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839 MEDFORD ROAD

mid-19th century

Medford

private

839 Medford Road is shown on both the 1862 and 1877 maps as the residence and blacksmith shop of George Snider. Snider is also listed in the 1887 State Gazetteer as the blacksmith in Medford. The house provides a good illustration of how a mid-nineteenth century craftsman lived in rural Carroll County. It is a small two-story log structure on a stone foundation. Additions have been made on the rear and north side of the building. In the front of the house, a small log shed remains standing.



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WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

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SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-681

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: residence

ORIGINAL USE: residence + blacksmith shop

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:  
Excellent ( ) Good (X)  
Fair ( ) Poor ( )

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: mid-19th century

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Medford

LOCATION: 839 Medford Road

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: residence

OWNER: Herman Baile

ADDRESS: 839 Medford Rd  
New Windsor MD 21776

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
Yes ( ) No (X) Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone (X) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
- Wall Structure
  - Wood: Log (X) Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other
- Wall Covering: Weatherboard ( ) German Siding ( ) Board and Batten ( )  
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Aluminum (X) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood (X) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal (X)  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )  
Ells (X) Wings (X) Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )  
With False Front ( ) Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 3x1

Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRANCE LOCATION: center

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:  
No Threat (X) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:  
Positive (X) Negative ( )  
Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

aluminum siding obscures early details such as the 6/6 window sash or decorative trim



RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

log shed - n front  
frame sheds in rear

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

representative mid-19th century structure - shows accomodations of rural blacksmith

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map: Geo. Snneider + Blacksmith Shop  
1877 LG & S Atlas: Geo. Snider (2 bldgs)

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered Buildings   
Moderately Built Up ( ) Densely-Built Up ( )  
Residential ( ) Commercial ( )  
Agricultural ( ) Industrial ( )  
Roadside Strip Development ( )  
Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECORDED:



CARR-681  
U.S.G.S. MAP  
NEW WINDSOR, MD.  
1:24000 SCALE



1. CARR-681 839 MEDFORD ROAD
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. South and west elevations (camera facing northeast)
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