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ECKER FARM
New Windsor
Private

C. 1770

The Ecker Home is a very solid, thick brick-walled structure of running bond pattern. It dates back to the 1700's, probably later in the century. Random width floors are continuous throughout the house, the widest are in the attic where the widths reach twenty inches. This is a modest structure with enclosed staircases and small to comfortable rooms. It is in the middle of nowhere, still working as a one-family farm.

Besides surrounding barns is an old slave quarters which is not beyond repair, and in fact, very interesting. Its two-story single room plan has uncoursed stone foundation and stone fireplace.

Old glass panes still exist in most windows, as do box locks and other hardware.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ecker Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

#2, Box 47, Sam's Creek Road, Rt. #31

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING	<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

Albert and Lillie Mae Ecker

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

#2, Box 47, Sam's Creek Road

CITY, TOWN

New Windsor

VICINITY OF Rt. #31

STATE, zip code

Md. 21776

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Carroll County Office Bldg.

Liber #: 209

Folio #: 14

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Md.

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		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The low-fieldstone foundation anchors an L-shaped building of brick construction, American bond. The roof is of wood, covered with wood shingles and above that tin. The home has two stories, with attic and basement and runs four bays across the front.

Chimneys number three, an outside end and an inside end on either side of the main block. The third is a double stack, inside end, on the back of the main block.

Windows are primarily 6/6 around the entire structure, with the exception of 9/6 in the living room (front main block) and 2/2 in the attic. All have plain trim and no shutters, although blind shutters were used on the original structure. Window panes are the original hand-rolled, which present a distorted view. Two side porches, 1/1 have been enclosed to make room for a laundry (first floor) and a bedroom (second floor). Apart from these and a one-bay side porch which as everyday use, there is also a four-bay southern exposed front porch with four modified Roman Doric columns, resting on the stone foundation.

The wood, eight panel center door off the front porch leads into a home of 13 rooms and 14" thick walls of brick. The floor plan is irregular. In fact, because of differing floor elevations, the eight and a half-foot average ceiling of the house fluctuates an inch or more in each room. The wall finish is plaster, although in the past, there was plaster and wainscot all around. Inside doors retain the latch lock hardware, and they are of cross and bible panel pattern. They have plain trim, as do the windows. Window sills are deep. There were six fireplaces in the original structure. There are now three remaining to the naked eye in working condition and with plain brick trim. The fireplace in the second floor bedroom has a semi-circular brick interior wall (quite shallow).

The hardwood floors are very wide, the widest in the attic being one inch thick and 20 inches wide. All other have less width, but not under seven inches. All flights of stairs are enclosed between walls. The staircase in the front right parlor is a single flight to the second floor. The front left living room has two flights with one small landing, reaching to the second floor. Another enclosed staircase is rounded, heading to the attic.

Rooms--1st floor--kitchen, laundry room, dining room, living room,
front parlor, large storage
2nd floor--hall, bathroom, four bedrooms, sewing room
13 in all

Outbuildings--various farm buildings of little significance; old slave quarters mentioned in (8).

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 C. 1770

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house itself is of interest due to its age. Revolutionary and pre-Revolutionary War homes are not abundant in this area. The solid wall structure reassures us that the building will continue to stand if there is no threat of destruction or poor maintenance.

The farm is divided between Frederick and Carroll Counties, with the house in Carroll County. It is interesting to note that one out-building directly behind the house was a slave quarters. It remains an unused standing structure, but is not beyond repair, having a two-room vertical structure, boarded, with stone foundation and tin roof (not original) with central chimney and fireplace. The Ecker's son wants to move it to his home and restore it. However, a final decision has not been made.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All that tract or parcel of land situated partly in Carroll County or partly in Frederick County and containing 122 acres, 3 rods, and 16 square perches, more or less.

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

STATE	COUNTY
Maryland	Carroll
Maryland	Frederick

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
Fredrick Eckhardt/Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Carroll County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust	August 14, 1978
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
210 East Main Street	848-6494
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Westminster	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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