

D-815  
Singer-Lindner Farm  
Cambridge vicinity  
c. 1890 and later  
Private

The Singer-Lindner farm is architecturally distinctive for the survival of a group of outbuildings dating from the early twentieth century, which includes a rare winehouse and a rusticated concrete block slaughter house, each of which was built with a datestone. The winehouse, built of poured concrete, brick and frame materials, was erected in 1900 for John G. Singer. Designed and erected with a subterranean wine storage cellar, the frame super structure was used for processing grapes and miscellaneous storage. Fixed in the southwest corner of the building is a marble datestone inscribed with the capital letter "S" and the date 1900. The Singer winehouse is the only structure of its type known to stand in Dorchester County.

Standing across from the winehouse in the backyard of the farmhouse is a distinctive pyramidal roofed, rusticated concrete block slaughter house topped by a vented cupola that repeats the pyramidal roof. Fixed in the northeast corner of its foundation is a concrete date block with embossed numerals of "1918." These two outbuildings are joined with several other contemporaneous concrete block and frame farm buildings.

The farm complex was developed during the first quarter of the twentieth century by John G. Singer, who purchased part of the Dixon farm in September 1900. Originating from Baltimore, John G. Singer relocated to Dorchester County and decided to cultivate grapes on the farm, immediately setting to work with the construction of the poured concrete, brick and frame winehouse to process and store the fruits of his labor.

Evidently prized by him, he ordered the marble datestone to document the building's construction.

John G. Singer, however, died in 1917, and the farm was afterwards jointly owned for the next several decades by his sons, Julius C. and Carl J. Singer. The distinctive pyramidal roofed slaughter house was erected the year after their formal ownership of the farm had been recorded. And the slaughter house was regarded well enough to chronicle its construction by a date block with its embossed numerals "1918." While not dated, a concrete block dairy building is unusual as well with its poured concrete roof and cast concrete ball finial.

The Singer family held title to the Little Blackwater River farm until 1954 when it was acquired by William J. and Sybil W. Lindner. The property remains in Lindner family hands to this day.

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

historic

other Singer-Lindner Farm

## 2. Location

street and number 4757 Egypt Road not for publication

city, town Cambridge vicinity

county Dorchester

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

name Sybil Wanda Akers Lindner

street and number 4729 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 811 folio 15

city, town Cambridge tax map 52 tax parcel 8 tax ID number 9-197699

## 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	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	8	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	8	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	_____	

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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 Singer-Lindner farm is located at 4757 Egypt Road south of Cambridge bordering the Little Blackwater River south of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The farm complex dates primarily from the early twentieth century and consists of a two-story, two-part frame house, a frame wine house (dated 1900), a rusticated concrete block slaughter house (dated 1918), a concrete block outbuilding (undated), a concrete block dairy building, a concrete and frame chicken house, and a frame barn. The two-story, three-bay frame house is located nearest Egypt Road while the outbuildings stand in the immediate yard behind the house or along either side of a central driveway that terminates at the barn.

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The complex on the Singer-Lindner farm south of Cambridge primarily dates to the first decades of the twentieth century and includes a two-story, tee-shaped frame farmhouse, a dated winehouse, a dated slaughter house, a dairy, chicken house, pumphouse/workshop, garage and barn. The farm is located at 4757 Egypt Road, south of Cambridge in Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame farmhouse faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

The farmhouse is a two-part frame structure erected during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The tee-shaped structure is comprised of a low two-story, three-bay main block that extends to the back (east) with a taller two-story, three-bay addition. The house rests on a low poured concrete foundation, and the exterior is covered with aluminum siding. The gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Most of the windows and doors are late twentieth century replacements.

Standing directly behind the house and connected to it by a flat roofed colonnade on a concrete floor is a single-story rusticated concrete block workshop/pumphouse dating to the early twentieth century. The rectangular block structure is covered by a steeply pitched corrugated metal roof. Six-pane windows light the interior spaces, and narrow board doors in the gable end provide access to the various spaces.

Located directly adjacent to the workshop/pumphouse is a single-story rusticated concrete block slaughter house distinctive for its pyramidal roof that rises to a slightly elevated pyramidal roofed vent. The squarish concrete block structure was built in 1918, which is documented by a concrete block datestone with embossed numerals. The datestone is located to the left (east) of the center board door. Six-over-six sash windows are located on each of the other three sides. The pyramidal roofs of the slaughter house as well as the vented cupola are covered with corrugated metal. The interior of the slaughter house has a sloped concrete floor that drains to a exit hole in the rear wall. A plastered ceiling

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has been removed, but whitewash remains on the walls. A drop down ladder is incorporated between the ceiling joists.

Sited to the northeast of the two blocks outbuildings is the oldest dated structure in the complex, a dated (1900) winehouse. The single-story, gable roofed, rectangular frame structure has a marble datestone in its southwest corner inscribed with the date and the capital letter S for Singer. The foundation wall, which descends below grade several feet was created in poured concrete while that above grade is laid in stretcher bond brick. The west gable end of the winehouse is defined by a shorter gable roofed entrance that incorporates a staircase that descends to the cellar level. The cellar space is fronted by a double door opening retains heavy board doors featuring a large iron handle on one leaf and a heavy iron hasp on the other. The exterior of the structure is clad in vertical board-and-batten siding, and the gable roofs are covered with corrugated metal. The upper portion of the structure is accessed by means of a small set of steps on the west end.

On the other side of the driveway stands a small concrete block dairy building unusual for its poured concrete flat roof and cast concrete ball finial that rests atop the roof. In contrast to the rusticated block of the other two outbuildings, the blocks in the dairy have a beveled edge. The small square structure has a board door in its north side and six-over-six sash windows on each lateral side. Another window opening on the back of the building has been boarded up.

Next to the dairy building is a small asymmetrical gable roofed chicken house built of concrete block as well. Located between the dairy and chicken house and the two block outbuildings in the backyard of the dwelling is a large metal garage fronted by a porte cochere of square brick columns. The columns flank relocated early twentieth century gas pumps collected by the owner. Standing in the back of the farm complex is a single story frame barn and implement storage building.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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

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

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### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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John G. Singer, however, died intestate in 1917, and farm was afterwards jointly tenanted for the next several decades by his sons, Julius C. and Carl J. Singer. The distinctive pyramidal roofed slaughter house was erected the year after their formal ownership of the farm had been recorded.<sup>2</sup> And it was regarded well enough to chronicle its construction with a date block with the embossed numerals,

<sup>1</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, CL 24/703, 29 September 1900, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

<sup>2</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, WHM 10/64, 23 January 1917, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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<sup>3</sup> Dorchester County Land Record, 90/143, 2 September 1954, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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Cambridge vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 52, Parcel 8

811/15 William J. Lindner and Sybil Wanda Akers Lindner

to

3.21.2007 William J. Lindner, Jr.

Plat Cabinet 46/43 12.26.200 137 acres

469/180 William J. Lindner and Sybil Wanda Akers Lindner

to

5.22.2001 William J. Lindner and Sybil W. Lindner

90/143 Carl J. Singer, et al.

to

9.2.1954 William J. Lindner and Sybil W. Lindner

First: W. Irving Mace, Assigee to Carl J. Singer and Julius Singer, 3.8.1921,  
WHM 10/366, 12 acres

Second: Conveyed to John G. Singer from George W. Dixon and Hattie Dixon,  
CL 24/703, 9.29.1900

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The said John G. Singer died intestate seized and possessed of the said "Second" parcel of land leading as his only heirs at law, Julius C. Singer, Carl J. Singer, August E. Singer, Max Singer, Clara Singer (Schmidt), Emilie Lichtl and Minnie Singer Twilley, and they the said heirs at law, together with Theresa E. Singer, wife of August E. Singer, John Lichtl, husband of Emilie E. Lichtl, and Raymond S. Twilley, husband of Minnie Singer Twilley, executed a deed dated January 23, 1917, conveying the interest and estate of each of the said heirs unto Julius E. Singer and Carl J. Singer, as tenants in common, each having a one-half undivided interest, recorded among the land records in WHM 10/64.

CL 24/703

George W. Dixon and wife Hattie Dixon

to

9.29.1900

John G. Singer

\$650 part of the Dixon farm

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.  
Interview with Sybil Wanda Akers Lindner, 9.11.2012.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 10 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 183 acres  
Quadrangle name Blackwater River, MD Quad 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

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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.

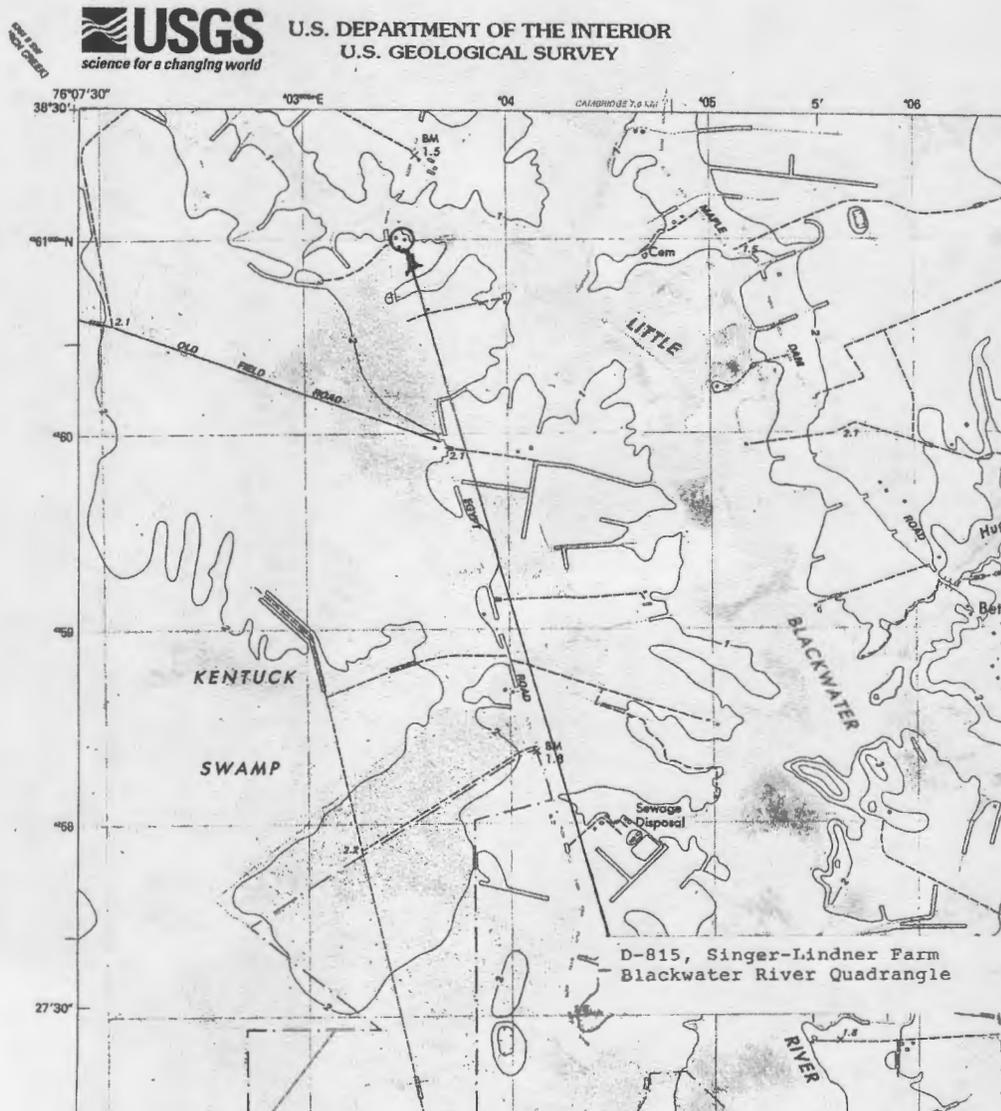
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CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER CO. MASS.  
NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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SINGER-LINDNER FARM

CAMBRIDGE VIC, DORSETSHIRE CO, MD.  
EAST ELEVATION

9/2012, Paul B. Tourant, photo.  
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CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER Co., MD.

OUTBUILDING - NORTHEAST ELEVATION

9/2012, Pam Toussaint, PITTSBURGH

WER. / MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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SINGER-LINDNER FARM

CAMBRIDGE VII. DORCHESTER C. MS.

SLAUGHTER HOUSE - NE ELEVATION

9/2012, PAUL TONAC, PHOTOGRAPHER

WER/M12 HISTORICAL TRUST

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SINGER - LINCOLN ROOM  
CAMBRIDGE UK, DIRECTOR G. AND  
INTERIOR OF PLANNED HOUSE

9/2012, PAUL TOWART, PHOTOGRAPHER  
W&A HISTORICAL TRUST

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SINGER - LINCOLN KERN

CAMBRIDGE VIC, DOCKHURSTON C, MD.

1918 DUTESTONE - SLAUGHTER HOUSE

9/2012, PAUL TOUART, PHOTO.

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SINGER - LINDNER Farm

CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER Co., MD.

OUTBUILDINGS - SLAUGHTER HOUSE ON  
LEFT - NORTH ELEVATION

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SINGER - LINDBERGH FARM  
CAMBRIDGE VIC, DORCHESTER CO. MD.

WINE HOUSE - SOUTHWEST COR.

9/2012, PAUL THOMAS, PHOTO.

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SINGER-LINDNER FARM

CAMBRIDGE VIC., DORCHESTER Co. MS.

WINE HOUSE - EAST ELEV.

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WEL / MS HIST. TRUST

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SINGER-LINDNER PAUL  
CAMBRIDGE VII, DORCHESTER Co. MA

MARBLE DATESTONE - 1900

9/2002, PAUL B. TONANT, PHOTO.

NEG./MA HIST. TRUST

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SINGLETON-BINDNER FARM  
CAMBRIDGE VII, DISTRICT OF  
WINE HOUSE - WEST ELEV. CO. MD.

9/2012, Pam Turner, ATTY.  
W.D. / MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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Singer-Linwood House

CAMBRIDGE VIC. DOCKETSDEAN CO. MD.

MILKHOUSE - NORTHWEST ELEV.

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NEH, /MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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