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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC R. J. Snouffer Farm

AND/OR COMMON  
William Ewing, Jr., Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
West side New Design Road at Oland Road

CITY, TOWN Adamstown X VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Frederick

**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 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code  
VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

F-1-166

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The R. J. Snouffer Farm is located on the west side of New Design Road, at the intersection of Oland Road, in an agricultural area south of Adamstown. The farm contains a large brick house and a number of barns and outbuildings. The complex is approached via a long tree-lined driveway from New Design Road and is surrounded by many large trees.

The large brick house is composed of a 2½ story, 5-bay wide, gable roofed main block with a lower 2½ story, 3-bay wide, gable roofed wing on the north end. The main block is set on a high foundation, and its roof is steeply pitched, giving it additional height. There are double chimneys in each gable end wall. The principal (east) facade is Flemish bond and the sides and rear are common bond.

The principal facade contains a fine central doorway with a round-arched fanlight and sidelights. The doorway is reached by an unusual brick stairway supported by a graceful brick arch. All windows are 6/6 double hung sash and have jack arches. Three dormer windows are located on the east side of the roof. On the west elevation, a stair hall window is located between floors. The interior of the house was not seen on this field visit. The outbuildings located to the west and north include a large bank barn to the north of the house.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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		
400-1499	<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/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The R. J. Snouffer Farm is important architecturally for its unusually early and large brick house which may date from the first quarter of the 19th century. The late Georgian/Federal Style house is extremely refined in its design, proportions, and detailing, especially in view of its location in rural southern Frederick County. The house is in good condition and exterior alterations appear confined to the north end of the wing.

Although the house is not one of the large "Plantations and Farms" shown on Varle's 1808 map of Frederick and Washington Counties, its design suggests a possible early 19th century (or earlier) date. It is shown on the 1862 Bond atlas of Frederick County as the property of R. J. Snouffer, and labelled "Carrollton". The 1873 atlas listing of "Principal Professional and Business Men and Producers" in the county lists B. J. Snouffer and gives his date of settlement as 1814. The Snouffers were among the earliest settlers in the area (Scharf, Vol. I, p. 567) and owned many farms here.

This property is of state or national significance and would likely be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Bond, Isaac, Map of Frederick County, Maryland, 1862.  
 Lake, D.J., Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, 1873.  
 Scharf, J. Thomas, History of Western Maryland, Baltimore, 1968.  
 Varle, Charles, A Map of Frederick and Washington Counties, 1808.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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