

**Addendum to  
Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Survey Inventory Form  
CARR 624**

**1. Name - Historic Name - Emmal/Emmel Farm**

**2. Location -** 3636 Water Tank Road  
Manchester , MD 21102  
Carroll County  
6th Congressional District

**3. Classification**

Category - buildings  
Ownership - private  
Public Acquisition - not applicable  
Status - occupied  
Accessible - restricted to exterior, owner not home

**4. Owner of Property**

Richard Simperts  
3636 Water Tank Road  
Manchester , MD 21102

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Carroll County Tax Assessor  
Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street  
Westminster , Maryland  
Block 6 / Lot 13

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

Unchanged

**7. Description**

Condition - Good  
Altered  
Original Site  
Present Use - private residence

### **Summary paragraph:**

The house is a two-and-a-half story, two bay by two bay with a two-and-a-half story, two bay by one bay rear ell. The complex consists of the house, barn, outhouse and several shed structures.

### **Description**

#### *House (1790-1795/1810-1830)*

The main block is a 2-1/2 story, two bay by two bay log structure covered in asphalt shingle siding. The metal gable roof is parallel to the road and has a central brick chimney and cornice returns. There is a double entry and porch on the principal [south] facade and one-over-one windows on all elevations. The basement level has been enclosed and the house is bank sited.

The 2-1/2 story two bay by one bay ell is located on the north elevation. There is metal gable roof perpendicular to the main block and one-over-one windows. A small shed addition is located on the east elevation.

#### *Barn (1810-1830)*

The 2-1/2 story frame with fieldstone foundation bank barn is three bays by two bays with a metal gable roof, parallel to the road and a supported forebay. Oriented towards the south there is evidence of an earlier barn within the gable ends of the foundation. Rough hewn timber lintels and deep window recesses are located on both elevations and there are several wall logs extant in the western portion.

#### *Outbuildings ( 1810-1830/1960-1970)*

South of the hose is a frame outhouse, a frame shed with metal gable roof and a frame shed roofed chicken house. An asphalt shingle covered, clapboard shed is located to the west of the foldyard and a frame carriage/tractor house to the northeast.

### **Contributing Resources - 6**

## **8. Significance**

### **Summary paragraph:**

The main block of the farmhouse is representative of a late eighteenth century log house of a rural vernacular style that retains its original massing and is built into a bank with two front doors, a common Carroll County construction technique. Originally two-over-two with central fireplaces, the addition of second story dividing walls has converted the structure

into a two-over-four plan. In addition, the property retains an assortment of outbuildings, including a substantial bank barn.

### **History:**

Located to the south of Water Tank Road, east of Maryland Route 30 and Manchester, the farmstead is one of the few surviving examples of a late eighteenth century log, Pre-Classical "I" House. Characterized by the use of two windows on the second floor facade and pent roofs across the facade, the house is English in its style.

The main block was probably part of the eighteenth century Bower's Delight patent. According to the 1798 Direct Tax list the property was owned by Henry Grice and contained 68+ acres with a "hewd log dwelling house, 1 stry, 21x17, log kn [kitchen] 12x10; log barn 24x20."

### **Evaluation:**

Constructed circa 1790-1795 with an ell addition circa 1810-1830, the farmstead is not 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. The property is not eligible under Criterion B; no persons significant in local, state or national history have been determined to be associated with the property. The property is not eligible under Criterion C; though the house may be part of the original Bower's Delight dwelling house it has been altered so that none of the original exterior fabric is evident. The original Pre-Classical "I" House plan is still intact but there are more intact and significant examples located in the project area.

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**10. Geographical Data -**

**Acreage:** 139.94

**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 6 / Lot 13, which encompasses 139.94 acres historically associated with the property.

**11. Form Prepared By:**

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June, 1996**

**Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:**

*Geographic Organization:* Piedmont

*Chronological/Development Periods:* Rural-Agrarian Intensification -AD 1650-1815  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition- AD 1815-1870

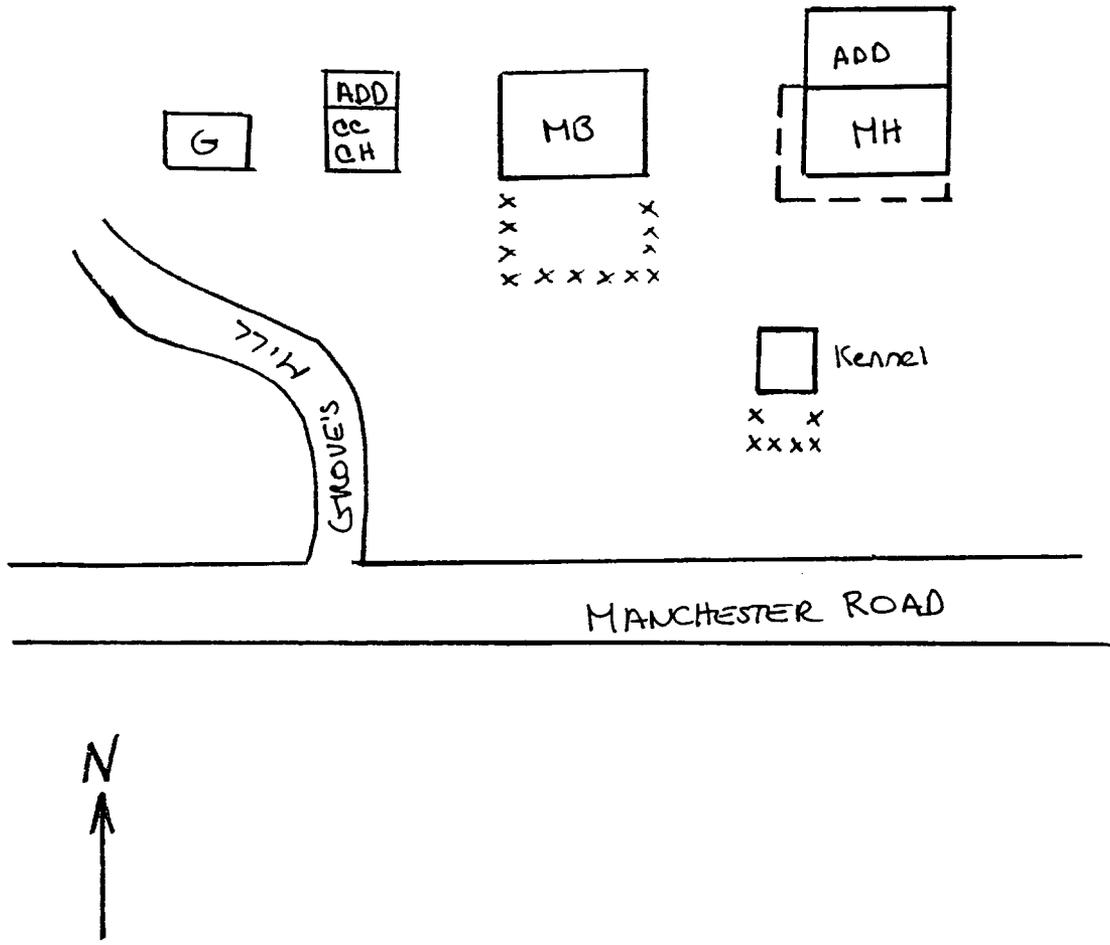
*Historic Period Themes:* Architecture

*Resource Types:* Farm, Farmstead

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST</b>	
Eligibility Recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XXX</u>
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>3/15/95</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>"</u>

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LINEAR MID HIGHLINE  
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Emmal/Emmel Farm  
Manchester vicinity  
Carroll County  
Manchester Quad

**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



4397  
4230'

5663 III NW MANCHESTER 2.8 MI.  
(MANCHESTER) 1.4 MI. TO MD. 30

MANCHESTER 1.1 MI.

40  
4392

*Emmal/Emmel Farm  
(644-624) Millers*

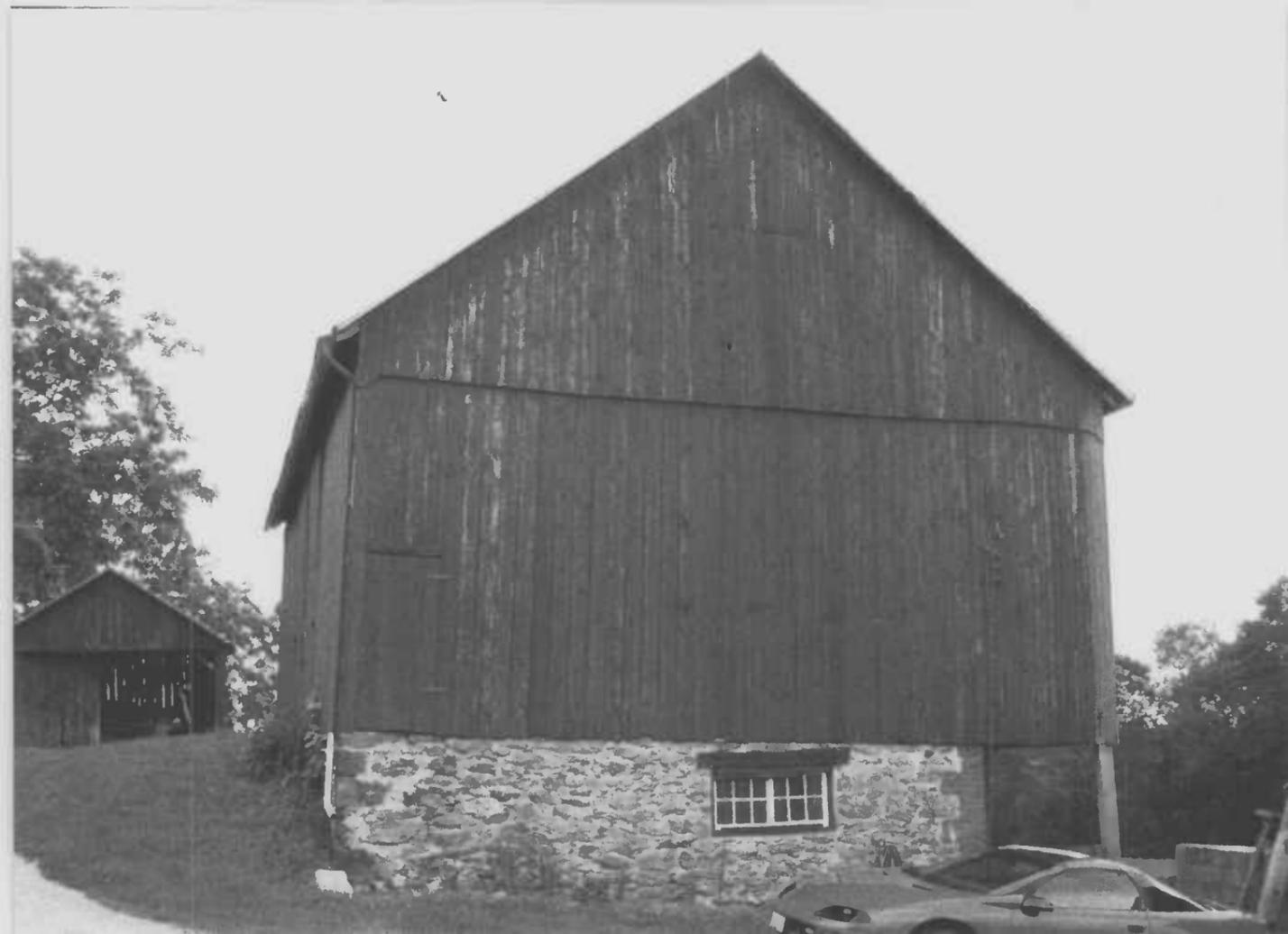




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2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. June 1996
5. Maryland SHPO
6. 3700 Watertank Rd  
Main - SE elevation
7. 1/6



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Barn - NW elev.
7. S/G



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hay barn - NW elevation
- 7 4/6.



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sheds - south of main house
7. 3/6



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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Emmal/Emmel Farm  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
End of drive from south side of Watertank Road  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_  
VICINITY OF Manchester  
STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll County

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY, TOWN \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code \_\_\_\_\_  
VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_

**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
<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 (minor)	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Emmal or Emmel Farm is located at the end of a dirt driveway, on a slope down from the south side of Watertank Road. It consists of a house, barn and outbuildings.

The house is built into a bank and faces south. Probably of log construction, it is now sheathed with asphalt shingles, and consists of a two story main block on the south, a two story ell to the northwest and a one story addition on the northeast. The main block is gable roofed, with its ridge parallel to Watertank Road, and is two stories on a high basement on the south. It is two bays wide by two deep; its principal facade has two 1/1 windows in the second story and one window on a doorway (with possibly the original door) on the first floor. A shed roof porch with four chamfered posts and a balustrade extends along the first floor, over a cinder block enclosed basement extension which has a doorway and two small windows. Stairs lead to the first floor porch from the east. The east gable end has two 1/1 windows in each story. The northwest two-story, gable-roofed ell is two bays long, as is the one-story shed roof addition to the northeast, which has a doorway and pair of 3/1 windows.

A barn and outbuildings are located to the east of the house. The property is probably that of John Emmal shown on an 1862 Martenet atlas of Carroll County, and J. Emmel on the 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson atlas.

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
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<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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The property is significant for its interesting bank house in Carroll County's Germanic tradition, and for its large barn. The house is of interest for the square plan and two bay facade of its main block, which is unusual in the area, and for its probable log construction. It also features a fine south door which may be original to the house.

**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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

March 1980

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle - Shaw House

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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