

D-814  
Max Lindner Farm  
Cambridge vicinity  
c. 1900 and later  
Private

The Max Lindner farm complex, dating from the period between 1900 and 1940, is a very well preserved and complete survival of a domestic and agricultural group of buildings that served a medium sized farm during the early to mid twentieth century. The two-and-a-half story four-square style dwelling was popularized in national literature as a comfortable and informal type house plan suited to mid twentieth century attitudes. The blockish shaped house is finished on three floors above a raised foundation of rusticated concrete blocks that were commonly used in lieu of brick after 1900.

Rusticated concrete blocks, along with cast concrete ball finials, were used as entrance posts marking the driveway. Also popularized during the second quarter of the twentieth century was the gambrel roofed barn, which expanded interior storage and accommodation for livestock and hay compared to the previous generation barn. Another storage facility, the silo, became a pervasive architectural form on Eastern Shore farms during the period, and the Max Linder farm silo, built in 1941, is crafted out of semi-circular glazed brown blocks. The ceramic interior and exterior finish provided a long-lived surface. The farm office has not survived in large numbers on Dorchester County farms, and this small, single-story turn of the twentieth century frame structure has remained relatively untouched since its construction. The slaughter house and adjacent chicken coop retains high degrees of historic integrity with untouched whitewashed interiors.

This early twentieth century farm complex was developed during the ownership of Max Lindner, who purchased several sizable land parcels along the Little Blackwater River and Egypt Road during the late nineteenth century.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-814

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Max Lindner Farm

other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street and number 4653 Egypt Road not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity

county Dorchester

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owner)

name William J. Lindner, Jr.

street and number 4757 Egypt Road telephone

city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 1081 folio 353

city, town Cambridge tax map 52 tax parcel 35 tax ID number 9-201688

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>6</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>6</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			_____

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Max Lindner farm is located at 4653 Egypt Road about five miles south of the city of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The early twentieth century complex includes a two-and-a-half story four-square style frame house resting atop a raised rusticated block foundation and several outbuildings, a single-story, one-room plan frame office, a frame slaughter house, a chicken house/workshop, a gambrel roofed barn and tile silo, concrete block dairy building, and an open and closed fronted garage/wagon shed/workshop. The farm entrance lane is marked by a pair of rusticated concrete block posts topped by cast concrete ball finials.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Max Lindner farm is situated on the east side of Egypt Road backing up to the Little Blackwater River approximately five miles south of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The farm complex dates from the early twentieth century and is anchored in front by a well-preserved two-and-a-half story, four-square style frame dwelling supported on a raised rusticated block foundation. The house is two bays across by two-bays deep with a hip roofed porch that stretches across the front and north sides. The porch roof is supported by tapered posts resting on rusticated concrete block piers. The house is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding, and the medium pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Marking each slope of the roof is a large hip roofed dormer fitted with paired six-over-one sash windows. Behind the house is a courtyard complex framed by domestic and agricultural buildings on each side.

Standing southeast of the house is a single-story, one-room plan frame office resting on brick piers and covered by plain weatherboard siding. The north (main) elevation is a two-bay façade with a four-panel door in the left bay and a two-over-two sash window to its right. The office is covered by a medium pitched corrugated metal roof. An interior end brick stove flue formerly protruded through the west gable end. The west wall as well as the south wall are marked by two-over-two sash windows as is the east gable end. The interior survives with beaded board wainscoting in part along with part of its plastered wall surface. An enclosed staircase provided access to the loft.

Sited next (east) of the office is a single-story frame structure that combines a chicken house and workshop on a poured concrete foundation. The gable roofed frame structure has a double door entrance in the west end and a chicken coop to the east that is lighted by six-over-six sash windows. The exterior is clad with vertical board siding, and the roof is covered with corrugated metal. A shed roofed extension enlarges the building to the south. The east end of the building retains its roost platform, chicken feeders and cubbyholes for laying hens. The exposed, braced frame interior is covered with a coat of whitewash.

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Located directly in front of the chicken house end is a small gable roofed frame structure, the former slaughter house. Built atop a poured concrete foundation with a drain slope centered in the floor, the small frame outbuilding is sheathed with vertical board siding, and it is covered by a low pitched corrugated metal roof. The gable-front structure has a single door opening, whereas the left and right sides are marked by four-pane windows. To the right of the slaughter house is a large cast iron pot used in the rendering process at slaughter time. The interior of the frame slaughter house is sheathed with narrow beaded edge boards along the walls and ceiling. The entire interior is whitewashed. Fixed to the south wall interior is a swing pivot brace from which the animal intended for slaughter was hung.

A large gambrel roofed barn erected around 1930 stands on the east side of the farmyard. The braced frame barn is sheathed with vertical board siding, and the gambrel roof is covered with corrugated metal. The exterior is pierced by a combination of single or double doors, and some of the windows have been replaced. Rising against the north end of the barn is a tile silo dated 1941 by a scratched date in the poured concrete foundation. The silo is made of convex curved brown ceramic tiles stacked in alternating rows. The circular silo is capped by twelve sided corrugated metal roof executed in a rough conical dome shape. A horse weathervane is fixed to the top of the silo roof. Once associated with the barn but now detached is a small gable roofed block dairy building that stands north of the silo with a poured concrete floor surviving from a former single-story cow shed. The name "Max" and the date 1933 is scratched in the concrete floor of the cow shed.

The north side of the farmyard is defined by an open and closed garage/workshop/implement storage building.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

**Specific dates**

**Architect/Builder**

**Construction dates** 1933, 1941

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Max Lindner farm complex, dating from the period between 1900 and 1940, is a relatively complete survival of an domestic and agricultural group of buildings that served a medium sized farm during the early to mid twentieth century. The two-and-a-half story four-square style dwelling was popularized in national literature as a comfortable and informal type house plan suited to mid twentieth century attitudes. The blockish shaped house is finished on three floors above a raised foundation of rusticated concrete blocks that were commonly used in lieu of brick during the early to mid twentieth century. Rusticated concrete blocks topped by ball finials serve as the entrance posts marking the driveway. Also popularized during the second quarter of the twentieth century was the gambrel roofed barn, which expanded in interior storage and accommodation of livestock and hay when compared to the previous generation of barns. Another storage facility, the silo, became a pervasive form on Eastern Shore farms during the period, and the Max Lindner farm silo, built in 1941, was crafted out of semi-circular glazed brown tiles. The ceramic exterior and interior finish provided a long-lasting surface. The farm office has not survived in large numbers on Dorchester County farms, and this small single-story turn of the twentieth century frame structure has remained relatively untouched since its construction. The slaughter house as well retains a high degree of historic integrity with an untouched whitewashed interior.

### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

This early twentieth century farm complex was developed during the ownership of Max Lindner, who purchased several sizable parcels along the Little Blackwater River and Egypt Road during the late 1890s.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, CL 21/638, 20 September 1897, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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Chain-of-title Map 52, Parcel 35

1081/353

Zanna Sharon Lindner Reitz

to

4.16.2012

William J. Lindner, Jr.

Plat PLC 24/10, "land formerly owned by Max Lindner", Parcel No. 3

989/455

William J. Lindner, Sr.

to

7.15.2010

Zanna Sharon Lindner Reitz

3.01 acres

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Dorchester County  
Will Book  
RPS 5/356

Last Will and Testament of Max Lindner

to, three sons

Written  
8.2.1944  
Proved  
1.30.1945

all my real estate consisting of all my farms and all the lands belonging thereto or connected therewith and the farmhouses and farm buildings 2/3 of the principal mortgage indebtedness to Charles E. Paul, 3.15.1921, WHM 10/335

2. all my poultry and fowl unto my daughter-in-law, Naomi Lindner, wife of Arthur M. Lindner

Mortgage  
WHM 10/335

Max Lindner

from

3.15.1921

Charles E. Paul

\$2,500 Lot No. 1 50 acres

part of the George Dixon farm

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CL 21/638

Elizabeth S. Barber and Henry Barber

to

9.20.1897

Max Lindner

Lot No. 2

All that farm, tract or parcel of land situated in the District, County and State aforesaid, on the eastward side of the said Egypt Road, containing 100 acres of land, more or less, being the same farm and premises

upon

which the said Max Lindner and wife now reside... containing 100

acres

CL 18/61

W. Irving Mace, Assignee of Mortgage

to

1.26.1894

Max Lindner

Lot No. 1 part of the George Dixon Farm 50 acres

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 3 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 150 + acres  
Quadrangle name Blackwater River, Quadrangle Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	9.11.2012
street & number	Cedar Hill, P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600





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MAP LINCOLN BASIN

CAMBRIDGE VIL., WORCESTER Co. MD

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

8/2012, PAUL B. TOUAT, PITTSU.

NEG./DUP. HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAY LINDEN FARM

CAMPBELL VIC, DORCHESTER CO. MD.

WEST ELEVATION

9/2012, PAUL TOURANT, PHOTOGRAPHER  
N.E. / W.D. HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAP LINCOLN PARK  
CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER Co. MA.

BARN-WEST ELEVATION

8/2012, PAUL B. TONANT, PHOTOGR.  
NEG. / IMP. HISTORICAL TRANS.

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MAY LINNEN KAREN

CAMBRIDGE VIC, DORCHESTER Co. MD.

BARNY ANN - WEST ELEV.

8/2012, PAUL B. TOWANT PHOTO.

NEH/MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAY LINNEN PASHA  
CAMBRIDGE VIC.,

DORCHESTER C., MD.

SILO - EAST ELEVATION

8/2012, PAUL B. TOUANT,

PITUITARY ADENOMA

NEO. / MD. HIST. TRUST

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May Linden Mason  
CARRIAGE VIC, DOXCHESTER  
CO. MD.

ENTRANCE POST

8/2012, Pam B. Townsend  
NEG. / INT. (H ST) TRUSS

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MAY LINDNER KAM

CAMBRIDGE VIC, DOXCHESTER W. MD

OFFICE-NORTHEAST ELEV.

8/2012, PAUL B. TRUANT, PITTS.

W. H. / M. P. 1757. TRUANT

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MAP LINDNER FARM

CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER CO. MD.

BARNYARD-NORTH ELEVATION

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MAY LINCOLN KASW

CAMBRIDGE VIC. DORCHESTER Co. N.H.

INTERIOR OF CHICKEN HOUSE

8/2012, PAUL B. TOWANT PHOTOS

W.F. J.M.A. HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAY LINDNER FARM

CAMBRIDGE UK., DORCHESTER G. AND.

NE ELEVATION OF SLAUGHTER HOUSE

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WEG. IND. HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAY LINOWEE Farm

CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER CO., MA

NORTH END. IN SLAUGHTER HOUSE

8/2012, Paul B. Touant, PITVT.

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MAX LINNANEN FARM

CAMBRIDGE VIC. DORCHESTER CO. MA.

SW ELEVATION OF SLAUGHTER HOUSE

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W. J. M. P. HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAY LINDEN KACH

CAMBRIDGE VIC.,

PORCHESTER CO., MD.

INTERIOR OF SLAUGHTER HOUSE

8/2012, PAUL B. TONNETT

WED. / WED. 16th ST. TRUST

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