

Memo to file

February 27, 2015

From: Casey Pecoraro  
Inventory Registrar

Re: F-5-145  
6111 Boyers Mill Road

The property documented in the following DOE form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments and opinions in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Office has neither concurred nor disagreed with the recommendations presented in the form.

No photographs or map were submitted with the form.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: 6111 Boyers Mill Road Inventory Number: F-5-145  
 Address: 6111 Boyers Mill Road Historic district:  yes  no  
 City: New Market Zip Code: 21774 County: Frederick  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Walkersville  
 Property Owner: William T. & Lillian C. Blentlinger, LLC Tax Account ID Number: 09223584  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 3 Tax Map Number: 79  
 Project: Boyers Mill Road Improvement Agency: Frederick County Div. of Public Works  
 Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed & Associates, Inc.  
 Preparer's Name: Heidi Campbell-Shoaf Date Prepared: 11/21/2005  
 Documentation is presented in: Frederick County Land Records  
 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 Listed:  yes  
 Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

This farmstead located on the east side of Boyers Mill Road includes a late 19th century frame house, an early 19th century frame Pennsylvania type bank barn, a frame wagon shed/corn crib and other domestic and agricultural outbuildings from a variety of time periods.

The farm house is three bay frame two story dwelling which sits parallel to the east side of Boyers Mill Road, although back several hundred feet. It is L-shaped and covered with asbestos shingle siding and a standing seam sheet metal roof. A shed-roofed porch extends across the front. It rests on a poured concrete base and is supported by square posts. A short L extension attaches to the north side of the rear elevation, and appears to have been constructed with the rest of the house. Windows have two over two pane sash within plain narrow frames. Hinge pins remain for shutters that are now gone. The front door is located in the central bay and includes a narrow transom. A second entrance is located in the east end wall of the front section, and in the east wall of the L extension as well. A brick chimney is located inside the east gable wall. The house appears to date from the late 19th century. This evaluation is based only on observation of the exterior of the building, but the use of lightweight frame construction, two over two light windows and the overall form and proportion of the house suggest a construction date during the last quarter of the 19th century. However, the barn appears older and the property history suggests earlier habitation.

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_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, National Register Program	_____ Date

Immediately west of the house is a metal equipment shed. To the south are a variety of domestic and agricultural buildings including a frame wagon shed/corn crib, with an attached metal shed on a concrete block foundation, and a frame early 19th century Swisser type barn with extended forebay and a stave silo. The barn rests on stone foundations and has a uneven gable profile with the front or forebay slope of the roof being longer than the back slope. Vertical wood siding covers the barn and the forebay overhang is also enclosed with siding, although this enclosure appears to be an addition. The roofing material for the barn is standing seam sheet metal. The uneven roof profile characteristic of Swisser type barns is generally indicative of early 19th century construction, suggesting that this farmstead was developed in that period and that the current house is probably a replacement dwelling. Adjacent to the east end of the barn is a concrete block gable roofed milk house with an attached frame shed. The milk house probably dates from the 1940s or '50s.

As a farmstead grouping, the complex retains integrity of location setting, materials, design, workmanship, feeling and association. Although the siding on the house is replacement material from the mid 20th century, it is old enough to have some historic merit on its own. The newer buildings, like the concrete block equipment shed reflect the evolving history of agriculture and express 20th century farmstead architecture.

**Property History:**

This farmstead is on land which was called Resurvey on Rich Hills. It was at one time part of the "Rich Hills" property located just to the north at 6300 Boyers Mill Road (F-5-026). Like Rich Hills this property was once owned by members of the Plummer family who purchased it from Eli Elliot in 1832. Unlike the other property, which had been previously owned by Jesse Hughes, this farm, Resurvey of Rich Hills was owned by David Plaine in 1826. In the Plaine deed it refers to Resurvey of Rich Hills as "on the waters of Linganore." Although the deed information rarely mentions buildings, it appears that the land was inhabited in the early 19th century.

**Evaluation:**

The property meets National Register Criterion C for its architectural merits as representing several periods of construction through the 19th century with good examples of regional domestic and agricultural buildings. Although the house appears to be a more recent development than the barn, it does retain basic characteristics of integrity. The asbestos shingle siding probably dates from the 1940s or 1950s, but other elements such as windows, the entrance, porch and roof all contribute to the historical character of the house, reflecting its late 19th century origins. The barn and wagon shed are excellent examples of typical and essential agricultural buildings of mid Maryland and they have changed little over time. Thus the farm is recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as a good example of an extant farmstead, reflecting the appearance of the late 19th century in mid Maryland and the evolving nature of these properties, with replacement of component parts from time to time. Due to extensive residential development in the immediate area, this property survives as one of only a few remaining intact farms. The property does not appear to meet Criteria A or B, as no strong associations with patterns of local history or persons of historical interest have been documented. Criterion D is addressed for Boyers Mill Road separately.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
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