

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Derr Farm Inventory Number: F-3-245
 Address: 6028 Jefferson Pike (MD 180) Historic district: yes no
 City: Frederick Zip Code: 21703 County: Frederick
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Frederick
 Property Owner: S.A. Nathan Farms #1, LLC and P.R. Nathan Farms #1, LLC Tax Account ID Number: 1123440172
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 89 Tax Map Number: 76
 Project: MD 180 MD 351 Agency: MD State Highway Administration
 Agency Prepared By: MD State Highway Administration
 Preparer's Name: Rebecca Crew Date Prepared: 10/10/2008
 Documentation is presented in: William, T.J.C. and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, Maryland, Vols. 1 and 2. Regional Publishing Company, Baltimore, Md., 1910
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
 Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes no Listed: yes no
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Description

The Derr Farm consists of 115.30 acres on the north side of Jefferson Pike, two miles southwest of Frederick. The farm is mostly open, cultivated fields, with a long straight driveway leading to a central complex of dwelling and agricultural buildings. At the east side of the complex is the main dwelling, which is a two-story frame house with Gothic, Italianate, and Queen Anne influences. The outbuildings include a large dairy barn, an open-walled cattle shed, chicken coops, and various sheds and silos. A pond is located to the north of the buildings.

House

The dwelling is a two-story, five-bay frame structure with hipped roof, front-facing cross-gable, and gable-roofed rear ell. The dwelling faces southeast. The hip roof has a narrow ridge line running parallel to the front of the house and two brick chimneys extend from slightly north of the edges of the ridgeline. A third brick chimney is located on the exterior of the rear ell. The house is clad in asbestos siding and the roof is covered in diamond-shaped metal tiles. The windows are two-over-two double-hung sash windows, with the exception of a pointed-arch sash window in the front-facing gable. The windows have no decorative hoods or shutters. A hipped-roof porch supported by turned wood posts and brackets runs across the three central bays of the house. The

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door, located in the central bay, has a two-light transom. The two posts at the east side of the porch are no longer present. A spindlework frieze extends from the ceiling of the porch; finials hang in the middle of each section of the frieze. The section of frieze between the missing posts is missing. The western-most bay of the main façade is occupied by a two-story recessed porch that runs along the west side of the house from the front to the rear ell. The three-bay-long porch is supported by plain, square wood posts. A section of round spindle railing remains on the south end of the second story; the top and bottom rails remain intact in the central bay of the second story. Each floor has a door in the middle bay and windows in each side bay. The first floor side door has a transom. Along the west side of the rear ell, the ghost markings of a stair run to the north end of the porch. The west side of the rear ell has one window on each the first and second floor. The east side of the house has only one window on each the first and second stories.

Outbuildings

Immediately to the north of the dwelling are three small structures. A short brick silo with stone foundation, wood door, and corrugated metal conical roof is to the south of a gable-roofed concrete-masonry shed with corrugated metal roof. The shed windows are covered by shutters. To the east of this shed, directly north of the rear ell of the dwelling, is a gable-roofed shed. The walls are clad in vertical wood siding and other fabrics; the west wall has a six-over-six double-hung sash window, and the south wall has a window and plank door.

A gable-roofed frame is located on the north side of the farm complex. It has a front facing gable, vertical wood siding, standing-seam metal roof, and three vehicle bays. The western bay is open-walled. South of the gable-roofed barn is a long narrow structure with gable roof. The west end of the structure has exposed wood rafters. Sheet-metal remnants cover the east end of the roof. The roof covers a loading chute located above a row of small compartments for poultry.

The building with the largest footprint is a gable-roofed, open-walled cattle shed, west of the dwelling and coop, and east of the dairy barn. The roof, covered in corrugated metal, has exposed rafter feet. The floor of the shed is set below grade. The northwest corner of the cattle shed is enclosed by random-rubble stone. A dry-stacked stone wall extends from the north wall of the shed towards the north. A tile silo with flat roof is located at the north of the cattle shed.

At the far west end of the farm complex is a gambrel-roofed dairy barn. The first story is composed of concrete masonry unit (CMU) construction; the upper level is clad with weatherboard, and the roof is covered in standing seam metal siding. A gable-roofed CMU-constructed addition is located to the east side of the barn, connected to the main structure by a gable-roofed hyphen. A smaller gable-roofed addition extends to the north side of the main structure, and a concrete stave silo is located to the west of this addition. The barn windows are fixed metal.

History

In 1848, David Derr, son of John Derr, bought a 145-acre farm from George Smith located on the Frederick and Jefferson Turnpike, two miles southwest of Frederick. According to Williams and McKinsey, Derr farmed here until 1875 in which he retired. Mr. Derr then erected a two-story frame house on what was known as the old toll-gate property on the Frederick and Jefferson turnpike. David Derr married Sarah A. Smith and issued nine children, five of whom reached maturity. Their eldest son, Charles Edward Derr (b. 1850), took over the 145-acre farm at age 25 (in 1875), and purchased it from the estate following the death of his father (in 1884). C. Edward Derr increased the value of the farm by building "a fine two-story frame house", a bank barn and other outbuildings (Williams and McKinsey 1153-54). C. Edward Derr died in 1912, and his wife Annie M. (Zimmerman) died in 1923. Following her death, David E. Derr (son of C. Edward and Annie) purchased the farm (then 120 acres) from his siblings and their spouses: Willis E. and Sarah M. Derr; Ella M. and John Hargett, Charles M. and M. Hannah Derr,

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Harry S. Derr, Anna L. Derr, Susan S. Derr and Lena J. Derr. Upon the death of David E. Derr, the property passed to his widow Nellie S. Derr, and upon her death, the property passed to her daughter Catherine Kutchner. Kutchner sold the property to Ray Sparrow in 1958 (L566/ f47). In 1966, the property was surveyed by J.D. Mause, Jr. and acquired by Toomey, Beatty & LaSpada (L745/ f714). The heirs of Toomey, Beatty, and LaSpada conveyed the property to the current owner, Swami Nathan, in 1985 (L1292/ f679).

Significance statement

The Derr Farm has integrity of location; the construction of Interstate 70 in the 1960s required some right-of-way acquisition from the property, so the acreage size is somewhat smaller than during the period of Derr family ownership. The Derr Farm retains its overall design of the house; the circulation patterns through the farm appear to be retained from its historic era. The Derr Farm retains much of its original size and open setting, with the complex clustered at the end of a private farm lane. Because Interstate 70 is located along the north side of the property, at a great distance from the farm building complex, it has not affected the setting. The Derr Farm retains moderate integrity of materials; the asbestos siding is not original and somewhat diminishes the integrity; the agricultural buildings are composed of a variety of fabrics, reflecting the continued use of the farm.

The integrity of workmanship of the Derr Farm dwelling has been diminished by the deterioration of the porches, doors, and other features. The barns, in continued use, do not exhibit particularly high levels of workmanship. The cattle shed, most-likely built on the former location of a bank barn built by C. Edward Derr, has some stone masonry, but it probably a small portion of the original foundation.

The Derr Farm has the feeling of continued agricultural production and the house has the feeling that it was once a fine house, as described by Williams and McKinsey.

Research has not found the Derr Farm to be associated with events that have made significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; thus it is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A.

The Derr Farm is not associated with the lives of persons significant in our past that would qualify it as eligible for the National Register under Criterion B. Research has not found the property to be representative of the significant contributions and accomplishments of specific individuals that have played a significant role within a defined area of American history.

The dwelling exhibits elements of Gothic, Italianate, and Queen Anne styles, it is neither exceptionally distinctive nor does it represent the work of a master. Character-defining features such as porch posts and spindlework frieze are severely deteriorated. Other than the spindlework porch frieze, the house lacks much distinction; other dwellings in the Frederick area are better examples of the Gothic, Italianate, and Queen Anne styles, retaining greater integrity and artistic value. While the Derr Farm is an example of a working farm, the collection of outbuildings does not create a significant narrative to illustrate the broad patterns of significant agricultural development. Therefore, the property is not eligible for the National Register under Criterion C.

The property has not been assessed for the National Register under Criterion D.

Resources

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Frederick County Land Records

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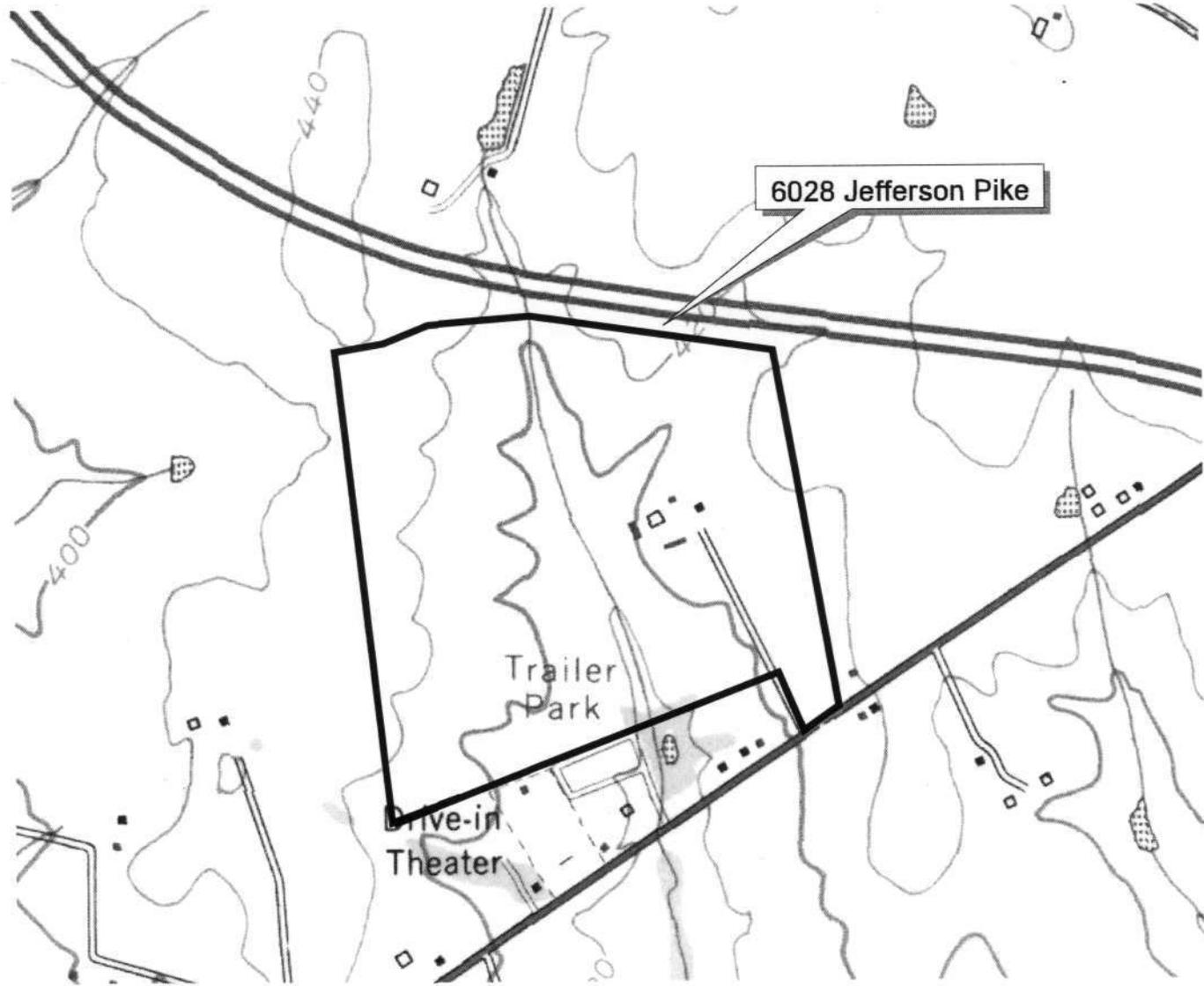
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MD SHPD

NE towards main dwelling

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Deer Farm

Frederick Co., MD

R. Crew

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N towards front of main dwelling

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Leir farm

Frederick Co, MD

R. Crew

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MD SHPO

Facing **NW** towards main dwelling

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MD SHPD

Facing NE towards main dwelling

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Derr Farm

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MD SHPD

E towards main dwelling

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Jen Farm

Frederick Co, MD

R. Crew

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MD SHPO

Shed & Silo

NW of main dwelling

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Derr Farm

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MD SHPO

Shed to N of main dwelling

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Gerr Farm

Frederick Co., MD

R Crew

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MD SHPD

Facing N towards agricultural buildings
NW of main dwelling

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Deer Farm

Fredericks Co, MD

R. Crow

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MD SHPO

Facing NE towards cattle shed

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Deer Farm

Frederick Co, MD

R. crew

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MO SHPO

Facing NE toward gable-roofed barn

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MHP # J-3-245

Our farm.

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R. Crew

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MO STARS

Facing SW towards dairy barn & silo

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MIHP # 7-3-245

Gen Farm

Frederick Co, MD

R Crew

10/10/08

MD SHPO

Facing SE towards rear of cattle shed

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