

G-I-C-055

Delwood Merrill HUse
Merrill
Private

late 19th century

The Delwood Merrill HUse is a two-story, gable-roofed, frame building on a foundation of uncoursed rubble stone. Its basic configuration is a five bay by two bay, center hall palm with a 1½ story gable-roofed addition at the rear. The facade has a symmetrical five bay, center door arrangement with a porch sheltering the three center bays. The door is surrounded by a transom light and sidelights above panels. 2/2 sash windows light the building, however, the application of aluminum siding caused the removal of the window surrounds and any other ornamentation that may have been present.

The site also includes a twenieth century frame bank barn, the stone ruins of a springhouse, a family cemetery, and a 1942 sawmill.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Delwood Merrill House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Blacklick Run off Westernport Road, 1/2 mile NE of Merrill

CITY, TOWN

Merrill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Delwood Merrill

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 296

Folio #: 34

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Delwood Merrill House is located on the west side of Blacklick Run, a tributary of the Savage River on the east side of Westernport Road. The house is situated on the flat plain of the river basin between Turkey Lodge Ridge and The Elbow. The site includes a dwelling, a spring, a sawmill, a cemetery, and a barn. The facade of the dwelling points southeast.

The house is a frame, two story, gable-roofed building on an uncoursed, rubble stone foundation. Its basic configuration is a five bay by two bay main block with a one and a half story gable-roofed addition at the rear. This addition is flanked by shed-roofed wings on either side so that the rear elevation of the main block is obscured. The facade has a symmetrical, five bay, center door arrangement with a porch sheltering the three center bays. The door is surrounded by a transom light and sidelights above panels. The northeast endwall has a four-panel door with a transom light occupying one of its bays. There are no openings on the southwest endwall. Two over two sash windows light the building, however, the application of aluminum siding caused the removal of the window surrounds and any other ornamentation that may have been present. The porch, although rebuilt, is the same size as the original.

The roof is covered with corrugated metal and has a box cornice. A brick stove chimney is located on the ridgeline just east of center. A similar chimney was located just west of center but has been removed.

The interior of the house is arranged in a two room, center hall plan. The stairway is an open, straight run of 15 treads. The newel post is turned and the balusters, also turned, are spaced two per tread. Plywood paneling covers the original plaster walls.

Southeast of the house is the site of the springhouse where only some foundation stones remain. The sawmill, which lies to the north began operation in 1942.

The family cemetery to the south contains the following four tombstones: 1) Elias Merrill, 1838-1909; 2) John A. Merrill, 1873-1972; 3) J. W. Broadwater, 1836-1918; 4) Reuben Lee Merrill, D. 1902, Claudee, D. 1884.

The frame bank barn southeast of the house appears to be of recent date.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the present occupant Delwood Merrill, a Brenneman built the house sometime in the late 19th century.

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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

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

May 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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.

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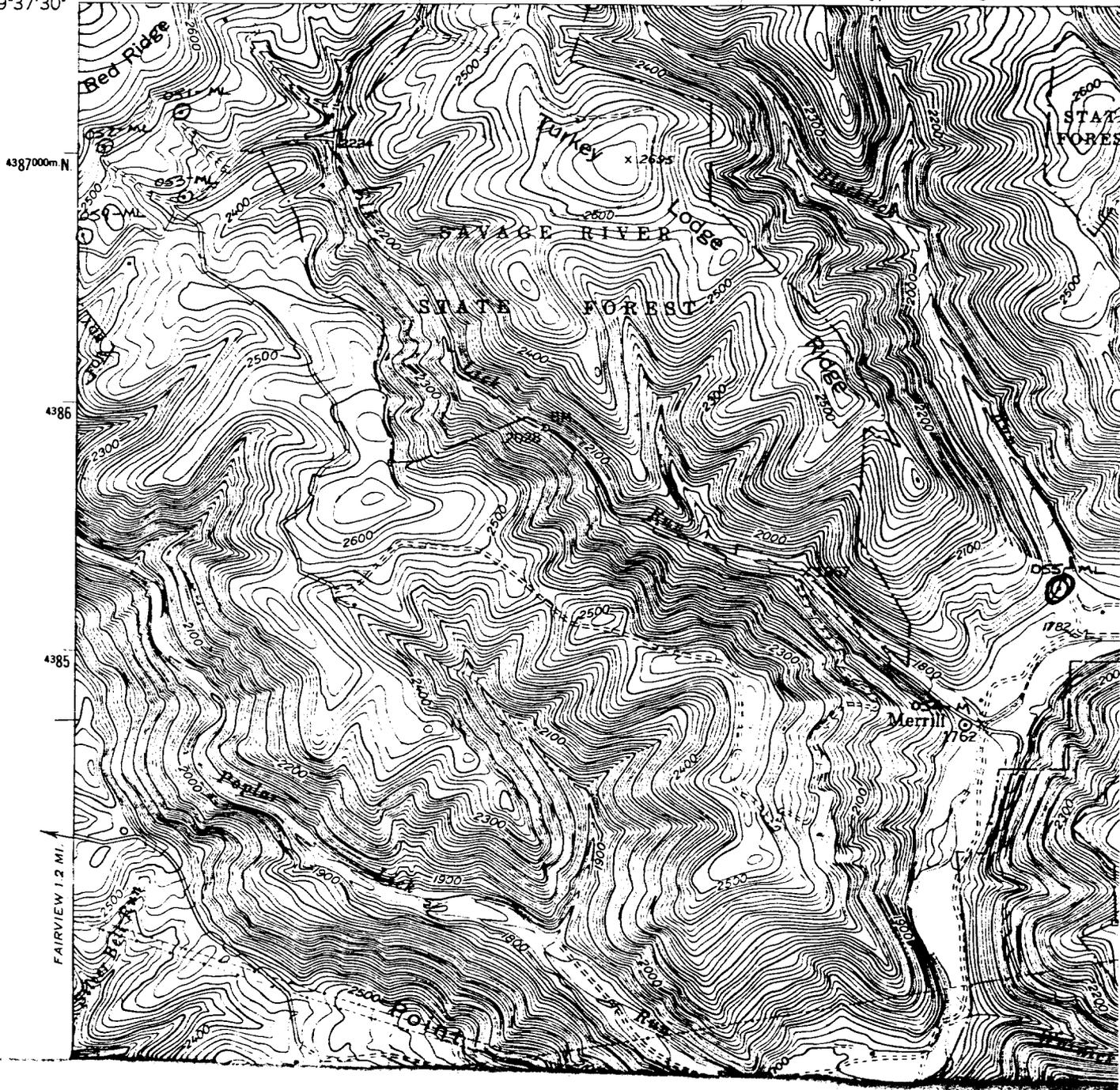
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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USGS 7.5 minute series
Scale - 1:24,000
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Facade: SE elev.



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Rear: NW elev.