

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

Property/District Name: Swissdale Farm Survey Number: CARR- 262

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 eligible for the NR by MHT letter dated 4/27/1994.

" This property is significant under Criterion C for architecture. Retention of the bake oven makes this well preserved, but relatively common, mid to late nineteenth century house significant. Bake ovens do not survive in large numbers and this one, together with the house is representative of the domestic aspects of farm life "

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 _____

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/processing

Known Design Source: _____

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SWISSDALE FARM

19th century

Westminster vicinity

private

Swissdale Farm is located at 105 Bell Road in the Westminster vicinity and consists of a late nineteenth century farmhouse and several outbuildings. The brick house is built in the representative regional farmhouse style with a five-bay, two-story, main facade and an L-shape plan. Oral tradition states that the structure was built about 1888. There was once a barn located south of the house which contained an 1888 date painted at a gable end. The house was in the Early family and was built for one daughter's inheritance. Also on the property at the rear of the house is a free-standing beehive bake oven with a gable roof and a smokehouse.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
225. N. Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-262

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor

PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Swissdale Farm

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: residence

ORIGINAL USE: farmhouse

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent () Good (X)
Fair () Poor ()

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: c. 1888

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: WESTMINSTER VICINITY

LOCATION: 105 Bell Road

COMMON NAME: Swissdale Farm

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: residence

OWNER: L. Earl Griswold

ADDRESS: 105 Bell Road
Westminster MD 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes () No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone (X) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood: Log () Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
- Wall Covering: Weatherboard () German Siding () Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal ()
Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: common Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds ()
Ells (X) Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet ()
With False Front () Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 5 x 2

Approximate Dimensions: _____

Entrance Location: center

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive () Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

double-tiered porch on inside of ell - ornamental sawn wood below railing



RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

brick bake-oven - free-standing bldg
brick smoke-house - square, hipped roof

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

representative late nineteenth century farmhouse

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:
1877 LG & S Atlas:

interview with owner

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane () Woodland () Scattered Buildings
Moderately Built Up () Densely-Built Up ()
Residential () Commercial ()
Agricultural () Industrial ()
Roadside Strip Development ()
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

Can. Co. Planning Dept

DATE RECORDED:

August 1983

1. STATE MD
 COUNTY CARROLL
 TOWN WESTMINSTER VICINITY
 STREET NO.

ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE DWELLING
 PRESENT OWNER DR. EARL BRISWOLD
 PRESENT USE SAME
 WALL CONSTRUCTION BRICK
 NO. OF STORIES 2

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
 INVENTORY

2. NAME SWISSDALE FARM

DATE OR PERIOD CA. 1845-55
 STYLE
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

VICTORIAN IN ALL COMPOSITION
 FACES W. SITUATED ON E. SIDE OF
 BELL ROAD.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



1. CARR-262 SWISSDALE FARM
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis , Md.
6. West elevation (camera facing east)
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