

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: William D. Howeth Farm (Obidiah Clippinger Farm) Inventory Number: S-172  
 Address: 7733 River Road City: Westover Zip Code: 21871-4019  
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Kingston  
 Owner: Carmine C. Coiro Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 0186 Tax Map Number: 0040 Tax Account ID Number: 13-010129  
 Project: Great Bay Wind Energy Center Agency: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

*If the property is within a district* District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NR-listed district  yes Eligible district  yes District Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource  yes  no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

*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: MHT Library – MIHP form S-172

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The William D. Howeth Farm is a two-story, cross-gabled farmhouse located south of Westover. It was built circa 1870 and is named for an early property owner. The house was previously surveyed in 1983 (see MIHP form S-172 in MHT Library), and has experienced a number of alterations since that time. The aluminum siding has been removed to reveal wood clapboard siding, and wood frames surrounding the windows. The removal of the aluminum siding has also revealed two-light sidelights and a three-light transom around a center window on the second story of the south façade. The previous two-over-two wood sash windows have been replaced by one-over-one vinyl sash windows on the east, south and west facades. The foundation appears to have been rebuilt in brick, with an elevated porch leading to the center entry on the south façade. The roof of the house has been re-clad in metal, and the corbeled chimneys have been removed. The eaves of the house are now clad in aluminum. Three small, modern storage sheds are located to the east, west and north of the house but do not contribute to the historic significance of the property. The previous survey determined the property was largely significant for the presence of an antebellum kitchen building located northwest of the house that is no longer standing. The William D. Howeth Farm is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to unsympathetic alterations to the form and materials of the house which compromise its historic significance, as well as the loss of the pre-Civil War kitchen.

Prepared by: Grant Johnson (EDR) Date Prepared: February 2014

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input 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: _____	
<u>Grant Johnson</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>4/2/14</u> Date
<u>NA</u> Reviewer, NR Program	Date

2014 01266



**Great Bay Wind Energy Center**  
Somerset County - Maryland

**Historic Resources Assessment**  
February 2014

Notes: Basemap: ESRI USA Topomaps Online Map Service

- Demolished/Removed, Not Eligible
- EDR Recommends NRHP-Eligible
- EDR Recommends Not NRHP-Eligible
- Undetermined



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William D. Howeth Farm (OBIDIATH CLIPPINGER FARM)  
Somerset County, MD.

GRANT JOHNSON

8/26/2013

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW SE TOWARD HOUSE

PHOTO #1|3

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William D. Howeth (OBIDIAN CLIPPINGER FARM)

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

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WILLIAM D. HOWETH FARM (OBIDIAH CLIPPINGER FARM)

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

GRANT JOHNSON

9/19/2013

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW ESE TOWARD GARAGE & SHED

PHOTO #3/3

S-172-2013-09-19-03

S-172  
William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin  
Private

c. Mid 19th  
Century

The William D. Howeth Farm, also known in the land records as the Obidiah Clippinger Farm, is located on the east and west side of River Road, on the north side of the Annemessex River. The farm is largely significant for the survival of an antebellum frame kitchen that stands southeast of the farmhouse. Exposed on the south kitchen wall is a brick firewall and a portion of brick nogging. Inside, the kitchen retains its period wookwork on both floors. The cross-gabled farmhouse appears to date from the third quarter of the 19th century, but unlike the ~~Kitchen~~, has been thoroughly remodeled outside.

The exact history of this farm has not been sorted out, but the land is part of "Armstrong's Purchase" which was purchased by William D. Howeth in December of 1862 (LW 7/576). Obidiah Clippinger bought the farm from Albert Sudler, executor of Thomas Sudler, on 4 April 1883 (B.F.L. 5/666).

Survey No. S-172

Magi No. 2001725438

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William D. Howeth Farm

and/or common *CLIPPINGER FARM*

## 2. Location

street & number East side of River Road  not for publication

city, town Manokin  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber JMT 115

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 236

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-172

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input 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 checked="" 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 William D. Howeth Farm is located on the east and west side of River Road .4 of a mile north of the Annessex River. The c. 1870 farmhouse faces west with the gable running north/south. Also standing on the property is an ~~antebellum~~ frame kitchen which appears to **pre**date the farmhouse.

The two-story, three-bay farmhouse rests on a minimal brick foundation and is uniformly sheathed with aluminum. The cross-gabled roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Corbelled brick chimneys pierce the roofline on either side of the center hall. The first floor door and window openings are covered with plywood. Three 2/2 sash windows pierce the second floor while a smaller 2/2 sash window pierces the front gable.

The south gable end of the main house has a two-story three-sided bay window. The eaves are extended and finished with short returns. To the rear is a two-story service wing with center brick stove stack. A two-story porch covers most of the south side. A sawn-balustrade survives on the second floor. The end bay on both floors is enclosed.

The other two sides of the house are simply treated with similar doors and window treatment.

Standing immediately southeast of the house is a two-story, two-bay c. 1840-1850 frame kitchen resting on brick piers, sheathed with narrow weatherboards and covered by a medium sloped asphalt tile roof. The structure faces west with the main gable running north/south. An interior end brick chimney rises out of the south gable end and has an exposed fire wall. Two 4/2 sash flank the stack and light the second floor. A small patch of exposed south wall framing reveals a portion of brick-nogged framing.

The west side has two openings; one door and one window. The cornice is simply treated with a board soffit.

The north end has a door opening on the first floor and a single window opening on the second floor.

The east side is similar to the west with a single door and window.

Inside, the first floor is lathed and plastered. Cut nails fasten riven oak lath. The fireplace wall retains its woodwork. A mid-19th century mantel consists of a paneled frieze, molded shelf, and molded surround. A small board and batten door to the right of the hearth opens into the closet under the stair. The winder stair has three steps within the room and the rest behind a board and batten door. The built-in cupboards to the left of the hearth and in the northeast corner are late 19th-century additions.

The second floor is divided into two rooms and separated by a beaded board partition. The larger room has a stretch of simple handrail with rectangular balusters and

# 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
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<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The William D. Howeth Farm is largely significant for the survival of an ante-bellum frame kitchen that stands southeast of the farmhouse. The south wall has an exposed firewall and a portion of brick-nogging. Inside, the kitchen retains its period woodwork on both floors. The cross-gabled farmhouse appears to date from the third quarter of the 19th century. Its exterior has been remodeled.



square newel post. In addition, the room is trimmed with simple ~~chair~~ chair rail and baseboard. The door opening into the other room is framed by a molded surround.

The smaller room is trimmed with chair rail and baseboard but was never plastered. The mortise and tenon framing system is a fully exposed. ~~trimmer~~ ~~after~~ ~~the~~ ~~collar~~ ~~beams~~ The collar beams have half-dovetail lap joints and are held in place by cut-nails.

CHAIN OF TITLE

William D. Howeth Farm  
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J.M.T. 115/236

Federal Farm Mortgage

to

9/23/1938

Federal Land Bank

9/9/1938

Edgar A. Jones

to

Federal Farm Mortgage Corp.  
"William D. <sup>Howeth</sup> Farm" being same land  
conveyed unto Obadiah Clippinger by  
deed from Albert H. Sudler, executor  
of Thomas Sudler, deceased (B.F.L. 5/666)  
April 4, 1883--110 acres--  
\$1,850.

William D. Howeth and Margaret

to

Thomas Sudler

"William D. Howeth Farm"  
\$2,750. which is described in two deeds  
to William D. Howeth

- 1) from Thomas Sudler, executor of Isaac  
Parks 1/31/1860 LW 6/454.
- 2) from John W. Davis and wife bearing  
date 12/31/1862 LW 7/576

LW 6/454

1/31/1860

Thomas Sudler executor of Isaac Parks -  
12/13/1857 (last will and testament -  
directed his real estate to be sold  
2/24/1858 for \$1,005.

LW7/576

John W. Davis and Charlotte

to

12/31/1862

William D. Howeth  
(son of William Howeth - also spelled  
Howarth)  
\$600.00 North side of Annamessex River -  
called "Armstrong's Purchase"

LW 5/614-615

William J. Byrd, Trustee

to

John W. Davis

Decree of Circuit Court \$405.  
October 24, 1857 in the case of  
Isaac H. Parks and Henry Tull vs.  
Hezekiah L. Parks, William C. Parks,  
Tubman L. Parks.

LW 3/346-347

Isaac Parks, Sr.

to

1/12/1855

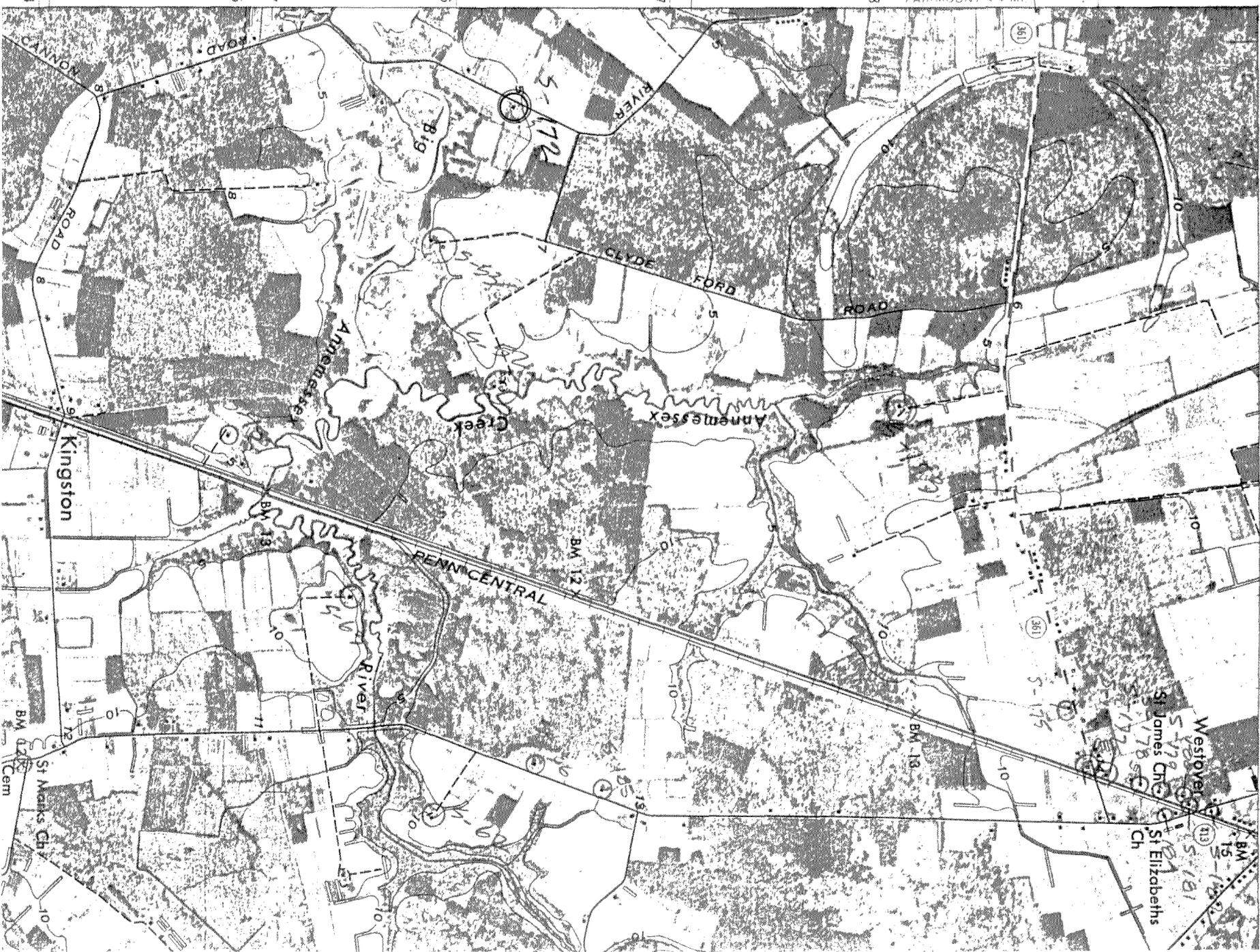
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S- 72 Wm D. Howeth Farm  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
South Elevation  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
West Elevation  
11/83 Paul Touart  
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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
South Elevation  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
Kitchen - Southwest Elevation  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
Kitchen - East Elevation  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
Kitchen Mantel  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
Brick Nogging  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
2nd Floor of Kitchen  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
2nd Floor Partition  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
2nd Floor Interior  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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William D. Howeth Farm  
Near Manokin, Somerset County  
Kitchen - 1st floor  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust

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