

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Seventeen-Mile House and Gearhart's Store Inventory Number: HO-1159  
Address: 11707 Frederick Road (MD 144) Historic district:  yes  no  
City: Ellicott City Zip Code: 21042 County: Howard  
USGS Quadrangle(s): Sykesville  
Property Owner: James W. Foster Tax Account ID Number: 03-285693  
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 0038 Tax Map Number: 0016  
Project: MD 32 from Linden Church Lane to I-70 Agency: MDOT SHA  
Agency Prepared By: MDOT SHA  
Preparer's Name: Consultant Architectural Historian Rebecca Crew Date Prepared: 09/05/2017  
Documentation is presented in: Survey and Compliance Files

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible:  yes Listed:  yes

Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The property at 11707 Frederick Road contains two buildings: a two-story frame structure dating from ca. 1840 and a one-story concrete masonry building from ca. 1940. Both face northeast towards MD 144 (Frederick Road) and are located west of Triadelphia Road.

The two-story, five bay, L-shaped, frame structure was known as the Seventeen-Mile House and now houses the Pink Cabbage Antique Store. It is composed of a two-story, side-gabled main block with stone foundation and a two-story rear ell. The two-bay wide rear ell aligns with the northwest elevation. Vinyl siding covers the exterior of the entire structure, and asphalt shingles cover the roof.

A poured concrete slab is located along the east two-thirds of the façade, providing access to the two single-leaf entrances. One entrance is assigned greater prominence by the addition of a broken pediment and fluted surround. This entrance is slightly west of center, and paired, six-over-one sash windows are west of the entrance. The other entrance is set between two twenty-light fixed windows. The façade's second floor has three evenly-spaced, six-over-one wood sash windows with plain wood surrounds and iron basket flower boxes.

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The main block's northwest and southeast elevations each have a single six-over-one sash window on the first and second story; a rectangular vent is on the attic level. The northwest elevation has a secondary entrance located at the junction of the main block and the rear ell sheltered by a flared hipped hood, supported by brackets. The main block's southwest elevation has a single six-over-one sash window on the first story, close to the intersection with the rear ell.

The rear ell's northwest elevation has a single six-over-one wood sash window on each the first and second story. The two-bay-wide southwest of the rear ell faces southwest towards Triadelphia Road. Six-over-one sash windows punctuate the rear ell's first story northwest bay and the two second story bays. A rectangular vent is located at the attic level's gable peak. A shed-roofed enclosed vestibule extends from the east half of the first floor. A concrete slab forms a patio outside the vestibule, which has a solid, paneled composite door on the southwest elevation and a small, one-over-one sash window on the northwest elevation. An internal corbelled brick chimney extends from the southwest end of the rear ell's roof.

The rear ell's southeast elevation has a centered one-over-one sash window on the first story and a six-over-one sash window on the second story, shifted northeast towards the rear of the main block.

Country Store

The one-story gable-fronted country store is located west of the two-story structure. The concrete masonry building has a medium-pitched gable roof and a long, linear footprint extending to the southwest. A shed roof extends across the façade; the northwest half is enclosed by half walls and single-light fixed ribbon windows. The southeast half has a half-glazed, paneled door with a single side light and a four-square-light fixed-sash window. Vinyl siding covers the exposed gabled end above the porch roof.

The side elevations reveal rusticated concrete masonry in the middle bays, with regular concrete masonry on each end- suggesting later alterations of enclosing a front porte-cochere and a rear addition. The southeast elevation has three, evenly-spaced glass block windows with brick sills and a secondary entrance towards the southwest end of the structure. The northwest elevation has a shed roof along its entire length, supported by wood posts. A single window and two composite panel doors comprise the openings on the northwest elevation.

An unevenly gabled, aluminum-sided addition is at the southwest end of the building. It has a standing-seam metal roof.

A separate metal canopy covers a large barbeque grill on the west side of the building, and metal gates and wood fencing enclose an outdoor eating area with picnic tables.

History

The land was originally platted to Charles Carroll as part of Doughoregan Manor in the early eighteenth century. The Frederick Turnpike was established in 1805. In 1872, Robert Goodloe Harper Carroll, known as Harper Carroll, and his wife Mary Carroll, conveyed 12 acres to siblings Stephen Renehan and Mary Renehan (1). The 1870 Census records a household in Ellicott City headed by Stephen Renehan, 35, a laborer; Mary, 40, a domestic; Annora, 59, also a domestic; and Ina, 85, engaged in keeping house. All had been born in Ireland (2). The 1880 census records Stephen Renehan (sic), 52, as a farmhand in Howard County, married to Catherine Renehan, 55, also born in Ireland (3). In 1882, the heirs of Mary Renehan, deceased, conveyed her ownership the property to Stephen Renehan (4).

Construction of the Triadelphia Road, beginning at the seventeen-mile stone on the Frederick Road, began in 1886. Both Harper Carroll and John W. Renehan were directors of the Triadelphia Turnpike Company (5). The exact familial relationship between

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John W. Renehan and Stephen Renehan is not known, and John was not one of the heirs of Mary Renehan, but he appears to have been a well-connected farmer in Howard County, elected president of the Howard County branch of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union in 1890 at the Doughoregan Democratic Club Hall at the seventeen-mile stone. Joseph A. Renehan and Edward Renehan were also charter members of the club, and Harper Carroll served on the Entertainment Committee (6).

Stephen Renehan died in 1888, aged 65, buried at a small cemetery on Cemetery Lane in Doughoregan Manor (7). In 1898, Catherine Renehan, widow of Stephen Renehan, conveyed 12.5 acres to Edgar L. Amoss, retaining a life tenancy for the rooms where she resided (8). In 1900, Edgar Amoss was recorded as a merchant and farmer in the third district of Howard County, heading a family that included his wife Ida O., five children, and a boarder: Susan Habersett, a seamstress. Catherine Renehan resided alone in the next enumerated dwelling (9). Catherine died in 1903 at the home of her nephew, Christian Brosenne (10). Edgar Amoss operated a store at the property from as early as 1904 (11). The store served as a meeting place for Howard County Democrats in 1909 (12). Edgar L. Amoss sold three acres to Edward R. Frank in 1919 (13). In 1920, the Frederick Pike received an Oil treatment from Ellicott City to the Seventeen-Mile House (14). In 1923, Ida O. Amoss, trustee, conveyed 9.5 acres to Warren Custer Brown and Lena Brown, his wife (15). The Browns conveyed the same property to Peter and Rachel Olson in 1927 (16). The Olsons then sold 4 acres to William L. and Florence K. Adams in 1946 (17). The Adams conveyed 4 acres to Henry T. and Beulah B. Gearhart in 1951 (18). It included a store with two gas pumps and was an important wayside stop, first for long-distance travelers, then for commuters (19). In 1992, Beulah Gearhart sold the property to James W. Foster, who retains ownership (20). The nineteenth-century structure is now an antique store, and the twentieth-century store is now a restaurant.

Evaluation

The Seventeen-Mile House and Gearhart's Store is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Research did not reveal associations with significant historical events, and it is not eligible for listing under Criterion A. The property is not closely associated with persons significant in local, regional, or national history, and it is not eligible for listing under Criterion B. Both the nineteenth-century and twentieth-century structures have been greatly altered by the addition of new materials that obscure their original materials. The property is not eligible under Criterion C as it lacks architectural integrity. The property was not evaluated under Criterion D as part of this assessment.

The surveyed boundary consists of Howard County Map 16, Parcel 38, including 2.02 acres.

Notes

- (1) Howard County Land Records WWW 32: 256 (1872).
- (2) U.S. Census, 1870.
- (3) U.S. Census, 1880.
- (4) LJW 45:59 (1882).
- (5) "Items from Ellicott City," The Sun, Dec. 22, 1886, pg. 6.
- (6) "Organization of a Farmers' Alliance," The Sun, Apr. 23, 1890, pg. 4. Also, "A Picnic of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union," The Sun, Aug. 28, 1890, pg. 4.
- (7) www.findagrave.com
- (8) JHO 68: 151 (1898).
- (9) U.S. Census, 1900.
- (10) Died. The Sun, Sept. 14, 1903, pg. 4.
- (11) "... To Death... Show That Bows, Not Shot, Killed Mr. McAvoy," The Sun, Jan. 4, 1904, pg. 7.
- (12) "Howard County Democrats Plan Aggressive Campaign," The Sun, Oct. 4, 1909, pg. 11.

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- (13) HBN 108: 314 (1919).
- (14) Road Guide for Motorists, The Sun, Aug, 8, 1920, pg. SM13.
- (15) HBN 118: 393 (1923).
- (16) HBN 132: 451 (1927).
- (17) BMJr. 193: 234 (1946).
- (18) MWB 222: 112 (1951).
- (19) "Zoning regulations close former '17-mile store'," The Sun, Oct. 15, 1992.
- (20) MDR 2553:293 (1992).

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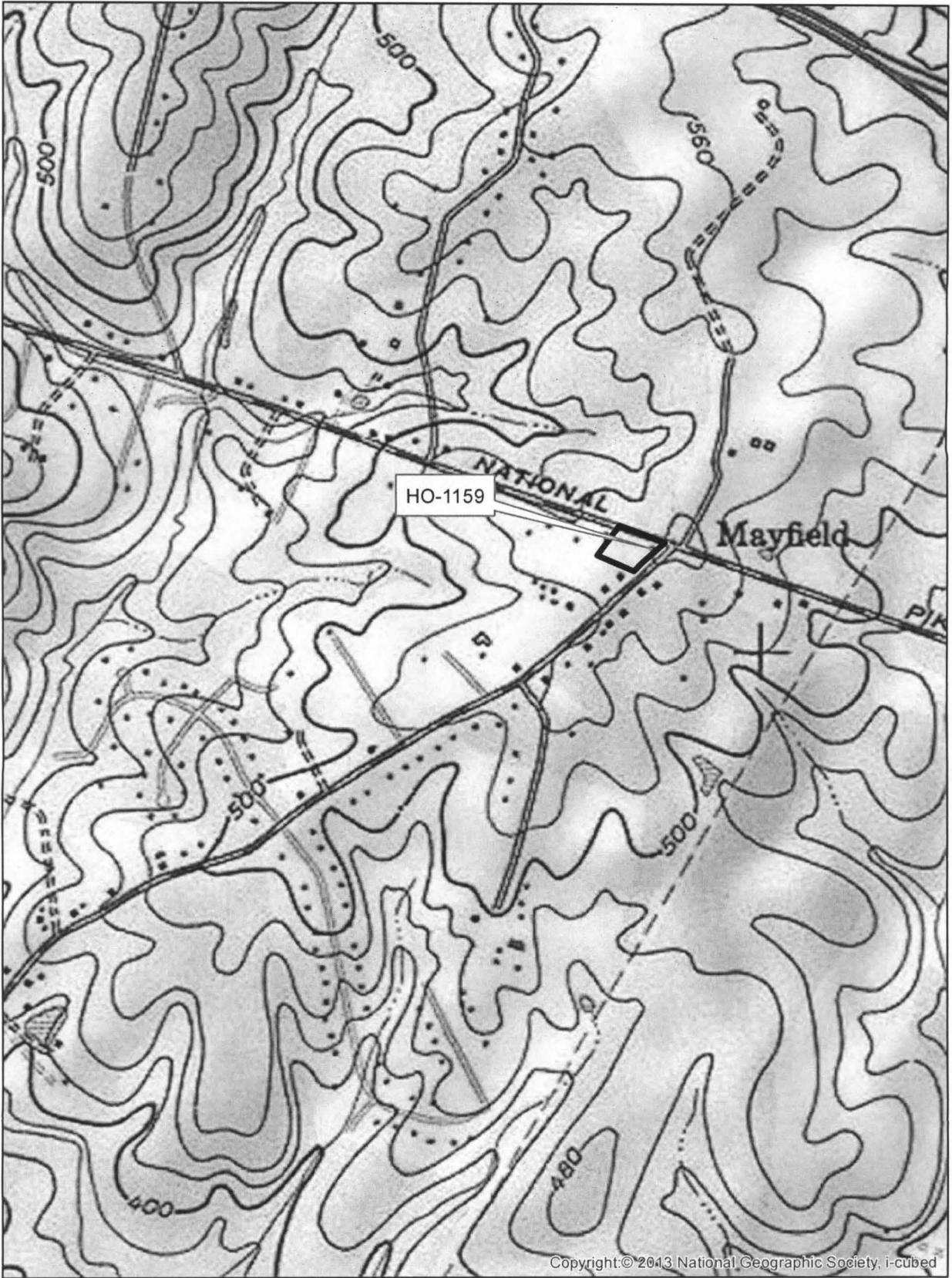
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