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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
R. J. Snouffer Farm

AND/OR COMMON
William Ewing, Jr., Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
West side New Design Road at Oland Road

CITY, TOWN
Adamstown X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
_DISTRICT	_PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	_AGRICULTURE	_MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	_UNOCCUPIED	_COMMERCIAL	_PARK
_STRUCTURE	_BOTH	_WORK IN PROGRESS	_EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
_SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	_ENTERTAINMENT	_RELIGIOUS
_OBJECT	_IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	_GOVERNMENT	_SCIENTIFIC
	_BEING CONSIDERED	_YES: UNRESTRICTED	_INDUSTRIAL	_TRANSPORTATION
	N/A	_NO	_MILITARY	_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
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The R. J. Snouffer Farm is located on the west side of New Design Road, at the intersection of Oland Road, in an agricultural area south of Adamstown. The farm contains a large brick house and a number of barns and outbuildings. The complex is approached via a long tree-lined driveway from New Design Road ans is surrounded by many large trees.

The large brick house is composed of a 2½ story, 5-bay wide, gable roofed main block with a lower 2½ story, 3-bay wide, gable roofed wing on the north end. The main block is set on a high foundation, and its roof is steeply pitched, giving it additional height. There are double chimneys in each gable end wall. The principal (east) facade is Flemish bond and the sides and rear are common bond.

The principal facade contains a fine central doorway with a round-arched fanlight and sidelights. The doorway is reached by an unusual brick stairway supported by a graceful brick arch. All windows are 6/6 double hung sash and have jack arches. Three dormer windows are located on the east side of the roof. On the west elevation, a stair hall window is located between floors. The interior of the house was not seen on this field visit. The outbuildings located to the west and north include a large bank barn to the north of the house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
_PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The R. J. Snouffer Farm is important architecturally for its unusually early and large brick house which may date from the first quarter of the 19th century. The late Georgian/ Federal Style house is extremely refined in its design, proportions, and detailing, especially in view of its location in rural southern Frederick County. The house is in good condition and exterior alterations appear confined to the north end of the wing.

Although the house is not one of the large "Plantations and Farms" shown on Varle's 1808 map of Frederick and Washington Counties, its design suggests a possible early 19th century (or earlier) date. It is shown on the 1862 Bond atlas of Frederick County as the property of R. J. Snouffer, and labelled "Carrollton". The 1873 atlas listing of "Principal Professional and Business Men and Producers" in the county lists B. J. Snouffer and gives his date of settlement as 1814. The Snouffers were among the earliest settlers in the area (Scharf, Vol. I, p. 567) and owned many farms here.

This property is of state or national significance and would likely be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

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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

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