

**Addendum to  
Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Survey Inventory Form  
CARR - 635**

**1. Name -** Historic Name - William Miller Farm  
Common Name - W. Simmons Farm

**2. Location -** Miller's Station Road  
Manchester , MD 21102  
Carroll County  
6th Congressional District

**3. Classification**

Category - buildings  
Ownership - private  
Public Acquisition - not applicable  
Status - private residence  
Accessible - No

**4. Owner of Property**

M. Greffenstein  
Miller's Station Road  
Manchester , Maryland 21102

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Carroll County Tax Assessor  
Winchester Exchange Bldg. - Main Street  
Westminster , Maryland  
Block 6 / Lot 80

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

Unchanged

**7. Description**

While approaching the property down a private lane during the initial survey in June, 1996, , the surveyor was met by a gentleman in a pick-up truck who vehemently objected to having his property surveyed or photographed. He proceeded to follow the

surveyor up the driveway, with the surveyor going in reverse. The surveyor could not obtain photographs from the distance of the public road. However, the house appeared to be relatively unchanged from earlier MHT survey.

The surveyor attempted to resurvey the property in March, 1997. Access was still not possible, but because of the creation nearby of a Christmas tree farm, it was possible to get much closer to the farm without actually entering the property. This survey form is based upon viewing the property from the Christmas tree farm and a study of the earlier MHT survey form, completed in 1980.

#### House (1850-1860)

The William Miller farmhouse is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-by-two-bay, bank-sited dwelling. It rests atop a fieldstone foundation and is sheathed in vinyl siding, replacing the aluminum siding noted in the 1980 MHT survey. The slate gable roof is parallel to the road and the brick chimney indicated in the prior MHT survey form has been demolished. A one-story wraparound porch extends across the west and south elevations of the house. A two-story vinyl-sided addition, one-bay-by-one-bay, has been erected on the south elevation. Fenestration is regular with two-over-two windows on all elevations.

#### Tenant House/Summer House (1820-1840)

Located to the northwest of the farmhouse is a one-and-a-half-story vinyl-sided building, three-bays-by-two-bays, with an asphalt-shingle gable roof and central brick chimney. A one-story addition and exterior brick chimney have been erected on the west elevation. This building may have been an earlier house that was used as a summer house or tenant house following the construction of the main house.

#### Outbuildings (1850-1860; modern)

To the east of the farmhouse is a small frame outhouse typical of the period and the area. Other outbuildings include a small modern shed and garage-type structure.

### **8. Significance**

This farm is most likely the William Miller Farm indicated on both the 1861 and 1877 Lake, Griffing and Stevenson maps. It is not known to have any significant history or associated persons and is therefore not believed to be eligible for National Register listing under Criteria A or B. The house and tenant house essentially retain their original forms, but have been altered through the use of vinyl siding and additions, the destruction of the farmhouse chimney, and the removal of most of the original architectural detailing. The property is therefore not believed to be individually eligible

for Register listing under Criteria C for its architecture. The farm is still active, but it is only a remnant of the small farming community located along Miller's Station Road in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Modern intrusions and alterations to surviving farmhouses have damaged the rural character and integrity of the area and it is not believed to comprise a rural historic district. The farm is therefore also not believed to be eligible for National Register listing under Criteria C as part of a historic district.

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**10. Geographical Data -**

**Acreage - 36.86**

**Quadrangle name - Lineboro**

**Quadrangle scale - 1 to 24,000**

**Verbal Boundary Description:**

The boundary of the property is coterminous with Carroll County Tax Map 32 Block 15/ Parcel 80, which encompasses 36.86 acres historically associated with the property.

**11. Form Prepared By**

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Florence, New Jersey 08518  
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June, 1996; March, 1997		MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
Eligibility Recommended _____		Eligibility Not Recommended <u>XX</u>	
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Reviewer, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>		Date: <u>[Date]</u>	
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*William Miller Farm/CARR-635 Maryland Historic Preservation Plan*

**Maryland Historic Preservation Plan Historic Contexts:**

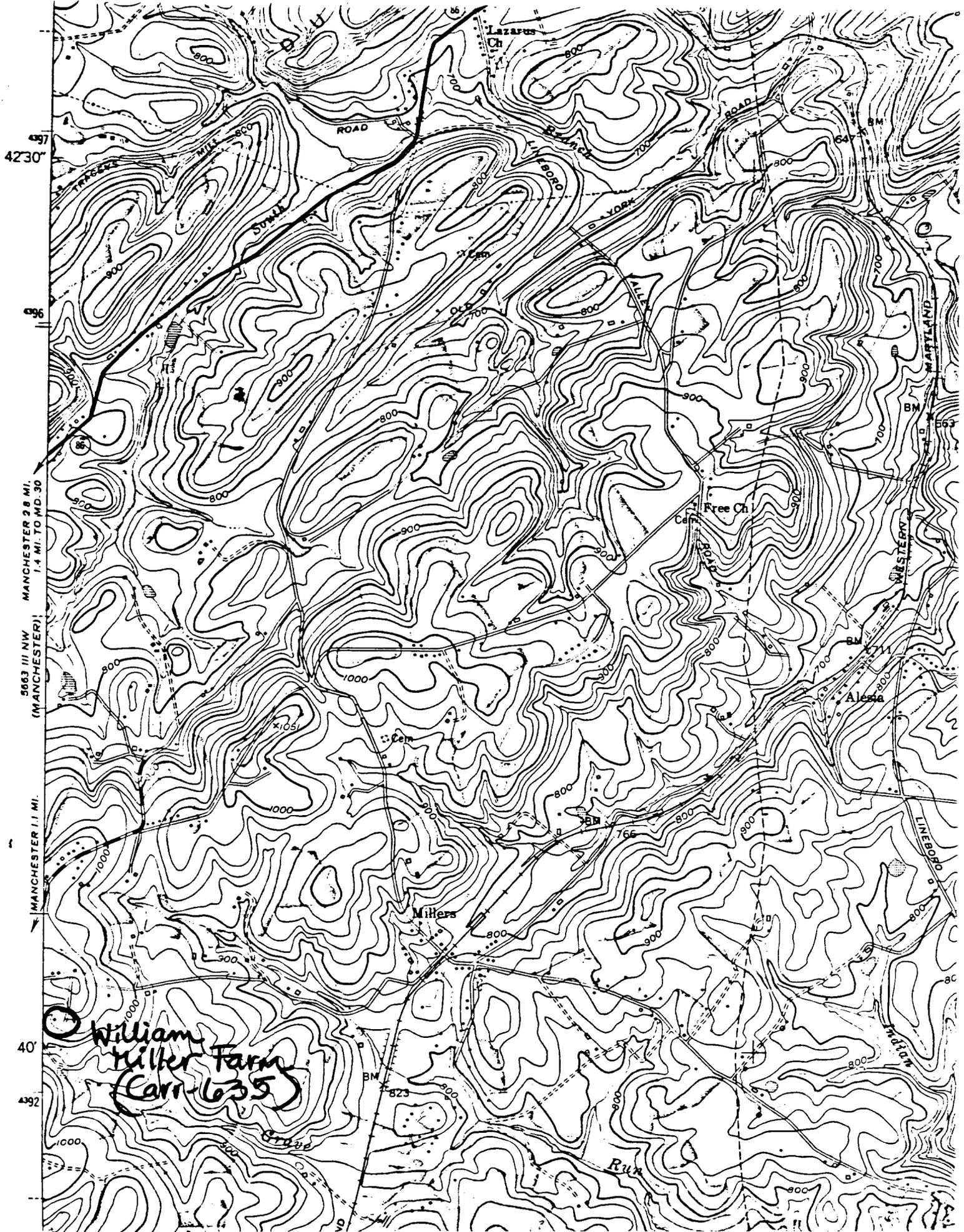
*Geographic Organization:* Piedmont

*Chronological/Development Periods:* Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870;  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

*Historic Period Themes:* Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning; Agriculture

*Resource Types:* Farmhouse; Farmstead





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(Carr-635)

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2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. March, 1997
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Wm. Miller Farm) - Miller's STATION Rd  
mainhouse SW elevation
7. 1/2

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1. Carr - 635
2. Carroll County
3. Madeleine Scheerer
4. March, 1997
5. Maryland SHPO
6. Wm. Miller Farm - Miller's STATION Rd  
tenant house - west elevation
7. 2/2

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
William Miller Farm

AND/OR COMMON  
W. Simmons Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
3453 Miller's Station 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
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			<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

CARR-635

### 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

The William Miller farm is located to the southwest of Miller's Station Road, approached by dirt driveways from Miller's Station Road and from a road to the south. The property contains the present house, a smaller building to the southwest, and outbuildings to the east.

The present house is built into a bank, on land which slopes down to the south and west. It is 2 1/2 stories high, and gable roofed, with its brick chimney located to the south of center on the roof ridge. A one-story porch extends along the west and south facades of the house. On the south side, there is a projecting 2 1/2 story gable roofed extension, one bay in depth, which continues the roof line of the main block. The house has 2/2 windows, and is sheathed with white aluminum siding.

To the southwest of the house is a smaller, two story, white, gable roofed building; this may possibly be an earlier house or a tenant house.

This is probably the property shown as that of William Miller on both the 1862 Martenet and 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlases of Carroll County.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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**SPECIFIC DATES**

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The William Miller farm is significant for its present house and for the second building which may possibly be earlier. The complex still retains its agricultural use and setting.

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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 Weisman, MHT/SHA Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle - Shaw House

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

DATE

March 1980

TELEPHONE

269-2438

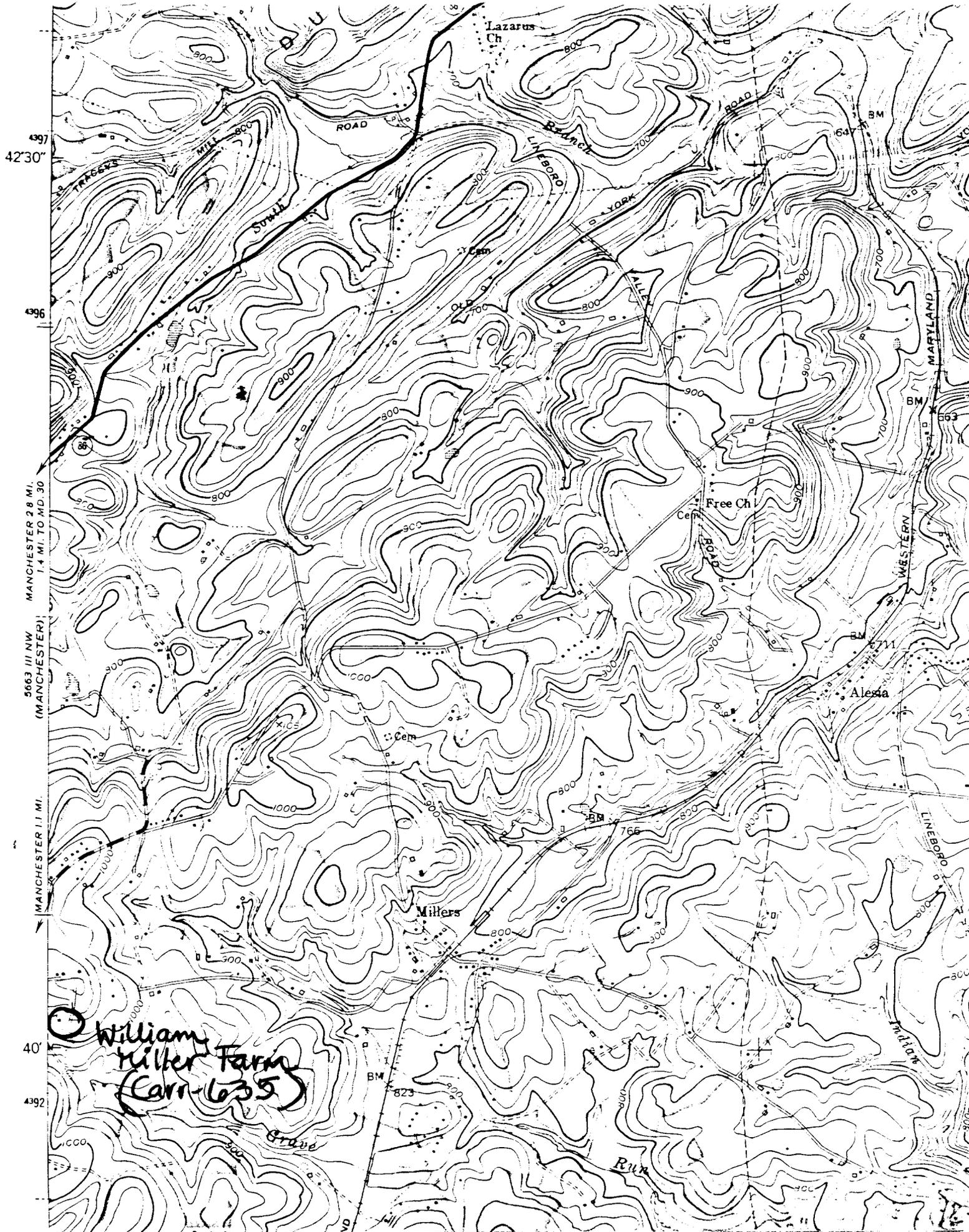
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 RA, 1974 Supplement.

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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Carr-635  
William Miller Farm  
P. Weissman  
1979  
View from Southeast



Carr - 635

William Miller Farm

P. Weissman

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view from  
southwest