

CARR - 730

1444 OLD MANCHESTER ROAD

mid-19th century

Westminster vicinity

private

This property was known as the Mexico Hotel and stands on the west side of the intersection of Old Manchester Road and Leisters Church Road. It is a large two-and-one-half story, five-bay by two-bay structure with an L-shaped plan built in the regional farmhouse style. Victorian-style embellishments include a bay window tower on the southeast corner of the building and a gabled dormer with a round-arch window. The house is a private residence today and has a cluster of mid-to-late nineteenth century outbuildings.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-730

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: Westminster

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Westminster vicinity

LOCATION: 1444 Old Manchester Road (cross 2)

TAX MAP 39 Block 12 P-278

COMMON NAME: Minstrel Boy Farm / Mexico Hotel

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: residence

OWNER: Joseph J. Chalmers

ADDRESS: 1444 Old Manchester Rd
Westminster MD 21157

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

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

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: residence

ORIGINAL USE: residence / hotel

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

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

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: mid-19th century

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

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

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

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

Number of Stories: 2 1/2

Number of Bays: 5 x 2

Approximate Dimensions: _____

Entrance Location: center

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

regional farmhouse style - large structure
 bay window - tower at southeast corner
 gabled dormer

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

washhouse
 stable

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

known as Mexico Hotel but built in regional farmhouse style

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map: Mexico Hotel
 1877 LG & S Atlas: Mexico Hotel

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

RECORDED BY:

Joe Betty

ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECORDED:

8/83

U.S.G.S. MAP
WESTMINSTER, MD.
1:24000 SCALE

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1. CARR-730 1444 OLD MANCHESTER ROAD
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. North and east elevations
(camera facing southwest)
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