

HO-943

Miller-Harrison Tenant Farm
12998 Schooley Mill Road
Highland vicinity

Description:

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Significance:

In 1926 Nancy Stafford was assessed for a new corn house and wagon shed worth \$200, probably the same building that survives on the farm to this day. The following year the Staffords sold this farm to John J. Miller of Highland and later Bethesda. In 1932 Miller was given an abatement for the "Dwelling on Schooley Mill Road--Burned," and the following year he sold the 111 acres to Arthur and Gertrude Harrison of Takoma Park in Montgomery County. The first assessment on the Harrison's new farm included the 1931 barn and shed, the 1926 corn house, the old barn worth \$100, the cow stable, the corn house worth \$25, and in 1933 a new dwelling valued at \$1500. This is the existing dwelling, which is clearly built on an old stone foundation of a nineteenth-century "T" house, and thus has a room arrangement and proportion that reflects this earlier period rather than the 1930s. The house was slated to be demolished in the fall of 2007.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Miller-Harrison Tenant Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 12998 Schooley Mill Road not for publication

city, town Highland vicinity

county Howard

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

name Lime Kiln Valley LLC

street and number 8835 Columbia 100 Parkway telephone 410-730-0810

city, town Columbia state MD zip code 21045-2147

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 40-114

city, town Ellicott City liber 9507 folio 433

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2 1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0 0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	1 0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0 0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3 1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

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House, exterior

The house is a 1-1/2 story, five-bay by two-bay frame structure with asbestos shingle siding, a rubble stone foundation, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and an east-west ridge. There is a one-story ell on the north elevation, set to the west, which is one bay by two bays and has a gable roof with standing seam metal and a north-south ridge. On the south elevation, the foundation has a three-light sash between the west and west-center bays and another between the east-center and east bays. The first story has a center entrance with eight lights over two tall panels. The lock is missing from the door. On either side of the doorway are two broken six-over-six sash. There is a three-bay porch with a plywood deck and soffit and a shed roof with open eaves and 2 by 4 rafters. The porch is set on concrete piers with brick on top of the concrete, and is supported by four boxed, paneled posts. The windows have head-cut trim. The second story has gabled wall dormers in the west-center and east-center bays with broken six-over-six sash and head-cut trim. There are open eaves on the house and the dormers with 2 by 4 rafter ends exposed. There is an interior brick chimney on each gable end, made of extruded wire-cut brick.

The west elevation has a shed-roofed addition on the north side of the ell, with a large window opening. The addition has a concrete foundation and asbestos shingle siding. The ell has a cellar entrance with a flush plywood door, and the bulkhead is missing. The first story has a typical six-over-six sash. The main block foundation has a boarded-up opening. The first story of the main block has two typical six-over-six sash, and the upper story has two smaller typical six-over-six sash that are broken. The north elevation of the addition has a window opening to the east and a doorway to the west. There is a shed-roofed addition on the east side of the ell as well, with a CMU foundation, asbestos shingle siding, open eaves, and standing-seam metal that slopes down to the east. There is a six-light sash on both the north and east. The main block foundation has a three-light sash, the first story has a typical six-over-six sash in the east bay, and the upper story has a typical gabled wall dormer in the center. The east elevation of the north addition has a large opening. The east elevation of the main block has two typical six-over-six sash on the first story and two smaller typical six-over-six sash on the upper story.

House, interior

In the basement, the west wall has two stone piers for a chimney, but a brick chimney sits only on the north pier. The east wall also has two stone piers. The foundation is clearly older than the rest of the house. The first story has 2 by 8 joists with bridging, all of conventional lumber with wire nails. The north wall of the ell has a one-foot-square opening at the floor level that is an original feature, with an opening beyond the foundation. The purpose of this feature is unclear.

The first story has a center-passage plan with one room to each side, and a room in the ell that extends to the main block. There is also a small room in each addition. The passage has linoleum on the floor and throughout the first story, and there is drywall throughout, as well. There is plain architrave with plain corner blocks on the entire first story. Much of the woodwork was originally varnished. The passage has a dogleg stair in the northeast corner with a square paneled newel post, square balusters, and a moulded handrail typical of the 1920s or 1930s. The stairway has an open stringer with rectangular strips on the edge of the risers and beneath the treads. The bottom tread has a round end. There is a closet beneath the stairway with a two-panel door hung on butt hinges with ball finials. It has a brass mortise lock and glass knobs, and the stairway is constructed with wire nails. The stair ascends to the east along the north wall, and then turns to the south. The east room has a drop ceiling, modern baseboard, and knotty pine paneling on the east wall. There is a fireplace on the east made with a wire-cut brick facing and splayed jambs. The hearth has stone veneer, and there is a plain wood mantel shelf. The sash date to the 20th century and are hung on cords. The west room has a two-panel door with glass knobs now lying on the floor, and the baseboard has a quirked ogee. There are typical windows, trim, flooring, and walls here, and a chimney in the northwest corner. The door between the ell and the west room was

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either altered or cut through at a later date. There is no evidence of butt hinges, but it is not possible to determine if there was a swinging door here. The ell room has typical flooring and baseboard that matches the west room; it is board-and-batten on the walls. There is a typical two-panel door with glass knobs from the passage to the ell room. This room is a kitchen with built-in wood cabinets along the east wall. The north wall has a door set to the west with four lights over two panels, and it is hung on butt hinges with ball finials. To the east of the doorway is a window. The north addition has a concrete floor and exposed 2 by 4 framing. The north wall of the main block has weatherboards. The east addition has board-and-batten on the walls, a drop ceiling, and a toilet and sink.

The second story has a center passage with one room to each side. The passage has 2 1/2-inch tongue-and-grooved pine flooring that runs east-west throughout this story. There is drywall on the circular-sawn 2 by 4s, and a drop ceiling. The passage runs north along the stairs, which are enclosed, to the window on the north elevation. There is a doorway on the west side of the passage to a large closet. The east chamber has linoleum, a chimney on the east, a closet in the northwest corner, and a hatch in the ceiling that leads to the attic. The west chamber has a chimney on the west elevation, a closet in the northeast corner, and hatch on the north wall that leads to the ell attic. The ell attic has 2 by 6 joists, 2 by 4 rafters, and 2 by 4 studs in the north wall, all of which are circular-sawn. The main block attic has 2 by 6 rafters with a ridgepole.

Wagon Shed

There is a wagon shed located about 100 feet west of the house. It is a one-story, one-bay by one-bay frame structure with corrugated metal siding and a gable roof with an east-west ridge, inverted V-seam metal, and open eaves. The east elevation has a wide opening with a door in the gable end above. The south elevation is covered by shed additions, the north elevation has no openings, and the west elevation has a large shed addition. The wagon shed is constructed with 3 by 6 circular-sawn framing and 3 by 4 braces, and they are all wire-nailed. The center wagon floor is dirt with raised corncribs on the north and south sides that have board floors. These cribs have been altered and are now opened up, though some vertical slats survive at the west end of both cribs. The building has 2 by 4 rafters with board sheathing, with gaps between the boards, and the rafters are mitered and butted at the ridge.

Also on the property is a new shed constructed of dimensional 2 by 4s and T-111 siding, and it is set north of the house. There is another shed that is modern, is set south of the wagon shed, and has mostly collapsed. There is a stone-lined well about 25 feet west of the wagon shed addition.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philospohy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

N/A

Architect/Builder

N/A

Construction dates

c. 1932-33

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The 111-acre Miller Harrison Tenant Farm was purchased in 1922 by Nancy Stafford, just months after her son, Luke, purchased an adjoining farm. It is not clear at this time whether Nancy Stafford bought this as an investment or to provide additional land for her son to farm, but it is unlikely that she and her husband, Leo, intended to farm it themselves. In any case, Luke Stafford died in 1923 and the farm probably became a tenant property at that time. In 1926 Nancy Stafford was assessed for a new corn house and wagon shed worth \$200, probably the same building that survives on the farm to this day. The following year the Staffords sold this farm and their late son's to John J. Miller of Highland and later Bethesda. Miller's assessment noted a dwelling valued at \$700, a barn valued at \$100, a cow stable valued at \$300, a corn house and wagon shed valued at \$300, and a chicken house valued at \$25, all on the 111 acres. In addition to these two farms, Miller owned two others, one of which included his livestock, farming implements, and household furniture. The implication is that Miller was living on one of the other properties. Miller added a 25-foot by 36-foot barn, which was assessed in 1931 for \$500, and a 16-foot by 60-foot shed that was assessed at the same time for \$200. Of all of these buildings assessed to Miller, only the corn house and wagon shed added by Nancy Stafford seems to have survived. In 1932 Miller was given an abatement for the "Dwelling on Schooley Mill Road - Burned," and the following year he sold the 111 acres to Arthur and Gertrude Harrison of Takoma Park in Montgomery County. (1)

The first assessment on the Harrison's new farm included the 1931 barn and shed, the 1926 corn house, the old barn worth \$100, the cow stable, the corn house worth \$25, and in 1933 a new dwelling valued at \$1500. This is the existing dwelling, which is clearly built on an old stone foundation of a nineteenth-century "I" house, and thus has a room arrangement and proportion that reflects this earlier period rather than the 1930s. The form of the house, with two wall dormers on the front, and the construction materials and finish work such as the brick fireplace mantel and the stairway, however, are very typical of the 1930s. The Harrisons sold the farm in 1944, and were still living in Montgomery County at that time, so they probably never lived on the farm, but likely leased it to a tenant farmer. The farm was purchased by Harry and Dorothy Rauth, of Washington, D. C., and it remained in their family until sold for development in 2005. The house was slated to be demolished in the fall of 2007. (2)

Notes:

1.) Howard County Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment, District 5, 1922, 1928, Maryland State Archives.

2.) Howard County Commissioners of the Tax, Assessment, District 5, 1928, Maryland State Archives.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet. *footnotes*

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3 acresAcreage of historical setting 111 acresQuadrangle name ClarksvilleQuadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries are straight lines located 500 feet from the north end of the driveway, creating a square that encompasses all of the historic structures.

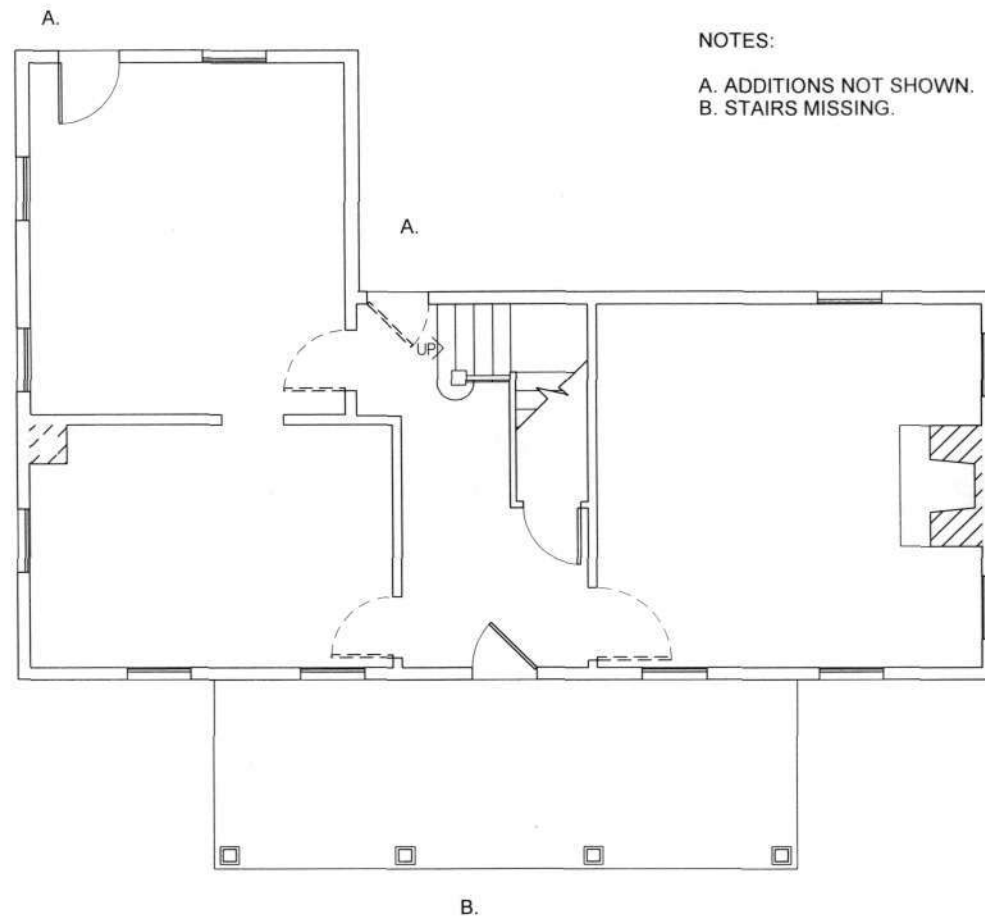
11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Dept. of Planning & Zoning	date	8/21/2008
street and number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD
		zip code	21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

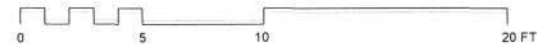
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100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
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NOTES:

- A. ADDITIONS NOT SHOWN.
- B. STAIRS MISSING.

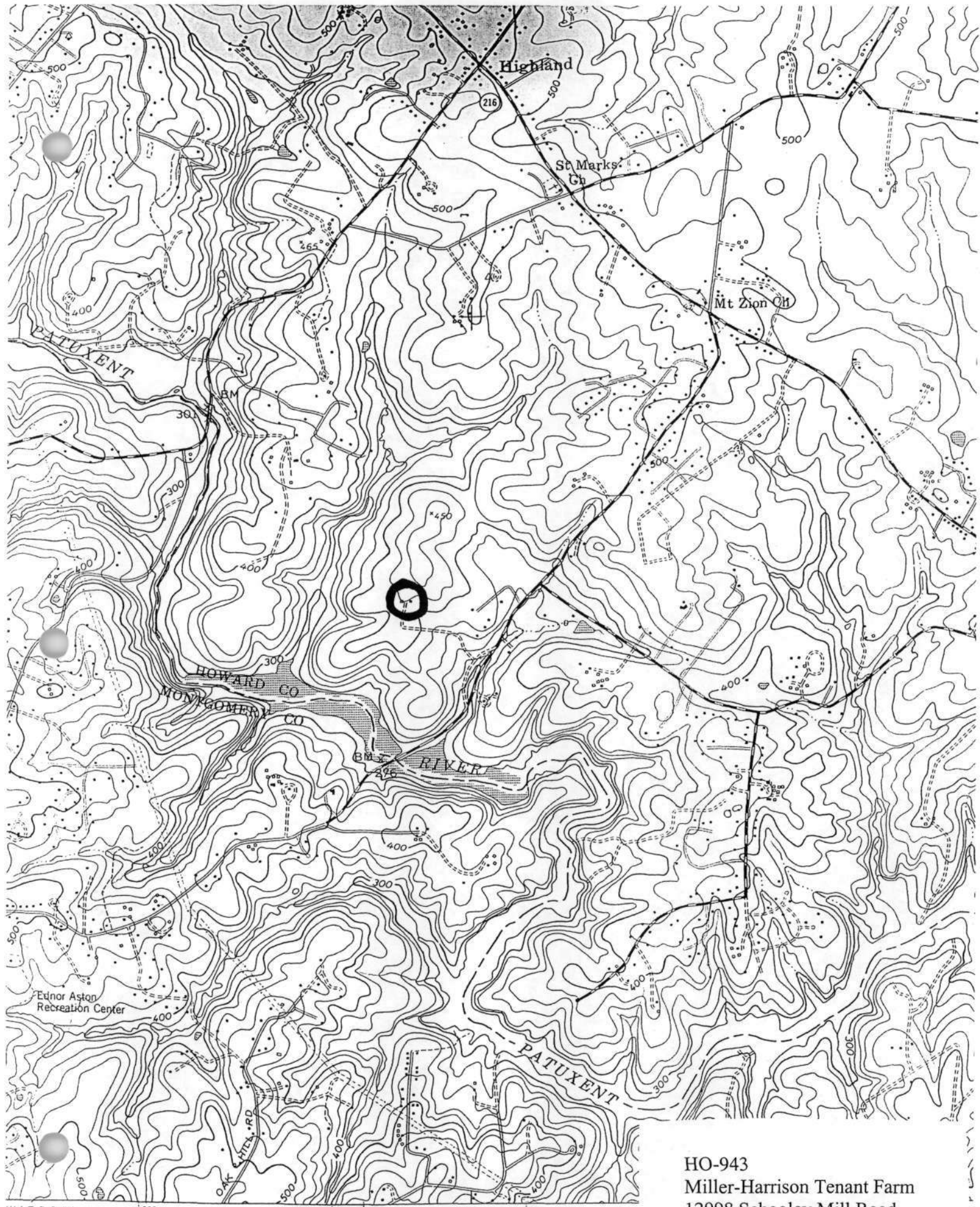


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FIRST FLOOR PLAN -- MEASURED AND DRAWN BY KEN SHORT -- NOVEMBER 2007

Miller-Harrison Trout Farm (HO-943)
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 CHAIN OF TITLE

GRANTOR/HOME	GRANTEE/HOME	DATE	LIBER/ FOLIO	INSTRU- MENT	CONSIDER- -ATION	ACREAGE	NOTES
John S. Rauth, trustee of Dorothy Rauth Revocable Trust	Lime Kiln Valley, LLC/MD	8.23.2005	MDR 9507-433	Deed - fee simple	\$5,750,000	57.3323 A	DJR deceased
Dorothy J. Rauth Harry B. Rauth, deceased	Dorothy J. Rauth John S. Rauth, trustees	1.6.1999	MDR 4600-302	Deed - fee simple	\$0	111-1-23 ARP	HBR d. 7.15.1979
Arthur P. & Gertrude C. Harrison (H/W)/ Montgomery Co.	Harry B. & Dorothy J. Rauth (H/W) /D.C.	12.4.1944	BM, Jr. 183-377	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	111-1-23 ARP	
John J. & Frances L. Miller (H/W)?	Arthur P. & Gertrude C. Harrison (H/W)/ Montgomery Co.	3.13.1933	HSK 145-571	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	111-1-23 ARP	
Nancy M. Stafford & hus. Leo W./Howard	John J. & Frances L. Miller (H/W)	11.17.1927	HBN 132-220	Deed - fee simple	\$5.00	1)148 A 2) 111 A	LAS d. 3.24.1923 NMS & LWS are parents and only heirs
Ferdinando Vicari <i>et al</i>	Luke A. Stafford	4.8.1922	HBN 114-524				1)
H. Hardey & Bertha V. Cissel	Nettie (Nancy) M. Stafford	7.26.1922	HBN 116-168				2)



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Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, south elevation

HO-0943_20071101_02
House, east & north elevations

HO-0943_20071101_03
House, north & west elevations

HO-0943_20071101_04
House, center passage, view north

HO-0943_20071101_05
House, east room, view northeast

HO-0943_20071101_06
House, north ell room, view east

HO-0943_20071101_07
Wagon shed/Corn crib, east elevation

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Wagon shed/Corn crib, north elevation





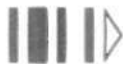
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House, south elevation

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House, east + north elevations

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House, center passage, view north

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House, east room, view northeast

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House, north ell room, view east

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Wagon shed/corn crib, east
elevation

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Wagon shed/corn crib,
north elevation

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