

Property Address ¹⁷²⁰⁵ 2905 Mill Branch Place, Mitchellville vicinity, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address Merton Canter, 17205 Mill Branch Place, Mitchellville MD 20716
Year Built circa 1880

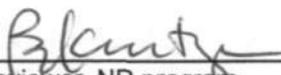
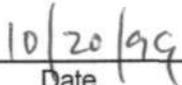
Description:

The Samuel Hamilton House was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in 1985. Since the time of the previous survey, a 1-story modern addition has been constructed on the southeast end of the house. The entire house has been covered in modern, vinyl siding.

National Register Evaluation:

The Samuel Hamilton House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. While the property is associated with agriculture in Prince George's County, it does not include any outstanding outbuildings, nor is it exemplary of a specific trend in agriculture. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore it does not meet Criterion B. The property is not eligible under Criterion C because it is a common type of which better examples exist. I-houses exist in great numbers in this region, and the integrity of this example has been compromised by the large modern addition and vinyl siding.

MHT CONCURRENCE:		
Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not recommended
Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____		

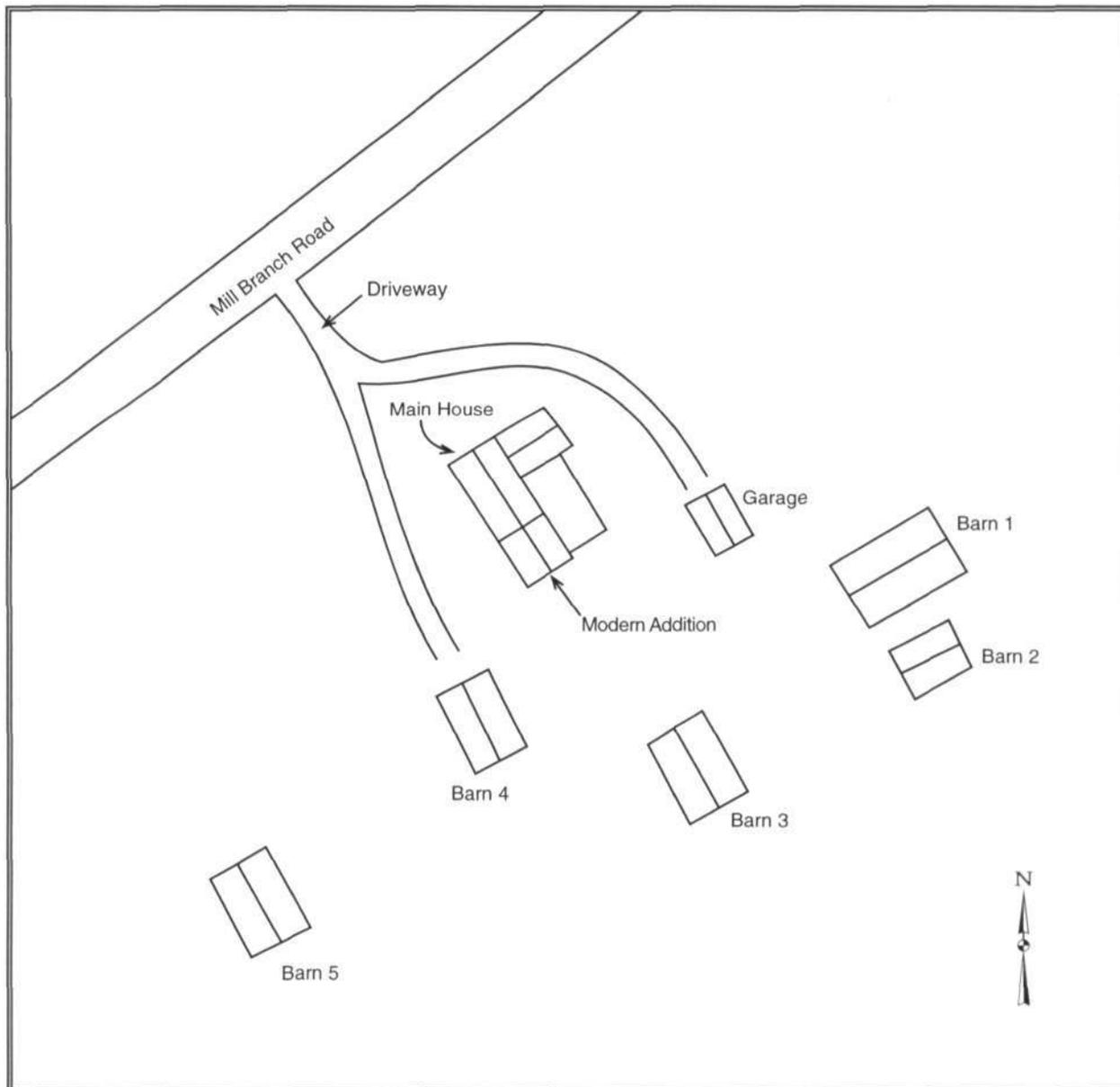
		
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Reviewer, NR program	Date
Date		10/20/99

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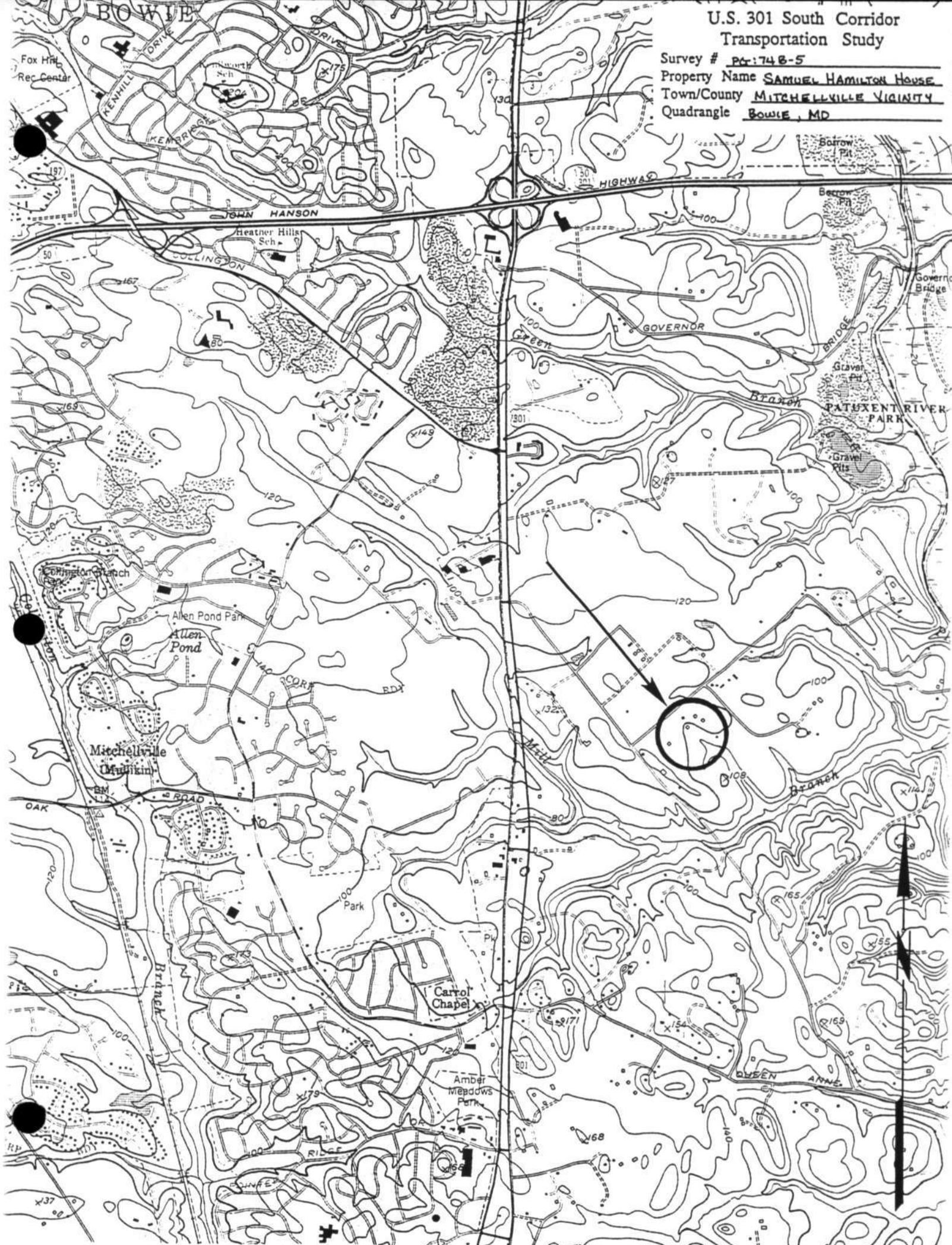
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Resource Sketch Map:



U.S. 301 South Corridor
Transportation Study

Survey # PC:748-5
Property Name SAMUEL HAMILTON HOUSE
Town/County MITCHELLVILLE VICINITY
Quadrangle BOWIE, MD





PG: 74 B-5

SAMUEL HAMILTON PROPERTY

PRINCE GEORGE'S Co., MD

J. DARSIE

11-98

MD SHPO

HOUSE, W CORNER

1/9



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SAMUEL HAMILTON PROPERTY
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

J. DARSIE

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MD SHPO

HOUSE, N CORNER

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HOUSE, E CORNER

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MD SHPO

HOUSE, S CORNER

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SAMUEL HAMILTON PROPERTY

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

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MD SHPO

BARN 1+2, VIEW | E

5/9



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SAMUEL HAMILTON PROPERTY
PRINCE GEORGES CO., MD

J. DARSIE

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MD SHPO

BARN 3, VIEW SE

6/9



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JAMUEL HAMILTON PROPERTY

PRINCE GEORGES CO., MD

J. DARSIE

11-98

MD SHPO

BARN 4, NIEW SW

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SAMUEL HAMILTON PROPERTY

PRINCE GEORGES Co., MD

J. DARSIE

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MD SHPO

BARN 5, VIEW SW

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PG: 74 B-5

SAMUEL HAMILTON PROPERTY
PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., MD

J. DARSIE

11-98

MD SHPO

GARAGE, VIEW SE

9/9

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG#74B-5 Building Date: 1870s, 1950s

Building Name: Samuel Hamilton House

Location: 17205 Mill Branch Place, Mitchellville, MD

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Samuel Hamilton House is side-gabled, and two-and-one-half-stories high, of wood frame construction. The main block is three bays by two. Entrance is in the central bay of the south facade, sheltered by a one-story porch supported by turned posts. The south entrance is flanked by two tall double casement windows; windows lighting the second story of the south facade are 1/1 double hung sash. At loft level on the south facade there is a central crossgable lighted by a two-section lunette window; the jig-sawn vergeboards which decorated the crossgable have been removed. One interior corbelled brick chimney rises at the ridge near the west gable end. Extending north from and flush with the east gable end of the main block is a one-story kitchen wing, built in the 1950s. The wood siding of the main block is covered with white synthetic shingle, as is the wing, and the roof with gray synthetic shingle. The foundations are probably of brick, but are covered with concrete; there is no basement. A short distance southeast of the house are the gravestones of members of the Samuel Hamilton family. Several early 20th-century farm buildings complete the farm complex.

Significance:

The Samuel Hamilton farm complex was developed in the period soon after the Civil War in the Queen Anne District of Prince George's County where other members of the Hamilton family settled and farmed. In 1876, Samuel Hamilton purchased a 118-acre farm, and soon thereafter built the subject house, considerably smaller and more modest in form than the houses of his sister and brother, but embellished with decorative jigsawn ornament. After the death of Samuel Hamilton (in 1915) and of his wife (in 1931), the property was sold to Merton Canter, whose family continues to farm it today. In the 1950s the Canters built and moved into a small new house fronting directly on Mill Branch Road, and the older house was renovated. The original kitchen wing was demolished and replaced by the current modern wing, the fireplaces were closed, synthetic shingle siding was applied, and the south porch rebuilt; later the Victorian vergeboards were removed from the central crossgable. The farmstead is representative of turn-of-the-century County farms, but the farmhouse itself no longer retains historic architectural integrity.

Acreage: 116.24 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

Historic Samuel Hamilton House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 17205 Mill Branch Place not for publication

city, town Mitchellville vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

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

name Merton Canter, Jr.

street & number 17205 Mill Branch Place telephone no.:

city, town Mitchellville state and zip code MD 20716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Administration Bldg liber 10,735

street & number 14741 Governor Oden-Bowie Drive folio 317

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites & Districts Plan

date 1992 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

7. Description

Survey No. PG#75B-5

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

The Samuel Hamilton House stands on a 116-acre tract of level farmland, watered by the Mill Branch and fronting on Mill Branch Road. There are several tobacco barns and other farm buildings on the property, and the house itself is set back from the road and accessible from Mill Branch Place on the west.

The farmhouse is side-gabled, and two-and-one-half-stories high, of wood frame construction. The main block is three bays by two, with principal facade to the south; a one-story gabled wing extends to the rear, inset from the west gable end of the main block. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay south facade, sheltered by a one-story, shed-roof porch supported by turned posts; the four-panel door has a plain, narrow board surround, and a three-pane transom. The central south entrance is flanked by two tall double casement windows; windows lighting the second story of the south facade are 1/1 double hung sash. Windows in the gable ends are 2/2 double hung sash. On the east, there are two windows on the second story, and one centered on the first story; their plain board surrounds are painted gray, and there are no shutters. On the west, there is no opening on the first story; the two windows that light the second story have black louvered shutters, as do the windows of the south facade.

At loft level on the south facade and flush with the south elevation, there is a shallow central crossgable, lighted by a two-section lunette window. The jig-sawn vergeboards which decorated the raking cornice of the crossgable and which gave the building its most distinctive Victorian feature, have recently been replaced by synthetic soffits and fasciae. The only remnants of early trim are the curved brackets under the wide overhanging eaves of the south elevation and part of the north. One interior corbelled brick chimney rises at the ridge near the west gable end.

Extending north from and flush with the east gable end of the main block is a one-story kitchen wing, built in the 1950s to replace an original kitchen wing. The wing is two bays by two, with two windows lighting the west, one on the north, and a small entry porch and one window lighting the east. A tall exterior brick chimney rises at the north gable end, west of the ridge.

The original wood siding of the main block is covered with white synthetic shingle, as is the wing, and the roof with gray synthetic shingle. The foundations are probably of brick, but are covered with concrete; there is no basement.

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Interior plan of the main block is not the traditional I-house, but rather two unequal parlors; the principal south entrance leads into the larger, west parlor. An enclosed stair, accessible from this west parlor, rises along the rear of the easternmost space. The fireplace originally served by the west chimney has been closed and the mantel removed. Trim around doors and windows is of plain board. Most other period features have been repaired and/or replaced.

A short distance southeast of the house are three gravestones of members of the Samuel Hamilton family, dating from the early twentieth century. Farther to the east are two large twentieth-century barns, and immediately northeast of the house is a separate garage structure. Northeast of the garage is a corn crib, and another gable-roof tobacco barn with stripping shed. (An older stable-barn combination to the northeast was destroyed in the 1980s by lightning and fire.) To the south of the this house-and-barn complex, fronting directly on Mill Branch, is another house complex: a mid-twentieth-century cottage and two twentieth-century barns.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates ca. 1876

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 Samuel Hamilton House is representative of the Victorian vernacular farmhouses built in Prince George's County late in the nineteenth century, although it is more modest in plan than the traditional I-house which was probably the most frequent type. This house was built by Samuel H. Hamilton sometime after his purchase in 1876 of 118-1/2 acres of farmland,¹ Samuel Hamilton (born 1846) had grown up in Anne Arundel County, but his mother was a member of the Duvall family of Prince George's County, and much of his immediate family settled in Prince George's County after the Civil War. His sister, Talitha Hamilton, married Beale D. Mullikin, hereditary owner of a large tract of land, known as Brazenthorpe Hall, near Queen Anne; the Mullikins' handsome stick-style house (no longer standing) was built there early in the 1870s.² In 1873, Talitha Mullikin's brother, James Hamilton, purchased an easterly section of the Mullikins' farmland, and built a handsome house (the James Hamilton House, #74B-7, listed in the National Register) where he raised his family and farmed for the rest of his life.³

Samuel Hamilton married Elizabeth Augusta Duvall of Prince George's County in 1876, the same year that he purchased a 118-acre farm, parts of Brough, Essington and Ample Grange, approximately 2 miles north of the farms of his brother and sister. Samuel Hamilton gave his new farm the name "Ivy Cliffs", even though the land is almost completely level.⁴ Probably within a year or two of his purchase, he built the subject house, considerably smaller and more modest in form than the houses of his sister and brother, but embellished with decorative jigsawn

¹ Prince George's County Deed HB#11:254.

² See Inventory form for PG#74B-9, the B. D. Mullikin House Site; Federal Census records for Prince George's County, Maryland, Enumeration District #7, 1870-1920.

³ See National Register nomination for PG#74B-7, the James Hamilton House; Federal Census records for Prince George's County, Maryland, Enumeration District #7, 1870-1920.

⁴ Prince George's County Deed HB#11:254; Federal Census records for Prince George's County, Maryland, Enumeration District #7, 1880.

ornament on the facade. Samuel and Augusta Hamilton raised their large family in this small house, and the family continued to farm the land until the 1930s. Their second son, Edgar Hamilton, married Blanche Hyatt of neighboring "Beverly" a mile and a half to the north, and spent the rest of his life farming that land. The eldest Hamilton son, Bruce, remained with his mother on the subject farm, continuing to farm the land after the death of his father, Samuel Hamilton, in 1915. After the death in 1931 of Samuel Hamilton's widow, her heirs applied to the Court of Equity for disposition of her property. At that time, the improvements on the Ivy Cliffs farm were described as "a six-room frame dwelling ('an old frame dwelling'); stable and corn house all in one; and two little tobacco barns 35 by 50 and 30 by 40." The Court ordered sale of the property, and in 1938, the farm tract was sold to Merton Canter, whose family continues to farm it today.⁵

The small family burial ground, as directed in Augusta Hamilton's will, has been preserved. In this graveyard are buried Samuel and Augusta Hamilton, their son, Henry, and daughter, Rachel.

In the 1950s, at the time of the marriage of Merton Canter's son, the owner built and moved into a small new house fronting directly on Mill Branch Road, and the older house was renovated for the new family of Merton Canter, Jr. The old kitchen wing was demolished and replaced by the current modern kitchen wing, the fireplaces were closed, the synthetic shingle siding was applied, and the south (front) porch rebuilt. In more recent years, the Victorian vergeboards were removed from the central crossgable.⁶

The Samuel Hamilton farmstead appears to be representative of late nineteenth/early twentieth-century establishments in Prince George's County, although the dwelling is considerably more modest than the traditional and popular I-house. All farm buildings appear to date from the twentieth century. The acreage is still farmed, however, with a wooded area to the east.

The Samuel Hamilton House, still attractive and livable, has been significantly altered. On the interior all mantels have been removed, and fireplaces closed. The original wood siding has been covered with synthetic shingle. The jigsawed decoration of the south crossgable, the last surviving distinguishing feature, has been replaced by synthetic soffits and fasciae. Some windows have been replaced by modern ones, matching those in the 1950s kitchen wing, which

⁵See Inventory form for PG#74B-18, Hyatt House; Federal Census records for Prince George's County, Maryland, Enumeration District #7, 1920; Prince George's County wills WAM#1:687 (1915) and WTD#2:516(1931); Prince George's County Equity #10,102 (1937); Prince George's County Deed #449:56.

⁶ Site visit and interview with present owner, May 1997.

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itself was built to replace the original kitchen wing. Although the farmstead is reminiscent of turn-of-the-century County farms, the house itself no longer retains its historic architectural integrity, and therefore no longer embodies the distinctive characteristics of the type and period of its construction.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PG #74B-5

cf. Chain of Title
cf. Notes Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 116.23 acres (TM 63, p. 7)Quadrangle name Bowie, Section EQuadrangle scale 1:24,000UTM 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
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Section, M-NCPPC date March 1985, May 1997street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive telephone 301-952-3521city 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

Chain of Title
Samuel Hamilton House
PG #74B-5

10755:317
4 May 1996
Deed

Merton L. Canter, Jr., personal representative of Mary M. Canter (who died 24 November 1990), to Merton L. Canter, Jr.: same land acquired by Merton L. Canter, Sr. (who died 11 August 1989), by deed #499:56 (therein mis-spelled as Mertin L. Canter) in 1938; the home place of Samuel Hamilton, acquired by Hamilton by deed HB#11:254 in 1876; 118 1/2 acres, assessed as 116.2395 acres.

#499:56
15 Feb. 1938
Deed

S. Marvin Peach and A. Gwynn Bowie, trustees in Equity #10,102, to Mertin L. And Mary H. Canter; 118 1/2 acres, the home place of the late Samuel H. Hamilton, which he acquired by HB #11:254; "excepting from the 118 1/2 acres the Family Graveyard Plot of about 25' by 25', with ingress and egress."

#10,102
12/10/1937
Equity

Suit brought by children of Augusta Duvall Hamilton, deceased; her personal estate is insufficient to cover debts; petition is for court-ordered sale of her real estate; trustees appointed to make sale.

WTD #2:516
1931
Will

Augusta Duvall Hamilton, who died 6 Feb. 1931, devised 119 3/4 acres, known as Ivy Cliffs, to her children: Bruce G., Edgar P., Augusta L., and Rachel A. Hamilton.

WAM #1:687
1915
Will

Samuel H. Hamilton, who died 29 Aug. 1915, devised his entire estate, real and personal, to his wife, Augusta Duvall Hamilton; tax assessments show he owned 118 acres which he called Ivy Cliffs.

HB #11:254
4 April 1876
Deed

Charles Morton Stewart and Josephine Stewart to Samuel H. Hamilton; 118 1/2 acres, parts of Brough, Essington and Ample Grange; part of land grantors acquired by deed dated 3 Apr. 1876 (HB#11:253).



South facade



East elevation



West elevation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

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Building Name: Samuel Hamilton House

Location: ¹⁷²⁰⁵
~~2905~~ Mill Branch Place, Mitchellville, Maryland

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Description:

The Samuel Hamilton house stands on a ca. 100-acre tract of level farmland, set back from Mill Branch Road. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed house, three bays by two bays. The principal facade is the three-bay south facade, sheltered by a one-story porch supported by plain posts. Entrance is through a central door with three pane transom. This central door is flanked by 1/1 double windows. There is a shallow central cross-gable pediment, with jig-sawn barge boards decorating its raking cornice. There is one interior chimney with corbelled cap at the ridge at the west gable end. Extending north from the west end of the main block is a one-story rear wing. The siding of the house is covered with white asbestos shingle, and the trim and shutters are painted dark green. The foundations are of brick, and the roof is covered with synthetic shingle. A short distance southeast of the house are three gravestones of members of the Hamilton family. Farther east are three twentieth century barns.

Significance:

The Samuel Hamilton House is typical of the plain farmhouses built in Prince George's County late in the nineteenth century. It was built by Samuel Hamilton probably shortly after his purchase of the 118-acre farm in 1876. The Hamilton family worked this farm until the 1930's, giving it the name "Ivy Cliffs", even though the land is almost completely level. After the death in 1931 of Samuel Hamilton's widow, Augusta, the farm tract was sold to Mertin Canter, whose family continues to farm it today. The house has been considerably altered on the interior; the fireplaces and one chimney have been removed, and the exterior siding has been covered with asbestos shingle. The fenestration, however, has not been changed. The small family burial ground, as directed in Augusta Hamilton's will, has been preserved. In it lie the remains of Samuel and Augusta Hamilton, their son, Henry, and daughter, Rachel.

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust

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

name Mertin Canter

street & number Same as above telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code 20716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 499

street & number Main Street folio 56

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites

date 1974 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state Maryland 20737

7. Description

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The house probably has a simple I-house plan; the interior was not seen.

A short distance to the southeast of the house are three gravestones of members of the Samuel Hamilton family, dating from the early twentieth century. Farther to the east are three twentieth century barns, and north of the house is a separate garage structure. An older stable-barn combination (to the northeast) was destroyed recently by lightning and fire.

8. Significance

Survey No. P.G. #74B-5

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1880 **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 Samuel Hamilton house stands on a ca. 100-acre tract of level farmland, set back from Mill Branch Road. It is a two-and-one-half-story frame gable-roofed house, three bays by two bays. The principal facade is the three-bay south facade, sheltered by a one-story porch supported by plain posts. Entrance is through a central door with three-pane transom. This central door is flanked by 1/1 double windows. There is a shallow central cross-gable pediment, with jig-sawn barge boards decorating its raking cornice. There is one interior chimney with corbelled cap at the ridge at the west gable end. Extending north from the west end of the main block is a one-story rear wing. The siding of the house is covered with white asbestos shingle, and the trim and shutters are painted dark green. The foundations are of brick, and the roof is covered with synthetic shingle.

The house probably has a simple I-house plan; the interior was not seen.

A short distance to the southeast of the house are three gravestones of members of the Samuel Hamilton family, dating from the early twentieth century. Farther to the east are three twentieth century barns, and north of the house is a separate garage structure. An older stable-barn combination (to the northeast) was destroyed recently by lightning and fire.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Samuel Hamilton House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2900 block of Mill Branch Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Mitchellville (Bowie) — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mertin L. Canter

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Mitchellville? — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

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
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

This is a tobacco farm, east of Rte. 301. The house is a low, two-story frame building that faces south. It appears to have a three-bay main facade, with a central door. There is a Victorian porch across the front. A brick chimney is enclosed in the west end wall. A one-story wing extends from the (north) rear. House presently covered with asbestos shingles.

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
<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

Appears to be the Samuel Hamilton house, indicated on Hopkins' 1878 Atlas. Needs further documentation.

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

10/3/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Chain of Title

Samuel Hamilton House

PG #74B-5

#499:56
15 Feb. 1938
Deed

S. Marvin Peach and A. Gwynn Bowie, trustees in Equity #10,102, to Mertin L. and Mary H. Cantor; 118 1/2 acres, the homeplace of the late Samuel H. Hamilton, which he acquired by HB #11:254.

Equity #10,102
12/10/1937

Suit brought by children of Augusta Duvall Hamilton, deceased; her personal estate is insufficient to cover debts; petition is for court-ordered sale of her real estate; trustees appointed to make sale.

WTD #2:516
1931
Will

Augusta Duvall Hamilton, who died 6 Feb. 1931, devised 119 3/4 acres, known as Ivy Cliffs, to her children: Bruce G., Edgar P., Augusta L. and Rachel A. Hamilton.

WAM #1:687
1915
Will

Samuel H. Hamilton, who died 28 Aug. 1915, devised his entire estate, real and personal, to his wife, Augusta Duvall Hamilton; tax assessments show he owned 118 acres which he called Ivy Cliffs.

HB #11:254
4 Apr. 1876
Deed

Charles Morton and Josephine Stewart to Samuel H. Hamilton; 118 1/2 acres, parts of Brough, Essington and Ample Grange; part of land grantors acquired by deed dated 3 Apr. 1876.

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M.55-P.36

M.64-

2.00A.
P.15

ALBERT E. ENTZIAN
2728/144

15.95A.
P.27

5543/648
2.00A.
P.9

R-A

ALFRED H. ENT
1455/040
127.77 A.
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MERTIN L. CANTER
499/56
116.23A.
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32A.
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5244/852
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NAME # 74B-5 SAMUEL HAMILTON HOUSE

LOCATION MILL BRANCH Rd E of Rt 301 Bowie, Md

FACADE W

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