

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 677

1 NAME

HISTORIC "Cloverly" Pyle-Rittenhouse Farm
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Biggs Highway just north of Farmington
 CITY, TOWN Rising Sun VICINITY OF 1
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Cecil

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 Mrs. Raymond Miller Telephone #: 658- 4892
 STREET & NUMBER 961 Biggs Highway
 CITY, TOWN Rising Sun VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21911

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Clerk of the circuit Court Liber #: WAS 282
 STREET & NUMBER Cecil County courthouse Folio #: 632
 CITY, TOWN Elkton STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
 DATE FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Cloverly"

A two story five bay by one room brick and frame house stands on a tract of land called "Cloverly" and probably dates from the *late 2nd* early third quarter of the 19th century. (1840-1850) The house faces Biggs Memorial Highway and west with the gable running in a north/south direction. The house is approximately a mile southeast of Rising Sun.

The two story five bay by one room front brick center hall block was built in two stages with the northern hall/parlor house predating the southern two bay parlor. It was not exactly evident when the two story two bay by one room kitchen ell was added to the brick block. The brick house is laid in *seven* course common bond and rests on a partially excavated *granite foundation* ~~beams~~ and an exposed roofing members.

The western facade consists of five evenly spaced bays with a vertical seam in the brick work between the third and fourth bay. The northern three bays ~~have~~ a single string belt course beneath the second floor windows. The entrance occupies the southern of the three bays and is covered by an ~~wood~~ *weathered* frame entry. 6/6 sash windows are framed with beaded surrounds and are flanked by two panel shutters on the first floor and louvered on the second. The frame entry has single pane colored lights on each side. The four panel front door has heavily molded arched top panels and rectangular lower panels. The two bays to the south are almost identical and must have been added within 10 years of initial construction. A hipped roof front porch with elaborate sawn supports and pierced fascia decorates the main elevation and extends around to the north end and covers the first floor of the kitchen wing. The north gable end of the brick house has a single 6/6 sash on the first floor and a single 6/6 sash on the second. An exterior brick stove stack has replaced the earlier brick chimney pile.

The two story frame kitchen is covered with asbestos shingle and is two bays across by one room deep. 6/6 sash windows light the first and second floors. The gable end of the kitchen is covered by a hipped roof single story addition with decorated fascia. A single four pane window lights the second floor and is placed to the right of the interior end brick stove stack.

The inside elevations of the ell shaped house are covered on the first floor by a shed roof frame porch which is partially enclosed by frame with 6/6 sash windows and the rest ~~with~~ *with* modern windows and aluminum siding. The second floor has the same 6/6 sash windows.

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The final side is the south gable end of the brick block which has a basement window and four pane attic windows that flank the interior end brick stack.

The interiors have remained basically intact. The center hall has a heavily turned newel with flat oval handrail and square balusters. An applied scrolled decoration embellishes the open stringer. Four panel doors are framed by widely molded surrounds with bulls-eye corner blocks. Mantels are fairly *simple with a* plain frieze and thick shelf. The opening* between kitchen and front room has been enlarged. The kitchen has an enclosed winder stair with passage below to the rear addition.

The second floor remains fairly plain with an enclosed stair to the attic.

The primary agricultural structures remain with the main barn on a perpendicular access to the house. The single story box frame structure is covered with vertical board siding and rests on a fieldstone foundation. A frame granary with side storage bins and central passage is covered with board and batten siding and stands northwest of the barn. Next to the granary is a shed roof frame chicken house covered with vertical boards.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> REHISTORIC | <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 | | |

OR

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE MEDIUM SLOPED SLATE ROOF HAS EXTENDED

LAND

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Paul B. Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County committee

DATE

11/09/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland

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

"Cloverly"	Pyle-Rittenhouse House	CE- 1141
RRC 46/254	Edna B. Gifford, widow to Raymond A. Miller 75 acres 33 square perches	3/17/1950
SRA 16/110	Frances E. Lilley and Horace B. Lilley to Clarence and Edna B. Gifford	1/20/1932
SRA 16/109	Clarence Gifford and wife to Frances E. Lilley	1/20/1932
CSP 1/572	William Gifford to Clarence Gifford 75 acres 33 square perches	3/23/1917
AWM 10/312	Jeremiah Rittenhouse and wife Sarah to William Gifford 75 acres and 33 square perches	3/29/1879 \$ 5,303.000
HRT 1/173	Jonathan Headley and Rachel L. to Jeremiah Rittenhouse 71 acres	
HHM 4/29	Jesse Pyle and Sarah to Jonathan Headley	3/22/1854
	Jesse Pyle seized of two properties	
	* 1. From John Brickley JS 42/203 71 acres	9/18/1838
	2. From James C. Abrams RCH 4/139 11 acres	11/22/1851
JS 42/203	John and Mary Brickley to Jesse Pyle (from Delaware Co. Pennsylvania) 77 acres for \$ 800	

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"Cloverly" Pyle-Rittenhouse House

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Cecil County Tax Assessments

1845	Jesse Pyle	71 acres		\$ 710
1852	Jesse Pyle	71 acres		\$ 710
1853	Jesse Pyle	71½ acres	Brick and Frame House	
			\$ 100 Household Furn.	\$ 1573
1855	James Headley	71½ acres	12 acres in 5th dis.	
		\$1573	\$ 84	
1867	Jeremiah Rittenhouse	72½ acres	Brick	\$ 3480
1877	Jeremiah Rittenhouse	72 acres @ \$30	\$2160	
			Brick and Frame	
			Wagon House	
			Total	\$3600



"Cloverly"
near Rising Sun
Southeast Elevation
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Southwest Elevation

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