewis Dittman
Fenby, Westminster
Carroll County

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:

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

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

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lewis Dittman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1817 Old Washington Road not for publicationcity, town Westminster vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 checked="" 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 George Edward Dittman

street & number 1817 Old Washington Road telephone no.: 8480416

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 785

street & number folio 150

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

ate federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-1362

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

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 SHEET 7.1

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1362

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
<input checked="" 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

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

Lewis Dittman House
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This dwelling is located on the east side of Washington Road just south of the triangular shaped community as defined by the intersection of MD 32, Short Lane and Washington Road. At this point Washington Road follows a ridge, with the land fading off steeply on the west. The Lewis Dittman House is located in the area now thought of as Fenby, although the community of that name originated well north of this house near the intersections of MD 32 and Kate Wagner Road. The historic village of Fenby originated in the agricultural area east and west of Md 32 near the farm of Fenby L. Hering. This area was destroyed, first by the construction of MD 97, paralleling MD 32 on the east, followed by the removal of many farms for the construction of a large institutional complex now comprising the Westminster High School, Emergency Operations Center, Robert Moton Elementary School, and Carroll Community College, etc.

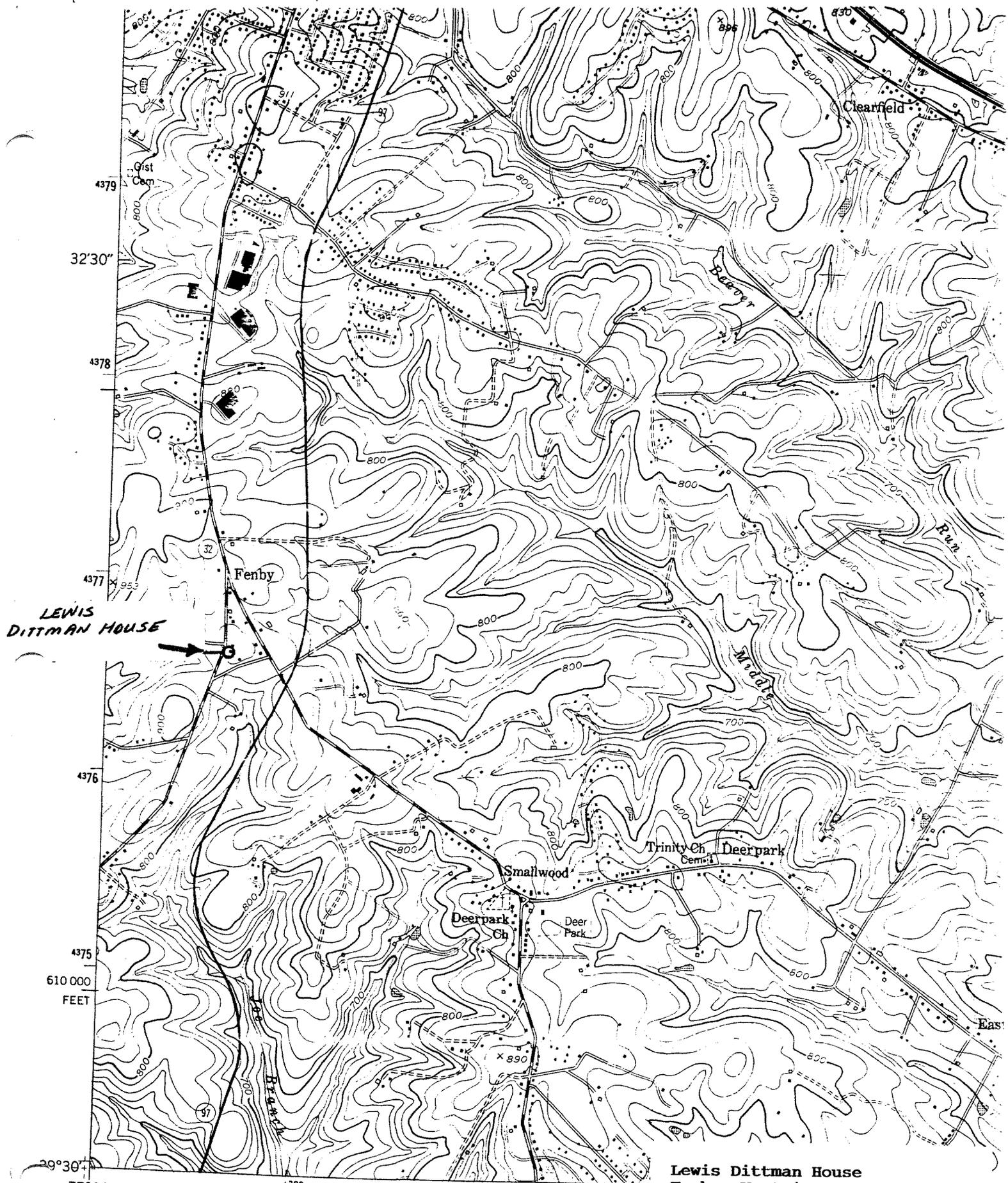
The Dittman House has been greatly altered on both the exterior and the interior. The property was purchased by the first Dittman to settle on Washington Road, Lewis Dittman, in the 1870's. According to family descendants, there may have been a log structure on the site, although the area was unimproved in 1862. It is likely that Lewis Dittman constructed the original part, the front of the current multipart house directly fronting on Old Washington Road. Lewis Dittman enlarged the house by extending the ell section on the rear, or east elevation. His grandson, the current owner George Edward Dittman, reported that he completely gutted the dwelling, removed the chimney and fireplace, and rebuilt the interior. He replaced all windows, and clad the exterior with vertical pattern vinyl siding. All of the buildings on the site, a garage and shed, appear to be of recent construction.

The property was subdivided in the 1940's and numerous lots have been sold off and modern buildings construction on them. Prior to that the property, there had been only two outlots, as Lewis Dittman in 1910 had a house constructed at 1760 MD 32 for his son George, and another house a short distance from it for his daughter.

Lewis Dittman House
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

The Lewis Dittman House is one of the oldest dwellings in the Fenby area south of Westminster, the southernmost remnant of the community, largely obliterated by modern construction. Although family members still reside within the elongated triangular area defined by Old Washington Road, MD 32 and Short Lane, and Lewis Dittman built two houses for his children a distance away on MD 32, the house itself has been subject to extensive alteration on both and interior and exterior, resulting in a considerable loss of integrity. The house continues to be owned by Dittman family descendants, although the only other Dittman in the area, the great grandson of Lewis, resides in a structure he built within the last ten years or so.



**LEWIS
DITTMAN HOUSE**



**Lewis Dittman House
Fenby, Westminster
Carroll County
Westminster Quadrangle
CAR-1362**

WINFIELD
5582 I NE

Mapped by the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army
 Edited and published by the Geological Survey
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USSCS
 Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetry





CARR-1362



MAR 1993



MAR 1993





CMR-1362



JUNE 1993



JUNE 1993



CARR-1362





CARR-1362



JUNE 1993



JUNE 1993

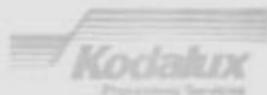


CARR-1362



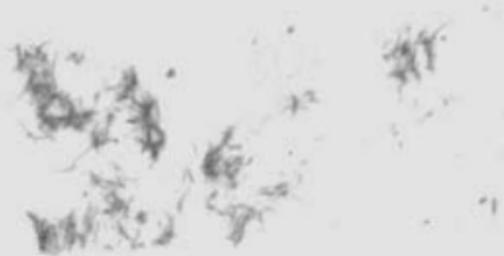
JUNE 1993

N



JUNE 1993

N

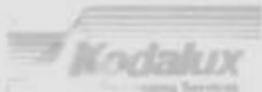




CARR -1362

6/93

N



JUL 6 1993

N

