

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

Property/District Name: Jacob Coopersmith House Survey Number: ^{CARR-}~~DR~~-1365

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 Jacob Coopersmith House located at the intersection of Old Washington Road and Md. 32 in Fenby, south of Westminster, Carroll County, MD. The property consists of an imposing Queen Anne-style dwelling considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Jacob Coopersmith House was built in the last quarter of the 19th century by Jacob Coopersmith, a local blacksmith who operated a blacksmith shop (no longer extant) north of his dwelling on Old Washington Road. The house is prominently located at the intersection of two major routes and survives as a good, local example of the vernacular Queen Anne style of architecture. Though asymmetrically massed, the house is square in plan, with a corner tower, and features characteristic Queen Anne detailing such as projecting gables, a wrap-around porch, projecting chimney stacks, long and narrow windows grouped individually or in pairs, and decorative shingles ornamenting various roof surfaces. The house is significant as a notable local example of its style and is thus eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C. Further, the house is associated with a local tradesperson, who appears to have built the house in a conscious attempt to draw attention to himself and his business

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 4/21/97
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

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

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

Known Design Source: _____

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.
Modern Period 1930 - Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

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-1365

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jacob Coppersmith House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1706 Sykesville Road 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 Steven and Kathleen Powell

street & number 1706 Sykesville Road telephone no.:

city, town Westminster state and zip code Maryland 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber 943

street & number folio 1 184

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-1365

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 7.1

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-1365

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
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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	1890-1900	Builder/Architect	Unknown				
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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

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-1365

Land Records, Carroll County, Md
Personal Communication with George Nelson Barnes
and George Edward Ditman

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland State Hwy. Administration date June 3, 1993

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city or town Baltimore state Maryland

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.

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Continuation Sheet 7.1
Jacob Coppersmith House
Carroll County

Description

The Jacob Coppersmith House is a large, late nineteenth century dwelling located in the acute angle formed by the intersection of Old Washington Road on the southwest and MD 32 (Sykesville Road) on the southeast. A couple of frame sheds and garages are located south of the building along Old Washington Road.

This large structure, imposing despite its somewhat rundown condition, was probably initially constructed as a square structure with the truncated pyramidal roof that is currently in place. This roof is interrupted on all four elevations with broad, shingled cross gables with the apex of the triangle above the paired windows projecting out to the same forward plane as the boxed cornices, and carried on three sets of paired brackets. This ornamentation of the cross gable is frequently found on turn-of-the century dwellings in Westminster, although the treatment is more restrained in this structure than many other examples.

Sometime between 1933 and 1970, possibly while still owned by the Coppersmiths, but just as likely to have occurred during the ownership of the Bollingers in the 1940's and 1950's, or Danners in the late 1950's through the 1980's, the octagonal, three-story, conical roofed tower was added to the northwest corner along with the one-story porch, carried on brick plinths beneath square wooden posts, across the north and east elevations, and around the northeast corner.

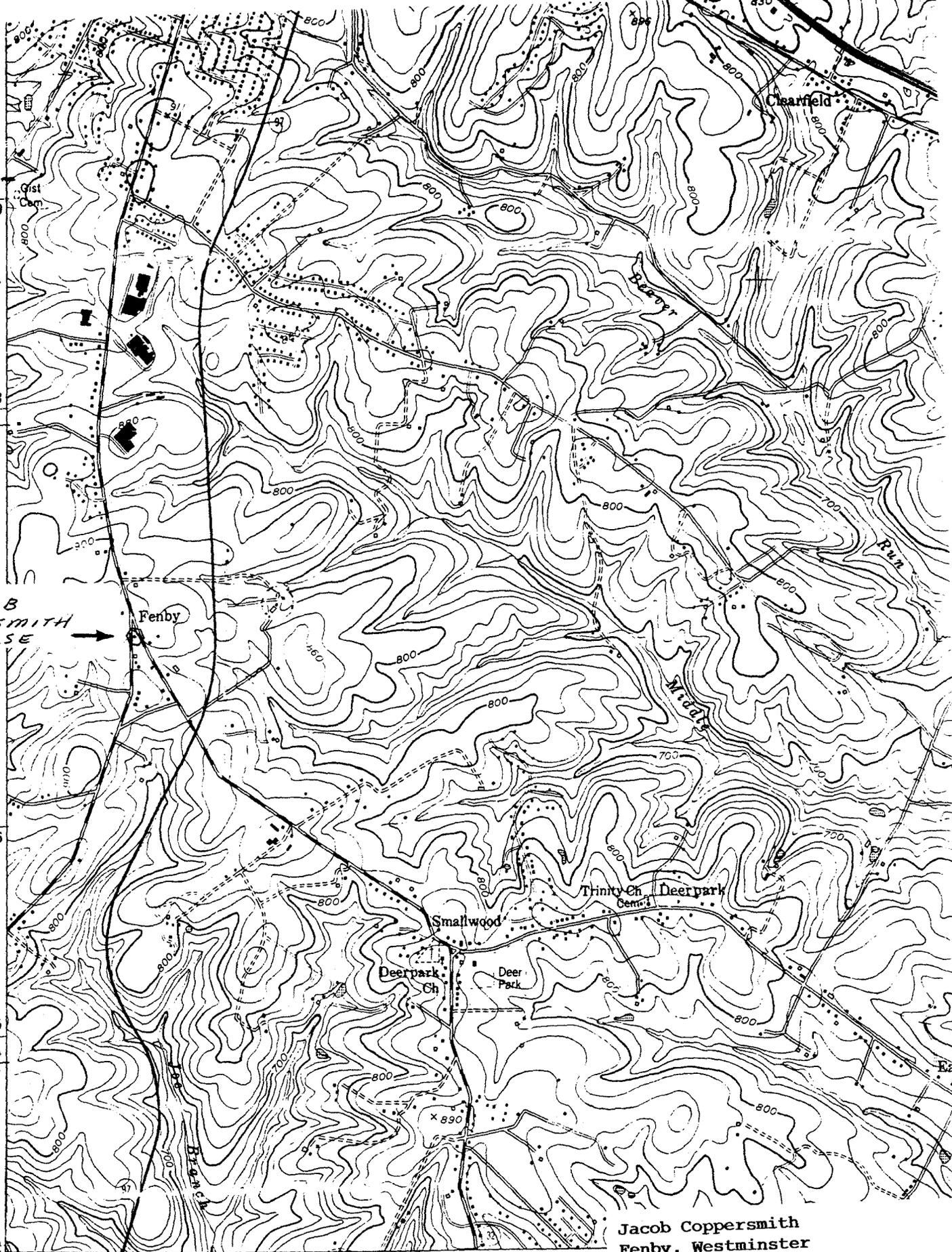
The north elevation has entrances in the second and fourth bays, whereas secondary entrances are located in the second bay (from the south on the east elevation, and second bay from the north) on the west elevation. The third level of the tower has fishscale shingles, whereas the cross gable shingles are imbricated. Chimneys on the north and south slopes of the steeply pitched roof are located close to the eaves, whereas a third chimney is located near the top of the slope on the west elevation. The fenestration, with two-over-two sash in the lower floors and one-over-one in the gable ends, except for the tower, is regular, with the exception of two ranges of doubled six-over-six sash windows in the west elevation, an obvious later alteration.

Jacob Coppersmith was a blacksmith who operated a shop on the west side of Old Washington Road north of this dwelling in the late 1870's. Around the same time he acquired land on the east side of the road, and likely constructed this dwelling before selling it to his son Ezra in 1887. His widow sold the property in the 1940's, and it has changed ownership numerous times since then.

Jacob Coppersmith House
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

The large size and picturesque organization of this structure, as well as its prominent setting at the intersection of two major routes south of Westminster, and proximity to an even more important route, MD 97, has made the Jacob Coppersmith House visually prominent in the area in the late fall and winter months when it can be seen, although in the other months it can hardly be discerned within the extensive vegetation with which it is surrounded. There are similar structures in terms of size and general configurations in the general Fenby vicinity, but these other examples do not have the tower. Despite its no longer being owned by the descendants of the original owner, it retains an association with an early roadside industry, as Jacob Coppersmith operated a blacksmith shop, no longer extant, on the Old Washington Road north of, and across from, this dwelling in the late nineteenth century.



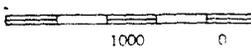
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Jacob Coppersmith
Fenby, Westminster
Carroll County
Westminster Quadrangle
CARR-1365

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Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USSCS
Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric
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