

CARR-799

Calico House

1884

450 Ridge Road, Westminster

private

The Calico House is an 1884 frame farmhouse that shows the evolution of the regional farmhouse style during the late 19th century. Victorian characteristics include the ornamental window frames with pointed-arch lintels, and corbelled brick chimney. The house was built by Jacob Myerly who called it the Calico House because of its victorian paint color scheme.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Calico House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 450 Ridge Road (MD 27) not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Samuel W. Channell

street & number 450 Ridge Road telephone no.: 848-0744

city, town Westminster state and zip code MD 21157

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber 262

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 417

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-799

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" 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 Calico House was built in 1884 by Jacob Myerly. A contemporary newspaper account states that it was called the Calico House because of its Victorian style paint scheme. The house is representative of the late 19th century farmhouse construction in this region.

DESCRIPTION: The Calico House is located on the west side of Maryland Route 27 about 3/4 of a mile south of Westminster. It is on a parcel of land adjoining the railroad overpass bridge on Route 27. The house sits back from the road on a level site.

The architecture of the Calico House shows the evolution of the regional farmhouse style during the Victorian period. While it retains the basic shape and scale of the regional style--two story height, gable roof, symmetrical facade and L-shaped plan--some of its details indicate the Victorian influences of the late 19th century, including the pointed-arch window frames, central chimney, and original paint scheme. The house retains its original features except for the paint scheme; the exterior is now covered with asphalt siding.

The Democratic Advocate of June 12, 1886 contains an article entitled "Parr's Ridge--The Residence of Jacob Myerly" that provides the following contemporary account of the Calico House:

"At the lower end of the farm, towards Spring Mill Station, is a handsome new dwelling house, built by Mr. Myerly in 1884. It is remarkable for the peculiarity of its finish, and its striking appearance, being painted in variegated colors. ~~it has a neat fancy porch in front~~ and contains six rooms, very conveniently arranged. The dimensions of this building are 16 feet by 16, the rear portion 28 by 16. The chimney runs up in the centre of the building, adding to its warmth and comfort in cold weather. It is occupied by Mr. John W. Zile, son-in-law of Mr. Myerly, who has added to the building a shed in the rear, a handsome barn, and has planted a young orchard of fruit trees, together with some trees for shade and ornament. He also purchased a lot on the opposite side of the road, on which he has erected a blacksmith shop, and where he industriously plies his calling. The premises are neatly enclosed by picket fence and whitewashed. Mr. Myerly facetiously calls the dwelling occupied by Mr. Zile, his 'Calico House,' on account of its variegated colors."

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
<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/
<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)

Specific dates 1884 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

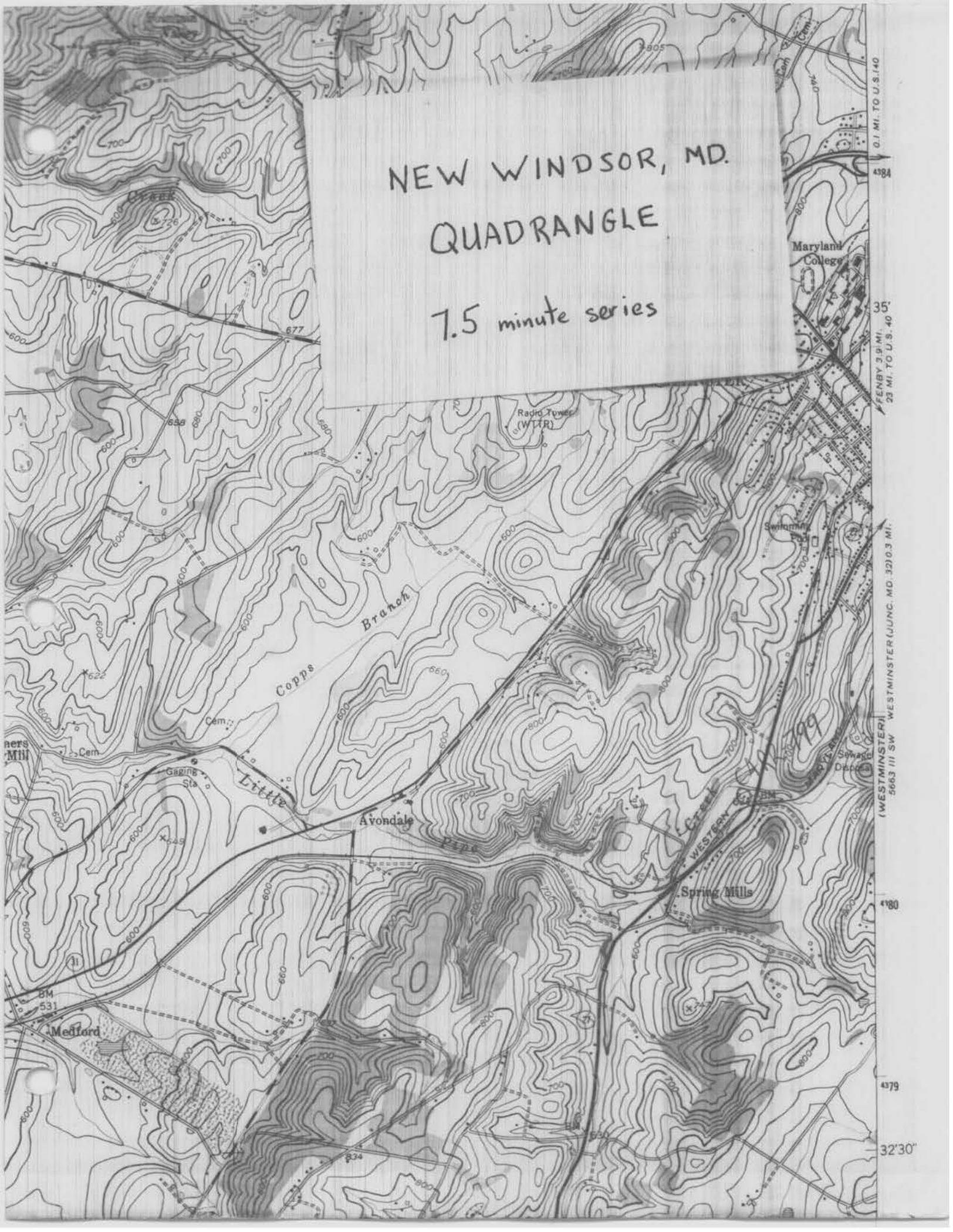
Level of Significance: national state local

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

SUMMARY: The Calico House provides an interesting example of the Victorian period's influence on the regional farmhouse, particularly with the contemporary account of the original paint scheme. The house was built in 1884 by Jacob Myerly.

HISTORY: The Democratic Advocate of June 12, 1886 provides details about the history of the Calico House (see 7, Description). The house built in 1884 by Jacob Myerly and lived in by his son-in-law, John W. Zile, a blacksmith. It was called the Calico House because of its Victorian paint scheme of variegated colors.

NEW WINDSOR, MD.
QUADRANGLE
7.5 minute series



0.1 MI. TO U.S. 140

4984

35°
FENBY 3.9 MI.
23 MI. TO U.S. 40

(WESTMINSTER)
5663 III SW WESTMINSTER (JUNC. MD. 32) 0.3 MI.

4980

4979

32°30'

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450 RIDGE ROAD

late 19th century

Westminster vicinity

private

450 Ridge Road is a late nineteenth century frame house that has the basic characteristics of the regional style. In addition, it contains ornamental window frames with pointed-arch lintels. The house has an L-shaped plan and also contains a shed addition on the north facade.



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-799
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 (K) Fair () Poor ()
THEME:
STYLE:
DATE BUILT: late 19th c.

COUNTY: CARROLL
TOWN: Westminster Vic.
LOCATION: 450 Ridge Road
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: residence
OWNER: Samuel W. Channell
ADDRESS: 450 Ridge Road Westminster Md 21157
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes () No (X) Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
Structural System
1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
A. Wood: Log () Post and Beam (X) Balloon ()
B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard () German Siding () Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal ()
Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle (X) Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:
Appendages: Porches () 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: 3 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:

unusual siting location
pointed-arch lintel window frames
shed-roof addition on north facade

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

representative late 19th c. farmhouse

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map:
1877 LG & S Atlas:
Tax Map m. 45 p. 41
Land Record 262/417

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



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



1. CARR-799 450 Ridge Road
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. Northeast elevation, camera facing southwest
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