

1. Name Goshen Mills Store & Post Office  
 Planning Area/Site Number 14/58 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 8:B-11

4. Address 21121 Goshen Road, Gaithersburg

5. Classification Summary

Category building  
 Ownership private  
 Public Acquisition NA  
 Status occupied  
 Accessible No  
 Present use private residence  
 Previous Survey Recording 1976 M-NCPPC Federal State x County x Local Local

6. Date 1790s

7. Original Owner Ignatius Pigman

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent c. original site  
 b. altered

9. Description

This 3-story dwelling was built in 3 sections. The middle section was the original log cabin, with exposed, hewn beamed ceiling, and a fireplace which opens both on the first and second floors. Floors are random width pine, believed to be original. The kitchen section was built next; the loft or upper store once served as an inn or boardinghouse. The newest section, built in the mid-1800s, was used as a store and Post Office. It has an end fireplace, opening on the first and second floor also. A tin roof covers all 3 sections. A wind screen of native cedar on the northeast is very old.

10. Significance

Significant for its early date, as well as local history, the Goshen Mills Post Office and Store had its origin in the 1790s. The house and mill race are extant, reminders of former centers of activity in rural Mont. Co. The plot in 1795 held the 2 Goshen Mills, a possible copper mine and the subject house, mill dams and races. The Goshen Post Office began in this building in 1853, with the owner appointed postmaster, a practice which continued in Goshen until 1905. From 1923-1940 the property was owned by Annie Prather and her husband, Rezin. This enterprising lady ran a store and boardinghouse from her home, and also served the community when needed as a midwife. From 1940-66 the building was used as an antique shop, and local GOP headquarters for the Eisenhower-Nixon presidential campaign. Since 1966 the place has been restored and used as a dwelling for the owners.

The property is significant in Landscape Architecture also: the cedar windscreen is believed to be over a century old, and the Politician's Tree across the road.

11. Date researched

1978

Researcher: Ardith Boggs

12. Compiler

Peg Coleman

13. Date Compiled

1978

14. Designation

Approval\_\_\_\_\_

15. Acreage: 2 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 14/58  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

Goshen Mills Store & Post Office

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 21121 Goshen Road

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg (Goshen)

— VICINITY OF Goshen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Roger D. Young

Telephone #: 869-2441

STREET & NUMBER

21121 Goshen Road

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

— VICINITY OF Goshen

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20760

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3514

Folio #: 381

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville, Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 house is a log and frame structure built in several sections. The main block is a two story, frame section with a three bay main (north) facade. The 6/6 double hung sash windows are irregularly spaced. On the west end is a large, two story, external stone chimney base with a free standing brick stack.

There are two 1-1/2 story log wings to the east. The brick chimney stack rising between them is external to the westernmost of these two sections. The older section has 12/8 double hung sash windows and the newer 6/6 double hung sash windows. The loft windows on both are small, eight pane, horizontal lights.

A tin roof covers all three sections. There is also an outside entrance to the cellar on the southwest end by the chimney. A wind screen of ancient cedars grow along the northeast end of the house. Two large silver maples are in the front yard.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

ERIOD		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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES late 18th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Goshen Mills PO and Store was the center of activity for this rural community, beginning in the last decade of the 18th century. It has served as miller's house, post office, store and boardinghouse, antique shop and political headquarters, as well as a private dwelling.

As early as 1792<sup>1</sup>, land known as "Pigman's Purchase" and "Resurvey of Benjamin's Square" was sold to Ignatius Pigman; the deed mentioned "mill race, prerises and improvements". The land was advertised for sale three years later and included "150 acres, two mills (Goshen Mills), a possible copper mine, dwelling and miller's house".<sup>2</sup> (The log cabin section was probably the miller's house; on the other side of a branch of Seneca Creek (sometimes called Magruder Creek) "Fertile Meadows", which is probably the dwelling" listed in the ad.)

In 1796 and 1797 Pigman sold several tracts of land, the buildings and orchards to Ed Crow<sup>3</sup> who in 1803 sold 150 acres (with house, mill dam and race) to Sam Robertson.<sup>4</sup> Robertson added other acreage to his holdings.<sup>5</sup> When Robertson died in 1816, his property was purchased at public sale,<sup>6</sup> and the land was gradually divided into smaller parcels.<sup>7</sup>

When Goshen's first post office was established in 1853, the owner of this building, Michael Peugh, was appointed the first postmaster. He was appointed trustee of the Goshen Church in the same year.<sup>8</sup> Subsequent postmasters (most of whom maintained other office from their own individual houses) were Henrietta Peugh (Michael's widow) (1854); John L. Brown (1857); Robert A. McPherson (1859); Richard Jones (1861); Nathan C. Dickerson (1866); Asbury R. Martin (1877); Charles T. Edmonston (1880); Asbury R. Martin (1882); McClellan Thompson (1894); Howard H. Kinsey (1895).<sup>9</sup>

William Thompson of R. purchased the Goshen Store from Henrietta Peugh Comphert in 1870, for \$1,200.<sup>10</sup> Thompson died 7 years later, leaving the store and property to Annie Stewart Martin.<sup>11</sup> Her husband, Asbury, became postmaster in addition to his duties as pastor of the Goshen Church and local merchant. At this time there was a blacksmith shop adjacent to the house, and the population of Goshen was about 50.<sup>12</sup>

In November 1905 the post office closed as "rural free delivery" came to Goshen. Ownership of the property changed hands in 1906 and again in 1923, when it was sold to Annie and Bezin Prather.<sup>13</sup> Annie was a well-known midwife who assisted Dr. George Boyer. She also ran a store and boardinghouse in her home.

In 1940, the land was sold at public auction for \$800 to Lee and Brita Cunselman.<sup>14</sup> During their ownership, the store was operated as an antique shop and was precinct headquarters for the Eisenhower-Nixon campaign. From 1966 to 1973 the Donald Freerans lived in the house,<sup>15</sup> and in 1973 it was

~~CONTINUED ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY~~ sold to Roger & Merle Young,<sup>16</sup> who have continued the restoration begun by the Freerans. (See Attachment Sheet A)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(See Attachment Sheet A)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Intersection at Goshen, Md. Located on the inside curve created by the Goshen Road and Brink Road.

Boundary running perpendicular to Brink Road on N.E. side of house front to back -  $67^{\circ} 48'$  west 401.14

Boundary running perpendicular from Goshen Road across back edge of property to meet back end of above boundary - N  $28^{\circ} 01' 50''$  East 233.55

~~LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES BY EXPLAINING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES~~

Boundary on S.W. side along Goshen Rd. E=1050.00 A=225.00

Boundary along intersection R=145.00 A=258.96

Boundary in front along Brink S= $28^{\circ} 04' 40''$  wide

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Ardith G. BoggsMay 22, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87, Stronghold

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS  
Box 87, Stronghold  
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(301) 926-4310

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, E167.
2. Maryland Journal, January 1, 1795.
3. Land Records, G301; Farquhar, R.E., History of Montgomery County, Md., p. 163.
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10. Land Records, EBP7/428.
11. Will Records, JWS No. 1, p. 371.
12. Boyd, T.H.S., Montgomery County, Md. from 1650-1879, p. 131.
13. Land Records, 332/167 and oral history by Gladys King, 4/78.
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Goshen Mills Store and Post Office				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Gaithersburg				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<b>OWNERSHIP</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<b>STATUS</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b> <b>Yes:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Gaithersburg			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
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:	

M: 14-58

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
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

Blank area for acreeage justification.

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 12 July 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National       State       Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

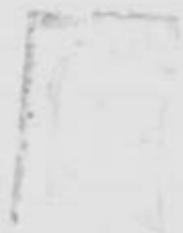
SEE INSTRUCTIONS



M: 14-58

N/E Side





M:14-58

S/w end



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BACK



M:14-58

FRONT



M: 14-58

FRONT

from

s/w end



M: 14-58

FRONT

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GOSHEN MILLS  
Post Office/Store

M:14-58

FRONT



M:14-58

Politicians tree



NAME #14-58 GOSHEN STORE + POST OFFICE  
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LOCATION GOSHEN + BRINK RDS, GOSHEN,  
MD.

FACADE S.E.

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