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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Avondale

AND/OR COMMON
Avondale Farm House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Maryland Route 31 at Avondale

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2 1/2 miles west of Westminster VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maryland

24

Carroll

013

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<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
~~The B. F. Shriver Company~~

Mrs. Edith Elliot

STREET & NUMBER
~~Railroad Avenue~~

P.O. Box 56

CITY, TOWN
~~Westminster~~

VICINITY OF

New Market, Md. 21774

STATE

Maryland 21774

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Court House Square

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<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

Avondale stands on a low rise of ground on the south side of U.S. Route 31, about 2 1/2 miles west of Westminster, Maryland.

It is a Georgian style two and one-half story brick house, measuring approximately 45 feet long by 18 1/2 feet deep. A two story brick north-west wing measures approximately 49 feet long by 13 feet deep.

The formally arranged, Flemish bond principal facade faces southwest and has five symmetrically placed bays at the first floor level. The entrance doorway is located on a centered, two story pedimented pavillion that only slightly projects beyond the wall plane. This entrance consists of a double door and narrow flanking sidelights beneath an unusually pronounced arched fanlight. The four flanking windows of nine over nine pane sash have simple beaded surrounds and flat arches of splayed stretcher brick. On the second floor level is a Palladian window centered on the pavillion directly over the entrance door. Its four flanking windows are smaller than those below and have sash of six over six lights each. Extending across the facade between the outside ends of the sills of the two second floor end windows is a two course brick band. Within the pediment of the pavillion is a small lunette window. A single flush chimney stands at each end of the gable roof and there is a three part, dentiled wood cornice across the front and rear elevations. Although there are cornice returns on the front pediment there are none on the ends of the house. On the rear elevation of the exposed wall of the main block is two bays wide. A centered, first floor, unornamented door opens into the main hall. Extending across this elevation, between the wing and the southeast corner of the main block and flush with the second floor window sills, is a projecting two course brick band.

The northeast wing was initially a detached or semi-detached two story brick structure, three bays wide on its southeast side and one bay wide on the northwest side, which housed the summer kitchen in its single ground floor room. It has been suggested that this earliest part of the wing pre-dates the main block but similarities in structural and decorative detail indicate that the two were built at or about the same time. In about the mid nineteenth century the area between the main block and kitchen was closed by the addition of a two story, two bay extension of the kitchen. At about this same time a one-story, full width farm porch was built on the wings southeast elevation.

Although the plan of the principal facade would seem to suggest otherwise, the interior of Avondale is one of fairly simple design, more Federal in detail than Georgian. Its most outstanding feature is that of the main stair, rising in four flights to the attic and decorated with delicately turned balusters, a molded rail and

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DESCRIPTION CONTINUED

scrolled steps. In combination with the fanlighted entrance the stair hall presents a very handsome appearance. In the two rooms flanking the hall (see plan) are simple mantles with molded cornice shelves (in the northwest room a paneled closet stands adjacent to the projecting chimney), wide two piece surrounds on the windows and doors, and paneled wainscoting beneath molded chairrails. The two rooms and hall of the second floor are similarly treated. Beneath the house is a full, dirt floored cellar.

In the wing there are two rooms, both with large fireplace openings. A steep winding stair is enclosed within the recessed area adjacent to the projecting chimney of the southwest room and the fireplace opening in the original kitchen is fitted with cranes and an iron doored oven. A large iron fireback originally standing this opening was removed several years ago, but remains on the property.

Avondale has, from years of neglect, suffered extensive damage from deterioration. The graceful and noteworthy entrance door has lost 90 percent of its fan and side lights and the floor of the southeast first floor room of the main block has collapsed into the cellar. The remainder of the house appears physically sound but is in great need of general repairs before it, too, is lost.

Near the house is a pyramid roofed smokehouse and a frame wash-house, both in good repair. There are no vestiges of former gardens or other outbuildings remaining except a large nineteenth century barn near the entrance to the property. Ore pits remaining from the iron furnaces of Legh Masters are, however, evident at a distance not far from the house.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Avondale is unique in Carroll County, being the only recorded example of an eighteenth century house with a formal facade that is based on elements of Georgian architecture. Although it displays Federal influences and could be perhaps considered a transitional building, the arrangement of the facade establishes it as an important landmark significant to the study of regional architectural development.

The building of Avondale is attributed to Legh Masters (d. 1796) who came to what is now Carroll County from New Hall, Lancashire, England, in the early eighteenth century. He owned several thousand acres, including the Avondale tract. Masters began the operation of an iron foundry near Avondale circa 1765, making this one of the oldest furnaces in Maryland. The furnace only operated for one or two blasts as the ore proved "unproductive and indifferent". Masters' interest in the area as a residence contradicts his mineral venture for no one would describe his monumental brick house as "indifferent". (Two other attempts at iron production were initiated at the end of the eighteenth century and before the Civil War. Neither was successful.

Although there are numerous local stories involving Avondale, most of these are of supernatural nature. No events of a significant historical nature are known to have occurred, except the operation of the furnace. Avondale is presently owned by the B. F. Shriver Company of Carroll County and the house tenanted. There is a distinct possibility that the property may soon be sold and a great deal of public concern has been voiced concerning its preservation.

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 USGS Map, N3930-W7700/7.5, New Windsor, Maryland, 1971.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

J. Richard Rivoire, Architectural Historian (cas)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

January, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL _____

STATE _____

LOCAL _____

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

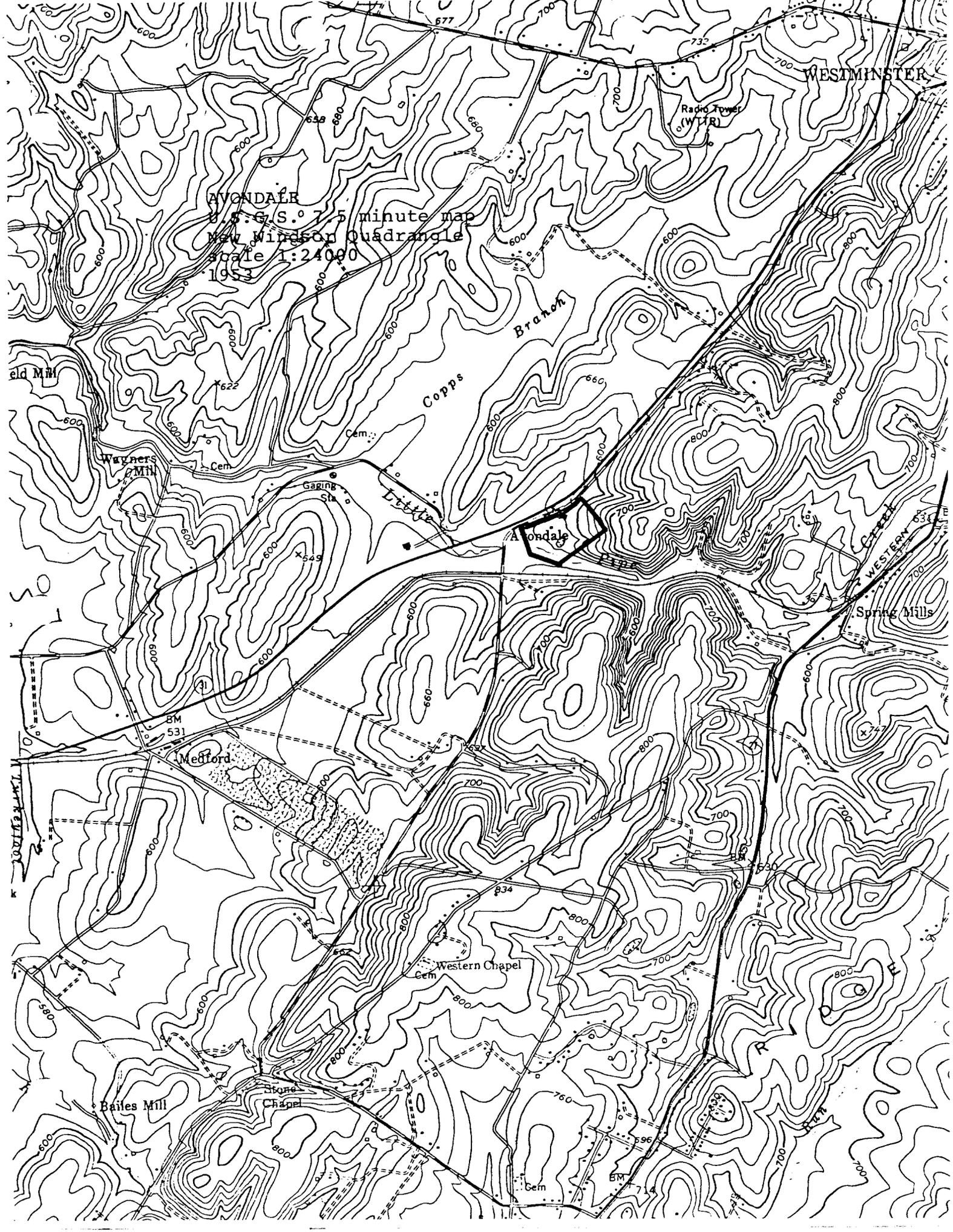
DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



AVONDALE
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map
New Windsor Quadrangle
Scale 1:24000
1953

WESTMINSTER

Radio Tower
(WTR)

Copp's Branch

Wagners Mill

Avondale

Spring Mills

Medford

Western Chapel

Baile's Mill

Stone Chapel

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: "AVONDALE", "LEIGH MASTER'S HOUSE", "FURNACE HILLS"

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: New Winsor Road

CITY OR TOWN: Westminster

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Carroll

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
				No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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 type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	tenant
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: B. F. Shriver & Co.

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Westminster

STATE: Maryland

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Carroll County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Westminster

STATE: Maryland

CODE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

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STATE:
COUNTY:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The main block is of the Georgian style five bays in length: large center door with fanlight and Palladian window above flanked by two windows on either side. The original pedimented porch has disappeared but the outline can still be seen on the front wall.

All interior mouldings and mantles are characteristic of the Georgian period. The first floor windows are 9/9 with interior shutters, chair rails, original mantles, Cross and Bible doors, and original hardware. The center hall contains a stair of rather simple design but with very delicate double 8 spandrels. The panelling at the stair closet is of squares of varying sizes. The closet gives access to the cellar stairs. The stair rail is walnut with saddles and there is a added hand rail on the inside wall. The front door with fanlight has been badly damaged and is boarded over and the living room floor has collapsed into the cellar so that ^{that} room has been boarded off also. The hall and dining room are in fairly good condition although the dining room floor is a Victorian replacement (as well as floor joists, visable from the cellar).

The second floor contains two bedrooms with fireplaces and a single flanking closet. There is a center hall landing with a small room at the head of the stairs which is lighted by the Palladian window. The room contains a closet and steep stair to the attic.

An addition to the rear of the house could have been built earlier or later but was erected seperately as they are not actually joined at the seam. This addition, which gives the house an ell shape, contains the winter kitchen with large fireplace (bricked in) and dutch oven. The wing has two rooms and center hall down (incl. kitchen at the gable end) and two rooms and center hall above. All four rooms have fireplaces (the kitchen having the largest) and the stairwell is sheathed in vertical beaded planking.

Off from the gable (kitchen) end of this wing stands a structure of 19th century design which contains the summer kitchen.

There are numerous outbuildings including aⁿ interesting smoke house with pivot post still usable.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 16th Century
- 18th Century
- 20th Century
- 15th Century
- 17th Century
- 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| 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-
losophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

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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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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 COUNTY: Carroll
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 AND/OR HISTORIC: Avondale

2. LOCATION
 STREET AND NUMBER: Maryland Route 31 at Avondale
 CITY OR TOWN: Westminster
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Sixth
 STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Carroll CODE: 013

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY
 OWNER'S NAME: The B. F. Shriver Company
 STREET AND NUMBER: Railroad Avenue
 CITY OR TOWN: Westminster STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Carroll County Court House
 STREET AND NUMBER: Court House Square
 CITY OR TOWN: Westminster STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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7. DESCRIPTION

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19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

Prehistoric

Historic

Agriculture

Architecture

Art

Commerce

Communications

Conservation

Education

Engineering

Industry

Invention

Landscape

Architecture

Literature

Military

Music

Political

Religion/Phi-

losophy

Science

Sculpture

Social/Human-

itarian

Theater

Transportation

Urban Planning

Other (Specify)

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	39°	33'	16"	77°	01'	42"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 8 acres

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

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: J. Richard Rivoire, Architectural Historian
 ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust
 STREET AND NUMBER: 21 State Circle
 CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis
 STATE: Maryland
 DATE: January 1975

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Arthur C. Townsend
 Title: State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date:

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: _____
 ATTEST:
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: _____

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COUNTY Carroll	
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Avondale Farm House

7. DESCRIPTION, continued

fairly simple design, more Federal in detail than Georgian. Its most outstanding feature is that of the main stair, rising in four flights to the attic and decorated with delicately turned balusters, a molded rail and scrolled steps. In combination with the fanlighted entrance the stair hall presents a very handsome appearance. In the two rooms flanking the hall (see plan) are simple mantles with molded cornice shelves (in the northwest room a paneled closet stands adjacent to the projecting chimney), wide two piece surrounds on the windows and doors, and paneled wainscoting beneath molded chairrails. The two rooms and hall of the second floor are similarly treated. Beneath the house is a full, dirt floored cellar.

In the wing there are two rooms, both with large fireplace openings. A steep winding stair is enclosed within the recessed area adjacent to the projecting chimney of the southwest room and the fireplace opening in the original kitchen is fitted with cranes and an iron doored oven. A large iron fireback originally standing in this opening was removed several years ago, but remains on the property.

Avondale has, from years of neglect, suffered extensive damage from deterioration. The graceful and noteworthy entrance door has lost 90 percent of its fan and side lights and the floor of the southeast first floor room of the main block has collapsed into the cellar. The remainder of the house appears physically sound but is in great need of general repairs before it, too, is lost.

Near the house is a pyramid roofed smokehouse and a frame washhouse, both in good repair. There are no vestiges of former gardens or other outbuildings remaining except a large nineteenth century barn near the entrance to the property. Ore pits remaining from the iron furnaces of Legh Masters are, however, evident at a distance not far from the house.

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AVONDALE
U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute map
New Windsor Quadrangle
scale: 1:24000
1953

WESTMINSTER

Radio Tower
(WTR)

Branch

Copps

Little

Avondale

Creek

Spring Hill

Wagners Mill

Wakefield Mill

BM
5.11

Medford

Western Chapel
Cem

BM
6.12

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U.S.G.S. MAP
NEW WINDSOR, MD.
1:24000 SCALE



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Avondale, Lawrence Cty.

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