Addendum to
Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Survey Inventory Form
CARR-594

1. **Name** - Historic Name - Schaeffer Farm
   Common Name - Hunter House

2. **Location** - West of MD Route 30, north side of Fridinger Mill Road
   2738 Fridinger Mill Road
   Manchester, MD 21102
   Carroll County
   6th Congressional District

3. **Classification -**

   Category - buildings
   Ownership - private
   Public Acquisition - not applicable
   Status - occupied
   Accessible - restricted
   Present Use - private residence/commercial

4. **Owner of Property**

   Robert C. Hunter
   2738 Fridinger Mill Road
   Manchester , MD 21102

5. **Location of Legal Description**

   Carroll County Tax Assessor
   Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street
   Westminster, Maryland
   Block 4/Lot 10

6. **Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

   Unchanged

7. Description

Condition - Good
Altered
Original Site

Summary paragraph:

This two-and-a-half story brick dwelling dates from the early nineteenth century with an eighteenth century log core house located in the northern section of the east block. Alterations are moderate and restricted to repairs to the brick (within the last 10 years) and renovations to existing outbuildings in order to facilitate the owner's nursery business.

Description

House (1790-1798/1802-1810/1820-1840)

The Shaeffer Farm is a 2-1/2 story, 3-by-2 bay brick bank house on the north side of Fridinger Mill Road south of Melrose, Carroll County. Based on architectural evidence gathered during a field survey, the house consists of three sections. The log core house, located within the east block, constructed circa 1790-1798; the brick east block circa 1802-1810 and the circa 1820-1840 two story, 2-by-2 bay brick ell addition designated as the west block. The house's roof ridge line is perpendicular to the road and together with the outbuildings forms a "no Courtyard" farm complex layout.

According to local historian Tom Gordon, Jr., in the 1970s, the previous owner of the Shaeffer Farm removed the brick from the east block, exposing the log core house. After restoring the log structure, he replaced the original bricks in their exact locations and repointed the east and west blocks. Some of the bricks on the east block were replaced within the last ten years due to deterioration of the original brick. The brick used in this area of Carroll County was made in local kilns. Mr. Gordon indicated that one such kiln existed on the south side of Fridinger Mill Road--west of the Shaeffer Farm.

Barn (1800-1820/1960-1980)

The original barn apparently deteriorated over the years and was incorporated into a newer, concrete block, metal sheet roof structure. Partial fieldstone foundation and frame walls remain on the north, west and east elevations. A one story, frame addition circa 1880 was built onto the east elevation and then extended by the addition of a frame shed.

Stable (1800-1820)/ Chicken House

The stable area is a fieldstone bank structure with a metal shed roof. The chicken house is a frame, shed roof structure with a single lite window on both the east and west elevations and an entry door on the south facade.

Contributing Resources: 4

8. Significance

Summary paragraph:

The Shaeffer Farm Property is an excellent example of an eighteenth century log house sheathed in brick and enlarged during the nineteenth century due to either financial prosperity, growing family or both. The east block is a rural Federal style with a bank sited basement area. The east block is four-over-four with a central hall while the west block, ell addition is an "I" house form with a screen enclosed gallery. Within many rural communities, styles such as Georgian, Federal and Greek Revival were commingled with a rural vernacular style to create a subtle or simpler version of the "high" style of architecture. Plans and designs were found in various publications such as the 1821 Domestic Encyclopedia and as residents prospered economically or saw their families increase, they not only enlarged their existing structures but also updated them periodically in the current styles obtained from the plan books.

History:

The Shaeffer Farm Property is located on Fridinger Mill Road west of Maryland Route 30 and south of Melrose. According to an interview with the owner during the 1980 survey, the original patent holder may have been John Schaffer or Shaeffers circa 1790. The property may have been known as "John's Abode", "John's Abode Resurveyed" and "Hendrick's Mountain" at various times during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries.

The property is visible on the 1865 Martenet and Bond map [owner - John Shaeffer], the 1877 Griffing & Stevenson Atlas [owner - Noah Shaeffer] and the 1916 Rand Mc Nally Atlas [owner -H. Rhode].

Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1790 with subsequent additions circa 1805-1810 and 1820-1840, the Shaeffer Farm is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A; no significant events historically or agriculturally have been determined to be associated with the property. Though the property is one of the

original Manchester patents and was a working eighteenth century farm which has remained a farm during the last 206 years to one degree or another this is no considered a significant event. The property is not eligible under Criterion B; no person significant in local, state or national history has been determined to be associated with the property. The property is eligible under Criterion C; the house possesses an intact eighteenth century two story log core house encased in brick shortly after construction. The additions throughout the early to mid-nineteenth century, offer evidence of the architectural history of that period and location. Modernizations which have occurred during recent years are normal and consistent with the property's use in the agricultural industry, in this particular case as a gentleman's farm and nursery business. The alterations to the house and outbuildings do not obscure the majority of original fabric so that the property is an intact, representative sample of the periods associated with its architectural history.

NB: *After reviewing this form, the Maryland Historical Trust determined that this resource was* ***not eligible*** *for listing in the National Register. In comments dated January 2, 1997, they noted:*

> *The original log core of the dwelling is no longer visible, having been encased in the larger dwelling. The historic brick veneer has been altered (removed and replaced) recently and the windows have been replaced. The building does not stand as a good example of either log construction or the Federal style of architecture and its integrity of workmanship has been compromised. Further, the form itself (amendment form) does not indicate the major changes to the north elevation wall since the property was last surveyed [in 1980]. Here, a single 9/6 window was replaced by a contemporary bay with five casement windows.*

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10. Geographical Data -

Acreage: 117.52 acres

Quadrangle name - Manchester

Quadrangle scale - 1 to 24,000

Verbal Boundary Description:

The boundary of the property is coterminous with Carroll County Tax Map Block 4/Lot 10, which encompasses 117.52 acres historically associated with the property.

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June , 1996

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Eligibility Recommended _____ Eligibility Not Recommended ✓

Comments: [illegible]

Reviewer, OPS: [illegible] Date: [illegible]

Reviewer, NR Program: MK Date: [illegible]

Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods: Contact-Settlement - A.D. 1570-1750
Rural Agrarian Intensification - A.D. 1680-1815
Agricultural-Industrial Transition -A.D. 1815-1870

Historic Period Themes: Architecture

Resource Types: Farmhouse, Farmstead

NO COURTYARD
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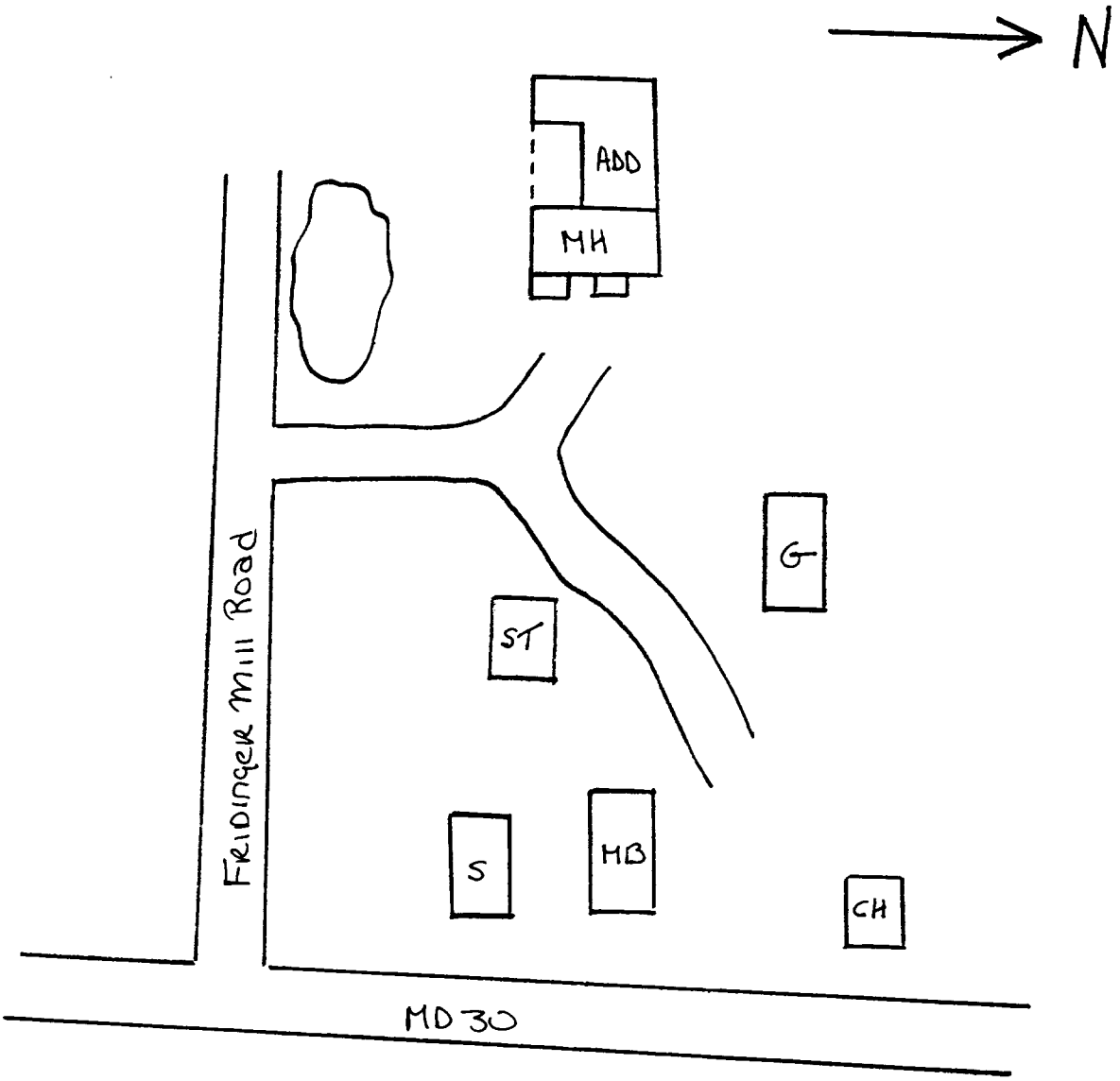

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Schaeffer Farm
Manchester vicinity
Carroll County
Manchester Quad

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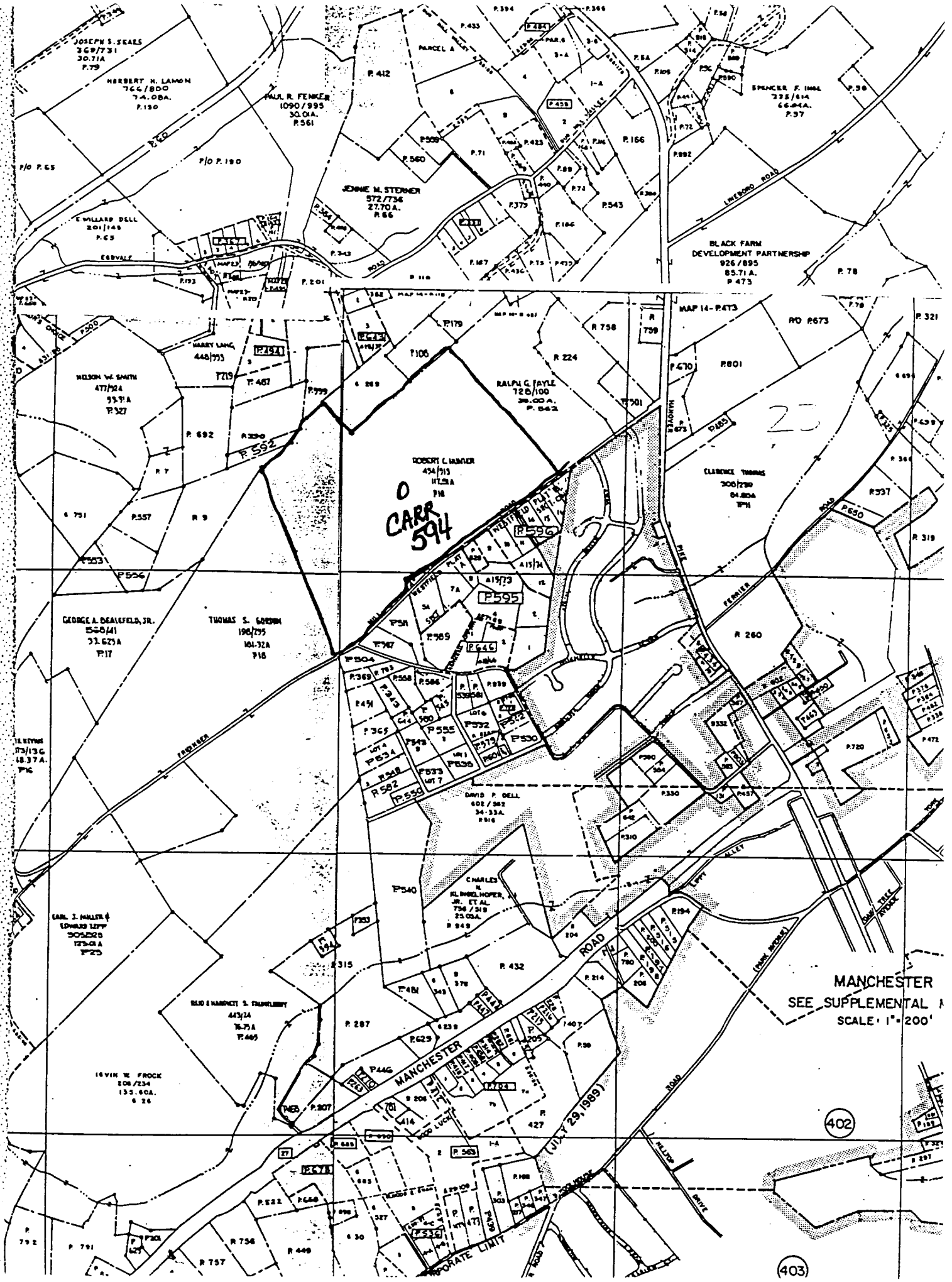
SITE PLAN ABBREVIATIONS

ADD	-	Addition
CC	-	Corn Crib
CH	-	Carriage House
CKH	-	Chicken House
CS	-	Cow Stalls
G	-	Garage
GR	-	Generator Room
HP	-	Hog Pens
MB	-	Main Barn
MH	-	Main House
MR	-	Milk Room
OB	-	Outbuilding
OH	-	Outhouse
PH	-	Pump House
RC	-	Root Cellar
S	-	Shed
SB	-	Secondary Barn
SH	-	Summer House
SK	-	Summer Kitchen
SPH	-	Spring House
ST	-	Stables
TH	-	Tenant House
W	-	Well



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E. WILLARD DELL
BLACK FARM
DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP
926/895
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HARRY LANG
NELSON W. SMITH
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DAVID P. DELL
CHARLES N. KLINGELHOFER, JR. ET AL.
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REID & HARDNETT S. FAUNTLEROY
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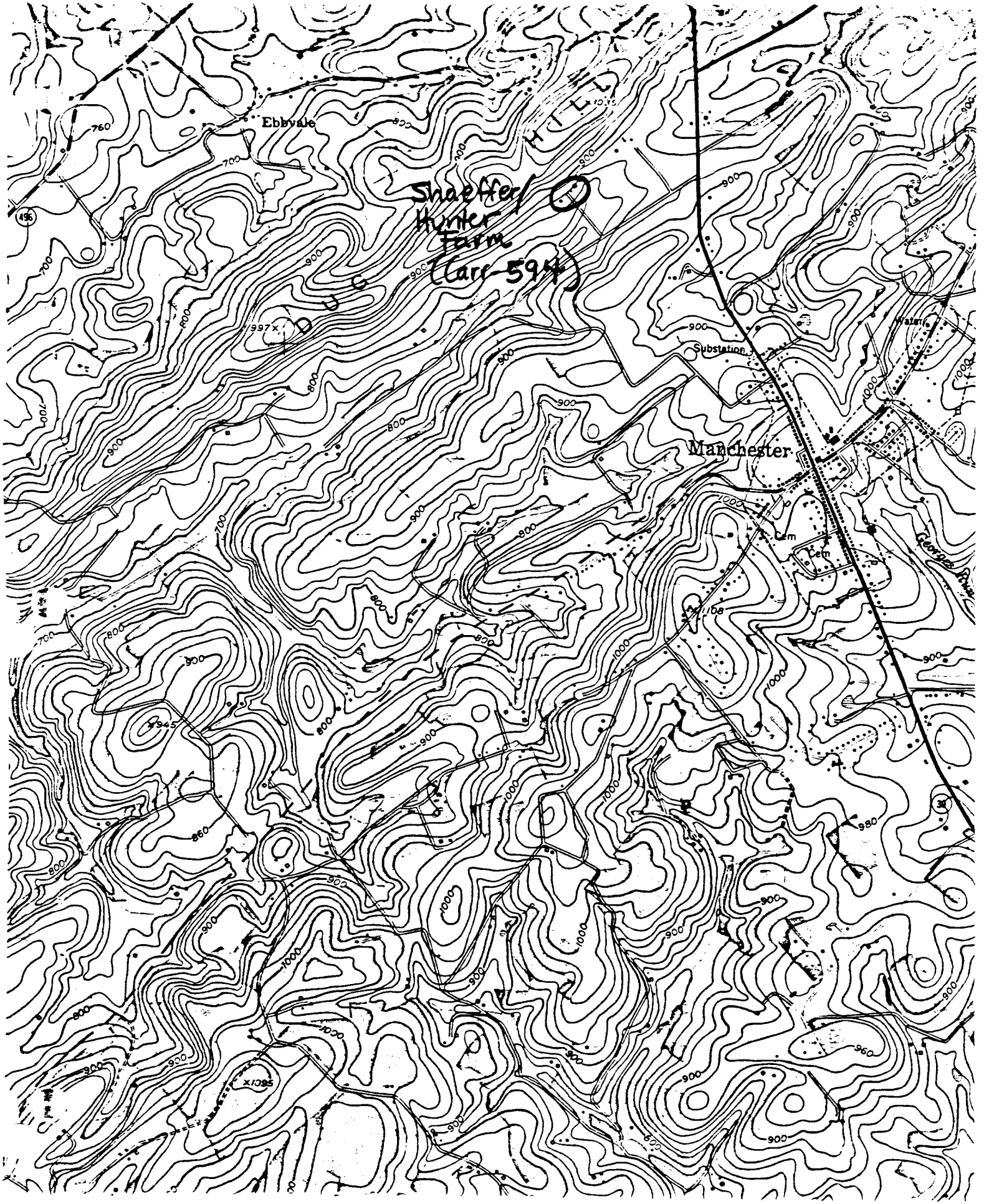
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Shaeffer Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
2738 Fridinger Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

X VICINITY OF Manchester

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Carroll County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	__PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Robert Hunter

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
2738 Fridinger MIll Road

CITY, TOWN
Westminster

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:
Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	✓ORIGINAL SITE
✓GOOD	__RUINS	✓ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Shaeffer/Hunter Farm is located on the north side of Fridinger Mill Road, northwest of Manchester. It is set in rolling fields, with a large amount of farmland, and is approached by a long driveway. The farm contains a house, barns, and outbuildings.

The house is built into a bank, and is 2 1/2 stories high with a high basement on the south side. The house is composed of two gable-roofed sections, both covered with standing seam metal roofing. The east block is three bays wide by two deep, facing east, with the west block perpendicular to it.

The east block has a central doorway on its east facade, with a 6/6 window on each side and three smaller 6/6 windows on the second floor. The fenestration is slightly irregular, with uneven spacing between openings. The north and south gable ends have two 6/6 windows on the second floor, and larger 8/8 windows on the first floor, with two small square four light windows in the attic story. The exterior of this block is now sheathed with two types of brick facing. There are brick interior chimneys on each gable end.

The west block has two bays on its north wall; there are two 6/6 windows on the second floor, and on the first floor are a doorway and one 9/6 window which is longer than the windows above. The doorway and these three windows all have white wooden lintels with corner blocks, as do the two small attic windows in the west gable end of this block, and are the only remaining lintels on the house. These two walls also retain their older brickwork, which is five course common bond.

The south facade of this west block has been modernized with new brick facing, like the east block, and has a partial two-story gallery which has been modernized with sliding glass windows. The basement story is covered with cinder block on the south, while the west end still has its stone basement and cellar windows with jack arches. There is a brick interior (west) end chimney.

The interior of the house still retains some of the original features, such as some doors, hardware, wood trim, panelling and mantels. A sample of original stencilling is located in an upstairs room. The house may be of brick and/or log construction beneath its present brick exterior. To the east of the house are barns and outbuildings, some of which have been partially modernized but still retain portions of their original construction.

According to the present owner, the house may have been built in the 1790's by John Schaffer, or Shaeffer, and the property may have been known at various times as "Hendrick's Mountain", "John's Abode", and "John's Abode Resurveyed". On the 1862 Martenet Atlas of Carroll County, the property may be that of John Shaeffer, and on the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson atlas as that of Noah Shaeffer.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
_ PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEULOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
00-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	✓ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
✓1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
✓1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shaeffer/ Hunter farm is significant as an early farmhouse which despite some modernization, primarily to the exterior, still retains some of its exterior appearance and has many original interior features. The house still expresses its original form of main block and perpendicular rear section with gallery, a traditional feature of Germanic houses in central and western Maryland. Its two sections reflect a process of growth as the house was probably expanded. The property is very well maintained and still has its outbuildings and barns, which have been partially modernized toserve the needs of the property's current use as a nursery and gardening business as well as for agricultural use. The farm is situated in a beautiful and undisturbed landscape at the foot of a low ridge. It also holds historical associations with the Shaeffer family, who owned the property for many years.

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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
Peggy Bruns Weissman, MHT/SHA Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	April 1980
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
21 State Circle - Shaw House	269-2438
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland 21401

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

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Shaeffer/Hunter
Farm
P. Weissman 1979
view from
northeast

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Shaeffer / Hunter
Farm
P. Weissman 1979
view from
southeast

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Shoeffer/Hunter Farm

P. Weissman 1979

view from northwest

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Shaeffer/Hunter
Farm

P. Weissman 1979
view from south