

CARR-798

Stone House Farm

circa 1846

332 Ridge Road, Westminster

private

The Stone House Farm is a house and farm complex that is representative of Carroll County's mid-19th century agricultural heritage. The house was constructed in two sections with the four-bay stone section depicting the regional farmhouse style. It has a entrance in the second bay from the north and windows on the symmetrical main facade are nine-over-six pane sash windows with plain wood lintels. On the south gable end is a two-story frame addition that dates from the early twentieth century. The property also contains a frame tenant house, late nineteenth century bank barn, and other farm buildings.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Parr's Ridge; Solomon Myerly House

and/or common Stone House Farm

2. Location

street & number 332 Ridge Road (MD 27) not for publication

city, town Westminster 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Robert W. MacPherson

street & number 1181 Long Valley Road telephone no.: 848-5285

city, town Westminster state and zip code MD 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber 209

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 289

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Westminster Planning District Survey

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. CARR 798

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input 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.

SUMMARY: The Stone House Farm represents a farmhouse and farm complex from the mid-19th century. The four bay stone section of the house with an L-shaped plan was constructed in 1846. It has a single entrance with nine-over-six pane sash windows with plain wood lintels. On the south gable end is a two story frame addition that dates from the early 20th century. The property also contains a frame tenant house, late 19th century bank barn, and other farm outbuildings.

DESCRIPTION: The Stone House Farm is located on the west side of Maryland Route 27, approximately one-half mile south of the City of Westminster. The farm is set back from the road at a site with a stream running in front of the house. The main facade of the structure faces east.

The architecture of the Stone House Farm depicts the regional farmhouse style in stone construction. The original house was four bays by two bays, two stories in height, with a gable roof, symmetrical facade and L-shaped plan. The house was built by Solomon Myerly about 1846.

A newspaper article in the June 12, 1886 edition of the Democratic Advocate describes this farm property which was then owned by Jacob Myerly. The description of the house states:

"The house is built of the best honey-comb stone, and was erected by his father, Mr. Solomon Myerly, about 1846, the stone being taken from a quarry on the farm. It is 34 feet front by 20 feet, two stories high. The back building is two stories also, 31 feet in length by 17 feet in width, the whole containing eight rooms and a hall. The front building is adorned with a handsome porch, and the back building with a porch and pantry. The whole building is a piece of superb masonry still in an excellent state of preservation. The interior of the building is also well finished. The parlor and the dining room walls and ceilings are painted in oil and laid off in panelwork presenting an ornate appearance.

The article also describes the lawn which contains shade trees and flowers with a lattice summer-house and other out buildings. The buildings on the property included a bank barn built in 1846, a corncrib-carriage house, wheelwright shop, blacksmith shop, piggery, wagon shed, hen house, smoke house, wood house and bake oven. The property also contained an up to date stone dairy 15 feet square with a large cement trough. The

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floor of the trough was composed of two large smooth flagstones from the Alms house quarry. The dairy was supplied with spring water through iron pipe from a nearby spring.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

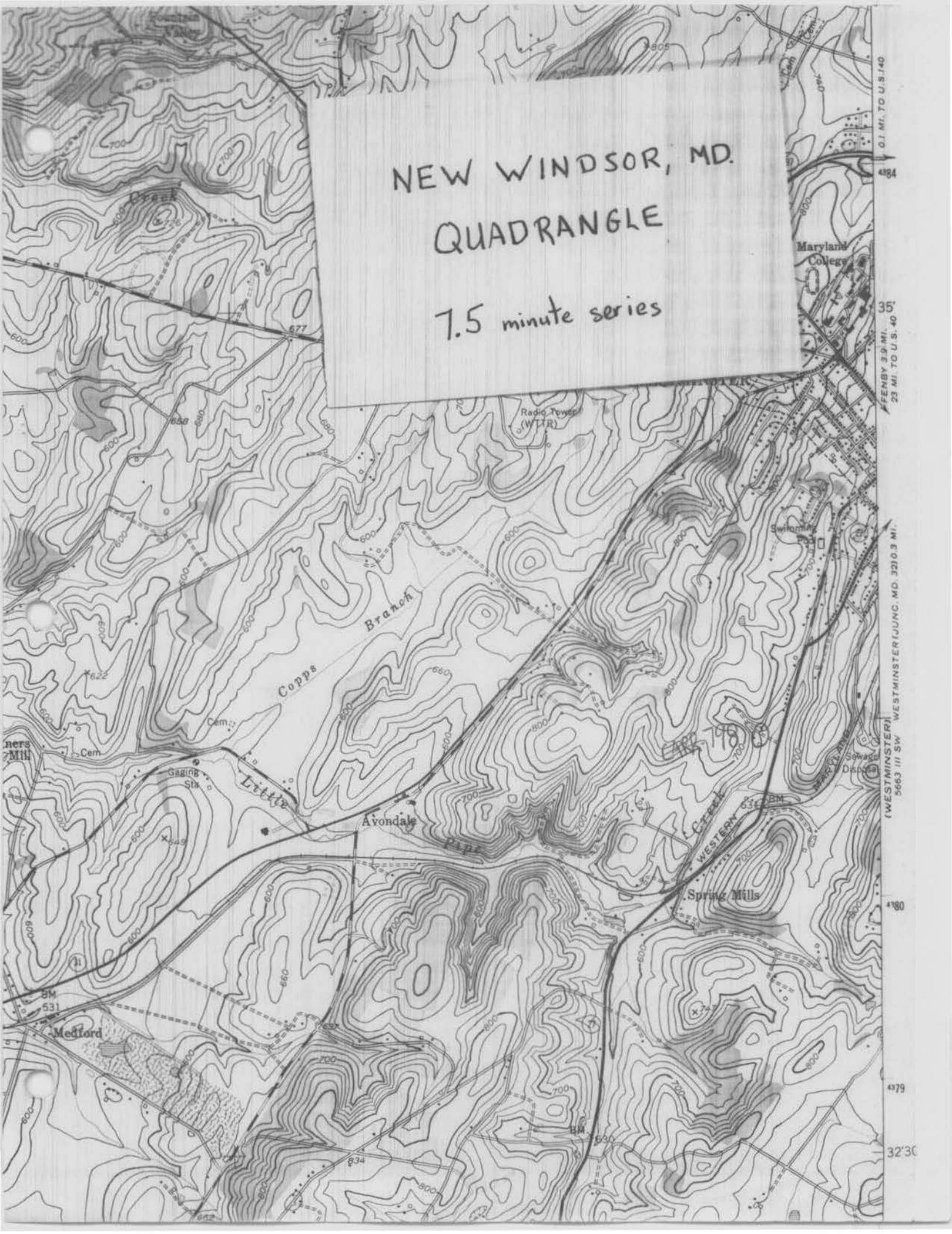
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SUMMARY: The Stone House Farm depicts the architecture of a prosperous mid-19th century Carroll County farm. The farmhouse uses the regional farmhouse style but its stone construction is a symbol of the farm's affluence. Also, the barn and existing outbuildings are representative of this period of Carroll County's agricultural heritage.

HISTORY: The Democratic Advocate of June 12, 1886 provides a short description of the history of this property at that time. The farm was begun by Solomon Myerly who built the stone house about 1846. In 1867, 80 acres including the house was purchased by his son, Jacob Myerly. Jacob's holdings also included other land purchased to total 115 1/4 acres. The other lands included a Victorian frame dwelling house (Calico House, CARR-799) and a log house and farm complex (Myerly Log House, CARR-809). The article describes the buildings and agricultural enterprises on the property.

NEW WINDSOR, MD.
QUADRANGLE
7.5 minute series



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484

35'
FENBY 3.9 MI.
23 MI. TO U.S. 40

(WESTMINSTER)
5663 III SW WESTMINSTER (JUNC. MD. 321) 0.3 MI.

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479

32'30"

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STONE HOUSE FARM

mid-19th century

332 Ridge Road
Westminster vicinity

private

The Stone House Farm is a house and farm complex that dates from the mid-nineteenth century. The house was constructed in two sections with the four-bay stone section representative of mid-nineteenth century stone construction in this region. It has a entrance in the second bay from the north. The windows on the main facade are nine-over-six pane sash windows with plain wood lintels. On the south gable end is a two-story frame addition that dates from the early twentieth century. The property also contains a frame tenant house, late nineteenth century bank barn, and other farm buildings.



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

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-798

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

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: mid-19th century

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Westminster Vic.

LOCATION: 332 Ridge Road (MD 270)

COMMON NAME: Stone House Farm

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

OWNER: Robert W. MacPherson et al.

ADDRESS:

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 () Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone (X) 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: Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate (X) Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds ()
 Ells () Wings (X) 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: 6 x 2

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: 2nd bay from north

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
 Development () Deterioration ()
 Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive () Negative ()
 Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

built - two section - 4 bay stone sections
9/16 windows - flat wood lintels
2 bay frame section
rear wing

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

tenant house - 1st frame
barn - bank, late 19th century
outbuildings

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

representative of mid-19th century

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:
1877 LG & S Atlas: J. Myerly
Tax Map - m. 45 p. 28
Land Record 209/289

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:

DATE RECORDED:

6/83



U.S.G.S. MAP
NEW WINDSOR, MD.
1:24000 SCALE

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1. CARR-798 Stone House Farm
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. East elevation; camera facing northwest
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