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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: E.D. Zimmerman "Manor" Property Survey Number: F-1-216

Project: New Design Road improvements Agency: FHWA/Frederick County

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ____

Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

Based on the available information, the E.D. Zimmerman "Manor" Property, located at 6443 Elmer Derr Road, south of Frederick, is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C. The farmstead includes a 19th century house and bank barn, as well as a number of agricultural outbuildings, most dating from the 20th century. The house appears to be significant as an example of evolutionary construction consisting of a series of forms that are relatively unusual in a rural context. The one-and-a-half story gable roofed section immediately to the rear of the main two story section appears to date to the second quarter of the 19th century and to be similar to duplex tenant houses of the period in Frederick City. The main house appears to be a two-thirds type plan, a relatively unusual form for rural Frederick County. Contrary to the inventory form, the house does not appear to exhibit any features typical of the Italianate style. The bracketed roof appears more likely to be n early 20th century alteration than to belong to the mid 19th century. Further architectural investigation is warranted (but not expected). The property is not known to have had any association with significant events or people and thus is unlikely to be eligible under Criteria A or B. (It is located on a portion of Carrollton Manor, a property which remained in Carroll family hands until 1878). It is not located in an historic district. It is well south of Frederick City in a rapidly changing area characterized by housing developments and light industry.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project File, Maryland Inventory Form F-3-151

Prepared by: Paula S. Reed

Elizabeth Hannold — December 16, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Peter E. Kurtze — 12/16/96
Reviewer, NR program — Date

Capsule Summary

F-1-216
E.D. Zimmerman "Manor" Property
6443 Elmer Derr Road
Frederick, MD

mid 19th century

This farmstead consists of an 1850s or '60s frame Italianate influenced house with a one and a half story back building, a frame bank barn, livestock loafing shed, milk house and other agricultural sheds and outbuildings. The house faces north toward Elmer Derr Road, in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Elmer Derr and New Design Roads. The barn and loafing shed face east. The buildings are surrounded by pasture and cropland and are approximately 1/10 mile back from each of the two roads.

This complex is an example of a mid-19th century farmstead with an Italianate influenced dwelling. While the Italianate style was not uncommon for urban houses in Frederick City, its use among farmhouses in the county is much rarer, where traditional vernacular buildings or houses with Greek Revival styling tended to persist into the third quarter of the 19th century. The farm buildings represent vernacular agricultural traditions from the mid 19th century and later, reflecting the regional shift from grain farming to dairy which occurred in the late 19th century. It is an example of a farmstead from the third quarter of the 19th century. Although the exterior covering of the house is now asbestos shingle siding, the property yet reflects the nature of a prosperous farmstead in an area threatened by incipient development. It is also a reflection of the development of the large Carrollton Manor tract, portions of which remained in the Carroll family throughout most of the 19th century.

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. F-1-216

Magi No.

DOE X yes ___ no

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic E.D. Zimmerman "Manor" Property

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6443 Elmer Derr Road ___ not for publication

city, town Frederick X vicinity of Frederick congressional district 6

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district)	___ public	X occupied	X 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	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	X no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Coplay Cement Co.

street & number Box D telephone no.: 301-662-8244

city, town Frederick state and zip code Maryland 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse Liber 1179

street & number W. Patrick Street Folio 660

city, town Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

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	___ unaltered	_X_ original site
_X_ good	___ ruins	_X_ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY:

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General Description

The farmhouse is a two story, three bay frame building, three bays wide with a side-hall entrance. The front section is nearly square in shape with a hipped roof covered with standing seam sheet metal. The roof terminates with a bracketed overhang on all four sides. The brackets, however, appear more like blocks or oversized dentils. The building rests on stone foundations and is sheathed with asbestos shingle siding.

Extending to the rear of the main section is a two-part light frame one and a half story, gable roofed back building. It apparently functioned as kitchen and service area. The first section is four bays wide with a door, window, window, door configuration, separated by a central chimney. The second section, attached to the south end of the first is a two bay, one and a half story building with an exterior stone and brick chimney. Roofing material is standing seam sheet metal. Windows have six over six pane sash. Entrances have four panel doors. Windows in the upper half story of the service wing have four light side-by-side sliding sash. A shed-roofed porch supported by square posts extends along the front (east) elevation of the service wing. There is no porch at the front of the house although there probably was originally.

A brick chimney is located inside the east wall of the front or main section.

South of the house is a frame bank barn with an enclosed forebay. It faces east. The barn is sheathed with vertical board siding and distinguished by louvered vents with arched tops. The enclosure of the forebay appears to be a later addition. In front or immediately east of the barn is a concrete block milk house with a gabled roof.

Between the house and barn is a hog barn, garage, poultry house and various sheds. The long livestock loafing shed extends north to south west of the barn.

The buildings appear to be in good condition. The architectural features of the house are indicative of construction during the third quarter of the 19th century. Six over six windows with narrow frames with beaded edges; the lightweight frame construction and use of four panel doors all suggest the post-1850 time period. The low pitched hipped roof and wide frieze reflect the Italianate influence. The blocks on the frieze which suggest brackets, may be an unusual varient of these or a modification of brackets or a later attempt at modillions. Character-defining features like the front porch and the original siding are missing or covered, making the architectural identity of the house harder to read.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance (Check and justify below)			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400-1499	___ 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
X 1900-	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other(specify)
	___ invention			

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D

and/or

Applicable Exceptions: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

Level of Significance: ___ national ___ state X local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

This complex is an example of a mid-19th century farmstead with an Italianate influenced dwelling. While the Italianate style was not uncommon for urban houses in Frederick City, its use among farmhouses in the county is much rarer, where traditional vernacular buildings or houses with Greek Revival styling tended to persist into the third quarter of the 19th century. The farm buildings represent vernacular agricultural traditions from the mid 19th century and later, reflecting the regional shift from grain farming to dairy which occurred in the late 19th century. It is an example of a farmstead from the third quarter of the 19th century. Although the exterior covering of the house is now asbestos shingle siding, the property yet reflects the nature of a prosperous farmstead in an area threatened by incipient development. It is also a reflection of the development of the large Carrollton Manor tract, portions of which remained in the Carroll family throughout most of the 19th century.

Historic Context

Frederick County and central Maryland in general were settled during the second half of the 18th century although there were habitations in the region as early as the 1730s. Although land was initially held by English entrepreneurs from eastern Maryland, the majority of settlers who actually lived in Frederick County were Germans who had migrated south from Pennsylvania. The area developed into a prime agricultural region with emphasis on the production of small grains. With grain farming dominating, related industries and transportation networks soon developed. Grist and flour milling was prevalent, as was distilling. Central Maryland along with south central Pennsylvania grew in importance as an agricultural region. In Maryland, Frederick and adjoining Washington County led the state in wheat and corn production throughout most of the 19th century. The allure of the agricultural prosperity of central Maryland influenced Robert E. Lee's plan to invade Maryland in the late summer of 1862. The greater region was the nation's bread basket until large scale grain production in the midwest overtook local production in the later 19th century. The agricultural economy of the region gradually changed from grain production to dairy farming, which is still important in agricultural production today.

Resource History

According to the 1858 Map of Frederick County, by Isaac Bond, this property was the manor house belonging to E.D. Zimmerman. Other members of the Zimmerman family owned property to the north and south of this place. The

1858 map also shows the route of "New Designed Road" indicated in dotted lines meaning that the route was selected, but not yet constructed at the time the map was made. New Designed Road made a straight cut from Elmer Derr Road just east of these buildings, south to the C & O Canal. It was created to open access to the lands of Carrollton Manor when it was subdivided in the second quarter of the 19th century. According to deed records, this farm of approximately 177 acres was a portion of lot #6 of Carrollton Manor which was conveyed by Charles Carroll of Carrollton to Mrs. Catherine Harper by deed dated February 7, 1821 (JS12/477). Catherine Harper was Charles Carroll of Carrollton's daughter. The entire portion of Lot #6 contained 805 acres. Upon the death of Catherine Harper, Lot #6 was passed to her daughter Emily K. Harper, on October 1, 1861. On September 5, 1878, Emily K. Harper conveyed 180 acres of Lot #6 to Louis McMurry (TG10/282). Louis McMurry died intestate in November, 1888. The following year, in August, 1889, his heirs sold the 180-acre parcel to Joseph D. Baker (WIP9/418). The property remained in the Baker family until 1943.

Although the property is labeled on the 1858 Isaac Bond Map of Frederick County as E.D. Zimmerman Manor, according to land records, he never owned the property. He may, however, have been a tenant on the manor when it was owned by Emily Harper or her mother, Catherine Harper, granddaughter and daughter, respectively of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. This part of Carrollton Manor remained in the Carroll family from Colonial times until 1878.

The architectural features of the house suggest that it was built during Harper ownership, either Catherine's or Emily's. Since a house is indicated on the 1858 Bond map, it may well have been built in the 1850s as a house on the manor (Carrollton) and thus the identification "Manor" on the Bond map.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architectural/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning
Agriculture/Animal Facility

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Domestic/single dwelling
Domestic/secondary structure
Agricultural/Subsistence/animal facility

Known Design Source: Italianate

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Frederick County Land Records.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5± acres

Quadrangle name Buckeystown

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References DO NOT COMPLETE UTM REFERENCES

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property includes the farmstead buildings and their immediate grounds. The boundaries include the historic buildings and their associated land.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	Maryland	code	county	Frederick	code
state		code	county		code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Paula S. Reed and Associates	date	9/19/96
street & number	105 N. Potomac Street	telephone	301-739-2070
city or town	Hagerstown	state	Maryland

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 KA, 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.

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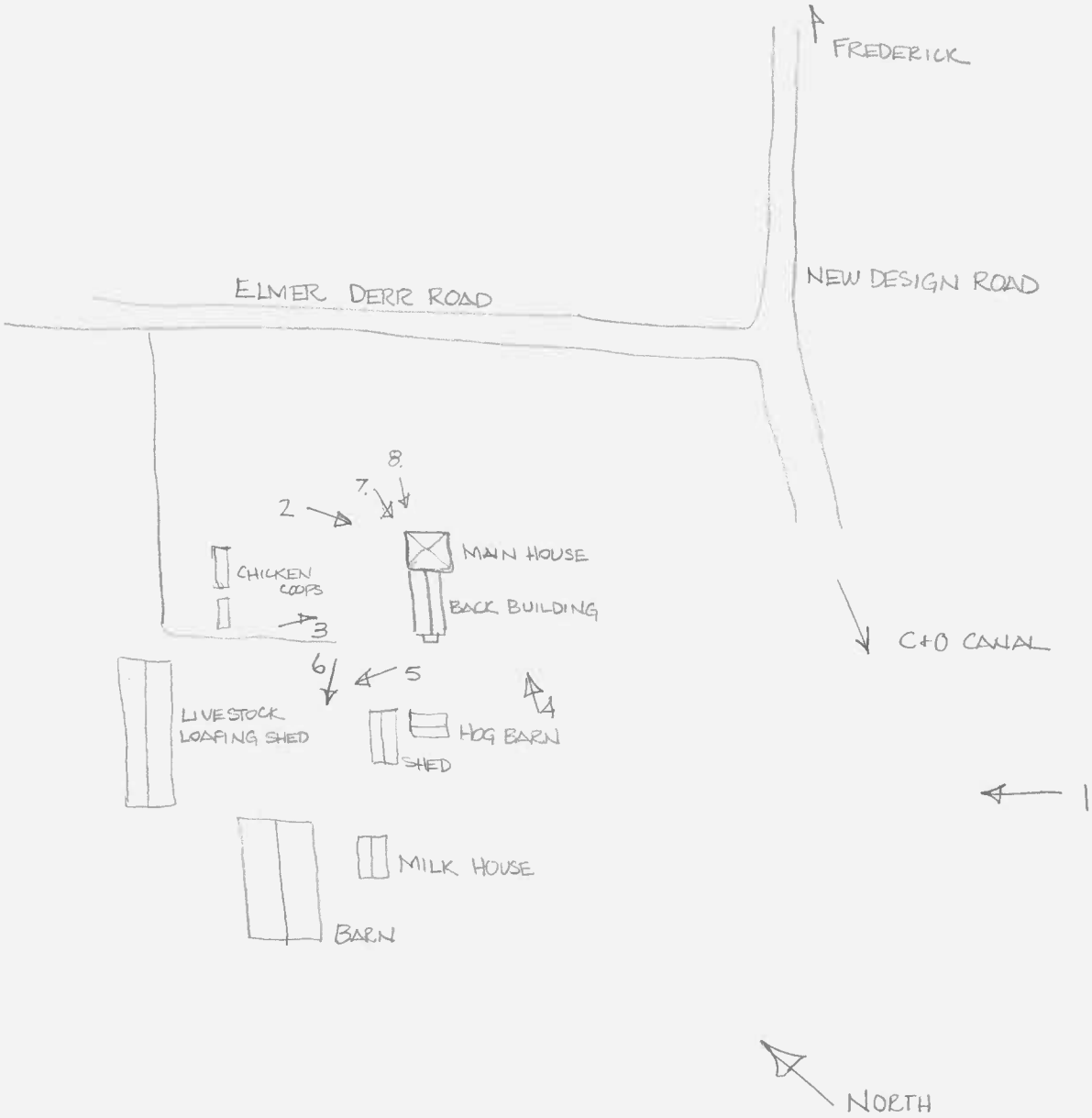

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6443 ELMER DERR RD
FREDERICK, MD

APPROXIMATE SITE PLAN
(NOT TO SCALE)

↑ 1. PHOTO VIEW AND NUMBER

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SE view N & W elevations
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E view, W. Elevation
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livestock loafing shed, W view
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Barn, N & E Elevations, S w view
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Front elevation, S. view
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Hagerstown, MD
Front elevation, detail S. view
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