

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

Property/District Name: Leister House Survey Number: CARR-694

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; outbuilding; Agriculture/agricultural

Known Design Source: _____

CARR - 694

900 GORSUCH ROAD

Leister House

late 19th century

Westminster vicinity

private

900 Gorsuch Road is a representative log farmhouse of the mid-to-late nineteenth century. The typical characteristics of this type of structure are its construction situated into a bank with a full-basement level on the main facade and the modest proportions of the two-story log structure. Twentieth century remodeling includes modern window sash and an enclosed, one-story front porch.



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

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

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SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-694

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: Westminster

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: residence

ORIGINAL USE: residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

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

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: late 19th century

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Westminster vicinity

LOCATION: 900 Gorsuch Road

TAX MAP 46 Block 4-10 P-5

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: residence

OWNER: Terry R. Hall (heister Farm)

ADDRESS: 900 Gorsuch Rd
Westminster MD 21157

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

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

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone (X) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood: Log (X) Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
- Wall Covering: Weatherboard () German Siding (X) Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal ()
Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: 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 (full basement)

Number of Bays: 3 x 1

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: enclosed porch

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

bank house - full basement on main grade

log structure - remodeled - mid 20th century

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

frame barn
sheds

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

representative log structure of the period

REFERENCES:

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

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECORDED:

8/83

U.S.G.S. MAP
WESTMINSTER, MD.
1:24000 SCALE



TANEYTOWN 11 MI.
FRIZZELLBURG 3.9 MI.

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WESTMINSTER

High Sch.

Cemetery

Random House Park

Cranberry Station

Reservoir

Westminster Airport

Water Tank

Robert Moton Sch.

Cemetery

Water Tank

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1. CARR-694 900 GORSUCH ROAD
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. South elevation (camera facing north)
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