

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Bixler Farm (Hibberd-Buckey-Bixler Farm) Inventory Number: CARR-148

Address: 1001 Green Valley Road (MD 75) Historic district: yes no

City: New Windsor Zip Code: 21776 County: Carroll

USGS Quadrangle(s): New Windsor

Property Owner: Arthur D. Seibel, Jr., et al. Tax Account ID Number: 000495

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 13 Tax Map Number: 44

Project: MD 31/High Street Extended Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

Agency Prepared By: Maryland State Highway Administration

Preparer's Name: Stephanie Foell Date Prepared: 08/12/2005

Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form CARR-148

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no

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

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Bixler Farm is located at 1001 Green Valley Road in New Windsor to the north of the National Register of Historic Places New Windsor Historic District (CARR-1494). The farm is located on a 111-acre parcel of land and includes a complex of agricultural outbuildings from various time periods as well as open and cultivated fields. The property was previously documented on two Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) forms. The Bixler Farmhouse (CARR-148, also called the Allen Hibberd Farm Complex and the Hibberd-Buckey-Bixler Farm) was documented in 1978 and 1987. The forms document not only the house, but also the surrounding agricultural buildings. The Bixler Barn (CARR-157), which is located on the same parcel of land as the house, was individually identified and surveyed in 1978. This documentation serves to supplement and update the existing MIHP forms and to provide a determination of eligibility for the agricultural complex as a whole. To clarify the previously indiscriminate naming and survey of the property, the property will be referred to as the Bixler Farm in this form.

The buildings in the complex include a two-story brick residence, brick and frame barn, frame wagon shed, a masonry building (possibly a dairy), several small sheds, a concrete silo, and a new large metal barn. The buildings remain largely unchanged since the prior documentation was completed, except that the washhouse has been demolished and a large metal building similar in size to the existing barn has been constructed adjacent to the house. The building is a barn, but is currently being used as an indoor

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MHT Comments: <i>Retains sufficient integrity to convey its historical associations and significance</i>	
<i>Jim Johnson</i> ✓ _____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>11/15/05</u> _____ Date
<i>Peter Skoutz</i> _____ Reviewer, National Register Program	<u>12/1/05</u> _____ Date

sports facility and does not have an agricultural purpose. A paved parking lot is located to the east of the building, and some of the agricultural fields are being used for sporting purposes.

History, Significance, and Determination of Eligibility

Conflicting information on the history of the Bixler Farm exists. MIHP documentation states that the barn was constructed circa 1800; however, an 1886 article printed in The Democratic Advocate states that the barn dates to 1856. The same article also mentions a hog house, corn crib, wood house, poultry house, and a blacksmith shop that do not appear to survive, although there are several dilapidated, undistinguished sheds of unknown origin that remain on the site. The wagon shed mentioned in the article survives. A large orchard of apples, pears, cherries, and plums does not appear to survive.

Serious consideration was given to the eligibility analysis for the Bixler Farm. Despite the earlier individual designation of the barn, the property should be evaluated as a farmstead and should consider both the architectural and cultural landscape components.

The house may date to as early as 1790, but it was remodeled according to Victorian-era tastes in the late nineteenth century. At that time, decorative woodwork and a shingle-faced gable were added. The addition of a rear ell may have occurred at this time as well. Changes such as these were common during the Victorian era and are part of the evolution of the farmhouse and alone do not preclude the house from eligibility. However, other changes diminish the integrity of the residence. Most notably, the installation of one-over-one replacement windows throughout the house has had a particularly adverse effect on the appearance of the house. The addition of a single-story enclosed porch with modern jalousie windows also diminishes the integrity of the building.

The most notable feature of the brick and frame barn on the property is the decorative brickwork that also serves ventilation purposes. Despite changes to the brick, these designs remain intact. The barn was formerly the dominant building on the property. While the barn remains an interesting example of a brick-end barn, it has suffered a loss of integrity of material and workmanship. Portions of the historic brick have been replaced with obviously new brick on several corners and in both gable ends. Portions of the eastern gable end have been rebuilt with wood. Substantial areas of brick have been repointed with more mortar than was historically used on the building, and portions of the stone foundation have also been repointed. Shed-roof additions, including one of concrete block, which appear to date from the early to mid-twentieth century, extend from the barn. Other barns in Carroll, Washington, Frederick, and Baltimore Counties display decorative brickwork, but the relative uncommonness of this feature was considered heavily during the significance evaluation.

The outbuildings date from various periods from the nineteenth century through to the present. The garage has been substantially altered to accommodate modern vehicles and original doorways and window openings have been sealed. Another building, possibly an original dairy, has been heavily altered and displays sections constructed of fieldstone, repointed brick, and concrete block.

The largest intrusion on the site is the newly constructed metal barn building that is being used as a recreational facility. The building dominates the site and intrudes on the collection of older agricultural buildings.

Although they are in poor condition, other outbuildings, including the wagon shed, the concrete silo, and two frame sheds appear to retain high degrees of integrity.

Analyzing the integrity of the agricultural landscape is critical to evaluating the significance of the property. Historically, the parcel of land containing the farmstead was 225 acres. Although the parcel is now only 111 acres, the property remains large

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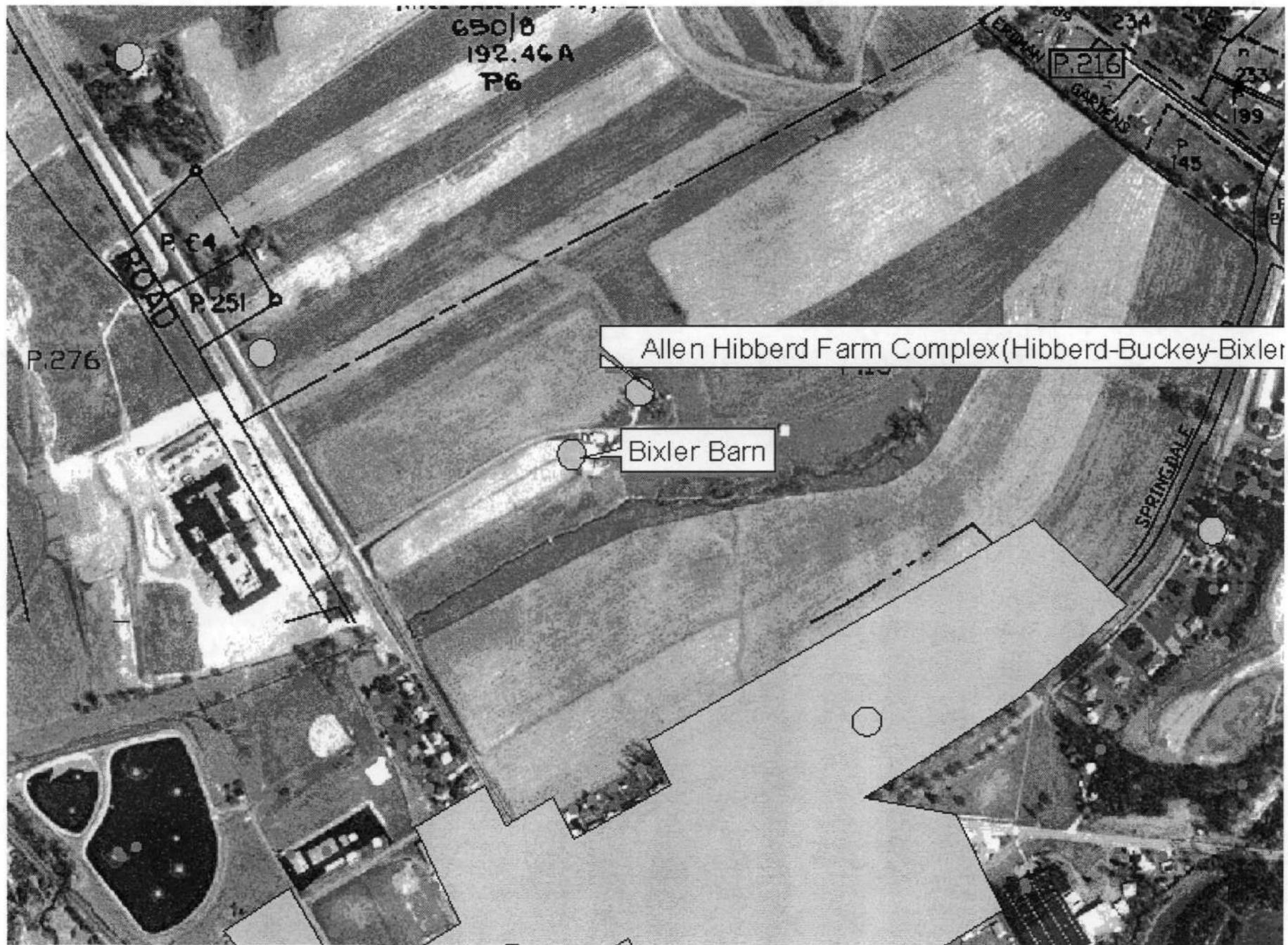
enough to retain the immediate setting of the site. While some of the surrounding fields remain in cultivation, the farm buildings are not actively used for agricultural purposes, and have essentially been abandoned. The paved parking lot also detracts considerably from the integrity of the site.

Views of the farmstead have been changed by the large new building, and views from the property have been altered by nearby development. To the west, densely developed parcels of land containing recently constructed residences are easily visible, as is the newly constructed New Windsor Middle School.

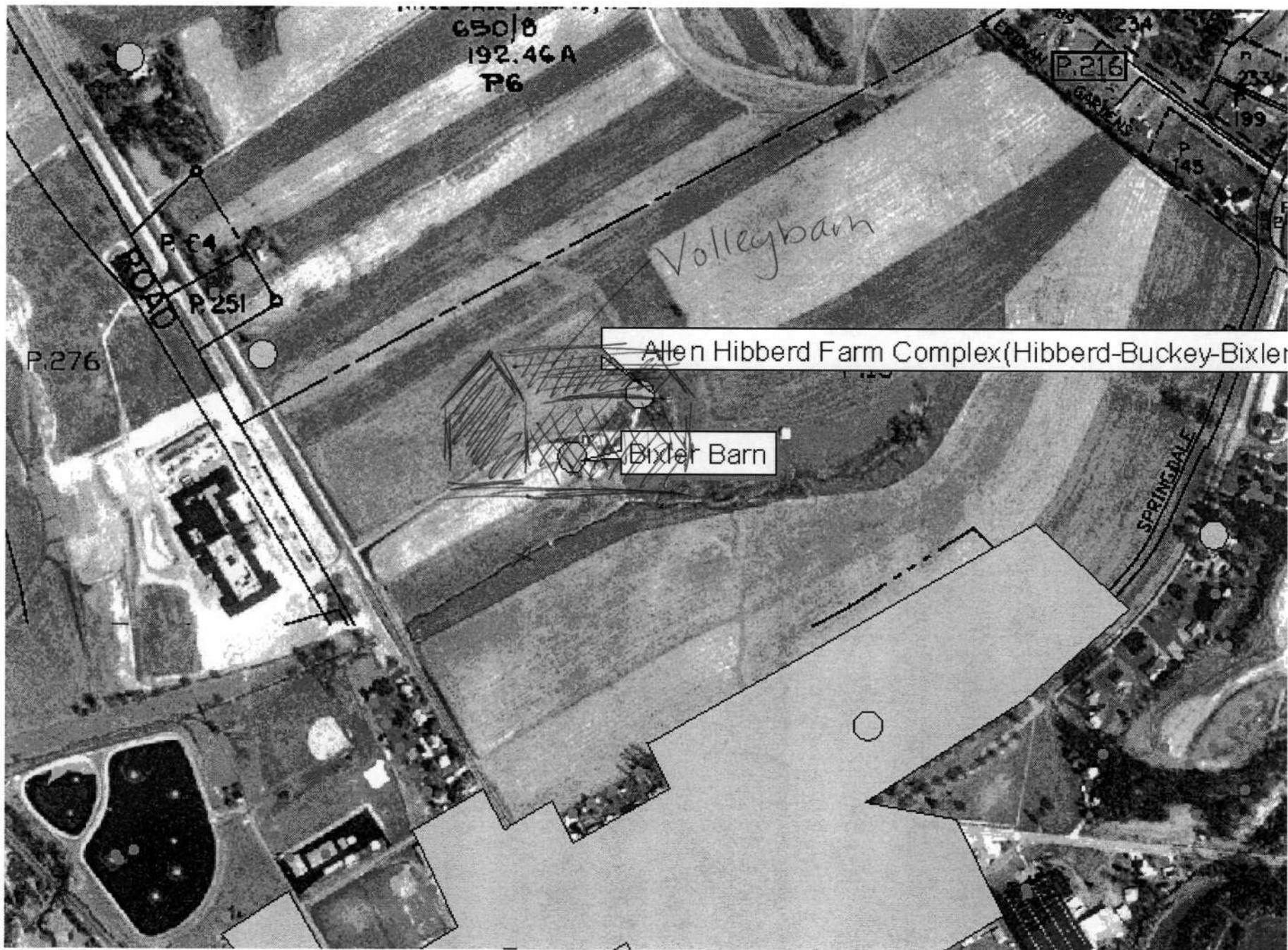
While components of the property retain moderate degrees of integrity, when evaluated collectively, the farmstead has lost a high degree of integrity of setting, materials, workmanship, association, and feeling. Changes to historic building materials, the lack of a cohesive collection of agricultural buildings, the loss of outbuildings, changes to the cultural landscape (including changing uses), and the addition of a large, modern building and its associated parking lot combine to create a site that no longer conveys its historic associations as a prominent agricultural enterprise.

The Bixler Farm is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. It no longer conveys its association as a successful eighteenth and nineteenth-century farm, and is not eligible under Criterion A. It is not associated with important people in the nation's past, which would make it eligible under Criterion B. Its lack of integrity, including substantial changes to built resources and the cultural landscape, precludes its eligibility under Criterion C. The entire property has not been evaluated under Criterion D at this time.

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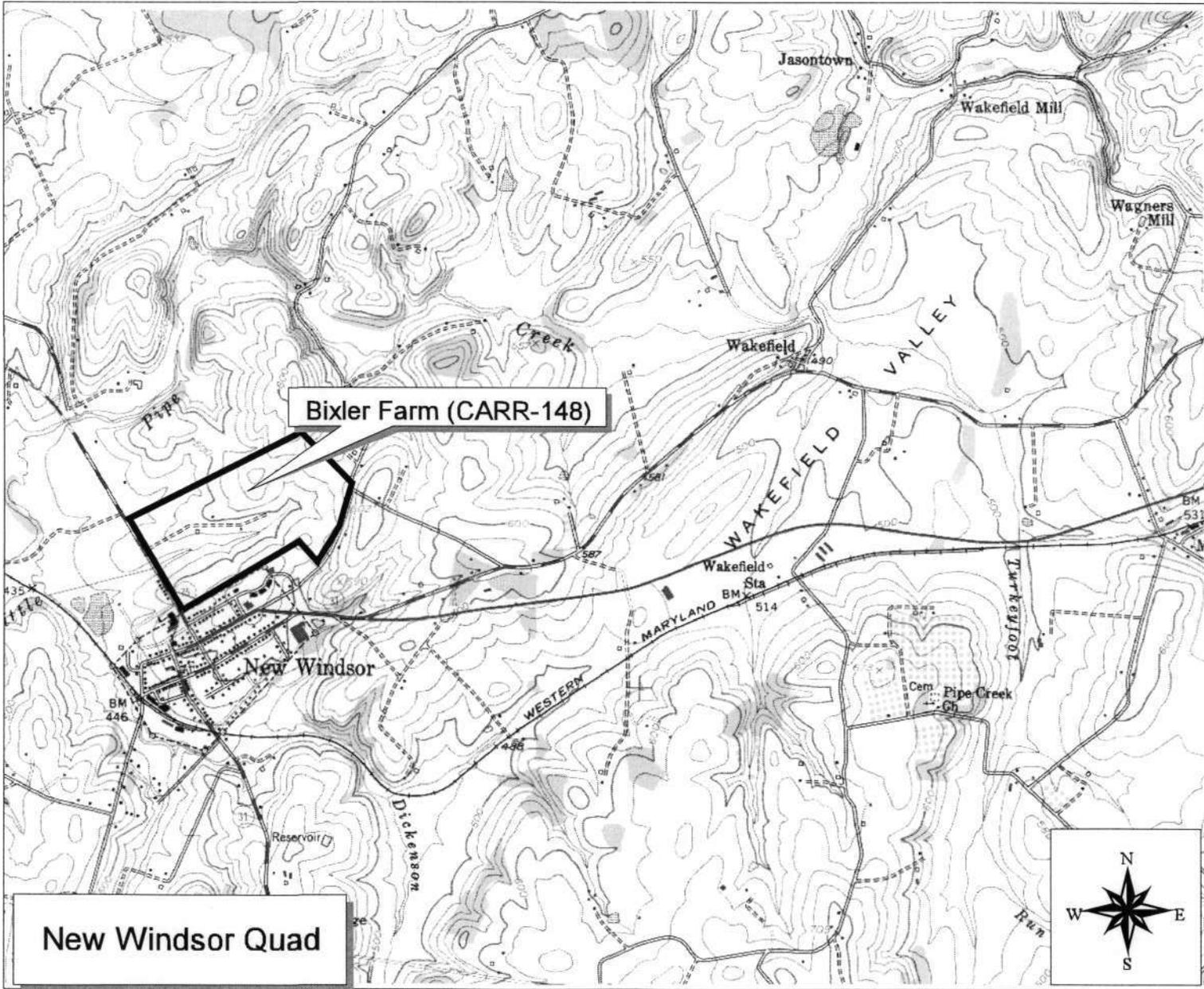


Total parcel acreage = 111.5



Drawn to Scale

Bixler Farm (CARR-148)
1001 Green Valley Road
New Windsor, Carroll County



New Windsor Quad



CARR-148



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Bixler Farm

Carroll County, MD

Stephanie Foell

July 2005

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View of property from Green Valley Rd.

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Bixler Farm

Carroll County, MD

Stephanie Fall

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MD SHPO

View of Bixler Barn (CARR-157)

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Bixler Farm

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South + West elevations of residence

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Bixler Farm

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Bixler Barn

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South elevation of Bixler Barn (CARR-157)

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Stephanie Foell

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Detail of brick vents in gable of Bixler Barn
(CARR-157)

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Bixler Farm

Carroll County, MD

Stephens Foell

July 2005

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East elevation of wagon barn and Bixler Barn
(CARR-157)

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Residential
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Bixler Barn

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Shed addition to south elevation of Bixler Barn
(CARR-157)

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West elevation and two-story out building

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Silo and North elevation of Bixler Barn (CARR-157)

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North and west elevations (CARR-157)
of Bixler Barn

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Bixler Farm

Carroll County, MD

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South elevation of Bixler Barn (CARR-157)

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South elevation of garage

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South elevation of garage

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East elevation of wagon barn and shed

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Bixler Farm

Carroll County, MD

Stephanie Fall

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North elevation of wagon barn

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Stephanie Fall

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North elevation of shed

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Bixler Farm

Carroll County, MD

Stephanie Fall

July 2005

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Shed located east of residence

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Bixler Farm

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Metal Barn, south gable

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landscape west of Bixler Farm

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Bixler Farm

Carroll County, MD

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Landscape west of Bixler Farm

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CARR-148
BIXLER FARMHOUSE
New Windsor Vicinity
Private

Circa 1790

Directly outside the town of New Windsor stands a farm; this particular one a beautiful piece of rural American which someday soon may become just short of extinct. The Bixler Farm built in the late 1790's is kept in very fine condition. Save for front gable and porch, and perhaps interior stairway the building is in original form according to its owner. The house with original wall stencil design and wonderful random width floors could easily be pronounced a museum, and immediately open to the public, but the owners desire otherwise.

The barn is of equal interest, particularly with its open-brickwork pattern rents. It remains one of a small minority still standing and in good condition in Carroll County. The interior is a massive design of random wood beams constructed rationally for functional purposes. (See CARR-¹⁵⁷~~152~~ for description of barn)

The two structures certainly compliment one another, and add a bit of Americana to the growing town of New Windsor.

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ALLEN HIBBERD FARM COMPLEX

early-19th century

New Windsor vicinity

private

The Allen Hibberd Farm is representative of the evolution of farmsteads in the Wakefield Valley around New Windsor. The farmhouse and its outbuildings are preserved as a typical farm complex of the late 19th century. The context of this farm is further enhanced by the 1886 description of its improvements and operation printed in the Democratic Advocate series "Farms of Carroll."

The Allen Hibberd Farm complex consists of a farmhouse, brick-end barn, washhouse, corn crib-wagon shed, dairy, concrete silo, and garage. The farmhouse is a brick two-story structure with an L-shaped plan. It retains the Victorian trim from a late 19th century remodeling. The brick-end barn was built in 1856. The washhouse is an early 19th century log structure covered in weatherboard and has a root cellar. The other outbuildings date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Allen Hibberd Farm Complex

and/or common Hibberd-Buckey-Bixler Farm

2. Location

(Green Valley Road)
street & number Maryland Route 75, 1/4 mile north of New Windsor not for publication

city, town New Windsor vicinity of congressional district Sixth

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 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. Granville Bixler

street & number 302 High Street telephone no.: 635-6522

city, town New Windsor state and zip code Maryland 21776

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR-148

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.

SUMMARY: The Allen Hibberd Farm complex consists of a farmhouse, brick-end barn, washhouse, corn crib-wagon shed, dairy, concrete silo, and garage. The farmhouse is a brick two-story structure with an L-shaped plan. It retains the Victorian trim from a late 19th century remodeling. The brick-end barn was built in 1856. The washhouse is an early 19th century log structure covered in weatherboard and has a root cellar. The other outbuildings date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

DESCRIPTION: The Allen Hibberd Farm is located on the east side of Maryland Route 75 about one-quarter mile north of New Windsor. It is in a rolling section of topography of the Wakefield Valley, an area with rich limestone soils. The farm layout is representative of those in this region. The house faces south with the domestic buildings on the east side of the house. The farm buildings are on the southwest side of the domestic complex.

The house is a two-story brick structure in an L-shaped plan. The interior room arrangement is typical of the Carroll county farmhouse style with a central hall with stairway, parlor and dining room on each side, and the kitchen in the ell. The interior trim is a mixture of early and late 19th centuries. The stairway has an interesting bracket design on the stair end and shaped railing with bannister.

The exterior of the house has the five-bay symmetrical facade with central entrance popular in the traditional farmhouse style. It also has details of a Victorian period remodeling including the ornamental porch and centrally-located gable dormer on the roof.

The wash house is a log structure built on top of a stone root cellar. On the south elevation, it retains a wooden slatted sink hole for discharging wastes to the outside. The brick-end barn is described as site CARR-157.

The exterior of the house was sandblasted during an early 1980s remodeling.

8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-148

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"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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.

SUMMARY: The Allen Hibberd Farm is representative of the evolution of farmsteads in the Wakefield Valley around New Windsor. The farmhouse and its outbuildings are preserved as a typical farm complex of the late 19th century. The context of this farm is further enhanced by the 1886 description of its improvements and operation reprinted below.

HISTORY: From The Democratic Advocate, May 22, 1886:
FARMS OF CARROLL -- STEVENSON'S GARDEN: The Residence of John C. Buckey

STEVENSON'S GARDEN is located in New Windsor district, adjoining the town of New Windsor. Mr. Buckey bought it of Eli M. Hibberd, in November, 1883, for the sum of \$105 per acre, including the crop. He moved to the farm from Frederick county, in the spring of 1884.

This farm came into the possession of Allen Hibberd about the year 1800. It then contained 225 acres. Since then the New Windsor College grounds and a number of the town building lots have been sold off. Josiah Hibberd was born on this farm in 1809. He inherited it from his father, and held it until his death, in 1875; it was then purchased of the heirs by Eli M. Hibberd, and remained in his possession until 1884. By this time the quantity of land that had been sold off reduced the number of acres to 110 1/2, all cleared land, for which he paid Mr. Eli M. Hibberd \$11,602.50, in cash.

The farm is divided into five fields. A fine never-failing spring of water flows through its entire length conveniently watering every field. Of late years the farm had not been so well cared for, and had declined somewhat from its former condition. But Mr. Buckey gives it his personal supervision, and in a few years he will have it in a high state of cultivation. The quality of the land is limestone and slate. He has limed it half over, in the two years he has occupied it, with fifty bushels of lime to the acre. He thinks lime and stable manure will pay better than guano, and uses but little of the last named fertilizer. He will continue liming, every year, until he covers the entire farm, and then will go over it again, using about the same amount, fifty bushels to the acre, as lime is considered the best means of improving land. The location is very convenient to railroad, stores, market, post-office, church, &c.

The principle crops are wheat, corn, oats, barley, and hay. The average yield of wheat in 1884, was about 28 bushels per acre. In 1885, the season was less favorable and the yield was not over seventeen bushels per acre. Mr. Buckey expects to realize better results, however, in a very brief time, as improvement is his principal aim.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-148

Democratic Advocate, May 22, 1886

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name New Windsor, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Joe Gettyorganization Carroll Co. Department of Planning date July 1987street & number 225 N. Center Street telephone 848-4500city or town Westminster state Maryland 21157

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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(301) 269-2438

The house is an L shaped, strong substantial two story brick structure, with eleven rooms, and a very fine cellar. There is a well of excellent water near the kitchen door. The dwelling is surrounded by a fine sloping lawn and shaded nicely by ornamental trees.

The barn is a large substantial brick building, 45 by 80 feet, built in 1856, and one of the best in the neighborhood, affording ample room for storing the crops of the farm, and for sheltering the stock. The dairy is erected quite close to the barn. The water for the dairy comes from a well near by, and is worked by a wheel in a stream that flows from a large spring. The water is conveyed from the well to the dairy by iron pipes, and runs through the dairy into the barn yard, affording plenty of water for all the stock, and is quite a convenience in watering them.

In the two years that Mr. Buckey has owned this farm he has built a wagon shed, hog house, corn crib, wood house, poultry house, and a blacksmith shop. It is his purpose to paint the barn, this spring, and very shortly he will give the dwelling house a thorough repairing, which will make the property one among the most desirable homes in the county, and one of the most tidy. To beautify the homestead is one of the first duties of every one.

There is a large orchard of choice apples on the farm, and a variety of other fruit such as pears, cherries, plums, &c.

Mr. Buckey keeps four horses for farm work, and several colts are coming on every year. He keeps about ten head of milch cows, of common stock, and tries to keep those that give the best results in milking. His hogs are of the White Chester breed, and he keeps just sufficient for the purposes of the farm.

Mr. Buckey is a young man, and has been in the county but two years. He is, however, a progresssive farmer, and seems determined to keep up with the spirit of the age; and, while improving his farm, to make it pay, at the same time, for his outlay of labor and capital. So far he has been quite successful, and looks forward, with bright anticipations, to the time in the near future, when his farm will attain the highest state of productiveness. This is the true spirit and the true policy of the successful farmer, and we make no doubt that Mr. Buckey will very speedily realize his brightest and most sanguine expectations. Will power is the greatest of all power, whether on the farm or elsewhere.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bixler Farmhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(Back of Brethren Center)

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

11

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	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"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Bixler

Telephone #: 635-6522

STREET & NUMBER

302 High Street

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21776

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Bldg.

Liber #: 376

Folio #: 022

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Constant care over the years makes for a wonderfully preserved home and one that will continue to stand for a number of years. Most old farmhouses in this area are maintained with a loving hand, but this farm is an extreme example. It is a showplace used for private parties and such by the owners. It contains wonderful antiques of special interest to Mrs. Bixler who grew up there until she was five, then moved to her house on New Windsor (302 High Street).

The house is quite old, probably the 1790's, although an exact date has not been deciphered. The foundation is low stone and uncoursed. Exterior wall structure is brick with a running bond pattern. The gable roof is wood, covered with sheet metal. (Slate is apparently so expensive these days that not many people use it to redo a roof). The bays number five on this two story building with attic and cellar. On each side of an imperfect rectangular plan is a double chimney, one interior, one exterior. There is also a third interior chimney, single.

Windows are large 1/1 front panes and 2/2 in the back of the house. plain trim and blind shutters complete window structure. The casual entrance of the house is through an enclosed side porch and there is a three-bay formal front entrance porch.

The interior is exceptionally well preserved. It includes side, impressive floorboards, original stencil pattern wall decor in the halls on both stories, and original box and latch locks in most doors. Rooms are various sizes and heights. But all floorboards are of approximately the same width, which would exclude any recent additions or renovations. Mrs. Bixler assures me that the house is in its original shape, the same as when it was built, except for the later addition of the front porch and front gable, attic. Erase these from the picture and the original form is present. Door and window trim vary--some architrave, others plain, and yet others plain wood beams with corner blocks. Most walls are of plaster, some with plain wooden wainscot. The central hall includes an open-string stairway, turned balusters and a square newel. Someone suggests that the stairway is analogous to 1830's stairways. Perhaps it was revised at that time, but surely there was always a stairway in this central hall plan. The stairway has one run up to the second floor where the bedrooms are also well preserved. Fireplaces are numerous, five, all of plain brick trim. The back room of the first floor features a summer kitchen with a huge brick fireplace and a hidden enclosed back stair leading to upstairs. The house is very unique, for it truly possesses the air of a late 18th century museum. Mr. and Mrs. Bixler live in New Windsor, and visit their farmhouse nearly every day. They do not rent the building but do rent the farmland. Outside buildings are used by tenants.

The barn is particularly interesting because of its open-brickwork pattern. (See CARR-152 for a description of the barn)

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

CARR-148

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
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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 1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Farmhouses in Carroll County are not scarce by any means. To come across one as well preserved, maintained, and adorned with period pieces is rare. It is not open to the public, in fact, the Bixler's discourage any publicity; but I'm sure they would open their doors to historians, the Trust, etc. There are no significant historical facts, except that from the late 18th century on it was and still is a working farm; one of the few surviving on the very fringes of New Windsor. It had, and has, no historical or common name.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All those contiguous parts of tracts of land called "New Windsor," "The Five Daughters," and "Steven's Garden," situate lying and being in New Windsor District, Carroll County, Maryland containing 110 1/2 acres of land, more or less.

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland 21157

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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CARR. - 148

Bixler Farmhouse

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2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. 6/30/87
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. S & W elev. (camera facing ne)
7. 1/2





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