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MERRYMANS

TENANT HOUSE/ MAGRUDER TENANT HOUSE

Before 1850

HEREFORD

PRIVATE

This small vertical board and batten two-story house is not a tollgate keeper's dwelling but was a tenant house on the N.R. Merryman property shown in the 1850 Sidney map. Henry N. Merryman was deeded this property on his marriage in 1857, and he and his wife sold in 1876 to Conrad Saumenig, describing the place as "Lindwood." In 1885, Dr. Alexander R. Mitchell acquired the larger parcel and the 1918 tax ledger showed the house as 18 by 26 feet. The house remains in the hands of Dr. Mitchell's descendants. There is an attic with small square windows in the gable ends. There is a small, one-bay entrance porch. The chimney is contemporary, built on the outside of hollow concrete blocks. Style is vernacular.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC MERRYMAN TENANT HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Magruder Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16,726 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Hereford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

— VICINITY OF

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 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 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

Warren A. E. McGruder

Telephone #: 255-7465

STREET & NUMBER

c/o J. Elliott Mays

CITY, TOWN

Monkton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21111

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 4100

Folio #: 413

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	*Except for chimney	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Merryman Tenant House stands in an isolated spot just south of Hereford village and its economical construction suggests a past life as a tollgate keeper's dwelling, but history proves that it has never been more than a residence.

Only 18 by 26 feet, this is a small, vernacular style house of frame, covered with board and batten, painted white. It is two stories, plus an attic, in height, three bays wide by two bays deep.

The front door is paneled, without glass lights, reached by a one-bay gable-roofed entrance porch three steps above grade. The porch is supported by two plain square posts; its deck is wood, railed on the sides with square balusters in a decorative pattern. The porch deck and posts are supported by concrete block piers.

The two bays flanking the porch are fitted with 6-over-6 double-hung sash windows. There are three bays at second-story front level; the center bay contains a 6-over-9 window, and the windows on either side are 6-over-6 similar to those on the floor below.

There is a plain box cornice across the main (east) facade.

The ends of the house are windowless at first and second-story levels, supplied with pairs of square attic windows of four lights each at each end. The gable ends surrounding the attic windows are in-filled with horizontal clapboard.

The main roof is gabled, its end rafters flush with the sidewalls.

The chimney at the south end is built of concrete block, rising between bays along the centerline. The foundation is stone, without cellar windows that can be seen from the street.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 Before 1850 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small board and batten house is found as property of N. R. Merryman on the 1850 map by J. C. Sidney, and it must be assumed that it was built after the taking of the 1798 tax list when the entire Hereford area was undeveloped and dotted with modest one-story log structures. This house has an appearance that suggests some connection with toll-gates, but the exhaustive history of Baltimore County Turn-pikes as well as the legal history of the property itself rules out any such connection.

In 1857, Nicholas R. Merryman executed a deed to Henry N. Merryman and the document stated that the grantor had a "wish to make provision for party of second part, in view of his marriage." The deed mentioned as adjacent properties the Peach Orchard Field, Shelly's Farm, Hemphill's Line, and the York turnpike. (1)

In 1876, Henry N. Merryman and wife deeded the larger farm to Conrad Saumenig, giving the name "Lindwood" to the property. The deed mentioned that the equity records of the case Merryman-vs-Merryman had been "mislaidd." (2)

The 1876 tax ledger showed that Conrad Saumenig owned "Linwood" (sic), some 144-1/4 acres, and \$1000 worth of improvements. (3) In 1885, Saumenig and wife, Lydia, sold to Dr. Alexander R. Mitchell in a deed that showed that "Linwood" was actually just another name for the old land survey "Hereford Resurveyed." (4) The 1878 State directory shows that Dr. Mitchell was already practicing in the vicinity. (5) The tenant house was clearly indicated on the 1877 atlas plate as a small square, diagonally opposite the school-house of 1870. The structure was carried as Dr. Mitchell's "Tenant House—\$100.00" in the 1896 tax ledger. It is also shown in the 1915 Bromley atlas and listed as a tenant house of two stories, 18 by 26 feet in the 1918 tax ledger. (6)

This property descended to Mrs. Edith S. Mitchell, widow of the doctor, and to her daughter, Mary D. Magruder. Mrs. Magruder conveyed to Warren A. E. Magruder in 1963. (7) The

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main farm remains a large parcel and helps limit the town of Hereford; the tenant house is the southernmost structure that can be thought of as part of the unincorporated and undefined village.

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, HMF 19:418.
2. B.C. Deeds, JB 98:139.
3. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1876, n.p.
4. B.C. Deeds, WMI 145:543.
5. J. Frank Lewis & Co., Maryland Directory (Baltimore, 1878), p. 530.
6. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 684.
7. B.C. Deeds, 4100:413.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

MERRYMAN TENANT HOUSE

J. C. Sidney, "Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland" (Baltimore, 1850).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 56

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Stands on much larger, irregularly-shaped farm parcel, fronting on westside of York Road 1,380 feet south of Everett Avenue. (Map 22, P322).

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

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

March 14, 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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J. McGrain, March 1980
Neg. located at MHT
Main (east) and south facades



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