

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

Property/District Name: Crout-Tompkins House Survey Number: CARR-1376

Project: Westminster Bypass (MD 140) 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)

This property was determined not eligible for the NR by MHT letter dated 4/27/1994.

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

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

Beth Hannold
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services _____ Date _____

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
BK _____ 5/23/97
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: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single dwelling; Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: _____

Crout-Tompkins House
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:
Agriculture
Architecture

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:
Domestic/Single dwelling/residence

Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1376

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Crout-Tompkins House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Hemlock Lane

not for publication

city, town Westminster

vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

Carroll

3. Classification

Category

district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

public
 private
 both
Public Acquisition
 in process
 being considered
 not applicable

Status

occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress
Accessible
 yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military

museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

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

name Westminster Nurseries

street & number

telephone no.:

city, town Westminster

state and zip code

Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

liber

street & number

folio

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

ate

federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input 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 of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

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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
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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 3rd qtr. 19th century Builder/Architect Unknown

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

Crout-Tompkins House
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This poorly maintained site, utilized by Westminster Nurseries as a bunkhouse for fieldhands, is reached by means of a new access from Hemlock Lane to the south of the site, rather than from Leidy Road, to the west, the original point of access. Westminster Nurseries, which owns many acres of land between Gorsuch Road on the north and MD 140 on the south, has obliterated former roads and land contours in creating its vast network of fields.

This late nineteenth century site, attributed to E.F. Crout in 1877, and operated as a 82 acre farm by M. Tompkins in 1916, is composed of a multi-part dwelling and a Sweitzer type bankbarn, both in somewhat poor condition. The original log dwelling, access to which was restricted, is built into a hill on the southwest, as is the bankbarn which is just south of it. The principal (west) elevation exhibits irregular fenestration, and is three bays wide on the first floor, with the entrance just off center between two-over-two windows. The gable roof, composed of standing seam metal, is parallel to this facade, with two simple brick chimneys inside the end walls. It is presumed that when the structure was extended to the north with a five bay wide, one-story concrete block wing, an additional brick chimney was constructed on the outside of the north gable end. The original structure is clad with German siding, and a one-story shed roofed porch extends the full width of this section and two bays of the concrete block addition. The building is supported by a rubble stone foundation.

On the rear, or east elevation, a one-story porch, partially enclosed and sheltering the two north bays of the log section, is supported by concrete block piers. This porch may have been modified to provide passage to the upstairs by means of a steeply slanted outside staircase.

The irregular spacing of the opening on the front and rear elevations of the log structure suggest that it originated with the two bays on the north, and possibly extended to the south by one bay, although, as close inspection was prohibited, the building sequence remains unclear.

To the south of the structure, and west of a very muddy farm pond is the Sweitzer type bankbarn, also built into a hill on the southwest. The structure is supported by a stone foundation, with brick quoining at the southeast and northeast corners of exposed level below the forebay, supported by five metal pipes. Evidently the barn lacked structural integrity, as these pipes were placed in order to support an I beam located along the underside forward plane of the forebay, originally unsupported. Some of the vertical siding and slats of the louvered windows are missing in this poorly maintained structure.

Crout-Tompkins House
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

The integrity of this late nineteenth century farmstead has been greatly diminished because of the changes which evidently occurred when it was purchased by Westminster Nurseries. All that remains of the 82 acre farm owned by M. Tompkins in 1916 is the poorly maintained log dwelling, extended on the north with a very large concrete block addition, and a Sweitzer type bankbarn in poor repair.

The property is used for the housing of farm hands, thus the house and its addition have reportedly been converted to accomodate bunks and communal sleeping areas.



Crout-Tompkins
House

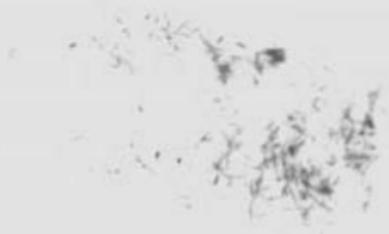
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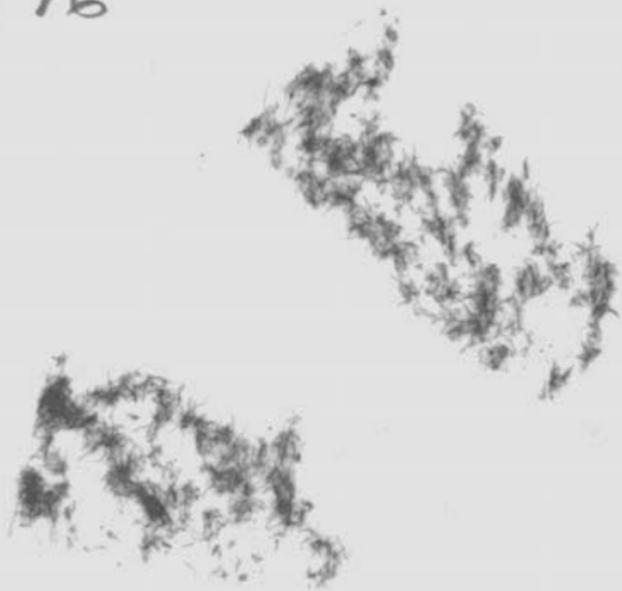


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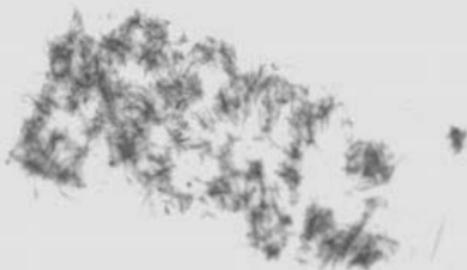


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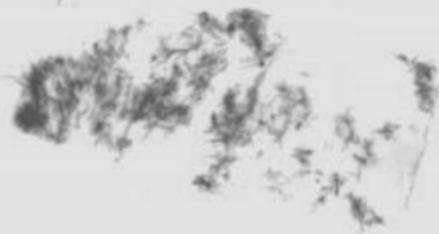


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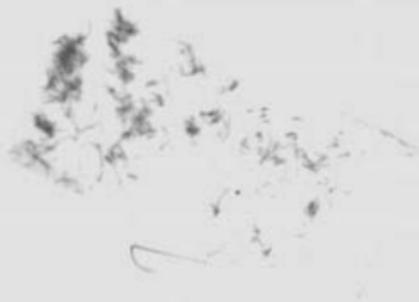


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