

CARR-148  
BIXLER FARMHOUSE  
New Windsor Vicinity  
Private

Circa 1790

Directly outside the town of New Windsor stands a farm; this particular one a beautiful piece of rural American which someday soon may become just short of extinct. The Bixler Farm built in the late 1790's is kept in very fine condition. Save for front gable and porch, and perhaps interior stairway the building is in original form according to its owner. The house with original wall stencil design and wonderful random width floors could easily be pronounced a museum, and immediately open to the public, but the owners desire otherwise.

The barn is of equal interest, particularly with its open-brickwork pattern rents. It remains one of a small minority still standing and in good condition in Carroll County. The interior is a massive design of random wood beams constructed rationally for functional purposes. (See CARR-152 for description of barn)

The two structures certainly compliment one another, and add a bit of Americana to the growing town of New Windsor.

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ALLEN HIBBERD FARM COMPLEX

early-19th century

New Windsor vicinity

private

The Allen Hibberd Farm is representative of the evolution of farmsteads in the Wakefield Valley around New Windsor. The farmhouse and its outbuildings are preserved as a typical farm complex of the late 19th century. The context of this farm is further enhanced by the 1886 description of its improvements and operation printed in the Democratic Advocate series "Farms of Carroll."

The Allen Hibberd Farm complex consists of a farmhouse, brick-end barn, washhouse, corn crib-wagon shed, dairy, concrete silo, and garage. The farmhouse is a brick two-story structure with an L-shaped plan. It retains the Victorian trim from a late 19th century remodeling. The brick-end barn was built in 1856. The washhouse is an early 19th century log structure covered in weatherboard and has a root cellar. The other outbuildings date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Allen Hibberd Farm Complex

and/or common Hibberd-Buckey-Bixler Farm

## 2. Location

(Green Valley Road)  
street & number Maryland Route 75, 1/4 mile north of New Windsor  not for publication

city, town New Windsor  vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland county Carroll

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Granville Bixler

street &amp; number 302 High Street telephone no.: 635-6522

city, town New Windsor state and zip code Maryland 21776

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Carroll County Courthouse Annex liber

street &amp; number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

**SUMMARY:** The Allen Hibberd Farm complex consists of a farmhouse, brick-end barn, washhouse, corn crib-wagon shed, dairy, concrete silo, and garage. The farmhouse is a brick two-story structure with an L-shaped plan. It retains the Victorian trim from a late 19th century remodeling. The brick-end barn was built in 1856. The washhouse is an early 19th century log structure covered in weatherboard and has a root cellar. The other outbuildings date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Allen Hibberd Farm is located on the east side of Maryland Route 75 about one-quarter mile north of New Windsor. It is in a rolling section of topography of the Wakefield Valley, an area with rich limestone soils. The farm layout is representative of those in this region. The house faces south with the domestic buildings on the east side of the house. The farm buildings are on the southwest side of the domestic complex.

The house is a two-story brick structure in an L-shaped plan. The interior room arrangement is typical of the Carroll county farmhouse style with a central hall with stairway, parlor and dining room on each side, and the kitchen in the ell. The interior trim is a mixture of early and late 19th centuries. The stairway has an interesting bracket design on the stair end and shaped railing with bannister.

The exterior of the house has the five-bay symmetrical facade with central entrance popular in the traditional farmhouse style. It also has details of a Victorian period remodeling including the ornamental porch and centrally-located gable dormer on the roof.

The wash house is a log structure built on top of a stone root cellar. On the south elevation, it retains a wooden slatted sink hole for discharging wastes to the outside. The brick-end barn is described as site CARR-157.

The exterior of the house was sandblasted during an early 1980s remodeling.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. CARR-148

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 checked="" 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

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

**SUMMARY:** The Allen Hibberd Farm is representative of the evolution of farmsteads in the Wakefield Valley around New Windsor. The farmhouse and its outbuildings are preserved as a typical farm complex of the late 19th century. The context of this farm is further enhanced by the 1886 description of its improvements and operation reprinted below.

**HISTORY:** From The Democratic Advocate, May 22, 1886:  
 FARMS OF CARROLL -- STEVENSON'S GARDEN: The Residence of John C. Buckey

STEVENSON'S GARDEN is located in New Windsor district, adjoining the town of New Windsor. Mr. Buckey bought it of Eli M. Hibberd, in November, 1883, for the sum of \$105 per acre, including the crop. He moved to the farm from Frederick county, in the spring of 1884.

This farm came into the possession of Allen Hibberd about the year 1800. It then contained 225 acres. Since then the New Windsor College grounds and a number of the town building lots have been sold off. Josiah Hibberd was born on this farm in 1809. He inherited it from his father, and held it until his death, in 1875; it was then purchased of the heirs by Eli M. Hibberd, and remained in his possession until 1884. By this time the quantity of land that had been sold off reduced the number of acres to 110 1/2, all cleared land, for which he paid Mr. Eli M. Hibberd \$11,602.50, in cash.

The farm is divided into five fields. A fine never-failing spring of water flows through its entire length conveniently watering every field. Of late years the farm had not been so well cared for, and had declined somewhat from its former condition. But Mr. Buckey gives it his personal supervision, and in a few years he will have it in a high state of cultivation. The quality of the land is limestone and slate. He has limed it half over, in the two years he has occupied it, with fifty bushels of lime to the acre. He thinks lime and stable manure will pay better than guano, and uses but little of the last named fertilizer. He will continue liming, every year, until he covers the entire farm, and then will go over it again, using about the same amount, fifty bushels to the acre, as lime is considered the best means of improving land. The location is very convenient to railroad, stores, market, post-office, church, &c.

The principle crops are wheat, corn, oats, barley, and hay. The average yield of wheat in 1884, was about 28 bushels per acre. In 1885, the season was less favorable and the yield was not over seventeen bushels per acre. Mr. Buckey expects to realize better results, however, in a very brief time, as improvement is his principal aim.



The house is an L shaped, strong substantial two story brick structure, with eleven rooms, and a very fine cellar. There is a well of excellent water near the kitchen door. The dwelling is surrounded by a fine sloping lawn and shaded nicely by ornamental trees.

The barn is a large substantial brick building, 45 by 80 feet, built in 1856, and one of the best in the neighborhood, affording ample room for storing the crops of the farm, and for sheltering the stock. The dairy is erected quite close to the barn. The water for the dairy comes from a well near by, and is worked by a wheel in a stream that flows from a large spring. The water is conveyed from the well to the dairy by iron pipes, and runs through the dairy into the barn yard, affording plenty of water for all the stock, and is quite a convenience in watering them.

In the two years that Mr. Buckey has owned this farm he has built a wagon shed, hog house, corn crib, wood house, poultry house, and a blacksmith shop. It is his purpose to paint the barn, this spring, and very shortly he will give the dwelling house a thorough repairing, which will make the property one among the most desirable homes in the county, and one of the most tidy. To beautify the homestead is one of the first duties of every one.

There is a large orchard of choice apples on the farm, and a variety of other fruit such as pears, cherries, plums, &c.

Mr. Buckey keeps four horses for farm work, and several colts are coming on every year. He keeps about ten head of milch cows, of common stock, and trys to keep those that give the best results in milking. His hogs are of the White Chester breed, and he keeps just sufficient for the purposes of the farm.

Mr. Buckey is a young man, and has been in the county but two years. He is, however, a progresssive farmer, and seems determined to keep up with the spirit of the age; and, while improving his farm, to make it pay, at the same time, for his outlay of labor and capital. So far he has been quite successful, and looks forward, with bright anticipations, to the time in the near future, when his farm will attain the highest state of productiveness. This is the true spirit and the true policy of the successful farmer, and we make no doubt that Mr. Buckey will very speedily realize his brightest and most sanguine expectations. Will power is the greatest of all power, whether on the farm or elsewhere.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bixler Farmhouse

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

(Back of Brethren Center)

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

New Windsor

VICINITY OF

11

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Carroll

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Bixler

Telephone #: 635-6522

STREET & NUMBER

302 High Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

New Windsor

VICINITY OF

Md. 21776

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Bldg.

Liber #: 376

Folio #: 022

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Westminster

Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Constant care over the years makes for a wonderfully preserved home and one that will continue to stand for a number of years. Most old farmhouses in this area are maintained with a loving hand, but this farm is an extreme example. It is a showplace used for private parties and such by the owners. It contains wonderful antiques of special interest to Mrs. Bixler who grew up there until she was five, then moved to her house on New Windsor (302 High Street).

The house is quite old, probably the 1790's, although an exact date has not been deciphered. The foundation is low stone and uncoursed. Exterior wall structure is brick with a running bond pattern. The gable roof is wood, covered with sheet metal. (Slate is apparently so expensive these days that not many people use it to redo a roof). The bays number five on this two story building with attic and cellar. On each side of an imperfect rectangular plan is a double chimney, one interior, one exterior. There is also a third interior chimney, single.

Windows are large 1/1 front panes and 2/2 in the back of the house plain trim and blind shutters complete window structure. The casual entrance of the house is through an enclosed side porch and there is a three-bay formal front entrance porch.

The interior is exceptionally well preserved. It includes side, impressive floorboards, original stencil pattern wall decor in the halls on both stories, and original box and latch locks in most doors. Rooms are various sizes and heights. But all floorboards are of approximately the same width, which would exclude any recent additions or renovations. Mrs. Bixler assures me that the house is in its original shape, the same as when it was built, except for the later addition of the front porch and front gable, attic. Erase these from the picture and the original form is present. Door and window trim vary--some architrave, others plain, and yet others plain wood beams with corner blocks. Most walls are of plaster, some with plain wooden wainscot. The central hall includes an open-string stairway, turned balusters and a square newel. Someone suggests that the stairway is analogous to 1830's stairways. Perhaps it was revised at that time, but surely there was always a stairway in this central hall plan. The stairway has one run up to the second floor where the bedrooms are also well preserved. Fireplaces are numerous, five, all of plain brick trim. The back room of the first floor features a summer kitchen with a huge brick fireplace and a hidden enclosed back stair leading to upstairs. The house is very unique, for it truly possesses the air of a late 18th century museum. Mr. and Mrs. Bixler live in New Windsor, and visit their farmhouse nearly every day. They do not rent the building but do rent the farmland. Outside buildings are used by tenants.

The barn is particularly interesting because of its open-brickwork pattern. (See CARR-152 for a description of the barn)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" 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 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      1790

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Farmhouses in Carroll County are not scarce by any means. To come across one as well preserved, maintained, and adorned with period pieces is rare. It is not open to the public, in fact, the Bixler's discourage any publicity; but I'm sure they would open their doors to historians, the Trust, etc. There are no significant historical facts, except that from the late 18th century on it was and still is a working farm; one of the few surviving on the very fringes of New Windsor. It had, and has, no historical or common name.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All those contiguous parts of tracts of land called "New Windsor," "The Five Daughters," and "Steven's Garden," situate lying and being in New Windsor District, Carroll County, Maryland containing 110 1/2 acres of land, more or less.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Fredrick Eckhardt/Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION Carroll County Committee of the  
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

August 14, 1978

STREET &amp; NUMBER

210 East Main Street

TELEPHONE

848-6494

CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland 21157

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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



1. CARR-148 ALLEN HIBBERD FARM COMPLEX
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. 6/30/87
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. S & W elev. (camera facing ne)
7. 1/2

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1. CARR-148 ALLEN HIBBERD FARM COMPLEX
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. 6/30/87
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. Wash house
7. 2/2

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date - July/78

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