

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC My Lady's Manor Farm
AND/OR COMMON Ross Smith Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 4130 Old York Road
CITY, TOWN White Hall VICINITY OF Norrisville CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First
STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. Ross E. Smith, Jr. Telephone #: 692-6561
STREET & NUMBER 4130 Old York Road
CITY, TOWN White Hall VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse Liber #: GRG 669
STREET & NUMBER 40 South Main Street Folio #: 494
CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Maryland

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
<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

This dwelling has been moderately remodelled. It is a two-story frame house, now covered with aluminum siding. Overall, the home is L-shaped, facing Old York Road to the north, and has a one-story, one-bay-by-one addition on the eastern side. The house, looking at the north side from the road is three bays by two (four bays across on the northern face's second story). The posterior leg of the "L" is two bays by one. The entire building sits upon a low stone foundation. Windows are 6 X 6, with the exception of the attic glasses, which are 2 X 2. The principal portal is located on the northern wall, dignifying an otherwise utilitarian house with a seven-light transom and four-pane sidelights. A second door is on the southwestern side of the wing and a third is positioned on the southern side of the main structure. The cellar way is also along this same wall. A three-bay, shed-roof porch shrouds the main portal, with tapered square columns. An enclosed shelter spans the southwest side of the wing. The roof is gable-front and slate, with flared-end cornices, boxed eaves and friezes, all original. The corbeled brick chimney is indigenous to the older part of the structure. It is on the southern inside-end of the rear part of the wing. The other is a new outside-end, resting on the new addition.

The older farm buildings are located closest to the house. Directly behind it is a small gable-roofed gazebo that was originally a milking shed. West of the house are the main barn and the hog barn, both of vertical planking and with stone bases. The original board-and-batten doors have been retained and both buildings have wood-shingle roofs and pegged interior joists (See diagram). South of the house are the remaining older structures; the chicken coop, the meathouse and the large blacksmith shop. The meathouse is a small, two by one bay affair, with board-and-batten siding and a gable-flank roof. The blacksmith shop still has the original forge although the exterior has been altered. It is two stories, with clapboard siding and a gable-flank tin roof. The few windows are 6 X 6.

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 checked="" 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farm is partially located on a part of My Lady's Manor, a gift from the aged Charles Calvert in 1713 to his fourth wife. This particular tract, known as California, was taken up by a commission assigned to dispose of confiscated British property, and was sold in 1785 to Thomas Galloway. The oldest parts of the buildings date from the late Nineteenth Century and were probably built by the Patterson family. The presence of a three-generation blacksmith shop makes this farm somewhat unique, although the structures are not that old nor that architecturally earthshattering.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Land Records
 Martenet's Map of 1878
 Plat of My Lady's Manor
 Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, 1967, French Bray, Baltimore.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 190

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is located west of the intersection of Old York and Norrisville Roads. It is bounded to the north and to the east by these thoroughfares, to the south by Houcks Road and to the west by the property of Carroll Palmer.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul L. Penrod/ site surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

July 9, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

267-1212

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
GRG	669	494	In 1965, Ross E. Smith, Jr., acquired the property from Ross E. Smith.
DGW	193	126	Carrie E. Smith sold tracts called California and My Lady's Manor Farm to Ross E. Smith in 1925.
WSF	127	440	Mary A. Marx transferred the property to Lewis F. Smith in 1910.
WSF	122	413	Mary A. Marx acquired the land from Ella J. Patterson in 1908.
WSF	82	372	John W. Patterson sold the tract to Ella J Patterson in 1894.
<u>Will</u>			
WSR	10	171	John W. Patterson received 123 acres from John N. Patterson in 1883.
WHD	16	77	In 1865, Elisha Galloway sold 120 acres of California to John N. Patterson.
HDG	35	236	Asbury Slade conveyed the parcel to Elisha Galloway in 1849.
HD	Y	62	This deed mentions that a part of My Lady's Manor Farm was willed from Ezekiel Slade to Abraham Slade in 1802.
JLG	I	25	In 1790, Thomas Galloway transferred the property to Ezekiel Slade.
JLG	G	59	In 1785, a commission to preserve confiscated British property granted this tract, designated as Lot 45 and amounting to 119½ acres, to Thomas Galloway. The land had been last owned by a James Brittain, who purchased it in 1782.

WELCOME

My Lady's Manor Farm situated on the outskirts of Lord Baltimore's Gift is owned and operated by Jeanette and Ross E. Smith, Jr. The Farm consists of 190 acres and 500 acres are rented for crops.

This is a dairy farm with crops of corn, grain, alfalfa and clover hay. There are 105 milk cows and 100 heifers. All stock is registered with the National Holstein-Friesian Association.

The milking herd produces about 2 tons of milk per day. This amounts to about 480 gallons or 1920 quarts per day. Dairy farmers sell their milk to bottling or processing plants for about \$9.50 per hundred pounds. This amounts to 80¢ per gallon or 20¢ per quart.

The value of cows milking averages \$800, while the heifers are valued at \$500. Land values average \$1000 per acre. Equipment is valued at \$50,000. Recent building improvements were valued at \$35,000.

Our two oldest sons are involved in the family operation full-time. The third son hopes for a career in Veterinary Medicine. Our daughter will be a senior this year and is anticipating a career in law.

In April 1976 at the Maryland State Black and White Show our son had Reserve Grand Champion 4-H Animal.

Also this past year we at My Lady's Manor Farm have again joined the International Export Market. We have a cow in Italy, Canada and one will be leaving for Japan soon.

Look around, have fun and enjoy yourselves. If you have any questions please feel free to ask.

Ross and Jeanette Smith

INVENTORY NO. 1078 ELECTION DISTRICT _____

DATE: _____ TAX MAP NO. _____

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. _____

NAME OF PROPERTY: ROSS SMITH FARM - 177 LADY MANSARD FORM

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 4130 OLD YORK RD.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NORTH

NAME OF OWNER: ROSS E SMITH JR.

ADDRESS: _____

STORIES: 1[] 2[] 3[] 4[] 5[] 6[] BAYS: ^{(3) 1ST FLOOR} (4) X 2 - FRONT

WINGS, ADDITIONS: ONE 1 STORY ON EAST SIDE 1 X 1 MAIN HOUSE IS L SHAPED 2 X 1 - BACK OF "L"

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: ^{ALUM. SIDING} Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
- BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS NONE

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH/LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[] 2/2[] 6/6[] 9/6[] 9/9[] other[]
pegged[] nailed[] wide[] narrow[]
original[] replaced[]
^{2 x 2 ATTIC WINDOW}
_{E-W}

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 1 ON N. SIDE - 4 LT - DOORS, 7-LT TRANSOM
HARDWARE: 1 ON S. SIDE REAR, 1 ON SW SIDE OF WING
original[] replaced[]
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
REAR WING ON REAR SIDE

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: ^{BOX} original[] replaced[]
^{BOX}
FLARED AT ENDS

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS ^{NONE}
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[] replaced[]
1 ENCLINED IN SW SIDE OF "L" WING

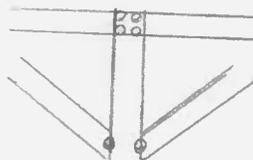
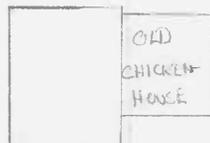
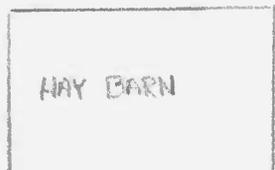
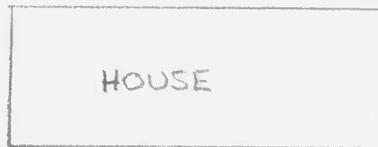
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[] hip[] gable[]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK[] STONE[] CORBELED[] original[] replaced[]
LOCATION: 1 ON S. END OF L-WING, 1 ON N. END OF MAIN ROOF
NORTH SIDE 3-BAY - TAPERED SQUARE COLUMN - CORNICE TOP
INSIDE END

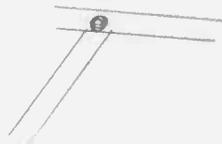
ARCHES: 1 MUSTER-END W. END OF MAIN ROOF
OVERSTOCK - STR. IN ADDITION - NEW

COMMENTS:

SMITH FARM



PEGGED SUPPORTS AS IN BARN



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STATES
OF THE ARMY
ENGINEERS

PHOENIX QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOG)
SE/4 PARKTON 15' QUADRANGLE

