

G-III-B-103

William Miller Houses
Accident
Private

ca. 1865/ca.1906

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

William Miller Houses**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Aiken-Millr Rd., South side, approx. .1 mile E of Brethren Church Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Accident VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT BUILDING(S) STRUCTURE SITE OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC PRIVATE BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

 IN PROCESS BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED UNOCCUPIED WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

 YES: RESTRICTED YES: UNRESTRICTED NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT GOVERNMENT INDUSTRIAL MILITARY MUSEUM PARK PRIVATE RESIDENCE RELIGIOUS SCIENTIFIC TRANSPORTATION OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Carl F. Miller

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

 VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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 William Miller Houses are located South off Aiken-Miller Road, just SE of Brethren Church Road. The site consists of two dwellings and several outbuildings.

The larger of the two houses is a two and a half story square dwelling with a cross gable roof. Its facade points NE. A one-story hipped-roofed porch runs the length of the facade, wraps around the N corner of the house, and runs one-third of the way along the NW elevation. A one-story addition runs the length of the SE elevation and one-story enclosed porch covers the SW elevation.

The house rests on a cut stone foundation and is covered with aluminum siding over German siding. The windows are all one over one sash and all surrounds have been obscured. On the facade, the SE elevation and the NW elevation are windows with narrow upper sashes of stained glass and large square lower sashes of clear glass. The facade door has a leaded, beveled glass transom, as does a door on the SW elevation. On the NW elevation, midway between the first and second floors, is a shallow projection, containing two narrow one over one sash windows and having an asphalt shingle-covered roof with a bell cast. This projection contains the houses's stair half-landing.

The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The house has one interior brick stove chimney, just SW of center. The facade porch is supported by Ionic columns made of wood. The windows in the enclosed porch on the SW elevation are eight-pane casements.

The interior consists of four rooms. The N corner room is the entrance hall. A staircase is accessible from the hall and the kitchen (see floor plan for details). The hall staircase contains a very fine carved balustrade.

The E corner room is given access from the hall by double pocket doors. This room is the parlor. On its SW wall is another set of pocket doors leading to the dining room. Both of these rooms display fine examples of stained glass in the windows. The dining room has a built-in, glass fronted cupboard in its SW wall. All interior doors but the pocket doors have transoms. The second floor is unknown.

The smaller house is a two-story, gable-roofed dwelling with a three-bay, center door facade located about 50 feet SW of the larger house. The facade points NE. A one-story shed-roofed porch covers the facade and a one-story, shed-roofed addition is attached to the S corner of the SW elevation; the addition extends to the NW of the main block.

The house rests on a cut, coursed stone foundation and is covered on three sides with German siding. The SE gable end is covered with asphalt shingle. The house has two over two sash windows with mitred surrounds. The facade door has a single pane of glass in its upper half.

The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The house has two exterior stone chimneys; a brick chimney on the NW gable end and a cinderblock chimney

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<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
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<input checked="" 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		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1865 c. 1906

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The larger of the William Miller Houses is significant architecturally as an example of a late Victorian house type. The exterior has been altered by the application of aluminum siding, but the interior retains its original dark woodwork and such typically Victorian devices as pocket doors and transoms. The arrangement of the staircase is a unique one in Garrett County. The stained glass windows on the first floor are also particularly fine.

The smaller house was built in the 1860's, according to the current owners. In 1892 the property was sold to Melchior Miller, owner of the Melchior Miller Distillery which previously stood close by (See G-III-B-001). Miller sold the property in 1901 to his three sons, John, Charles, and William, and the current owner states that it was William, his father, who built the larger house. It may have been the successful Miller Distillery which provided the money for such a fine house in this country district

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ann Burns, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines1981

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle301-269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

AnnapolisMaryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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William Miller House
(Continued #7 -Description)

on the SE gable end. The facade porch roof is covered with corrugated metal and is supported by square wooden posts. The southeast end of the porch has been enclosed to form a storage room; the balustrade on the remainder is latticed. The interior of this house was not examined.

S of the larger house is a small gable-roofed springhouse, constructed of wood on a stone foundation. The sunken entrance points N.

S of the smaller house is the spring which supplies the site's water and a combination chicken house and hog pen, of frame construction. This outbuilding is currently unused.

N of the larger house, along the drive that leads to the house are the silo and stone foundation of the property's barn, which burned some time ago.

Chain of Title

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William Miller Houses

197/109 From: Barbara Miller, widow
6-25-56 To: Carl F. Miller
Deed Consideration: \$10.00 "good and valuable consideration"

ML #S: 3219, 3221, 3249, 3252, and part of a tract called "Accident" 179.4 acres grantor reserves unto herself, for her lifetime, the use and occupancy of the smaller of the two dwellings on the property

79/46 From: John P. Miller, Christina Miller his wife, and Charles Clara Miller
3-9-1920 To: William and Barbara Miller
Deed Consideration: \$10.00 plus "good and valuable consideration"

260 acres ML#S: 3219, 3220, 3221, 3249, and 3252, and part of tract "Accident"

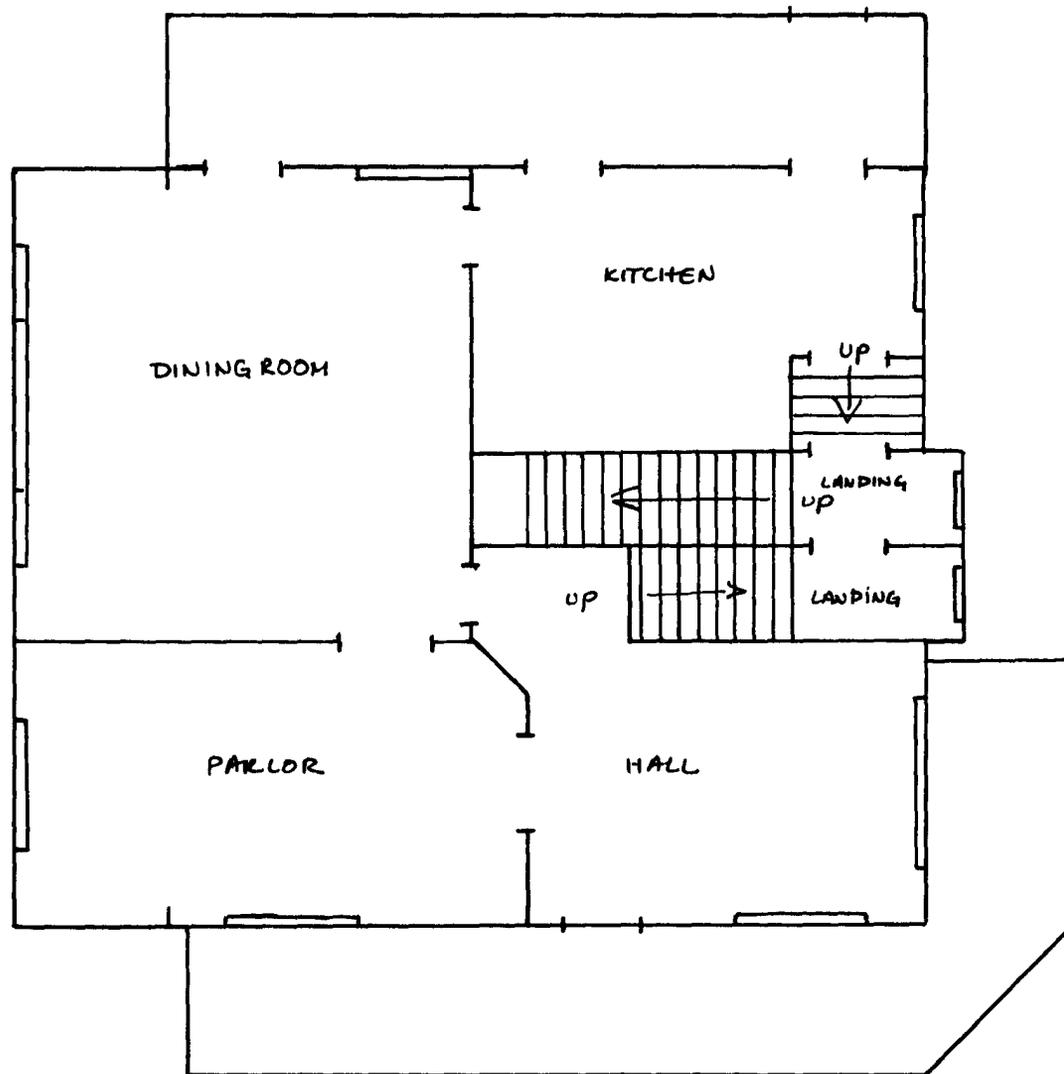
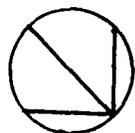
39/383 From: Melchior Miller
4-13-1901 To: John P., Charles, and William Miller
Deed Consideration: \$1460.00

ML #S: 3220, 3221, 3249, 3219, 3252, and part of tract "Accident" 260 acres

19/405 From: Jonas and Sarah Mosser
4-6-1892 To: Melchior and Barbara Miller
Deed Consideration: \$3000.00

ML #S 3220, 3221, 3249, 3219, 3252, and part of tract "Accident" 260 acres

Al. Co.
17/67 From: Jacob and Nancy Beeghley
4-14-1858 To: Jonas and Sarah Mosser



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SKETCH FLOOR PLAN - LARGER HOUSE
1ST FLOOR
NOT TO SCALE

WILLIAM MILLER HOUSES
AIKEN-MILLER RD.
GARRETT CO., MD.

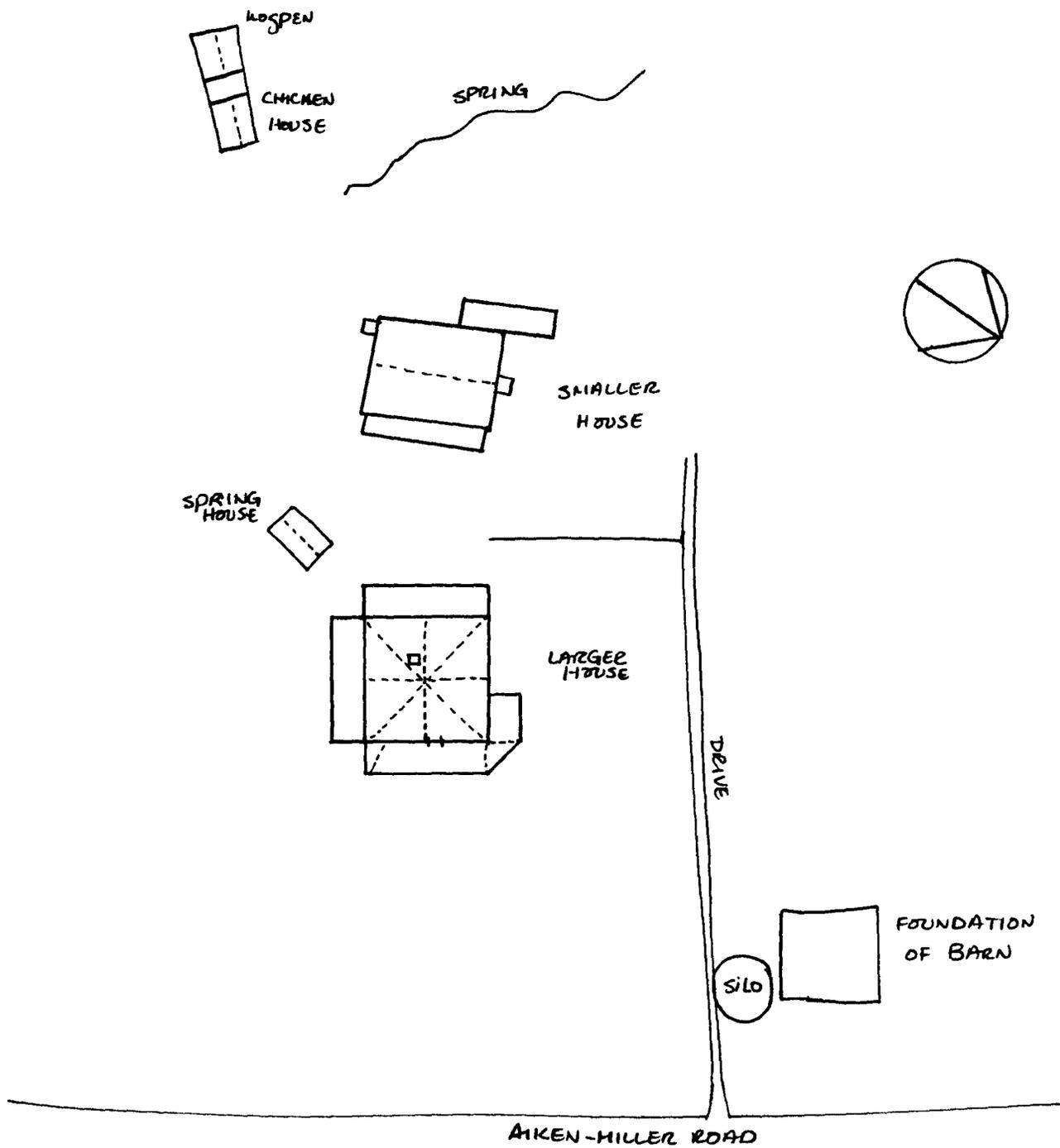
ANN R.F. BURNS
SURVEY DATE 6-26-81
PLAN DRAWN 1-9-82

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SKETCH SITE PLAN
NOT TO SCALE

WILLIAM MILLER HOUSES
AIKEN-MILLER ROAD
GARRETT CO, MD.

ANN R. F. BURNS
SURVEY DATE 6-26-81
PLAN DRAWN 1-9-82



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STATE OF MARYLAND
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

KEYSERS RIDGE (JUNC. U. S. 40) 7.3 MI.
20'
KAESE MILL 2.3 MI.

5163 III NE
(ACCIDENT)

646 17'30" 647



McHenry, MD
USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale - 1:24,000
1947; photorevised 1974

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.1 mile E of Brethren Church Rd.



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Hs. #1: NW elev.



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Hs. #1: NW & SW elevs.



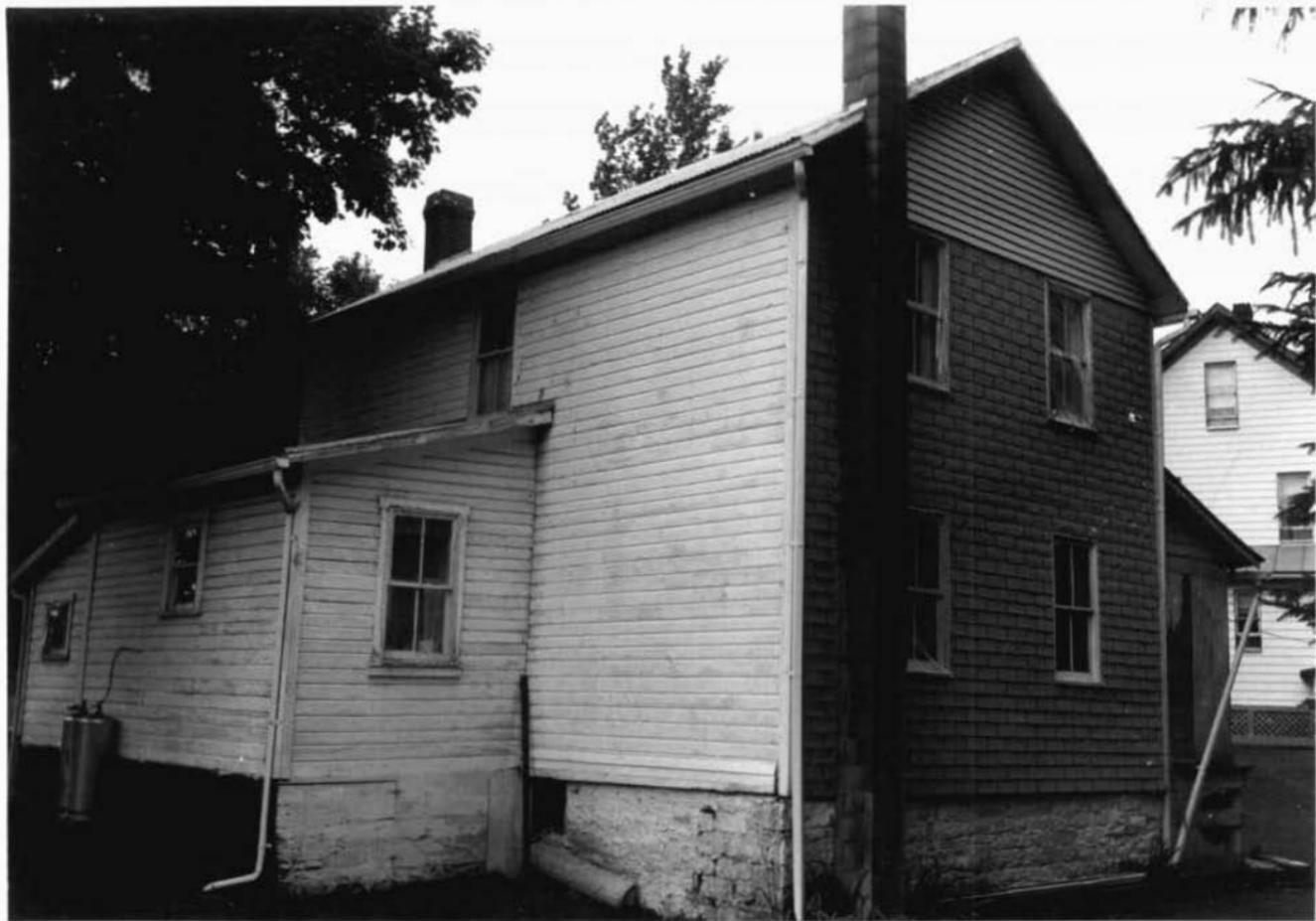
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Hs. #2: Facade-NE elev.



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Hs. #2: SE & SW elevs.