

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Aiken-Miller House				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Aiken-Miller Road, .8 mile east of U.S. Route 219				
CITY OR TOWN: Southeast of Accident				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Garrett		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(Specify)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Benjamin O. Aiken				
STREET AND NUMBER: Aiken-Miller Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Accident		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Garrett County Courthouse 142-387				
STREET AND NUMBER: Third and Alder Streets				
CITY OR TOWN: Oakland		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The Aiken-Miller house sets back several feet on the southerly side of Aiken-Miller Road about .8 mile east of U.S. Route 219 southeast of the Town of Accident in northcentral Garrett County. The ground slopes gently downward in a southerly direction.</p> <p>The house is a two and a half story, frame structure in a style commonly referred to as Italiniate. The building is L-shape and has a gable roof with a cross-gable on the facade (north side), a stone foundation, and two internal, end chimneys constructed of brick. The main portion of the structure has three bays with a center, double-door entrance on the front and two bays. The exterior side walls are covered presently with aluminum siding, but the present owner who had the siding installed says that the original siding is chapboarding. The surfaces of the gables are covered with small wood shingles. The building has a flat, broad cornice under the roof overhang, the eaves, and the returns on the end gables. The roof of the house is covered with slate shingles.</p> <p>The original windows are double-hung wooden sashes with two-over-two sashes. The top of the window in the front gable is round. The windows have a narrow piece of plain trim outlining them. The main entrance has double, wooden doors with lights and a transom. The windows and doors of the principal floors have modern aluminum storm windows and doors.</p> <p>A one story, frame porch, one bay deep, stretches the length of the facade and the west side. The west side of the porch is enclosed with several windows and covered with a modern perma-stone siding. The porch columns and balustrade are ornamented with scroll work.</p> <p>The porch along the facade is divided by the columns into five sections with the center section corresponding to entrance. The porch is reached throught the centerbay by a set of two steps with modern iron railing.</p> <p>The interior has a center hall with the principal rooms arranged around it. The center hall has verticle broad wainscoting and the staircase along the west wall. The boards of the wainscoting and flooring in the hall are of alternating light and dark woods. The interior trim is curvilinear in design, characteristic of the mid-late Victorian period. The major doorways have transoms above. There are no fireplaces in the building. The present owners say that the house was heated originally by stoves.</p> <p>The general condition of the house is good. It also retains most of its original structural and decorative features.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) c.1870-1885

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Aiken-Miller house is significant for its architecture. The two and a half story, frame structure is an example of rural Italinatate architecture as found in Garrett County. The house is typical of the mid-late nineteenth century residences commonly found throughout the county. It also represents the social and material attainment of one family about the time that Garrett County was formed (1872).

The exact date of construction is unknown. Based on the stylistic features, it appears that the house was erected probably in the post 1870 period. Mrs. Benjamin O. Aiken (Hildegarde Miller), the granddaughter of the original owner of the house, says that it was built about 1880.

The house was constructed as the residence for the family of Melchior J. Miller. Miller and his brother operated a distillery in the area for many years. Until construction of this house, the family resided in a log house that stood several feet to the northwest. The log house has since been demolished.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Benjamin O. Aiken (Hildegard Miller),
Accident, Maryland, April 17, 1974.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for W. Md., Inc.	DATE 5/7/74
STREET AND NUMBER: Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn	
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY, MINES, AND WATER RESOURCES
JOSEPH T. SINGEWALD, JR., DIRECTOR

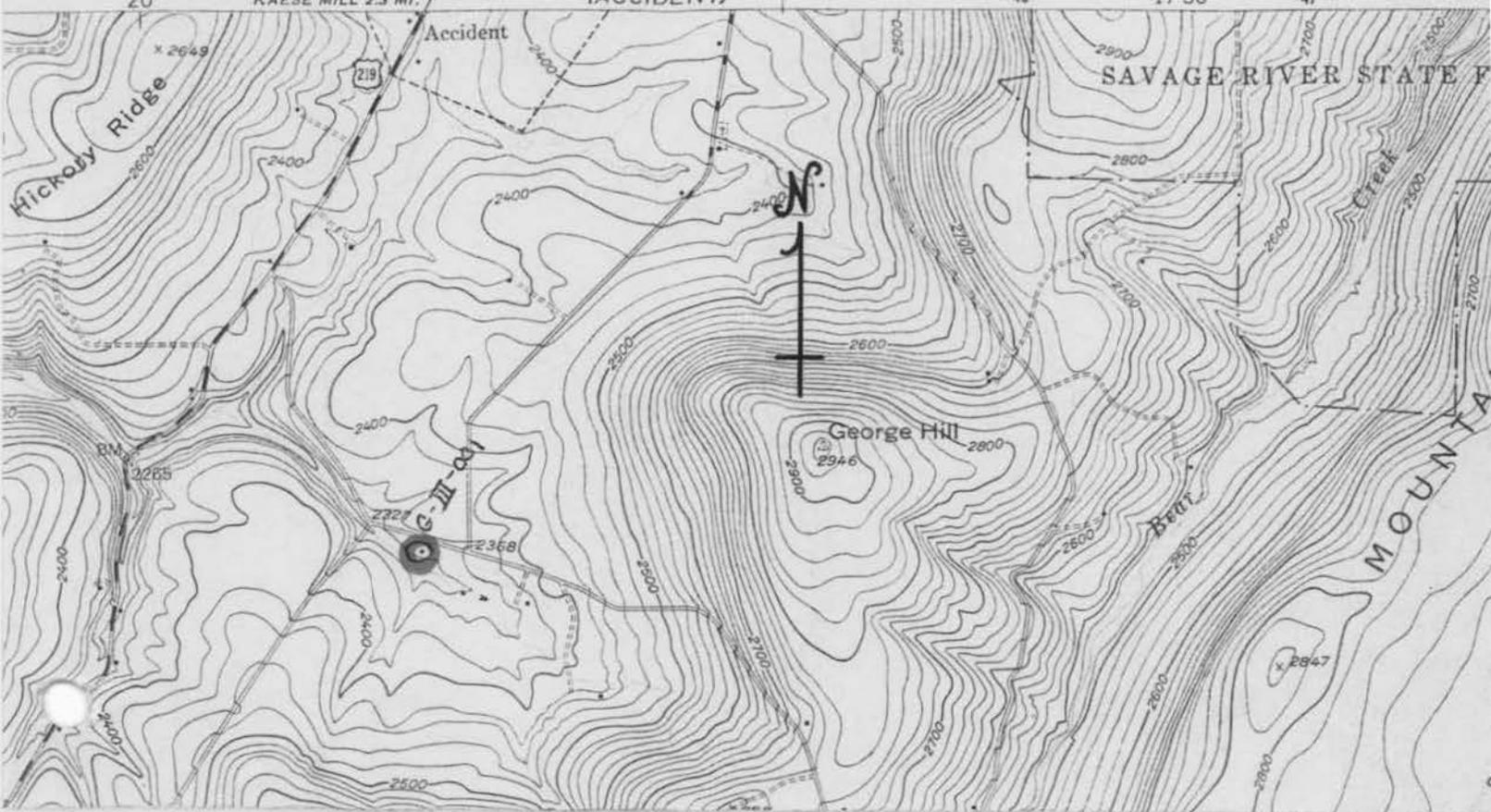
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20' KAESE MILL 2.3 MI.

5163 III NE
(ACCIDENT)

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17'30"

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 • Aiken - Miller Road, .8 mile east of U.S. Rt. 219
 southeast of Accident
 Barrett County, Maryland

McHenry, Md. (USGS)
7.5 minute series
scale 1:24000
1947



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Aiken-Mill Road, 2 m E of U.S. 219
Southeast of Accident

Garrett County, Maryland

NW view

March, 1974