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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Fox Hall Farm

other names/site number The Brick House

2. Location

street & number 670 Polling House Road not for publication

city or town Harwood vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Anne Arundel code 003 zip code 20776

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State of Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title _____ Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

- entered in the National Register.
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 - See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

Fox Hall Farm
Name of Property

Anne Arundel, Maryland
County and State

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5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	4	buildings
1	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	1	objects
2	5	Total

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling
Agriculture: agricultural field

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

Domestic: single dwelling
Agriculture: agriculture field

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

Federal
Greek Revival

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick
walls Brick
roof Slate
other Wood

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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Anne Arundel County, MD

DESCRIPTION

Meticulously styled, yet lending an air of easy informality, Fox Hall Farm, sprawled in a 155 acre field 15 miles south of Annapolis, was originally part of Anne Arundel Manor, a prosperous 5,000 acre estate. Built about 1790, the two and one-half storied brick house blending the Federal and Greek period is surrounded by 42 acres of crop land and 105 acres of woodlands. The house rests on an english (raised) basement, without a watertable. The entire house is of brick construction, including the interior bearing walls. The bricks used in the construction of the house were made on the premises, although the four sides of the mansion are bricked differently. The brickwork on the front elevation is Flemish bond; on the sides and rear it is common bond. The interior brick bearing walls are plastered and were originally wood panelled.

Retired Col. Norman A. Miller and Wilhemina Miller bought Fox Hall on April 23, 1955 from Robert M. Littlejohn. The twelve room mansion is on a side-hall, double parlor plan. The ten foot ceiling rooms are eighteen feet wide by twenty-four feet long with a total of six fireplaces throughout the house. It has a three bay front with a side entrance. The front entrance has an arched opening with a semi-circular fanlight above the door. There are no side lights. Closets were installed around the chimneys when the house was built. As a result, there are no windows on the west side where the large flush double-h end chimney is located. The fenestration in the front of the house has an exact counterpart in the back. All the windows are six-over-six pane, original lead glass with counter-weight mechanisms. The wood shutters are also original along with the hinges and brackets holding them open.

Two dormers on each side of the slate roof have a six-over-six pane opening under a segmental arch, surrounded by a pediment and pilasters. The sides are sheathed in butt-jointed wood siding placed parallel to the roof angle.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

Originally the house had an outside kitchen, which is now gone. Almost all features of the house remain intact. The english basement is tiled with original red terra cotta rectangular tiles, resembling a Pennsylvania Dutch Design. The floors on the second and third stories are original oak wood planks, but a new random-width hardwood floor has been installed on the main floor.

The interior of the house is in very good condition. Signs of workmanship which typifies the federalist period of architecture include handmade nails which held the plaster ceilings onto huge hand hewn wood beams.

The four fireplaces have unique wood columned mantels and trim. They are original to the house and very elaborate, as well as all the ornamental wood work and wood panel doors. The mantels have two engaged doric columns supporting the entablature with a large sophisticated accordion panel in the center. The fireplace openings and hearths are trimmed with blue-gray marble. The doors, windows and arched openings have heavily fluted molding with corner rosettes. Floor board moldings are tall and lightly detailed. The two main public rooms, the living room and the dining room have cornice moldings, with small minimal fluting.

Today the land is used for agriculture by the owner as crop, pasture, orchard, and woodland. A thick, high, double hedge of American boxwood encloses the walkway up to the front door. The large yard around the house is planted with various shrubs; deciduous and evergreen trees such as cypress and eucalyptus. The Rock Creek flows through the property and to the Patuxent River which runs parallel near the farm.

The rolling fields surround Fox Hall, along with a few out-buildings from the 19th and 20th centuries. There is one historic home, one tenant house, tobacco barns, a stable, and smoke house which dates to the original construction of the house.

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Conservation

Period of Significance

1768-1790

Significant Dates

1769

1790

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dr. Edward McCeney originally built the house for either himself or a daughter as a wedding gift in the last quarter of the 18th century. Dr. McCeney owned a large farm farther south on Polling House Road which was also part of the greater Anne Arundel Manor, comprised up of over 1500 acres. The 1860 and 1878 Anne Arundel County maps of the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board, shows "Fox Hall Farm" was owned by Mary (McCeney) Claytor.

The house is believed to be haunted by 'Bowie Owens ghost', who once lived in the house. Natives in the area, well familiar as to the formidable reputation of the old house, have always referred to it as 'The Brick House', even to the point of the Miller's receiving mail addressed simply 'The Brick House'.

Fox Hall was restored in the 1940's before the Norman A. Miller purchased it in 1955 from Major General Robert M. Littlejohn who had served with General Douglas MacArthur in the Philippines.

The architecture and workmanship of the mansion which typifies the federalist period include handmade iron nails which held the plaster ceilings onto huge hand hewn wood beams for well over 150 years. An extremely refined example of the Federal style are the doorways arched fanlights of delicate tracery. The superb woodwork of the mantels have doric columns on either side of the marbled firebox opening.

The facade is simple and well-proportioned, typical of merchant/farmer-class homes built on the eastern seaboard. "The Federal-style houses built were generally square or rectangular, brick or frame, three stories high...with door and window openings beautifully scaled and articulated, frequently incorporating fan and oval forms" (Chambers 31). The handmade clay bricks are of Flemish-bond on the front facade, a bond common to the Federal-style. The Greek-Revival dormers provides a miniature temple like embellishment, framing the dormer windows with pilasters and pediments.

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Fox Hall Farm
Name of Property

Anne Arundel, Maryland
County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 155.6

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
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3	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing
4	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kimberly D. Hoover

organization Catholic University of America date February 28, 1993

street & number 12124 Palisades Dr. telephone 410-257-9313

city or town Dunkirk state MD zip code 20754

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Wilhelmina V. Miller

street & number 670 Polling House Road telephone 410-867-1844

city or town Harwood state MD zip code 20776

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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8 December 1768.

Miller, Wilhelmina V. Personal interview. 27 February 1993.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundary of the nominated property is Parcel #31, NW,
Section 31, Harwood No. 4. Tax Maps 63 and 67, Anne Arundel
County, Maryland.

VERBAL BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The nominated property includes the entire parcel #31
historically associated with the property.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the
 NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
"Fox Hall Farm"				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
North side of Polling House Road, 2 miles west of jct. with Route 2				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Near Harwood				
STATE:			COUNTY:	
Maryland			Anne Arundel	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition:		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Norman A. Miller				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Harwood			STATE:	20776
			Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Map #63, E.D. #1, Parcel #31, Liber/folio #1935/298			STATE:	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:				
			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The 2 1/2 story brick house at "Fox Hall Farm" was built in the first quarter of the 19th century by Dr. John McCeney as a wedding gift to his daughter, Mary. McCeney owned a large farm farther south on Polling House Road. The 1860 and 1878 maps of the county show that "Fox Hall Farm" was owned by Mary (McCeney) Claytor.</p> <p>The house is on a side-ahll, double-parlor plan. It has a three bay front with a side entrance and large, double, end chimneys. The house rests on a raised basement, without a watertable. The brickwork on the front elevation is Flemish bond; on the sides and rear it is common bond. The front entrance has an arched opening with a semi-circular fanlight above the door. There are no side lights. Two dormers on each side of the roof have a six-over-six pane opening under a segment arch. This is surrounded by a pediment and pilasters. The sides are sheathed in butt-jointed wood siding placed parallel to the roof angle.</p> <p>The interior of the house is in good condition. A new random-width hardwood floor has been installed downstairs, but the flooring on the second and third levels is original. Closets were installed around the chimneys when the house was built. As a result, the west wall is blank.</p> <p>A thick, high, double hedge of American boxwood encloses the walkway up to the front door. The large yard around the house is planted with various shrubs; deciduous and evergreen trees.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Empty box for the Statement of Significance.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Empty box for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION: _____ DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY OR TOWN: _____ STATE: _____

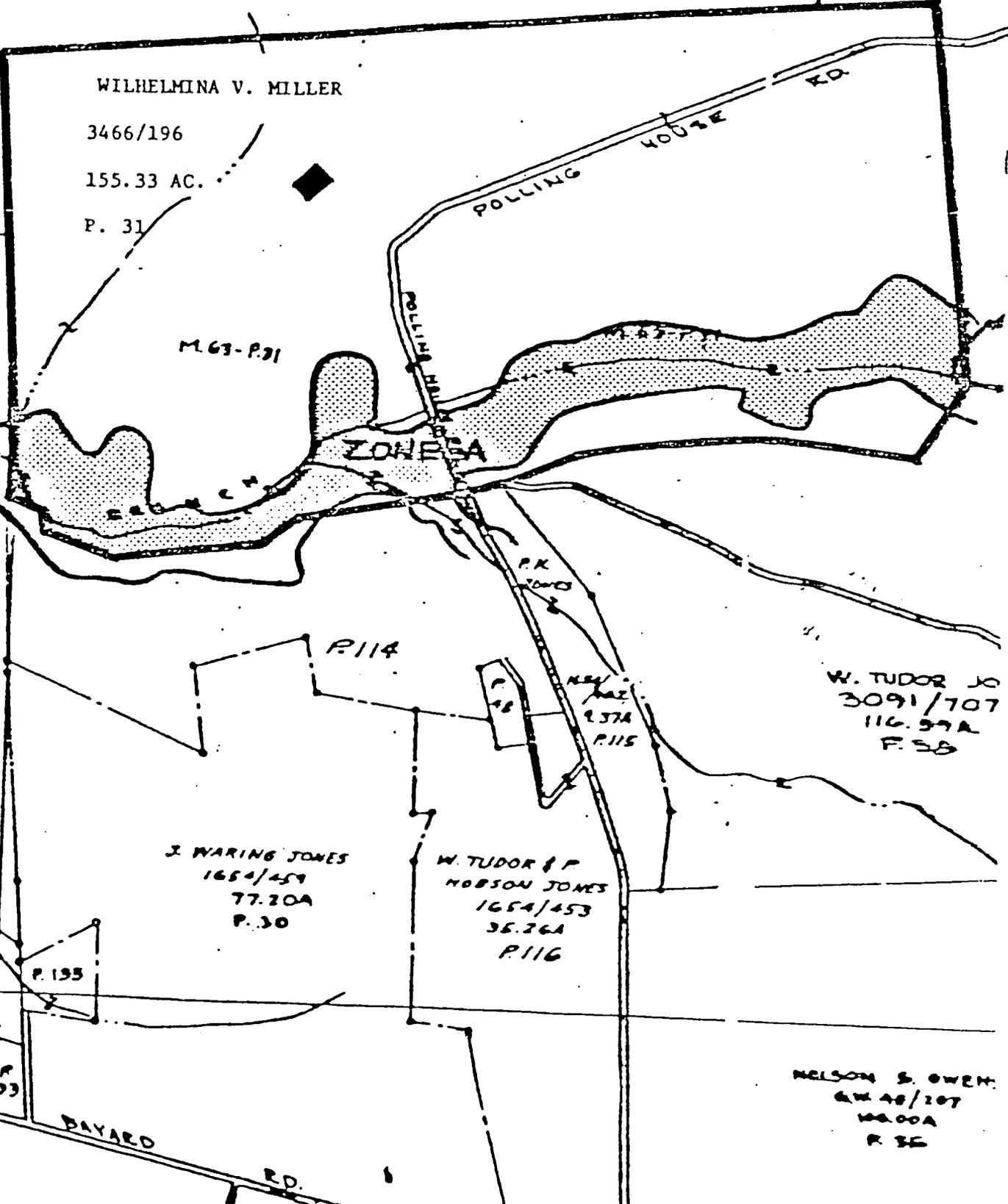
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



Quadrangle: Harwood, Fox Hall Farm, Maryland
Scale: 1:600



For valuable consideration... of Horatio Sharpe Esq. all my Right, Title, Claim, and Interest of and in, unto the within mentioned Land called Greenwich Farm, containing one hundred and seven Acres & three quarters of an Acre, with the appurtenances, unto the said Horatio Sharpe Esq. his heirs and assigns for ever, as witness my hand and the 11th day of November anno Domini 1769

John Lapham

John F. A. Priggs

Ann Arundell County by

The Certificate and Plot

of Greenwich Farm 107 3/4 acres

being part of Ann Arundell Manor
Procured for John Frederick Augustus Priggs, the 7th day of December 1760

For the Revenue Office

March 8. 1769

Examined & Repeared

Wheat's Secs

Horatio Sharpe Esq. 1769

Part of the same

1/2 2/4 1/2

Mr. Priggs to the rent

Recorded in Liber B.C.

Received December 6th 1769 of Mr. John Frederick Augustus Priggs by the hands of Horatio Sharpe Esq. One Hundred and Thirty Seven Pounds Seven Shillings and Seven Pence half Penny Sterling for the Purchase money of the within Land and also the further Sum Two Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Ten Pence half Penny Sterling for the Exp^{ts} of Surveying the same

Approved John Lapham, Clerk

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1. Fox Hall Farm
2. Anne Arundel, Maryland
3. Deed. Bill of Sale of Property.



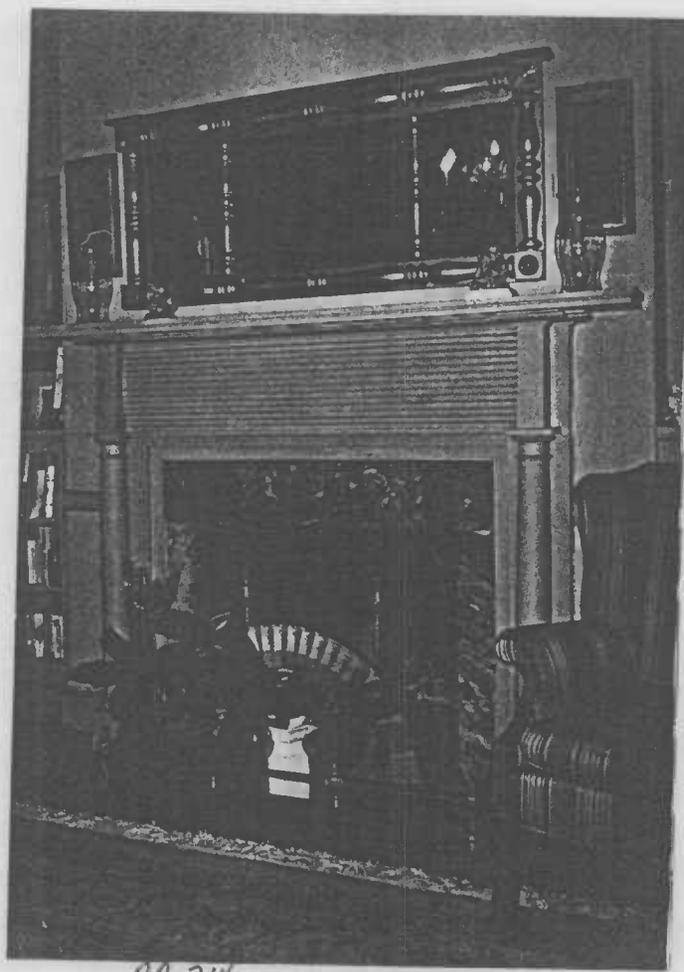
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1. Fox Hall Farm
2. Anne Arundel, Maryland
3. Kimberly Hoover
4. February 28, 1993
5. Kimberly Hoover
6. South Fascade and East side elevation, looking NE
7. #1

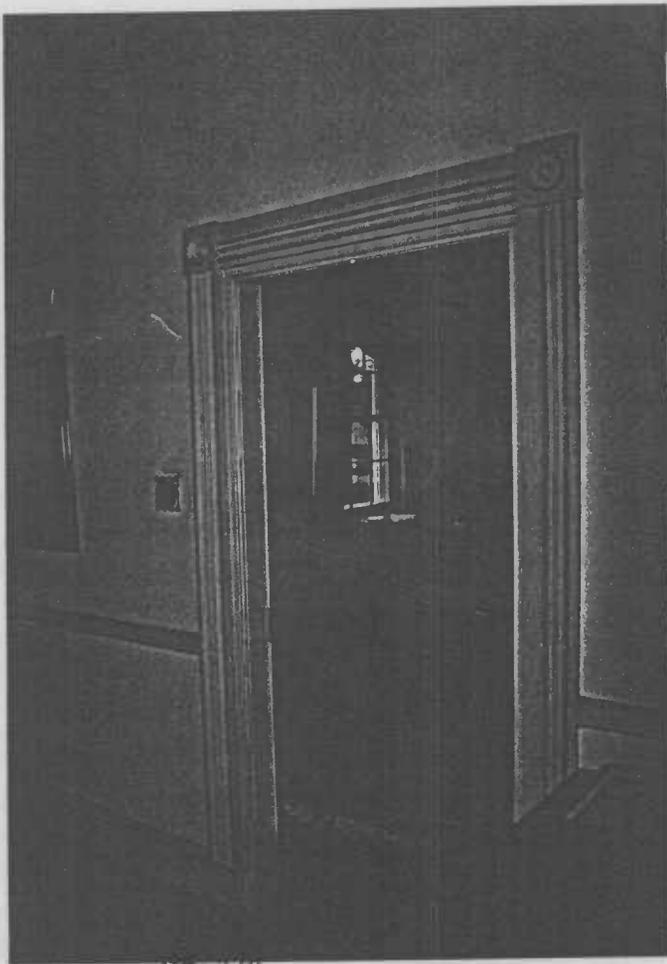


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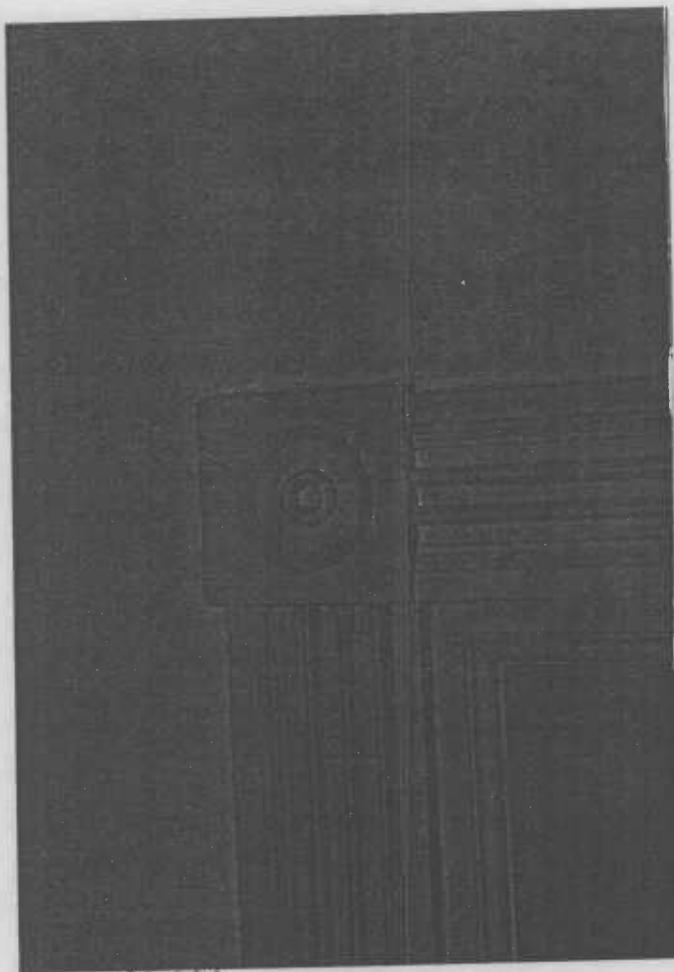
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6. Front South Fascade
7. #2



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 6. Mantel and Fireplace
 7. #5

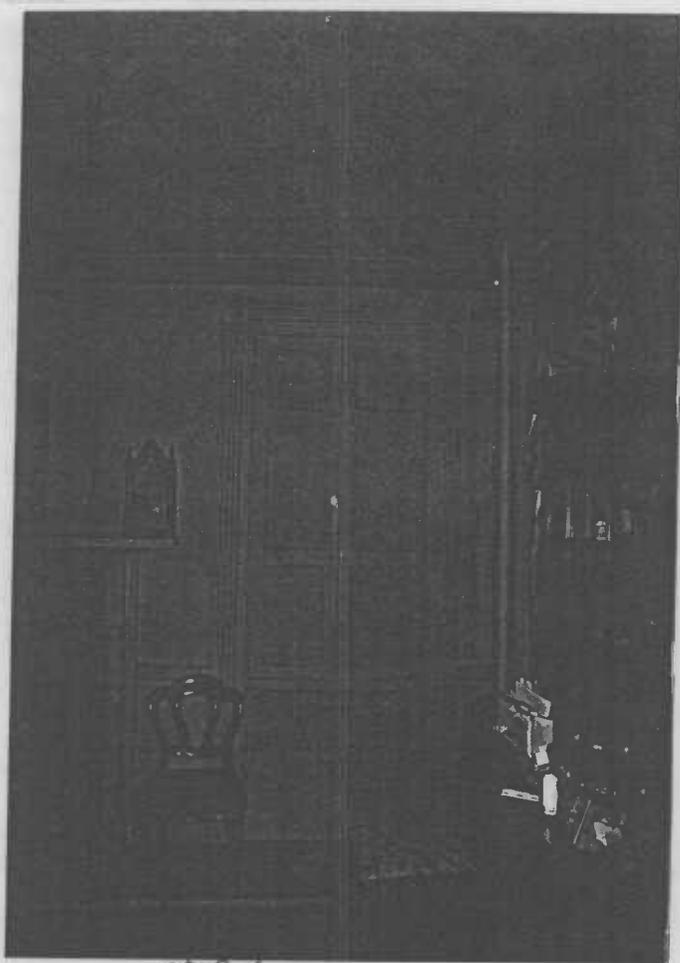


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 6. Door Trim, Interior
 7. #6



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4. March 10, 1993
5. Kimberly Hoover
6. Door Trim Detail, Entry Hall
7. #7



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5. Kimberly Hoover
6. Interior Closet, Dining Room
7. #8



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4. March 10, 1993
5. Kimberly Hoover
6. Interior Window, Living Room
7. #9



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(map 25.)
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Fox Hall Farm
South Elevation

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Fox Hall Farm
West Elevation

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