

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No. 1604375604

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Richter Farmhouse

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 15000 Hoyle's Mill Rd.  not for publicationcity, town Boyds town  vicinity of congressional district 6th

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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Benton B. &amp; Marguerite Westfall

street &amp; number 15000 Hoyle's Mill Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Boyds, Md. state and zip code 20720

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4692

street &amp; number folio 60

city, town Rockville state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

# DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, frame structure with a five-bay main (north) facade. The central gable has a round window. To the southwest is a two-story wing. The chimneys are internal stove-stacks at both ends of the house. The roof is covered with patterned slate, which is unusual for this area. Windows are 2/2 with shutters, and there is a central door with side-lights. Present siding is asbestos shingle.

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# C. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
pre-historic	archaeology-prehistoric	community planning	landscape architecture	religion
1400-1499	archaeology-historic	conservation	law	science
1500-1599	agriculture	economics	literature	sculpture
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	education	military	social/humanitarian
1700-1799	art	engineering	music	theater
1800-1899	commerce	exploration/settlement	philosophy	transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	communications	industry	politics/government	other (specify)
		invention		

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.

The Richter farmhouse is a circa. 1900 vernacular dwelling not unlike others found across rural Montgomery County. This one, however, is somewhat more elaborate; it is five bays across, has a center gable with an arched window and a patterned slate roof. In addition, the architectural integrity of the house has been maintained.

The house was built about 1900 by George T. Nicholls.<sup>1</sup> George purchased the property on which his house was built, 132 1/2 acres of the "Final Conclusion" and "Rich Meadows" tracts, from the heirs of Simon Nicholls in 1899.<sup>2</sup>

In 1905, George sold the farm to Marion E. Hood.<sup>3</sup> Marion farmed the property until his death in 1918. He left a wife, Emma, and five children who had to sell the farm in 1919. It was then described as 132 1/2 acres, well fenced and watered with approximately 90 acres under cultivation. The improvements in a two story frame dwelling of seven rooms with hardwood floors and front and back porches, a barn with shed attached, a double cornhouse and shed, chicken house, ice house and other outbuildings.<sup>4</sup> The farm was sold to William Barnesley in 1920.<sup>5</sup> William died five years later and the farm was again sold.<sup>6</sup> It was purchased in 1941 by Benton and Marguerite Westfall, the present owners.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assessment Books, 1897-1923.  
<sup>2</sup> Deed TD 12/150, Montgomery County Land Records.  
<sup>3</sup> Deed 182/432, " "  
<sup>4</sup> Equity #3599, 23/362, Montgomery County Judgement Records.  
<sup>5</sup> Deed 300/339, Montgomery County Land Records.

See Attachment Sheet A

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<sup>6</sup>Equity #4430, 34/12, Montgomery County Judgement Records (description given).

<sup>7</sup>Deed 845/330, Montgomery County Land Records.



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Richter House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

15000 Hoyle's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**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
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Benton B. Westfall

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

15000 Hoyle's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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# B SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Dr. (Phd.) Westfall, the house was built ca. 1900 by the Richter family-one of the original German families to settle Old Germantown.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

5/6/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



NAME RICHTER HOUSE ca. 1900 (WESTFALL) # 19-15

LOCATION HOYLES MILL Rd. GERMANTOWN, Md.

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