

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-2172**

**Susan Densifer Hoffman House**

**3400 Clippermill Road**

**Millers, Baltimore County**

**Circa 1840**

**Private**

The Susan Densifer Hoffman House was historically located near the villages of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. The house first appears on the 1850 J.C. Sidney Map of Baltimore County. Located along Clipper Mill Road, the house was noted as being occupied by W. D. Hoffman. Hoffman was a member of one of the large paper-mill families in the area. William H. Hoffman owned three paper mills in the vicinity, the Clipper, the Gunpowder, and the Rockdale Paper-Mills. In the towns of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale, W. H. Hoffman and Sons employed a large percentage of the population, totaling nearly two hundred employees. According to the 1877 Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County, the house was occupied by S. D. Hoffman. In 1881, Paper Mill Post Office had three churches, public school No. 1, the Spring Grange No. 153, and one store.

Facing south, is a two-and-a-half story single-family dwelling constructed circa 1840 in two blocks; one is log construction, and the second is coursed rubble stone walls and foundation. The stone block has a 6/6 double-hung wood sash window in the center of each story. The log section has two 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows on both the first and second story. A two-story wood post porch seen on the rear ell has a wood balustrade. The windows feature square-edged surrounds and sills. The side-gable roof feature overhanging eaves and is clad with standing-seam metal. Alterations include the removal of two interior-end brick chimneys, the addition of one circa 1950 exterior-end brick shouldered chimney, and the re-cladding of the log section. This large property is enhanced with three historic outbuildings, a barn, chicken coop, and a millwright workshop.



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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Dating circa 1840, this one-story wood frame barn rests on a raised solid random rubble stone foundation. The cantilevered upper story is supported with several wood posts. The side-gable asphalt shingle roof barn is clad with board-and-batten siding. The basement is accessed with two single-leaf vertical board doors and the first story has one single-leaf vertical board door. The circa 1930 chicken coop sits on a random rubble stone foundation and is reclad in vertical board siding. It is one-story high with a shed standing-seam metal roof. The façade features six 1/1 double-hung metal sash windows. An open sided tractor shed addition is located on the rear elevation. The wood frame millwright workshop was constructed during the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, appearing to be of box construction. This building is one-story high and two bays wide with a front-gable standing-seam metal roof. The façade features one 6/6 double-hung wood sash window, a single-leaf wood paneled door, and overhanging eaves. Both have wood square-edged surrounds and sills. The building is reclad with ashlar stone-simulated asphalt roll.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** Circa 1840 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** Circa 1840

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Susan Densifer Hoffman House was historically located near the villages of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. Although an exact date of construction has not been identified, historic maps and architectural evidence support an early 19<sup>th</sup> century construction date. The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. The house first appears on the 1850 J.C. Sidney Map of Baltimore County. Located along Clipper Mill Road, the house was noted as being occupied by W. D. Hoffman. Hoffman was a member of one of the large paper-mill families in the area. William H. Hoffman owned three paper mills in the vicinity, the Clipper, the Gunpowder, and the Rockdale Paper-Mills. In the towns of Paper Mill Post Office and Rockdale, W. H. Hoffman and Sons employed a large percentage of the population, totaling nearly two hundred employees.<sup>1</sup> According to the 1877 Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County, the house was occupied by S. D. Hoffman. In 1881, Paper Mill Post Office had three churches, public school No. 1, the Spring Grange No. 153, and one store.

<sup>1</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>41.40 Acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>Unknown</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Lineboro</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Susan Densifer Hoffman House, constructed in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is located at 3400 Clipper Mill Road in Millers in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 5, parcel 38 since its construction.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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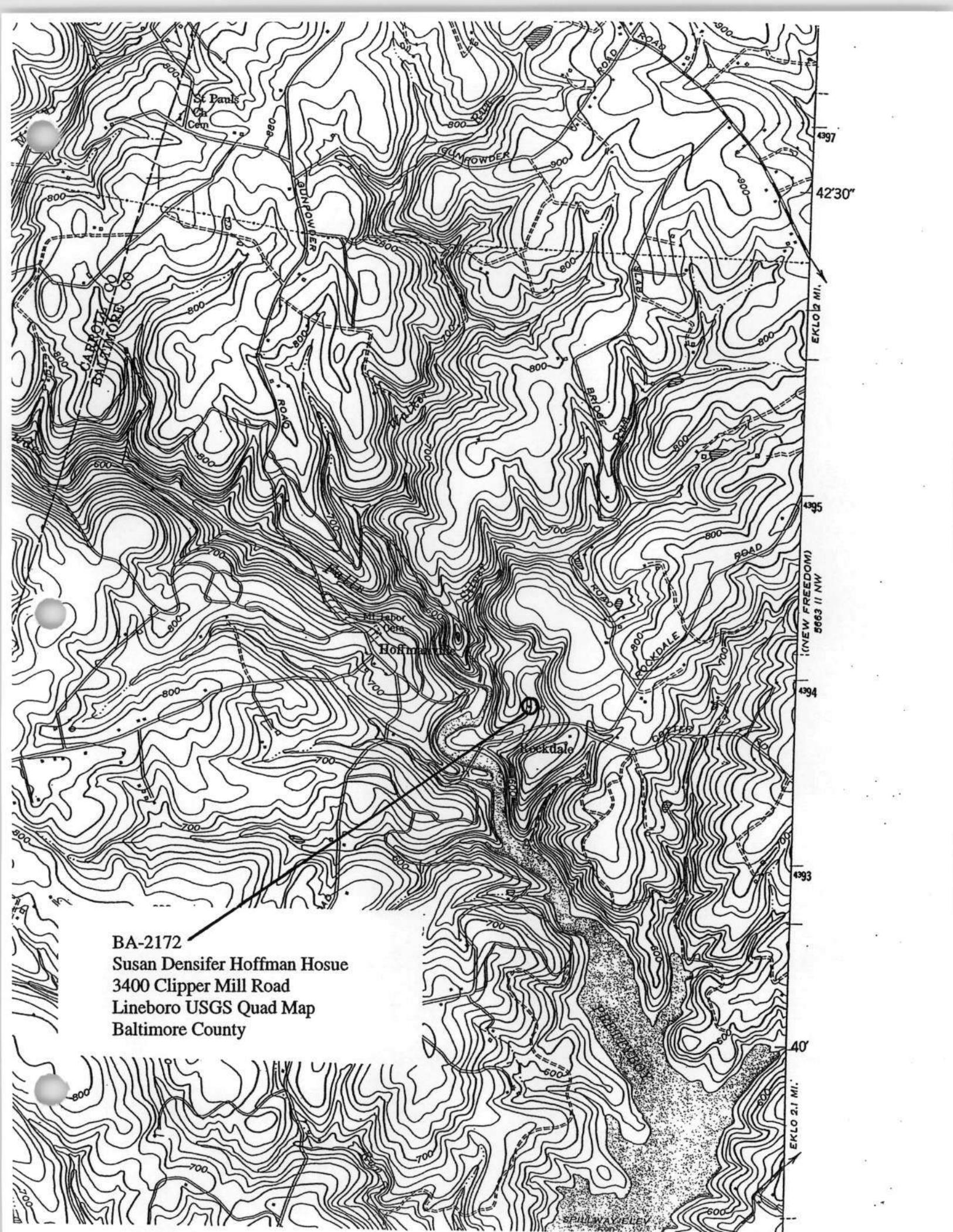
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Lineboro USGS Quad Map  
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~~Read, Hoffmanville vicinity.~~ Large stone house in  
vernacular style with second-story gallery. Probably  
the William D. Hoffman house of 1850 map and the W. H.  
Hoffman house of 1877 atlas. Known to members of the  
paper-making family as Susan Densifor Hoffman's. How  
property of Kenneth O. Bitter. Adjoins the Prettyboy  
reservoir property. Also called Stony Ups and Downs.