

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lynn Dale Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1700 Hunters Mill Road ___ not for publication

city, town White Hall vicinity of Councilmanic District - 3rd
congressional district 2nd

state Maryland county

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John L. and Dorothy E. Miller

street & number 1700 Hunters Mill Road telephone no.: (301) 357-5423

city, town White Hall state and zip code Maryland 21161

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courts Building liber TBS 1805

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue folio 264

city, town Towson state Maryland 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MHT Inventory

date Logged Dec. 8, 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust - 100 Community Place

city, town Crownsville state Maryland 21032

7. Description

Survey No. BA 398

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input checked="" 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 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 Lynn Dale Farm dwelling house is a plain, rectangular, two-part stone and frame structure from the Federal era, but more vernacular in style; it was under construction at the time of the 1798 tax list. The starter house was the stone portion, three bays wide with its blank gable end aligned with Hunter Mill Road, its formal facade facing west. The foundations of the house are 26 inches thick. The roof is standing seam tin. There are two chimneys, one at the north end of the stone segment--placing it inside the house and aligned with the ridge line--the other at the far north end of the frame segment, the end farthest from the highway. The stone chimney of the original house was designed to provide flues for fireplaces both upstairs and down. On the downstairs level, the two main rooms had fireplaces set in the corners of the room--more or less back to back with each other. Inside the original chimney, crude, irregular flues had been formed by pieces of flagstone set on end. At roof level, the chimney measures 2 by 5 feet. The present owner had the chimneys relined at the top with tile set in cement. A modern "Aladin" chimney cap keeps rain out of the flues and can be controlled by a mechanism located in the fireplace.

Rafters in both house and barn are pegged in place. These 12-inch timbers still retain the original bark except on the top surfaces where they have been shaved flat. Original floor boards in the upstairs portion of the older wing are 12-inches in width. The flooring in the newer portion is narrower. The first story of the old wing lost much of its original flooring because the joists had fallen in the east room. The stairway in the south end of the old wing was originally enclosed and was entered by a door at first-story level; the present owners opened up the stairway.

The Millers have 1949 photos of the house showing it with two doors on the west facade. The old section of the house had a door formed of vertical boards.

In 1949, the house was in an advanced state of decay and had lost its full-width east side porch. The building had never been equipped with central heating.

Today the house is fully livable and presents a bright appearance. The rear, frame wing, is covered by layers of clapboarding and also vinyl. On the same property there is a small spring house with a louvered cupola. Across Hunter's Mill Road is a large stone bank barn that had been built and equipped with dairy stanchions by one of the Smith owners in the 1920s.

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The 1981 tax list gave dimensions of the barn as 40 x 60. The house then measured 25 x 26 in each two-story portion, almost the same dimensions recorded in 1798 (24 x 26) when only the stone portion existed. This is an interesting, well restored vernacular-Federal house, plain but solid. The location is on a slope well above the level of the road, sheltered by trees on the east and south.



8. Significance

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 type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1798	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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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 dwelling on Lynn Dale Farm was long in possession of the Hunter Family and before that in the hands of their relatives the Vaughans. The tract name here is "Vaughan's Venture," thus the house is associated with the first settlers on this property. Vaughans are found in North Hundred as early as the 1783 tax list; in that list is Christopher Gist. The family usually spelled the name "Vaughan." This area was held back from settlers as "Lord Baltimore's Reserve" until the early 1770s. It is too far north to have been part of "My Lady's Manor."

By chance, this house was under construction in October, 1798, when the tax assessor, John Hunter, traveled through Mine Run Hundred. At that time the owner was Gist Vaughan, and he was charged with a "dwelling house, stone, two story, 24 by 26, new and not quire finished." The property adjoined George Elliott and John Barns (or Burns). There were two slaves enumerated. The other structures were:

- 2 old kitchens, each 12 x 16
- stone springhouse 12 x 16
- log meat house 10 x 12
- log hen house 10 x 10
- very old barn 16 x 20
- stables 14 x 33
- old cooper shop 12 x 16
- still house 20 x 20
- stone gristmill, good repair
- stone sawmill

The assessor brushed off the significance of the mill with the notation "but too small a stream of water." Vaughan and William Bull owned another tract with a 24-foot square mill built of logs

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and rented to Arthur Ryland. (1) In 1989, the owners of this house got virtually the same measurements (25 x 26) as those of 1798 for the stone half of the dwelling. (2)

Numerous references to the mill-owning family can be found. The General Assembly in 1802 authorized a road "from William Sinclair's Plantation to Vaughn's Mine Run and Gunpowder Mills' and thence to Owl Branch." (3)

The estate "Mount Pleasant former property of the late Gist Vaughn, inherited by his sons Thomas and Benjamin Vaughn, 25 miles from the city of Baltimore, between old York Road and the new Turnpike" was advertised along with a grist and saw mill in 1809. (4)

A few years later, the mill had changed hands as shown in a General Assembly road authorization of 1812, where a road was to pass by "Mine Run and Gunpowder Mills formerly Vaughn's and now Hunter's." The road was described in such detail that it was obviously the present Wiseburg or Weisburg Road. (5)

Peter Hunter was found in the 1818 and 1823 tax lists of Old District 5 with a gristmill worth \$200 and \$250, respectively. The sawmill, mentioned only in 1823, was worth but \$40.

Peter Hunter had married Elizabeth Vaughan, and they had four sons. Peter Hunter lived from 1764 to 1836 and was buried on his own property in a field by the large bank barn on the south side of Hunters' Mill Road. Two slaves (the ones enumerated in 1798) were also buried there, but the bodies were later moved to Vernon United Methodist Church. (6)

The house of interest in this report passed in 1855 to John V. Hunter (1804-1879). (7) The deed called it "the old mansion house lot" or Lot 1. The 1850 map by J.C. Sidney and P.J. Browne showed this house and the mill as Thomas Hunter's.

The mill followed a different course and passed to Thomas V. Hunter in 1843. (8) Pleasant Hunter took ownership in 1860, buying "Lot 4 or the Mill Lot." (9) The Vaughan Mill was replaced by a large new structure in 1863 as revealed by a painted date on the gable end of this large frame and clapboard mill. The older mill had been stone--dimensions not taken in 1798--yet its replacement was frame, although very well crafted of splendid materials, most

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likely larger. The new brick house for the mill owner was discovered by the assessor in 1869, four years after assessing the new mill at \$5,000. (10)

In 1875, John Hunter left his estate, 118 acres of "Vaughn's Venture and a very small part of a tract called 'Green Meadows'" to his wife Elizabeth Hunter. (11)

The property left the family in 1889 when Thomas J. Hunter sold 119 acres to Christopher Slade. (12) Slade sold in 1893 to Richard H. Wiley. Wiley sold in 1925 to William H. Mitchell. (13)

Mitchell suffered default of mortgage in 1928 and the property was advertised in the Jeffersonian:

The improvements consist of a Ten-Room house in good repair, bank barn, spring house, chicken houses, garage for two cars with tool house above, wagon shed granary and corn house on either side combined. The buildings are supplied with natural flow of water from an excellent spring; an orchard of excellent fruit in full bearing.

About ten acres of land is in wood, the balance is clear and very fertile and it is that quality of land that holds improvements. (14)

Subsequent owners were W. Gill Smith (1928), Harry L. Smith (1928), and William S. Small (1947). The Smalls sold to the present owners, John L. and Dorothy E. Miller in 1949. (15)

The Millers found that the house had long been uninhabited, except for some pigs, and they began a long restoration program (see Item 7). The Miller children still associate their formative years with the scents of sawdust, drywall, and fresh timber. During their tenure, the Millers were visited by a Hunter descendant, the late W. Carroll Hunter of Loudon County, Virginia, who occasionally toured his ancestral country in a chauffeured car. Mr. Hunter supplied the Millers with a family chart that has been retyped by Mrs. Miller. (See appendix).

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NOTES:

1. Federal Direct Tax List, 1798, Mine Run Hundred, Entries No. 1617, 1649, 1902. This was probably Gist Vaughn, Senior. His son Gist Vaughn, Jr., was then about 18 years old.
2. Mrs. Dorothy E. Miller to John McGrain, June 16, 1989.
3. Laws of Maryland, Acts of 1802, Chapter 16.
4. Baltimore American, January 4, 1809.
5. Laws of Maryland, Acts of 1812, Chapter 127.
6. Genealogical data supplied by W. Carroll Hunter, Purcillsville, Loudon County, Virginia.
7. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 12:105.
8. Baltimore City Deeds, TK 331:158.
9. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 30:454.
10. Transfer Books, No. 10 (1867), District 10, 1869 entries, f. 3; No. 3 (1853), District 10, 1865 entries, f. 15.
11. Baltimore County Wills, JBM 6:77.
12. Baltimore County Deeds, JWS 175:488.
13. Baltimore County Deeds, WPC 626:283.
14. Judicial Records, WMH 333:369. First insertion in the Jeffersonian, was February 25, 1928.
15. Baltimore County Deeds, TBS 1805:264.

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Information supplied by: Mr. W. Carroll Hunter (deceased)
Purcillville, Va.
Loudon County

PETER HUNTER (Elizabeth Vaughan, Wife)
1764-1836

PLEASANT HUNTER, Son

THOMAS V. HUNTER, Son
1807-1889
(Mary Cameron Hunter)
1822-1904
(owned Russell farm)

PETER HUNTER, Son
(owned Groton prop-
erty on Bacon Road)

JOHN V. HUNTER, Son
1804-1879
(Elizabeth Johnson Hunt)
1820-1896
(owned our farm)

PLEASANT HUNTER, JR.
(owned Sharp's house
and the feed mill)
(Minister)
Grandson

THOMAS C. HUNTER
(Clara M. Hunter, wife)
County Treasurer
Grandson

WILLIAM C. HUNTER
Grandson

CHARLES C. HUNTER
Grandson
1857-1890

THOMAS HUNTER (lawyer)
Grandson

W. CARROLL HUNTER
Great Grandson

SILAS HUNTER (doctor)
Grandson

There were also six
grandaughters fathered
by Pleasant Hunter)

PETER HUNTER (farmer)
(owned Vaughan's Venture)

Note: Peter Hunter and two (2) slaves were buried in graveyard in field by the barn on south side of Hunter's Mill Road. Bodies were later transferred to the cemetery at Vernon Church on Vernon Road. Two slaves are listed on the Vaughan property on the 1798 tax list.

On October 1, 1860 our property was transferred from Thomas V. Hunter to his nephew, Pleasant Hunter, or was it to his brother, Pleasant Hunter???

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Federal Direct Tax List, Gunpowder and Mine Run Hundreds, 1798
(Microfilm at OPZ)

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 111.8

Quadrangle name Phoenix

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Tax Map 17, Block 18, Parcel P186. Large irregular parcel stretching from White Hall Road to Hunter Mill Road and across First Mine Run.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	N/A	code
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state		code	county		code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title John McGrain

organization Office of Planning date September 23, 1991

street & number 401 Bosley Avenue telephone (301) 887-3211

city or town Towson state Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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