

BA-840B

Horst K. Schirmer House
East side of Falls Road south of
Miller Road
Not accessible
1930

Constructed in 1930 as one of two gatehouse for a large estate owned by C. Wilbur Miller, this dwelling is in the English Tudor style with steep slate roof and brick walls relieved by half-timber work.

Miller's mansion, Pleasant Hill, was erected in the 1920's and was the scene of much lavish entertaining for prominent guests and members of royalty. During the 1929 stock market crash, Mr. Miller, president of the Davison Chemical Company, declared bankruptcy and sold the 2000 acre estate. The mansion was never occupied again and fell into a state of ruin. The two Tudor-style gatehouses survive as private homes. The architects were the office of Joseph Evans Sperry with James R. Edmunds, Jr. as the partner in charge.

BA-340B

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

03084-5804

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Home of Dr. and Mrs. Horst K. Schirmer

AND/OR COMMON

home of Dr. and Mrs. Horst K. Schirmer

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Falls Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Horst K. Schirmer, MD

Telephone #: 666-0664

STREET & NUMBER

Falls road

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

butler

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21023

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5242

Folio #: 511

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

30 8003

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Built originally in 1930 as a gatehouse for a large estate, this dwelling is in the English Tudor style with steep slate roof and brick walls relieved by half-timber work. Recent additions, including a garage unit and connecting walls, have been tastefully carried out in the same manner. The architects were the office of Joseph Evans Sperry, with James R. Edmunds, Jr. as the partner in charge.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1930

BUILDER/ARCHITECT James R. Edmunds, Jr.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Schirmer home is one of two gatehouses which are all that remains of the C. Wilbur Miller mansion, Pleasant Hill, on the east side of Falls Road south of Miller Road. The Tudor-style mansion stood on property originally owned by Abraham Scott III. Erected in the 1920's by Mr. Miller who was president of the Davison Chemical Company, Pleasant Hill contained fifty rooms and twenty-two bathrooms. It was the scene of much lavish entertaining for prominent guests and members of royalty.

During the 1929 Stock Market Crash, Mr. Miller declared bankruptcy and in 1935 abandoned his two thousand acre estate. The house was sold at auction, but, unfortunately, the purchasers never occupied it and it is now in ruins. The two Tudor-style gatehouses survive as private homes.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kimelman, Donald and Steven M. Luxenberg, "The Balley - Part III in The Sun, Tuesday, July 22, 1975.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 18 +

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catherine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

September, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

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