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MILLER COTTAGE

1927

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

The Miller Cottage is a smart looking frame Dutch Colonial house of two stories plus attic, now used as a real estate office. It was built just north of the Odd Fellows Hall in 1927 or shortly before by Howard Leonard Miller, a local truck driver, who accumulated a number of town properties, including the lodge hall. The house has a gambrel roof, combined with a full-width shed dormer; also a full-width front porch, and aluminum wall covering. The front door is centrally located, suggesting a center hall floor plan.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC MILLER COTTAGE

AND/OR COMMON

Pullen Office

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16,910 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore 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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Harry C. Pullen

Telephone #: 329-6060

STREET & NUMBER

16,910 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 5668

Folio #: 190

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Miller cottage is a smart-looking Dutch Colonial house of two stories plus attic, recently refurbished as a home office after having reached a neglected condition. It has a gambrel roof that opens into a full-width, shed-roofed dormer on the east or street facade, providing openings for three double-hung sash windows of 1-over-1 format. These windows are equipped with both solid shutters and awnings.

The front porch is full width, and its roof is an extension of the main gambrel roof of the cottage. There are four square supporting posts, now enclosed in aluminum siding. Segmental arches shaped from the same aluminum material span the spaces between columns. The main door is in the middle, suggesting a center-hall plan. The front door contains six glass lights and is protected by a contemporary metal storm door. There are pairs of contiguous sash windows on either side of the door, their lights 1-over-1 in format, equipped with solid shutters. The porch is two steps above grade, its deck wood, its one outside step of brick.

On its south end, the cottage is three bays in depth, allowing two full-scale windows at the second-story level, plus a square attic window centered between them near the peak of the roof. The first-story windows on the sides are in three bays: the first bay west of the street contains a single sash window; the second bay contains a pair of contiguous sash windows; and the third bay contains a small window, set high in the wall. All side windows other than the one for the attic are equipped with louvered shutters.

The north end is two bays deep. The bay nearest the street contains a one-story bay window with its own hip roof and a 1-over-1 window. The rear bay contains a small sash window; at second-story level, there are two normal 1-over-1 sash windows.

The chimney is centrally located, rising through the rear roof slope. The entire house is sheathed in white aluminum siding. Roofing material is blue-black rubber tile. The foundation is not visible.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 1927

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This Dutch Colonial frame house has all the earmarks of a 20th Century structure and its origin is more easily demonstrated by following successive entries in the tax ledgers than by tracing the deed, which became enmeshed in a much larger three-acre parcel that was several times conveyed back and forth and in and out of the Miller family.

The 1923 tax ledger shows that R. C. Myers sold to H. Leonard Miller 3/4 acres on the westside of York Road in the village of Hereford and it was an unimproved tract worth \$115. (1)

The next tax series shows that Leonard Miller had a dwelling worth \$2000 on his parcel, a garage worth \$75, and "other buildings" worth \$25. (2)

Miller was son of the blacksmith, S. Howard Miller, and he was described as a truck driver in court testimony after his death. During his lifetime, he accumulated a number of properties, and after the Jehovah's Witnesses moved out of the former Odd Fellows Hall on the lot to the south, he purchased that building.

Miller died at age 67 in 1968 and his affairs were somewhat complicated by lawsuits and by court rulings that some of his conveyances had been null and void. The testimony proved at least that the Dutch Colonial was his residence; one witness mentioned a "contract to sell the former home of Howard Leonard Miller immediately north of Kingdom Hall." (3)

The Miller heirs sold to James L. Dent and wife in 1971. (4) The Dents conveyed to Harry C. Pullen and wife in 1976. (5) The house has been considerably improved and renovated and is in use as a real estate office.

NOTES:

1. B.C. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1923, f. 639.
2. B.C. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1928-1940, f. 926.
3. Judicial Records, OTG 719:569.
4. B.C. Deeds, OTG 5219:776; 5. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5668:190.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Judicial Records, OTG 719:552 and following.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.52

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION					
S86°	6'E	381.55 ft.*	S84°	51'E	80.30 ft. to W/S York Road
S4°	18'W	42.10	N6°	E	44.68 along road
S84°	41'E	64.87	N85°	39'W	528.63
N7°	40'E	40.66	S6°	36'W	44.

(MAP 22, P429)

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

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

March 13, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

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.

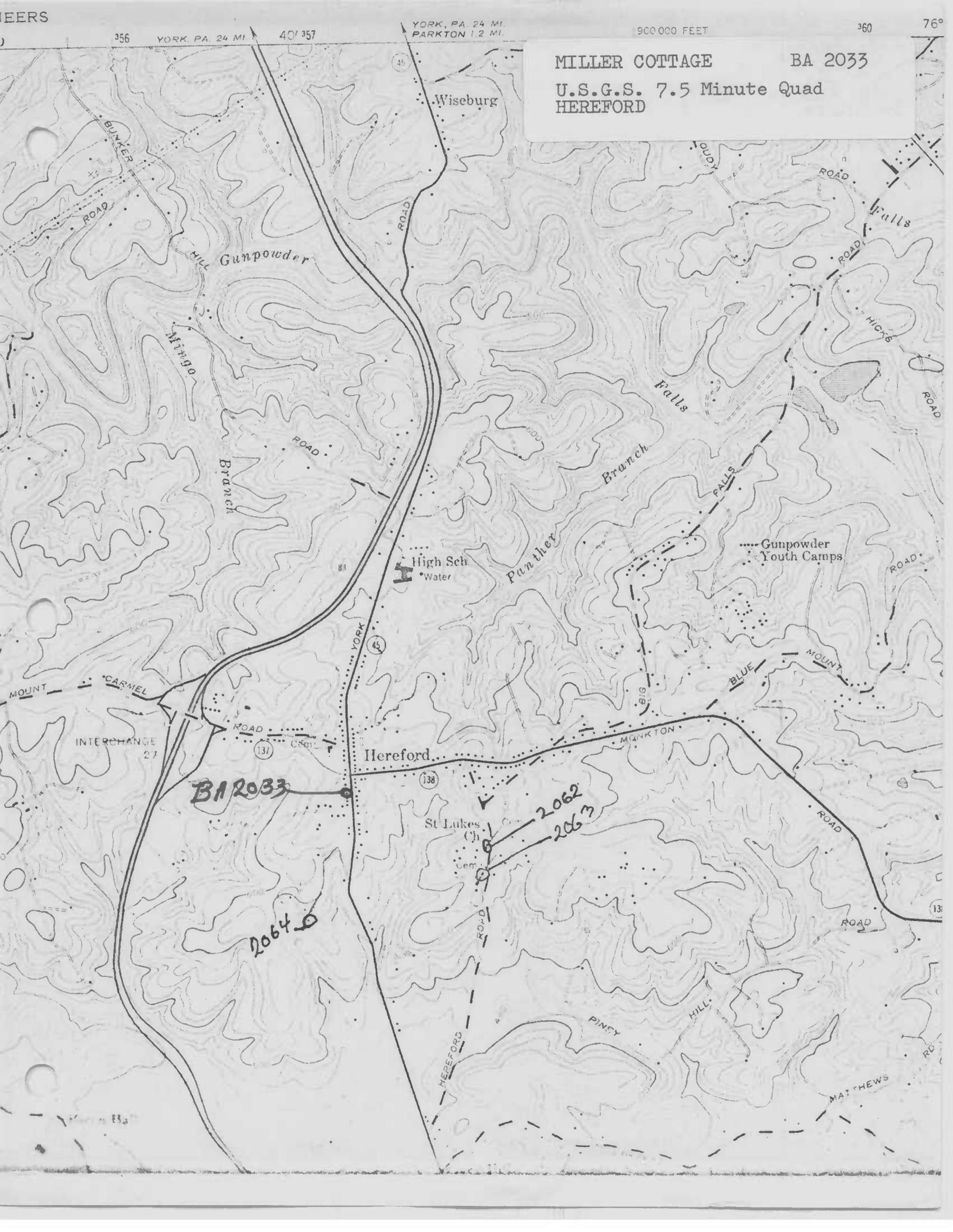
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
HEREFORD



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MILLER COTTAGE BA 2033
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, October 1980
Neg. located at MHT
Main (east) and south facades



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Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, October 1980
Neg. located at MHT
North end & main facade from NE



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