Addendum to
Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Survey Inventory Form
CARR - 635

1. Name - Historic Name - William Miller Farm
   Common Name - W. Simmons Farm

2. Location - Miller's Station Road
   Manchester, MD 21102
   Carroll County
   6th Congressional District

3. Classification
   Category - buildings
   Ownership - private
   Public Acquisition - not applicable
   Status - private residence
   Accessible - No

4. Owner of Property
   M. Greffenstein
   Miller's Station Road
   Manchester, Maryland 21102

5. Location of Legal Description
   Carroll County Tax Assessor
   Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street
   Westminster, Maryland
   Block 6 / Lot 80

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys
   Unchanged

7. Description
   While approaching the property down a private lane during the initial survey in June, 1996, the surveyor was met by a gentleman in a pick-up truck who vehemently objected to having his property surveyed or photographed. He proceeded to follow the
surveyor up the driveway, with the surveyor going in reverse. The surveyor could not obtain photographs from the distance of the public road. However, the house appeared to be relatively unchanged from earlier MHT survey.

The surveyor attempted to resurvey the property in March, 1997. Access was still not possible, but because of the creation nearby of a Christmas tree farm, it was possible to get much closer to the farm without actually entering the property. This survey form is based upon viewing the property from the Christmas tree farm and a study of the earlier MHT survey form, completed in 1980.

House (1850-1860)

The William Miller farmhouse is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-by-two-bay, bank­sited dwelling. It rests atop a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed in vinyl siding, replacing the aluminum siding noted in the 1980 MHT survey. The slate gable roof is parallel to the road and the brick chimney indicated in the prior MHT survey form has been demolished. A one-story wraparound porch extends across the west and south elevations of the house. A two-story vinyl-sided addition, one-bay-by-one-bay, has been erected on the south elevation. Fenestration is regular with two-over-two windows on all elevations.

Tenant House/Summer House (1820-1840)

Located to the northwest of the farmhouse is a one-and-a-half-story vinyl-sided building, three-bays-by-two-bays, with an asphalt-shingle gable roof and central brick chimney. A one-story addition and exterior brick chimney have been erected on the west elevation. This building may have been an earlier house that was used as a summer house or tenant house following the construction of the main house.

Outbuildings (1850-1860; modern)

To the east of the farmhouse is a small frame outhouse typical of the period and the area. Other outbuildings include a small modern shed and garage-type structure.

8. Significance

This farm is most likely the William Miller Farm indicated on both the 1861 and 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson maps. It is not known to have any significant history or associated persons and is therefore not believed to be eligible for National Register listing under Criteria A or B. The house and tenant house essentially retain their original forms, but have been altered through the use of vinyl siding and additions, the destruction of the farmhouse chimney, and the removal of most of the original architectural detailing. The property is therefore not believed to be individually eligible.
for Register listing under Criteria C for its architecture. The farm is still active, but it is only a remnant of the small farming community located along Miller's Station Road in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Modern intrusions and alterations to surviving farmhouses have damaged the rural character and integrity of the area and it is not believed to comprise a rural historic district. The farm is therefore also not believed to be eligible for National Register listing under Criteria C as part of a historic district.

9. Major Bibliographical References


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10. **Geographical Data**

**Acreage** - 36.86

**Quadrangle name** - Lineboro

**Quadrangle scale** - 1 to 24,000

**Verbal Boundary Description:**

The boundary of the property is coterminous with Carroll County Tax Map 32 Block 15/Parcel 80, which encompasses 36.86 acres historically associated with the property.

11. **Form Prepared By**

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Eligibility Recommended [ ] Eligibility Not Recommended [x]

Comments: ______________________________

Reviewer, OPS: ___________________ Date: __________

Reviewer, NR Program: ___________________ Date: __________

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Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:

*Geographic Organization:* Piedmont

*Chronological/Development Periods:* Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870; Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

*Historic Period Themes:* Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning; Agriculture

*Resource Types:* Farmhouse; Farmstead
William Miller Farm
Melrose vicinity
Carroll County
Lineboro Quad
1. Carr - 635
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
5. Maryland State
6. Wm. Miller Farm - Millers Station Rd
   Mainhouse SW Elevation
7. 1½
1. CURR - 635
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Wm. Miller Farm - Millwood Station Rd
   tenant house - west elevation
7. 2/2

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
William Miller Farm

AND/OR COMMON
W. Simmons Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
3453 Miller's Station Road

CITY. TOWN

VICINITY OF Manchester

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Carroll County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☑ BUILDING
☑ PUBLIC
☑ OCCUPIED
☑ ACCESSIBLE

OWNERSHIP

☑ PRIVATE
☑ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

☑ BOTH
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED

PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☑ IN PROCESS

☑ BEING CONSIDERED

PRESENT USE

☑ AGRICULTURE
☑ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ COMMERCIAL

☑ EDUCATIONAL
☑ EDUCATIONAL

☑ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ ENRTAINMENT

☑ GOVERNMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT

☑ INDUSTRIAL
☐ INDUSTRIAL

☑ MILITARY
☐ MILITARY

☑ TRANSPORTATION
☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY TOWN

VICTINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

STREET & NUMBER

CITY TOWN

STATE

Liber #:

Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY. TOWN

STATE
DESCRIPTION

The William Miller farm is located to the southwest of Miller's Station Road, approached by dirt driveways from Miller's Station Road and from a road to the south. The property contains the present house, a smaller building to the southwest, and outbuildings to the east.

The present house is built into a bank, on land which slopes down to the south and west. It is 2 1/2 stories high, and gable roofed, with its brick chimney located to the south of center on the roof ridge. A one-story porch extends along the west and south facades of the house. On the south side, there is a projecting 2 1/2 story gable roofed extension, one bay in depth, which continues the roof line of the main block. The house has 2/2 windows, and is sheathed with white aluminum siding.

To the southwest of the house is a smaller, two story, white, gable roofed building; this may possibly be an earlier house or a tenant house.

This is probably the property shown as that of William Miller on both the 1862 Martenet and 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlases of Carroll County.
**ERIOD** | **AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**
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PREHISTORIC | ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
1400-1499 | ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
1500-1599 | AGRICULTURE
1600-1699 | ARCHITECTURE
1700-1799 | ART
1800-1899 | COMMERCE
1900- | COMMUNICATIONS

**SPECIFIC DATES** | **STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
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The William Miller farm is significant for its present house and for the second building which may possibly be earlier. The complex still retains its agricultural use and setting.
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 RA, 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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William Hillel Farm
P. Weissman
1979
view from Southwest