

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #65-9 Building Date: Ca. 1890

Building Name: John Miller House

Location: 921 Chillum Road, West Hyattsville, Maryland

Private/---/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

The John Miller House is a two-story, hip-roofed Victorian frame farmhouse with Italianate details. It is located near a busy commercial intersection in a heavily developed area. The main block is five bays by two, and the principal facade faces north. There is a central entrance with transom and sidelights, surmounted by an imposing architrave with a heavy modillion cornice and double jigsaw corner brackets. First floor windows on the main facade are tall, floor-to-ceiling, with 6/1 sash, board sills and lintels with crown moldings. Across the north facade is a one-story, hip-roofed porch with jig-sawn open-work brackets and chamfered posts. The cornice of this facade has modillions punctuated by double jigsaw brackets. There are two chimneys at the east elevation and one at the west. The east and west elevations are covered with German siding, while the main facade has plain board siding, all painted blue. A large, two-bay, two-story, gable-roofed addition extends to the rear and is covered with German siding. The house was badly damaged by fire in 1995, and is in seriously deteriorating condition.

Significance

The John Miller House was an excellent example of Italianate Victorian dwelling house in the portion of Prince George's County which adjoins the District of Columbia near Bladensburg; it represented a style of architecture which has all but disappeared inside the Capital Beltway. A recent fire, however, has compromised the integrity of the building. The house was built ca. 1890 by John Miller after his immigration from Germany, on his 80-acre truck farm. This house became the home of his son, John August Miller. When the elder Miller died in 1910, his farm was divided among his three children; John August Miller retained the central 38 acres including his house, while his sisters took the easterly and westerly sections. By the time of J. August Miller's death in 1932, the areas along the District boundary were beginning to be densely developed. In 1950, this property was subdivided into the community of Chillum Hills. The house was purchased by the present owner in 1973. It was used as a nursery school/day care for many years. The house is presently unsafe and uninhabitable, and can no longer be considered to embody the distinctive characteristics of its period and form of construction.

Acreage: 20,915 sq. ft.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. PG #65-9  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Miller House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 921 Chillum Road  not for publication  
city, town West Hyattsville Chillum vicinity of congressional district 5  
state county

## 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	<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"/> 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 John Garrison  
street & number 921 Chillum Road telephone no.:  
city, town West Hyattsville state and zip code MD 20782

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Land Records liber 4219  
street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive folio 548  
city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan  
date 1992  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC  
Upper Marlboro MD 20772

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 Miller House is a large two-story frame house with decorative details of the late Victorian, Italianate style. It is in seriously deteriorating condition as a result of a fire in 1995. The house consists of a main block which is nearly square in plan and has a hipped roof, and a two-story rear wing with gable roof. The main block is five bays by two, with entrance in the central bay of the five-bay north facade. Entrance is through a door with four-light transom and sidelights, now boarded up; the door is surmounted by an imposing architrave with large jigsaw corner brackets flanking five molded modillions. The north entrance is sheltered by a one-story, facade-wide, hip-roof porch, highlighted by jigsaw openwork brackets and chamfered posts.

First-story windows in the north facade are full-length, 6/9 double hung sash, while those on the second story (and the rest of the main block and wing) are 6/6. Windows have wooden sills and board lintels with crown moldings; all windows are presently boarded up.

The hip roof of the main block rises to a ridge, and there is a modern skylight in the north plane. The cornice of the north facade is embellished by a series of jigsaw brackets and molded modillions, in the following pattern: corner bracket, four modillions, bracket, five modillions, bracket, six modillions, bracket, five modillions, bracket, four modillions, corner bracket. Around all four elevations of the main block, the molded cornice and soffit have a wide overhang. Siding of the north facade is of plain horizontal board; that of the east and west elevations of the main block (where visible) is German siding. All siding is painted a dark blue-gray; much of the siding is damaged and discolored by the 1995 fire.

There are two brick chimneys at the east elevation, one interior and one exterior; there is one interior brick chimney at the west elevation. These chimneys served four fireplaces, one in the exterior wall of each of the four principal parlors.

A large, two-story two-bay-deep wing extends to the south (rear), inset from the west elevation of the main block. It has a gable roof, and is sheathed with German siding. There is an interior brick chimney at the south gable end. There was formerly (in the 1970s and 1980s), at the southwest corner of the rear wing, an outside flight of stairs to a second-story entrance. On the east, a one-story shed-roof addition fills the corner between the main block and the rear wing; it has an entrance in its east elevation.

The main block and the rear, two-story wing rest on a heavy foundation of local iron-bearing sandstone, possibly the foundation of an earlier house. In the second bay of the south gable end is a bulkhead entrance to this basement; the bulkhead is open, and the stone foundation can be observed in this area.

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The interior plan of the main block is composed of a central stairhall and four nearly equal parlors. The stair rises along the east wall of the stairhall; the newel post has been removed, as have many of the balusters. Each of the parlors was warmed by a fireplace in its exterior wall; those fireplaces were adorned with stone (slate??) mantels. The mantels in the west parlors have been removed. On the second floor, there is a bedchamber above each of the four parlors.

The Miller House stands on a partially fenced, partially wooded lot of approximately 1/2 acre. It is located near a busy commercial intersection in a developed area near the boundary of the District of Columbia. The property immediately adjoining this property on the east has been developed into the Parker House apartment complex. The immediate grounds of the Miller House were once planted with many flowering shrubs, of which only a few camellias and lilacs remain.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** Ca: 1890 **Builder/Architect**

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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 John Miller House was an excellent example of an Italianate Victorian dwelling house in the portion of Prince George's County which adjoins the District of Columbia near Bladensburg. Located on the old road (once known as Eureka, now Chillum, Road), which parallels the District boundary, the house represented a style of architecture which has all but disappeared inside the Capital Beltway. A recent fire, however, has seriously compromised the integrity of the house, both in form and detail.

During the Civil War, only a few years after his immigration from Germany, John Miller acquired an 80-acre farm (part of Chillum Castle Manor) near the District line. By the 1870s he had constructed a dwelling west of the road which would come to be known as Sargent Road.<sup>1</sup> With the assistance of his son, John August Miller, he operated a successful truck farm. Sometime around 1890, Miller constructed the subject dwelling, adjoining his house but closer to Riggs Road; the new house became the home of his son after his marriage.<sup>2</sup> When the elder Miller died in 1910, his farm was divided among his three children; John August Miller retained the central 38 acres including his house, while his sisters, Eleanora Burgess and Annie Wineberger, took the easterly and westerly sections (respectively).<sup>3</sup>

By the time of J. August Miller's death in 1932, the areas along the District boundary were beginning to be densely developed. The Miller family retained a 24 acre parcel until 1943, after which it was subdivided (1950) into the community of Chillum Hills. The house with ca. 1/2 acre has changed hands many times since then. It was purchased by the present owner in 1973

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<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Deed FS#1:333; G. M. Hopkins *Atlas of the County of Prince George Maryland*, 1878.

<sup>2</sup> Prince George's County Census, 1900; G. M. Hopkins *Map of the Vicinity of Washington, D.C.*, 1894.

<sup>3</sup> Prince George's County Deed #87:220, with plat.

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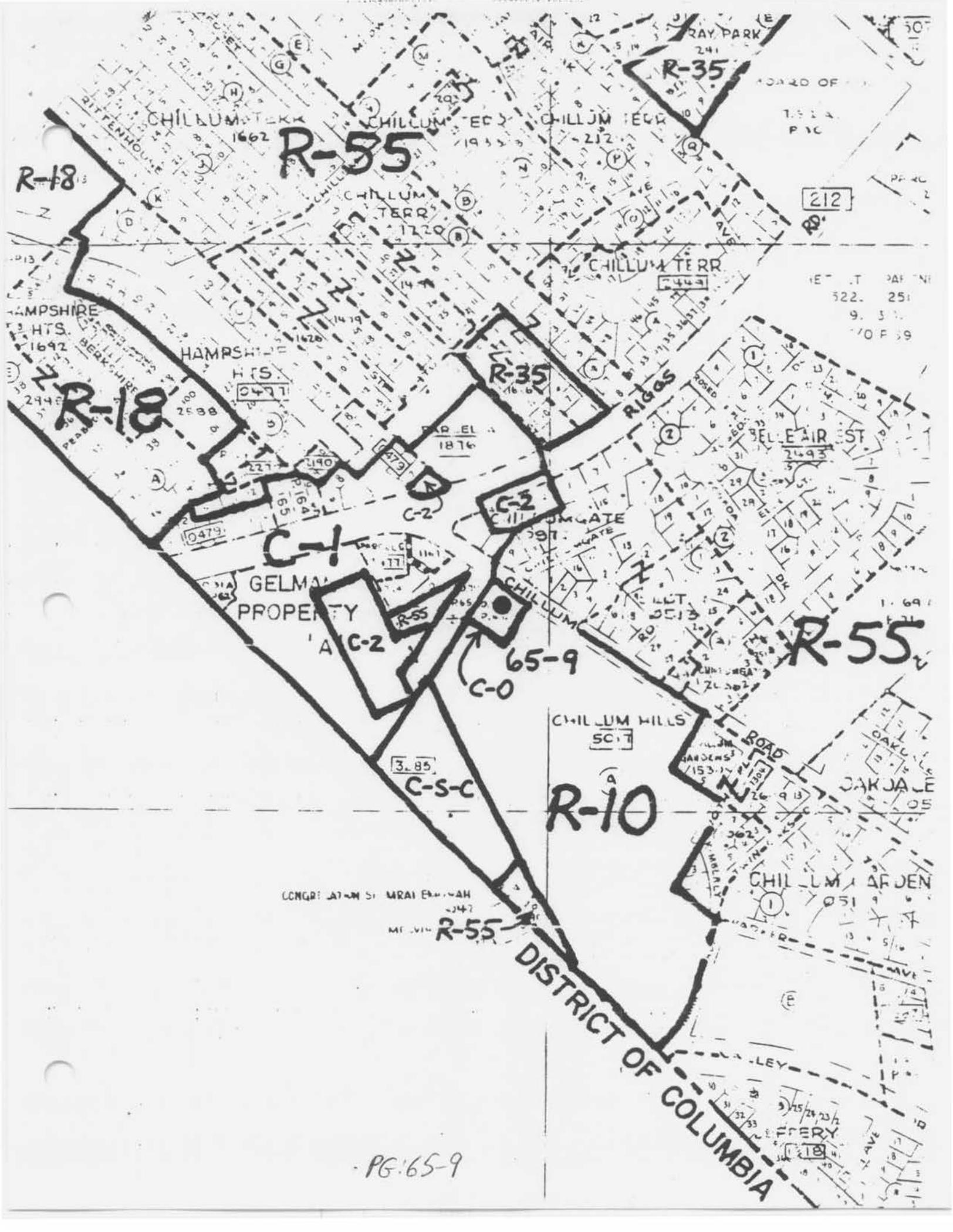
and was for many years used as a nursery school/day care center.<sup>4</sup>

By 1993, the house was in deteriorating condition and was cited for violations; the lot was cleaned and the roof repaired in 1994. After the repairs were carried out, the building was seriously damaged by a fire which began in the basement, and spread through the interior of the house. The building is presently unsafe and uninhabitable. The windows and doors are boarded up, but extensive fire damage is very visible. The shell of the house still exhibits the lines of its original plan and some of its Italianate decorative details. Much of the damaged material, however, is beyond repair and would have to be replaced; important decorative features have been removed from the interior. The building can no longer be considered to embody the distinctive characteristics of its period and form of construction.

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<sup>4</sup> Prince George's County Deed #694:231; cf. Chain of Title.





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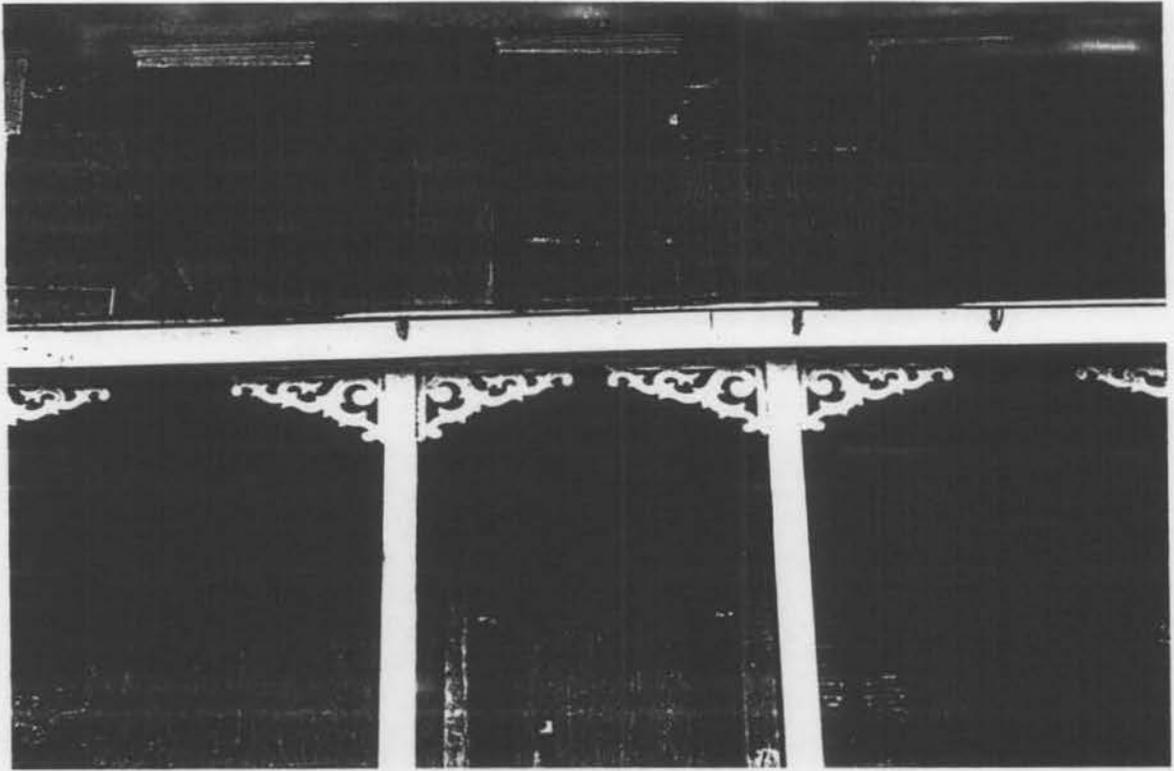
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North facade from northwest

March 1997



North facade, porch detail



North facade, detail of entrance



View of main block (left) and rear wing (right)  
from southwest

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Private/Educational/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

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Significance

The John Miller house is a rare surviving example of Italianate Victorian dwelling house in the portion of Prince George's County which adjoins the District of Columbia near Bladensburg; it represents a style of architecture which has all but disappeared inside the Capital Beltway. During the Civil War, after his immigration from Germany, John Miller acquired an 80-acre farm, part of Chillum Castle Manor, on which he operated a truck farm. Sometime around 1890, Miller constructed the subject dwelling, which became the home of his son, John August Miller. When the elder Miller died in 1910, his farm was divided among his three children; John August Miller retained the central 38 acres including his house, while his sisters took the easterly and westerly sections. By the time of J. August Miller's death in 1932, the areas along the District boundary were beginning to be densely developed. In 1950, this property was subdivided into the community of Chillum Hills. The house was purchased by the present owner in 1973, and is used as a nursery school center. Although it is in deteriorating condition, it is important because it represents a style of architecture rare today so close to the District boundary.

Acreage: 20,915 sq. ft.

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and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 921 Chillum Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town West Hyattsville Chillum \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

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

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

name John Garrison

street & number 921 Chillum Road telephone no.:

city, town West Hyattsville state and zip code MD. 20782

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4219

street & number Main Street folio 548

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state  county \_\_\_ local

repository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Rivendale, state MD. 20737

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The John Miller House is a handsome, square, two-story, Victorian frame farmhouse with Italianate details. It is located near a busy commercial intersection in a heavily-developed area. The building has a low hipped roof and is painted blue. The main block is five bays by two, and the principal facade faces north. There is a central entrance with transom and sidelights, surmounted by an imposing architrave with a heavy modillion cornice and double jigsaw corner brackets. First floor windows on the main facade are tall, floor-to-ceiling, with 6/1 sash, board sills and lintels with crown moldings. Most of the remaining windows are 6/6, with similar trim.

Across the north facade is a one-story, shed-roofed porch with jig-sawn open-work brackets and chamfered posts. The cornice of this facade has modillions punctuated by double jigsaw brackets. A railing extends across the front of the porch. There are two interior chimneys in the east elevation. The east and west elevations are covered with German siding; the main facade has plain board siding.

A large, two-bay, two-story, gable-roofed addition extends to the rear and is covered with German siding; there is an interior chimney at the ridge at its south gable end. An outside flight of stairs at the southwest corner of the rear addition leads to a second floor entrance. At the southeast corner there is a one-story, one bay, shed-roofed addition which fills the corner between the larger rear addition and the main block and also has an entrance.

The property is currently being used as a nursery school and is in deteriorating condition.

# 8. Significance

<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>			
<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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local History
<input type="checkbox"/> invention				

**Specific dates** ca. 1890 **Builder/Architect**

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 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

cf. Chain of Title  
cf. Notes, Item #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 20,915 sq. ft. TM41 Parcel 66  
Quadrangle name Washington East, D.C.-Md. Section A Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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	Susan G. Pearl, Research Historian, and Lois Snyderman		
organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	September 1985
street & number	c/o County Planning Div., M-NCPPC	telephone	952-3521
city or town	Upper Marlboro,	state	MD. 20772

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  
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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

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Notes

1 Prince George's County Land Records FS #1:333; G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878.

2 Prince George's County Census, 1900; G.M. Hopkins Map of Prince Georges' County, 1894.

3 Prince George's County Land Records #87:220 with plat.

4 *ibid.* #694:231; cf. chain of title.

Chain of Title

John Miller House  
P.G. #65-9

- #4219:548  
5 Apr 1973  
Deed  
Beulah M. Snow to John R. Garrison; 23,525 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor (excepting 2,610 square feet)
- #3928:571  
2 April 1971  
Deed  
Lee B. Snow to Beulah Mae Snow; 20,915 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor; to convey all of the grantor's interest in order to make grantee sole owner; same as described in #3403:825.
- #3403:825  
18 Oct 1966  
Deed  
Margaret A. Schrider, unmarried, to Lee B. and Beulah Mae Snow, as tenants in the entirety; 20,915 feet n Chillum Castle Manor; same conveyed by deed by even date with these presents.
- #3403:823  
18 Oct 1966  
Deed  
Beulah Mae Snow to Margaret A. Schrider; 20,915 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor; same which grantor acquired by #3301:133.
- #3301:133  
28 Mar 1966  
Deed  
Blair Keefer to Beulah Mae Snow; 20,915 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor; Lee B. Snow joins in conveyance to release all his right; same property described in #1698:443.
- #3301:131  
23 Mar 1966  
Deed  
Lee B. Snow and Beulah Searle Baird Snow to Blair Keefer; 20,915 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor; same as described in #2648:350.
- #2648:350  
19 Jan 1962  
Deed  
Irene M. Whitaker and Mary J. Loughery to Lee B. and Beulah Searle Baird Snow, as tenants by the entirety; 20,915 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor; same as described in #1698:443.
- #2648:349  
19 Jan 1962  
Deed  
Beulah Searle Baird (surviving tenant by the entirety of Harold C. Baird, deceased) and Lee B. Snow, her present husband, to Irene M. Whitaker and Mary J. Loughery; 20,915 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor; same property described in #1698:443.
- #1698:443  
27 Jan 1954  
Deed  
Ethel Jordan, widow, to Harold C. and Beulah Searle Baird, as tenants by the entirety; 23,525 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor.

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#1698:441  
27 Jan 1954  
Deed  
Harold C. and Beulah Mae Baird to Ethel Jordan; 23,525 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor.

#1535:307  
19 Aug 1952  
Deed  
Ethel Jordan to Harold C. Baird, unmarried; 23,525 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor.

#1294:66  
28 Aug 1950  
Deed  
Kurt C. and Beulah Mae Blatzheim to Ethel Jordan; 23,525 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor.

#1294:59  
22 Aug 1950  
Deed  
Dorothy Quincy Smith, unmarried, to Kurt C. and Beulah Mae Blatzheim as tenants by the entirety; 23,525 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor.

#1052:440  
24 May 1948  
Deed  
Kurt C. and Beulah Mae Blatzheim to Dorothy Quincy Smith; 23,525 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor.

#813:63  
12 Nov 1945  
Deed  
John M. and Pauline M. King to Kurt C. and Beulah Mae Blatzheim; 23,525 square feet, part of Chillum Castle Manor; same which grantors acquired by #694:236.

#694:236  
16 Feb 1943  
Deed  
George F. Cherry, unmarried, to John M. King; 23-1/3 acres, part of Chillum Castle Manor, being the remainder of the J. August Miller Tract.

#694:231  
13 Feb 1943  
Deed  
Mary S. Miller, et al, heirs-at-law of J. August Miller, to George F. Cherry; 23-1/3 acres, part of Chillum Castle Manor.

Admin  
#4996  
1932  
Estate of J. August Miller who died intestate 9 Apr 1932; Miller died seized of 24-3/4 acres in the 17th Election District; heirs were Mary S. Miller, widow, John F. Miller, Eleanora M. Miller and Miriam M. Cady.

#87:220  
31 Jan 1913  
Deed  
Eleanora and John J. A. Burgess and Annie R. and Edward C. Wineberger to J. August Miller; 38.72 acres in Chillum District; deed made to clarify bounds of the portion of John Miller's estate which was devised to his son, J. August Miller, by his will recorded WAM #1:196.

WAM #1:196  
10 Dec 1910  
Will  
John Miller, who died 7 Oct 1910, devised all his property to his wife during her natural life; upon her death each of his daughters, Eleanora and Annie, inherited a parcel of land with all the remainder going to his son, John August Miller.

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FS #1:333  
30 Sept 1862  
Deed

For \$5,000, Joseph M. and Maria L. Downing, William B. and Catherine M. Downing and Robert and Malinda Downing to John Miller; 87-1/8 acres, part of Chillum Castle Manor; part of the land conveyed to the grantors by Nicholas Carroll Stephen, trustee, on 28 Apr 1860.

PG #65-9  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1** NAME

HISTORIC  
John Miller House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2** LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Chillum Road, near Riggs Rd.  
CITY, TOWN  
(Takoma Park) VICINITY OF Chillum CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE Maryland COUNTY Prince George's

**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 checked="" 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4** OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
(recently housed a nursery school) Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER  
C JWN STATE, zip code  
VICINITY OF

**5** LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #:  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #:  
Prince George's County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro STATE Maryland

**6** REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

# 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

This is a handsome, two-story, Victorian frame farmhouse, that has an "Italianate" appearance. It has five bays on its main (north) facade, and a central door. It is a square building, with a low hip roof. A one-story, open porch spans the front. The porch features ornate brackets and chamfered posts. The central door has transom and side-lights, and is surrounded by an imposing architrave that features a heavy modillion cornice. First-floor windows are tall, floor-to-ceiling, 6/9 sash-with board sills and molded cornices. All other windows are 6/6, but with similar trim. The main facade has a bracket and modillion cornice, and there are chimneys in the east end-wall. Siding is milled German siding. Property is presently vacant and declining. Appears to be located on valuable commercial or multi-family land.

# 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
<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"/> 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

One of the few old houses remaining in this heavily-developed, suburban area. Also one of the classiest structures seen in the county. Unusual in that it shows a concious architectural style.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

12/7/72

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



NAME ? JOHN MILLER HOUSE #65-9

LOCATION 900 BLOCK CHILLUM Rd. TAKOMA PARK, Md.

FACADE NW

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