

Holste Farm
HO-886
5341 Kerger Road, Ellicott City
Howard County
late 19th c. – mid-20th c.
Private

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The Holste Farm has significance as a modest farm complex that is representative of the broad patterns of Howard County's history. Originally the 230-acre farmstead of a German-American family, the property was owned by hobby farmers from the mid-20th century until 1986, when the property was donated to Howard County Parks and Recreation. The phases of this farm's development are clearly visible in the farm's current appearance. The farm retains a 19th c. stone springhouse, stone bank barn foundation, and the core of the house appears to be a late-19th c. vernacular house. Twentieth century features include additions and alterations to the house and barn, the garage, and landscaping in the yard. In full, the property (now part of Rockburn Park) represents the evolution of Howard County's agricultural property through the 20th century.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-886

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Holste Farm

other n/a

2. Location

street and number 5341 Kerger Road not for publication

city, town Ellicott City vicinity

county Howard

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

name Howard County

street and number 7120 Oakland Mills Road telephone 410-313-4700

city, town Columbia state MD zip code 21046

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Land Record liber 1607 folio 261

city, town Columbia tax map 31 tax parcel 229 tax ID number 1401163965

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 at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

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

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair 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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Building complex

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House

The house at the Holste Farm appears to be a late 19th or early 20th c. 2-story vernacular house with a series of 1-story additions that was completely rehabbed in the mid-20th c. The building is currently covered in siding and has an asphalt roof. The windows are covered with plywood. A local group has used the building for its annual “haunted house” for past few years and has essentially destroyed the interior. Other than its basic form, the building has lost its integrity.

Barn

The Holste Farm retains a mid-20th c. bank barn on an earlier stone foundation. While the barn is not remarkable, the stone foundation, and barn site and mass contribute to the character of the site.

Garage

The Holste Farm has a mid-20th c. garage that does not contribute to the property.

Springhouse

The Holste Farm has a 19th springhouse, which is the most significant building on the property, located south of the main complex near the creek that runs behind the house. The one-story stone building, which is in deteriorated condition, has a corrugated metal gable roof with wood gable ends. The building has a wood door and window frame, but the door and window have been lost. The primary gable-end façade of the springhouse faces north. The primary façade has one door opening, which is offset to the west. The west (side) façade has one centered window opening. The other two facades do not have any openings. The interior is plastered and the lime washed ceiling is tinted blue.

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"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	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 history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____
Specific dates	1888, 1902, 1941, 1945, 1950, 1986	Architect/Builder	unknown	
Construction dates	ca. 1890, ca. 1890, ca. 1950			

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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In 1888, Annie Stimpson, who lived next door at The John S. Ridgely Farm (HO-865), sold Edward Holste 20 acres, 3 roods, and 10 perches for \$377.19. It is likely that the house was built at that date. The springhouse could have been built at that time, or may have already been extant on the Ridgely property. In 1900, the Holste family consisted of Edward Holste (aged 40) – a farmer, his wife Minnie (aged 38), their children, Deidrick (aged 13), Herman (aged 9), and Anna (aged 3), and farm hand James (aged 16). Minnie and Edward Holste had immigrated from Germany in 1882.¹ In 1902, Holste purchased an additional acre from neighboring farmer Herman D. Wehland. By 1920, only son Herman still lived at home with his parents and was a partner in the farm.² The property remained in the family until 1941, when Herman Holste died and left the property to his unmarried brother, Dedrick, and widowed sister, Anna Miller, who sold the farm to Lee and Anna Bindseil. Lee Bindseil grew up in Baltimore City. In 1930, Bindseil (aged 17) lived with his father L.W. (aged 44) – a railroad electrician, mother Elizabeth (aged 38), brother Harold (aged 11), and boarder Vincent Voight (aged 11) on N. Hilton.³ The Bindseils, who took a \$2000 mortgage on the property, owned the farm until 1945, when they sold the property to Edward and Florence Smith. The Smiths took a \$4030 mortgage. In 1950, the Smiths sold the farm to Carroll and Madeline Doyle, who took a \$6000 mortgage on the farm. The Doyle owned the property until 1986, when they donated it to Howard County Parks and Recreation.

¹ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Twelfth Census of United States: 1900, Population Schedule**, E.D. 79, Sheet 12A.
² Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fourteenth Census of United States: 1920, Population Schedule**, E.D. 56, Sheet 10A.
³ Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census, **Fifteenth Census of United States: 1930, Population Schedule**, E.D. 4-337, Sheet 25A.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Department of Commerce – Bureau of the Census. **Census of United States: Population Schedule 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930.**
Hopkins, G.M. **Atlas of Howard County, Maryland, 1878.** Ellicott City, MD: Howard County Bicentennial Commission, Inc., 1975.
Howard County Land Records, Dorsey Building, Columbia. See attached chain of title for specific libers and folios.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 54.71 acres
Acreage of historical setting 54.71 acres
Quadrangle name Ellicott City Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the Holste Farm corresponds to Howard County Map 31, Grid 22, Parcel 229, which is the buildings' current legal lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Jennifer Goold, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	June 9, 2005
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

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.

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
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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CHAIN OF TITLE

Grantor	Grantee	Date	Liber	Folio	Trans.	Cost	Acreage	Comments
Carroll P. Doyle and Madeline S. Doyle	Howard County	12-29-1986	1607	261	Deed	5.00	1) 20 acres 3 roods and ten perches 2) 32.75 acres 3) 1 acre 3 roods	
Carroll F. Doyle and Madeline S. Doyle	William F. Doyle and Beulah E. Doyle	11-10-1950	221	88	Mortgage	6000.00		
Edward William Smith and Florence F. Smith	Carroll F. Doyle and Madeline S. Doyle	11-10-1950	221	86	Deed	5.00	1) 20 acres 3 roods and ten perches 2) 32.75 acres 3) 1 acre 3 roods	
Edward William Smith and Florence F. Smith	Newington Building and Savings Association, Inc.	04-12-1945	185	17	Mortgage	4030.00		
Lee Bindseil Jr., Anna Bindseil, and Harold B. Bindseil	Edward William Smith and Florence F. Smith	04-05-1945	185	14	Deed	5.00	1) 20 acres 3 roods and ten perches 2) 32.75 acres 3) 1 acre 3 roods	
Lee Bindseil, Jr., Anna Bindseil, and Harold B. Bindseil	Commercial and Farmers Bank	10-15-1941	172	123	Mortgage	2000.00		
Dedrick E. Holste, single and Anna	Lee Bindseil, Jr. and Anna Bindseil, his	10-15-	172	120	Deed	5.00	1) 20 acres 3 roods and ten	Herman H. Holste died March 9, 1941, intestate, and left brother

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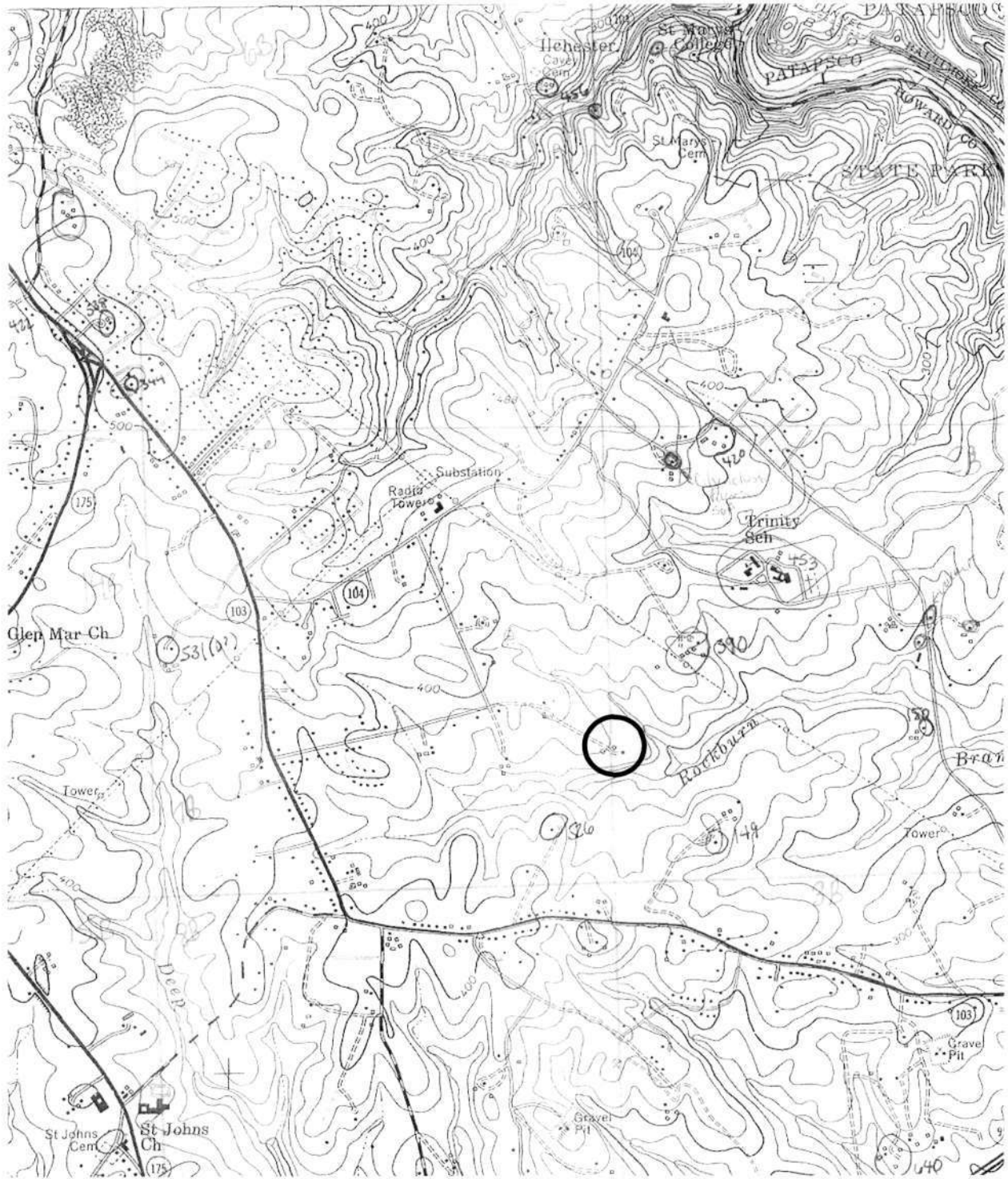
Miller, widow	wife	1941					perches 2) 32.75 acres 3) 1 acre 3 roods	Dedrick E. Holste and sister Anna Miller as his next of kin. 1) Liber 53, folio 390 2) Liber 53, folio 470 3) Liber 75, folio 106
Herman D. Wehland and Christina Wehland	Edward Holste	03- 24- 1902	75	106	Deed	75.00	3) 1 acre 3 roods and 34 perches	
Annie L. Stimpson	Edward Holste	06- 01- 1888	53	390	Deed	377.19	1) 20 acres 3 roods and 10 perches	Confirming deed of July 25, 1887 (Liber 52, folio 249)



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Site plan/Aerial photo



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USGS Savage Quad



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Holste Farm
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Jennifer Gould

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MD 410

Shows dogwood allee/farm lane
farmstead. Views. leading to

lob 13



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Holste farm

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MD 81PO

Shows farmhouse in setting. View E.

20613

ART-2611 <No. 6A>002
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MD SHPO

Shows house & barn inseting, view N

30613

ART-2611 <NO. 78>008
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HolsteFarm

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09-05

MD SHPO

Crows house, primary facade. View SE.

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Shows house, secondary facades. View N

506 13

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MD SHPO

Shows house + landscape features - Steps leading
to path to Spring house. View N.

60613

ART-2611 <NO. 114>003
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Shows barn, view w.

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MD SHPO

Shows barn. View N.

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Shows barn interior.

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View E.

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View E. Shows Garage.

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View S. Shows dairy.

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MD SHPO

View NE, Shows dairy in setting.

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Holste Farm

Howard County, MD

Jennifer Good

04-05

MD SHPO

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View S. Shows dairy interior.

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