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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: William Roberts House Survey Number: HA-1858

Project: Glen Angus housing development Agency: Army Corps

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the information provided, the William Roberts House, located at the 1100 block of Wheel Road, in the Fountain Green vicinity, does not meet the Criteria for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. The 2 1/2 story stone house with side wing dates to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. A typical early nineteenth century Harford County farmhouse, the Roberts House does not appear to merit listing under Criterion C for architecture. The house has been vacant for some time and has lost much of its interior trim, windows and doors. The remaining outbuildings on the property include two concrete silos, a frame garage and metal barn, which post date the house by many years and do not possess any particular significance. The property is not known to have been associated with any significant person or event. It is not located in any identified historic district. Christopher Weeks, Harford County preservation planner looked at the property and is of the opinion that it is not eligible.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Inventory Form HA-1858
and project file

Prepared by: Geoffrey Henry

Elizabeth Hannold
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

September 1, 1995
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Christina Pedant
Reviewer, NR program

Sept. 1, 1995
Date

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic- Single Dwelling, Agricultural
-outbuildings, -storage

Known Design Source: na

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William Roberts House
Fountain Green vicinity
Harford County

The William Roberts House is located on a farm facing Wheel road in the Fountain Green vicinity of Harford County. The main house, built sometime in the first quarter of the nineteenth century, is a 2 1/2 story, 3-bay, gable-roofed stone building with a wing on the south gable end. The building is in poor condition, and retains few of its original windows or doors intact. The interior features a central-hall, single-pile plan, with a stair rising from the east side of the hall. Little original woodwork remains in the interior.

Also on the property are four non-contributing resources. They include a frame garage, a metal barn, and two concrete silos.

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William Roberts House
Harford County

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

- I. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- II. Chronological Development Period: Agricultural/Industrial
Transition (1815-1870)
- III. Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function: Domestic
Historic Period Themes: Architecture

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1858
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1100 block of Wheel Road NA not for publication

city, town Fountain Green vicinity of congressional district 2

state Maryland county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<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:

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

name Edgewood Corporation/Glen Angus

street & number 1339 East McPhail Road telephone no.: 410-879-0981

city, town Bel Air state and zip code Md.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Bel Air state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. HA-1858

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See continuation sheet

8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1858

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates **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.

See continuation sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1858

See continuation sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 16.5

Quadrangle name Bel Air

Quadrangle scale 1: 24, 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

See attached tax map

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Geoffrey Henry		
organization	Joseph Hopkins & Assoc.	date	June 1995
street & number	3211 Berkshire Road	telephone	410-319-9190
city or town	Baltimore	state	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
 DHCP/DHCD
 100 COMMUNITY PLACE
 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
 591-1100

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1**DESCRIPTION**

The William Roberts House is located on the west side of Wheel Road, 1/4-mile south of its intersection with McPhail Road, and one mile south of its intersection with Fountain Green Road (MD Route 543) near Fountain Green, in a rural area of southeastern Harford County. The house is approached by an unpaved driveway leading from Wheel Road past a small pond. There are four other resources on the property, although none are contributing resources. These include two concrete silos, a frame garage, and a metal barn.

The William Roberts House is a two-story, three-bay, gable-roofed stone building laid in rubble stone covered with whitewash, and with a pressed tin roof. The building appears to date from the first quarter of the nineteenth century and is in poor condition, having lost many of its doors, windows, and interior woodwork. Squared stones are used as quoins at all four corners, and there is evidence of stone jack-arches over some of the doors and window openings. There are gable end chimneys with brick stacks laid in common bond, although these are probably replacements of the originals. The house has a wooden box cornice below which is a wooden molding strip on the front and rear elevations. A one-story porch formerly spanned the east facade; this has now almost completely fallen down.

Windows have plain wooden frames and probably had 6/6 double-hung sash, although nearly all window sashes have been removed. A few fixed pane attic windows remain on the gable ends. The doors have also been removed.

A two-story, three-bay side wing is on the south gable end. A one-story shed-roofed screened porch (partially enclosed) is on the west elevation of this wing. There is a below-ground entrance with stone steps leading to the cellar on the south gable end of this wing.

The interior features a single-pile, center-hall plan, with a central stair rising in two stages from the northeast corner, and a fireplace opening at the gable end of each room. Much original interior woodwork has been removed including molding trim, mantle pieces, and some floor boards. Evidence of a chairrail is seen in the stair hall. Step ends feature simple carved woodwork and there is a turned newel post. Because much of the plaster in the walls has deteriorated the split lathing is visible. Neither the second floor nor cellar level was available for inspection.

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**William Roberts House
Harford County**

Statement of Significance

The William Roberts House was evaluated according to the four National Register Criteria. In particular, the house was evaluated under Criterion C as a typical rural farmhouse in Harford County dating from the first quarter of the nineteenth century. Like many other houses in the vicinity, it is built of rubble fieldstone with squared stones laid at the corners.

The William Roberts House lacks the necessary architectural integrity for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The house has been added onto several times over its history, including a wing on the south and a semi-enclosed porch. It is in poor condition on the exterior. The interior retains little of its original woodwork and many of its interior walls have been damaged. The surrounding complex consists mostly of mid-twentieth century buildings and structures.

HISTORY:

The early history of both this house and its surrounding property is unclear. Architectural evidence seems to indicate a date of construction during the first quarter of the nineteenth century. The house is typical of others built for small-scale farmers during this period in rural Harford County.

The house may have been part of a 140-acre tract sold by the ADY family to M.E. Morrison in 1842 (Harford County Land Book: Liber M, Folio 125). The house is identified as belonging to Morrison on the 1858 map of Harford County by L.W. Herrick.

In 1864 the property was sold to William Roberts (Harford County Land Book: Liber P, Folio 78), who apparently owned a number of other farms in the area, as well as part interest in a grist mill a mile to the southwest (Mason: 1955: 102). The house is identified as the residence of William Roberts on the 1878 Martenet Map of Harford County. There is some evidence of woodwork from the late nineteenth century, indicating at least one period of remodelling during Roberts' ownership; most probably the screened/enclosed porch on the south was added during this period.

The property was owned by the Ady and McPhail families, with most of the surrounding acreage sold in a transaction in 1978 (Harford Land Book: Liber 101: Folio 48-49). For the last thirty years the house has been used as a rental property. It has been vacant for several years and is in an advanced state of decline.

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Magness
C. Magness
Mrs. B. [unclear]
E. Morrison
M. E. Morrison

HA-1858
ROBERTS (MORRISON)
RANGERS LODGE
Williams Estate
House

ABINGDON
DISTRICT
FIRST ST.

HARFORD
FURNACE
BUSH
ABINGDON
Church
Hotel
Griffin Church

1858 HERRICK MAP

Iron Bed
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OPPEH POINT CREEK
EDGWOOD
PHILADELPHIA WILMINGTON

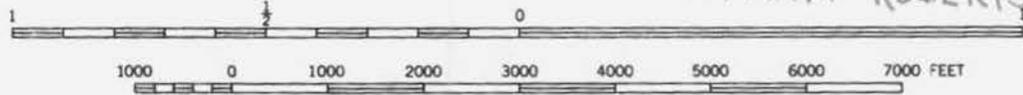
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J. Isenbough
Snow
Robinson
Johnson
Ferguson
Howard
W.P. Taylor



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HA-1858 17'30"
WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE



1" = 50' MILS

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HA-1858

WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE

HARFORD, MD.

HENRY 4/95

MHT SHED

NE CORNER

1/20

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WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE

HARFORD, MD.

HENRY 4195

MHT SHPO

EAST ELEVATION

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HARFORD, MD.

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WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE

HANFORD, MD.

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WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE

HALFMOON MD.

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HAIRFORD MD

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HANFORD MD.

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HALEWOOD, MD.

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HARFORD, MD.

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WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE

HARFORD, MD.

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WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE

HARFORD, MD.

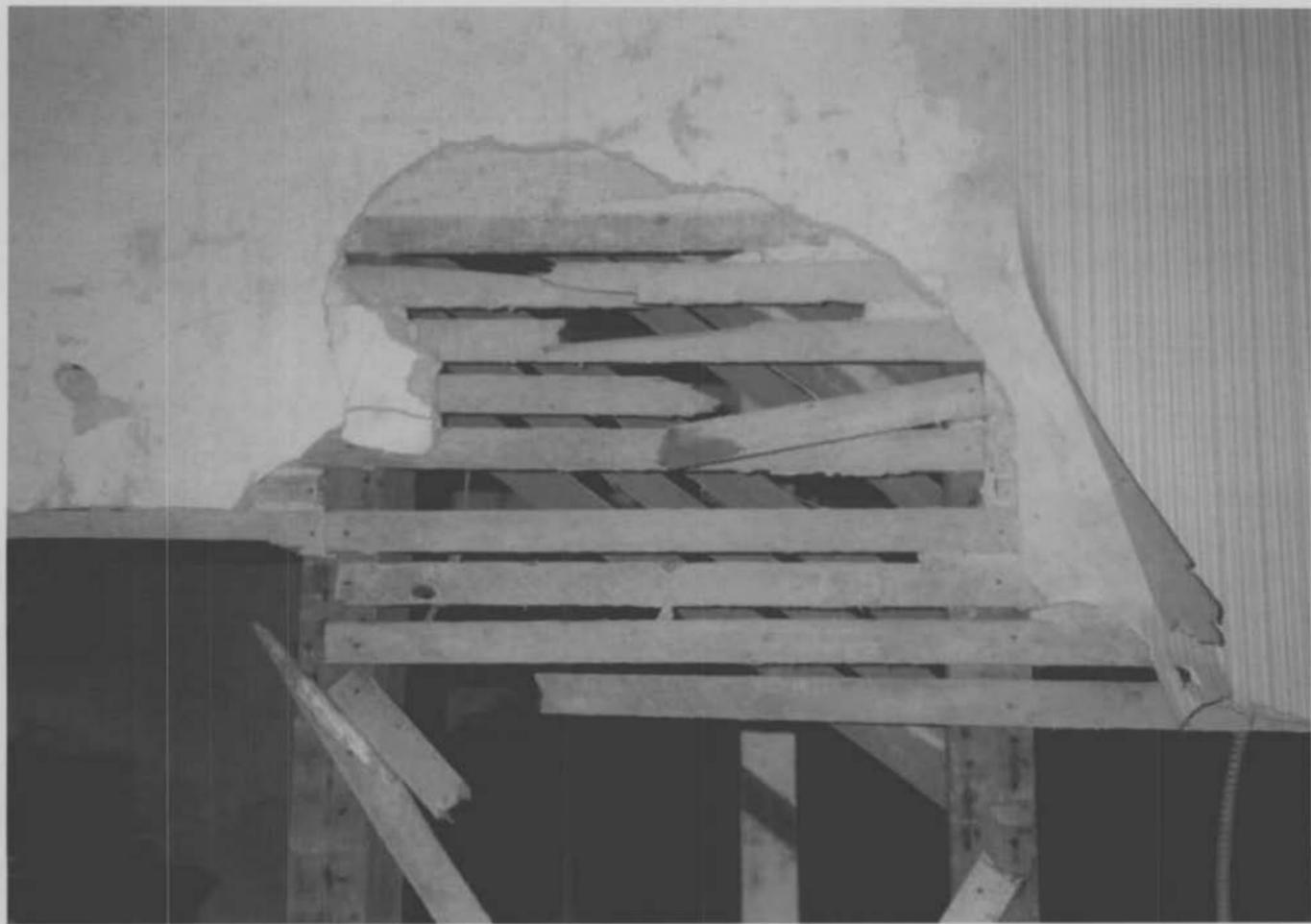
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HANFORD MD.

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STAIR - DETAIL

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WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE

HANFORD, MD.

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CHAIR RA - DETAIL

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HARFORD MD.

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HANFORD, MD.

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HANFORD, MD.

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HA-1858

WILLIAM ROBERTS HOUSE

HANFORD, MD

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