

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic J: Trundle Farm

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number Old River Rd., opposite Sycamore Landing Rd.  not for publication

city, town Poolesville  vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Maryland county Montgomery

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Joseph A Muldoon, Jr.

street & number 5101 Wisconsin Ave., N.W. telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D.C. state and zip code 20016

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 5036

street & number folio 838

city, town Rockville state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

# 7 DESCRIPTION

M: 17-44

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This was obviously the home of a prosperous farmer. The main block of the house is a large, square section that faces west. The house is two-stories, with a full living-space attic. The main "A" roof is offset by a large center gable on the west (main) facade. A stove-type chimney is centered on the ridge of the main roof. The heavy cornice is returned, and there are pairs of round-headed windows in both gable-ends. Window sash is 2/2, and there are tall, oversized windows at the first floor level. There is a lower, two-story, jetty-type extension on the east, and a long wing of similar height continuing from the north end of the main house.

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(Was not able to examine the farm closely.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# Significance

Survey No.

M17-44

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates****Builder/Architect**Check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/orApplicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  GLevel of Significance:  national  state  local

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

The J. Trundle Farmhouse is a large, interesting but somewhat unusual looking rural vernacular dwelling. It is unusual in that there are no other structures which closely resemble this one in the area. It appears to have been constructed in parts which may explain its unique appearance. In addition, the Trundle farm also has an excellent collection of farm buildings among which are a well tower and a three story frame barn. On the whole, the structures found on the Trundle farm are considerable larger than average indicating this was the farm of a prosperous farmer.

The house was built by James T. Trundle about 1876.<sup>1</sup> James built his house on 204 acres of tracts of land referred to as "Resurvey on Carsbasket" and "Resurvey on Blantyre" which he purchased in November of 1873 from John H. and Annie E. Allnutt.<sup>2</sup> The allnutts owned the adjoining farm; evidently selling off part of their original 366 1/4 acres. James Trundle is listed in Boyd's, History of Montgomery County, Maryland as a farmer. James raised wheat, corn and rye as well as cattle, pigs and horses.<sup>3</sup> James lived here with his wife, Elizabeth Ellen until his death in February of 1918. He left the farm, which now totalled 500 acres, to Elizabeth to be passed on to his nephew, Americus Dawson Trundle after her death.<sup>4</sup> Elizabeth died in February of 1919 and the farm became the property of Americus who resided here with his wife, Lucy until 1927 when the property was foreclosed on. The property was then described as a combination of three farms (one being the "home farm of the late, James Trundle" and the "farm on which A. Dawson Trundle now resides"). The improvements were described as a "large up-to-date dwelling with modern improvements" (the large main block is possibly an early twentieth century addition), large barn about 75'x115', tenant houses, other barns and necessary out-buildings.<sup>5</sup>

The property was sold to the New York Life Insurance Corporation, who held the mortgage. since then the farm has passed through a succession of corporate owners. In October of 1977 it was purchased by the present owner, Joseph A. Muldoon, Jr.<sup>6</sup>

See Attachment Sheet A for footnotes

Attachment Sheet A

<sup>1</sup>The date given is based on the date that the property first appears in the tax assesment books with imporvements listed. J. Trundle also appears on the county map of 1879.

<sup>2</sup>Deed EBP 11/296, Montgomery County Land Records.

<sup>3</sup>Inventory HCA 20/175-176, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

<sup>4</sup>Will HCA 19/444, " "

<sup>5</sup>Equity #4783, Montgomery County Judgement Records, 40/35.

<sup>6</sup>Deed 5036/838, Montgomery County Land Records.

# D. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:17-44

Montgomery County Land Records  
Montgomery County Judgement Records  
Montgomery County Register of Wills

## 0. Geographical Data

Area of nominated property 477.80 acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Zone	Easting	Northing
C		
E		
G		

B		
D		
F		
H		

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

## 1. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm. date 2/84

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Rockville 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  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

J. Trundle Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Old River Road, opposite Sycamore Landing Road

CITY, TOWN

Poolesville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**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  
 COMMERCIAL  
 EDUCATIONAL  
 ENTERTAINMENT  
 GOVERNMENT  
 INDUSTRIAL  
 MILITARY  
 MUSEUM  
 PARK  
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
 RELIGIOUS  
 SCIENTIFIC  
 TRANSPORTATION  
 OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

was Seigel-now Levitt Bros., Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

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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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

M:17-44

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

12/3/73

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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NAME JAMES TRUNDLE FARM

LOCATION RIVER Rd AT SYCAMORE LANDING Rd POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE SW TAKEN FROM HUGHES Rd.

PHOTO TAKEN 12/3/73 M. DWYER



NAME JAMES TRUNDLE FARM

# 17-44

LOCATION RIVER Rd. & SYCAMORE LANDING Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.

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