

F-3-80

Henry W. Lenhart Farmstead
Utica vicinity
Private

1892-1920

The Henry W. Lenhart Farmstead is centered on an 1892 frame dwelling with german siding and a one-story porch, with several frame outbuildings including a summer kitchen, a dairy, and a chicken house, and a frame and stone bank barn dated 1910 on the interior. The house replaced an earlier dwelling and was dated by information from the current owner, Sterling L. Lenhart, recalling a relative born in the house just after its completion. The farmstead is a good representative of the late 19th century farmstead in architecture and building type, although some outbuildings such as a smokehouse have been demolished. The fine stonemasonry of the house and barn foundations is remarkable in the context of the uncoursed rubble foundations in most areas of the County.

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Utica

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes

Agriculture

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen

Domestic/secondary structure/dairy

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/chicken coop

Known Design Source: None

7.1 Description (Continued)

metal shed roof. The window opening in the south elevation is screened and vertical board doors are also located on the same elevation. The chicken house is probably of the period 1900-1910.

Barn: The frame bank barn is built on a stone foundation with the same carefully shaped ashlar brownstone base. The south elevation has a frame enclosure of the stall area. The north elevation ramp is flanked by a low brick cistern, now no longer in use. The upper structure is covered with vertical board siding and the roof is standing seam metal. On the interior, the date 1910 is painted on a granary door to the left of the main sliding doors. The structure and materials of the barn appear to correspond with that date.

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Henry W. Lenhart Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8579 Ramsburg Road not for publicationcity, town Utica vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input checked="" 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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <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 |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Sterling L., Jr., & Doris Lenhart

street & number 8577 Links Bridge Road telephone no.:

city, town Thurmont state and zip code Md. 21788

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1467

street & number 12 E. Church Street folio 301

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-3-80

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| 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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 5

The Henry W. Lenhart Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on an 1892 frame dwelling with two stories and a rear wing and its domestic and agricultural outbuildings, which include a frame summer kitchen, a frame dairy, and a frame chicken house built about the same time as the house or during the last quarter of the 19th century, and a frame and stone bank barn with the date 1910 on an interior door. The farmstead is located on the southeast side of Ramsburg Road just west of the Monocacy River near Utica, Frederick County, Maryland. The dwelling faces northwest and the outbuildings are located south and southwest of the house. The group includes a non-contributing concrete block garage built after 1950. The date of the farmstead is based on information from the owner, Sterling L. Lenhart, Jr., who recalled that a relative, Chester Lenhart, now deceased, was born in the house and that construction had to be hurriedly finished in time for the birth. Chester Lenhart's birthdate, as inscribed on his tombstone in the Utica Church cemetery, is 1892.

The dwelling has a frame structure with german siding on the exterior. The stone foundation, revealed mainly on the rear wing and side elevations, is of finely cut ashlar brownstone, distinctly different from the granite rubblestone foundations in the Middletown Valley and other parts of Frederick County. Three bays with double entrances in the center bay are on the principal elevation, facing northwest. The doors are paneled with glazed upper panels and plain transoms above. The windows are 2/2 with louvred shutters. A one-story porch with turned columns and scroll-sawn brackets extends across the facade. The roof of the house is patterned slate with interior end chimneys and cornice returns on the east and west gable ends. The east elevation has two bays and the west elevation has one bay. The south elevation has a two-story rear wing with an enclosed two-story porch on the southwest side of the wing. The interior was inaccessible for this survey.

Summer kitchen: The one-story frame summer kitchen is located immediately southwest of the rear wing of the house. Built about the same time, it has german siding and a 4-panel door on the north elevation. Two over two windows are located in each elevation except the west, where originally an exterior stone and brick chimney was located. The chimney was removed due to deterioration. The roof is slate with cornice returns on the gable ends.

Dairy: The frame dairy is located west of the summer kitchen near the farm lane which turns southwestward toward the barn from the vicinity of the house. The dairy was built to cool milk cans in an interior trough. It has one story and a concrete foundation. The exterior is covered with tongue-and-groove siding and the roof is corrugated metal. A tongue-and-groove door is located in the south elevation and a 2/2 window is located in the west elevation. The dairy may have been built during the period 1900-1910, based on its materials and location in the group.

Chicken house: The frame chicken house is located on the north side of the farm lane just west of the dairy. It has deteriorated vertical siding and a corrugate

8. Significance

Survey No. F-3-80

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific dates 1892-1920 **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.

The Henry W. Lenhart Farmstead is a good example of the late 19th century farmstead in terms of its architecture and the building types which survive. According to the current owner, Mr. Sterling Lenhart, several outbuildings including a smokehouse and the original house on the farm have been demolished. The dwelling's frame structure and details are typical of its period and have been little altered on the exterior. The stones of the foundation of the house and the barn are finely shaped and closely laid with little mortar, the signs of a skilled stonemason, as yet unidentified. The house was built in 1892 to replace the earlier log dwelling near the present site of the house. The farm was purchased by Henry Lenhart in two deeds in 1865 and 1877. It has remained in the Lenhart family to the present.

The Lenhart Farmstead is rather more recent in date than most of the existing farmsteads in the Lewistown and Utica area. Most farms have buildings dating from about 1820-1850, usually the dwelling and/or the barn, with outbuildings sometimes contemporary, but usually covering the last half of the 19th century and alterations to both the house and the barn also occurring in the first half of the 20th century. Separate dairy barns and milk houses are also frequent additions to the typical farmstead. The Lenhart Farmstead remains mostly as built in the last quarter of the 19th century and the first decade or two of the 20th century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-3-80

Land Records of Frederick County
Lenhart, Mr. Sterling L., Jr., personal interview, Sept. 8, 1992

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 3 acres

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 3 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 41, Parcel 37.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

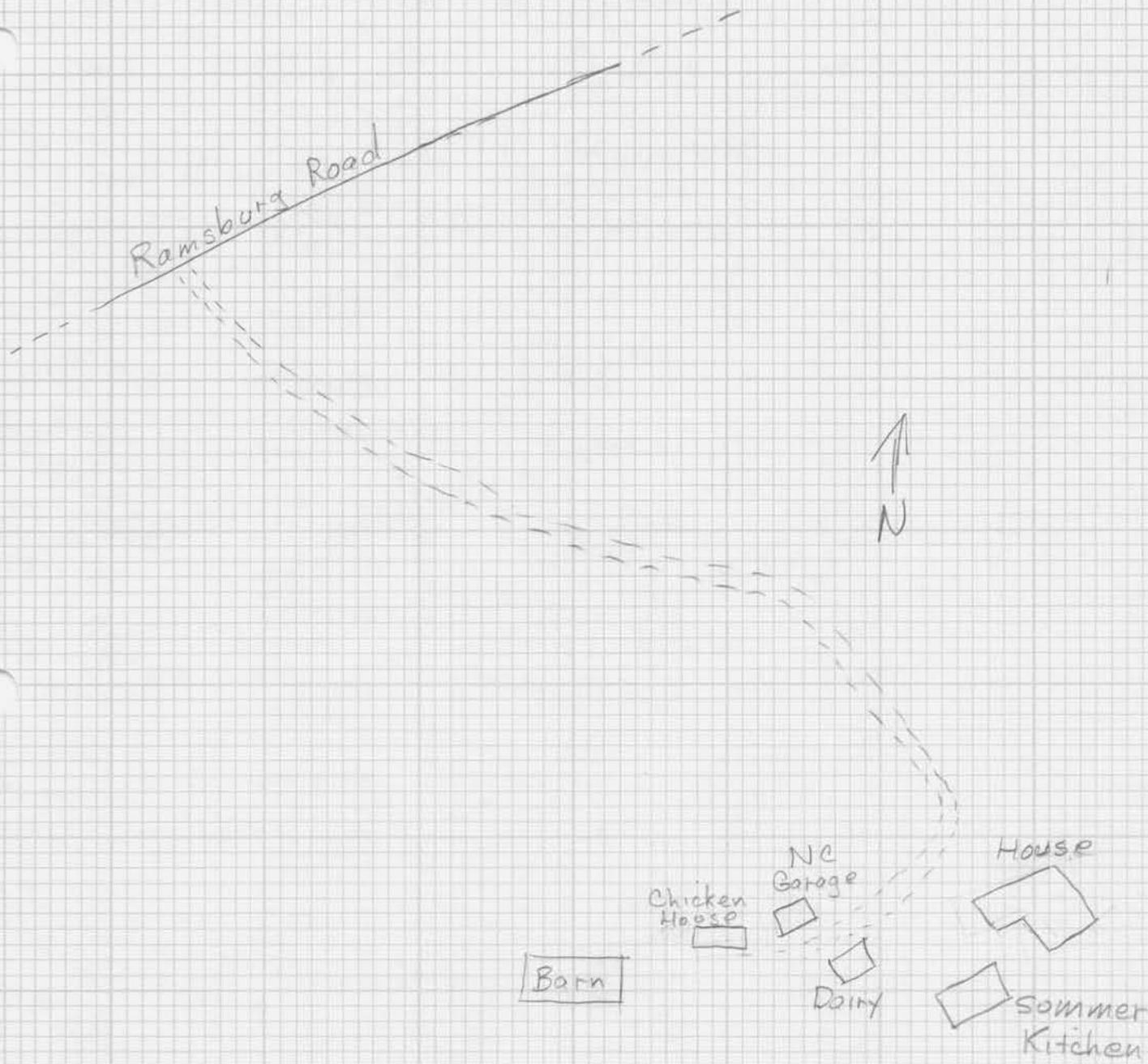
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| 8579 LIBER/F 0 | Ramsburg Rd. GRANTEE | GRANTOR | ORIGINAL TRACTS | COST | DATE |
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| 1467/301 15 Jan 88 | Sterling L. Jr. & Dora S. Lenhart | Sterling L. Lenhart, Jr., Harold Levi Lenhart, Evalene F. Lenhart | P. 1 "Loss & Gain" = 18 1/4 a. "Brookfield" = 2 a. P. 2 "Loss Gained" (in) = 15 a. | JWLC 2/280, 13 Jan 1865 TG 7/419, 9 Apr 1877 | |
| 1467/299 11 Jan 88 | Sterling L. Lenhart, Jr., et al | Evalene F. Lenhart Pers. Rep. of estate of Belva F. Lenhart | | | |
| 454/16:0 6 Apr 46 | Sterling L. Lenhart Sr. & Belva F. Lenhart, wife | Luther D. Lenhart widower | | | |
| ST 4267/593 11 Mar 05 | Luther D. Lenhart | Wm. H. Lenhart & Jessie M. Lenhart et al, heirs at law of Henry M. Lenhart, dec. | 36 acres | \$2100 | |
| TG 7/419 9 Apr 1877 | Henry M. Lenhart | Thomas E. R. Miller & wife | "Loss Gained" 15 a. | \$300 | |
| JWLC 2/280 13 Jan 1865 | Henry M. Lenhart | Daniel S. & A. Elizabeth Barkman | "Loss & Gain" = 20 a. "Brookfield" = 2 a. | \$800 | |
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Frederick County
Janet Davis
September 8, 1992
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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

North elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

South elevation and summer kitchen

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Dairy, south elevation

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Born, north elevation

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