

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: Tolliver House Inventory Number: PG:62-19
Address: 7616 Old Muirkirk Road City: Beltsville Zip Code: 20705
County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: Beltsville
Owner: Lucero Vivar Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 54 Tax Map Number: 14 Tax Account ID Number: 10 1123363
Project: US 1 MD 201 Corridor Study Agency: FHWA/SHA
Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: PG:62-23
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: Rossville
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
The Tolliver House is a contributing resource to the Rossville Historic District. See Rossville Survey District DOE, PG:62-23, dated 8/26/02 for additional information.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, SHA, Arch. His. Date Prepared: 08/26/2002

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

3/27/03
Date

Blumentz
Reviewer, NR Program

3/17/03
Date

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P. G. #62-19

William Tolliver House

1888

7616 Old Muirkirk Road, Beltsville, Md.

Priv/Unocc/Res/Deteriorated

The Tolliver house is a gable-roofed frame house, four bays wide across the (main) west facade, with entrance in the second bay. Originally, this house consisted of the first three bays, with entrance in the central bay. A small boxed staircase in the first bay led to two upstairs bedrooms. The present structure includes a one-bay, two-story, extension to the south, and a one-story shed-roof addition to the east (rear). A one-story porch with bracketed posts extends almost all the way across the front of the house.

The Tolliver house is one of the more modest houses built in 1888 in Rossville, a community which centered around the Negro Methodist Church and graveyard, and which was made up largely of families of Blacks who worked at nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. In 1887, William Tolliver purchased a 1.2 acre lot in the newly subdivided community, and constructed on it the original three-bays-wide frame house in the following year; the additions were completed before the end of the century. The house remains in the Tolliver family to this day, and is in nearly original condition. It is a significant example of the modest home of a Black laborer, especially so because it has not been modernized, but it is in seriously deteriorated condition, and probably will not survive.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Tolliver House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 7616 Old Muirkirk Road not for publication

city, town Beltsville vicinity of Muirkirk congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Tolliver Family

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber JWB #9

street & number Main Street folio 603

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N O N E

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. 62-19

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

The Tolliver house is a gable roofed frame house, four bays wide across the main west facade, with entrance in the second bay. Originally, this house consisted of the first three bays, with entrance in the central bay. A small boxed staircase in the first bay led to two upstairs bedrooms. After a few years, the main block of the house was extended south to add another room both up and down, and a one-story shed-roof addition to the rear added another bedroom and kitchen. A one-story porch with bracketed posts extends almost all the way across the main west facade.

8. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Black History

Specific dates 1888 **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.

After Mark Duvall of Vansville died, a 24.8 acre parcel of his land which adjoined the negro Methodist Church and graveyard was surveyed and subdivided in 1886 by Surveyor William Latimer. It was divided into 12 lots, and within a year the lots were purchased by the families of Blacks who were employed at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. One of these men, William Tolliver (often mis-recorded as Talbert) purchased lot #7 (1.2 acres) in October 1887. In 1888, with the help of other members of the new community, he completed a small frame house. Originally it was 3 bays wide, with a small one-story addition to the rear, at \$175 assessed value, one of the more modest houses in the new community of Rossville. By 1897, however, Tolliver had increased the size of his house, building a two-story south extension to the main block, and behind it a one-story kitchen. The house has remained in the possession of the Tolliver family to this day, and is in nearly original condition, although it is presently vacant and in seriously deteriorating condition. It is an important example of the modest home of a black laborer, especially so because it has not been modernized; but it is decidedly endangered, and probably will not survive.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#62-19

P. G. Co. Deeds JWB #9:603
P. G. Co. Equity #1588
P. G. Co. Tax Assessments 1888 - 1909

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

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

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl

organization History Division, M-NCPPC date Feb. 1983

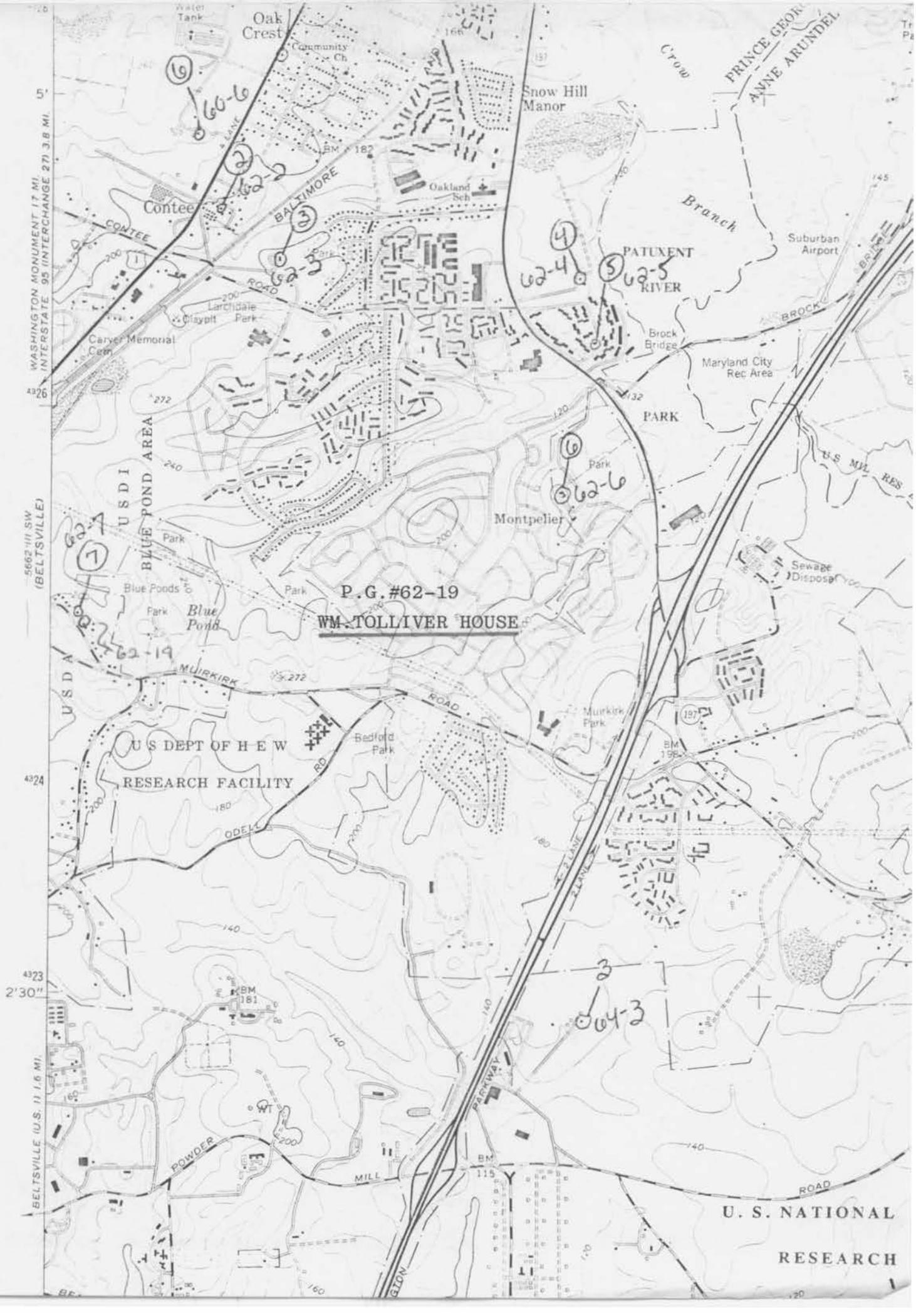
street & number 4811 Riverdale Road telephone 779-2011

city or town Riverdale 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.

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WASHINGTON MONUMENT 17 MI
INTERSTATE 95 (INTERCHANGE 27) 3.8 MI.

5662 1/4 SW
(BELTSVILLE)

USDA

4224

4223
2'30"

BELTSVILLE (U.S. 1) 1.6 MI.

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