

**Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
Intercounty Connector Project**

DOE yes no

1. Name: (indicate preferred name)

historic Richard S. Hill, Sr. Property

and/or common Sylvester G. Frederick, Jr. Property

2. Location:

street & number 7401 Old Sandy Spring Road not for publication

city, town Laurel vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification:

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

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

name Sylvester G. Frederick, Jr.

street & number 43 Washington Boulevard telephone no.:

city, town Laurel state and zip code MD 20707

5. Location of Legal Description

Land Record Office of Prince George's County liber 4711

street & number Prince George's County Judicial Center folio 813

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Survey No. PG:60-T3 (PACS D1.20)

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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 3

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

The Richard S. Hill, Sr. Property is a 2-story, 2-bay cross-gable cottage with Folk Victorian details on the south side of Old Sandy Spring Road in Laurel, Prince George's County. Constructed circa 1890, the building has a wrap-around porch, side wing, and a 1-story addition at the rear.

The structure has a standing seam metal, cross-gable roof with two interior brick chimneys, one in the center and one in the rear of the cottage. It is of wood-frame construction and it has asbestos shingle siding. The windows are 2/2 double-hung wood unless noted otherwise. The cottage has a 1-story, wrap-around porch on the north and west elevations. The porch, which has a standing seam metal, hipped roof, is partially enclosed on the west elevation.

The north, or front elevation is 2-bays wide, with a wood panel door in the west bay. The door, which has a wood storm door, has four decorative panels and a transom. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical, with one window on the first story, a pair of windows on the second story, and one fixed wood window in the gable end. The wrap-around porch, which extends the entire width of the elevation, has a concrete foundation, wood railings, chamfered wood posts, and jigsaw cut decorative wood brackets. The gable end has a lightning rod with one bracket identical to the porch brackets; the other rod bracket is missing.

The west elevation is partially concealed by the enclosed part of the porch. The foundation of the porch on this elevation is stone, with concrete steps. The enclosed area, which has a 3-light basement level window and three 1/1 double-hung wood windows on the first story, serves as an entry foyer and has a door identical to the front door. The first story of the cottage has one window, and there are two windows on the second story. A small lean-to is located at grade in the ell formed by the cottage and the porch.

The south, or rear elevation is concealed on the first story by a 1-story addition. The second story has one window, and there is a fixed wood window in the gable end. A hipped-roof addition, connected to the south wall of the cottage, has an exposed parged concrete block foundation. This addition has a window on the east elevation, two sliding windows on the west elevation, and two windows on the south elevation.

The southwest corner of the hipped-roof addition has an entry with an overhanging hip-roof. The entry has a small elevated porch partially enclosed on two sides, and steps to grade. A small lean-to at grade is connected to the addition and adjacent to the entry porch.

The east elevation of the cottage has one window on the first story. The wing has a parged concrete block foundation and standing seam metal roof. The east elevation of the wing has three windows on both the first and second stories. The north elevation has one first story window, and the south elevation has one window on both stories.

No information regarding the interior of the cottage is available; no persons were on the premises during the site survey and attempts to contact the owner by telephone were unsuccessful.

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7. Description (Continued)

There are two outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a 2-story barn, with a corrugated metal, side-gable roof. Constructed circa 1920, it is of wood frame construction and it has two large doors. The barn is located south of the cottage. The second outbuilding is a shed with an asphalt shingle, gable roof. Constructed circa 1940, it is of wood frame construction with a concrete block foundation and board and batten siding. The shed is located southwest of the cottage and west of the barn.

The property is located on the south side of Old Sandy Spring Road with residential property to the west, commercial property to the east, and Route 198 to the south. There are several old trees on the property. The setting is a suburban part of Laurel.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-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/ 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"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates circa 1890	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exceptions: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Richard S. Hill, Sr. Property is not shown on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas. Deed records indicate that Richard S. Hill owned a large amount of land in the area in the late 1800s. Hill subdivided over 280 hectares (700 acres) of land into 45 lots which is known today as R. S. Hill's subdivision of Snowden's New Birmingham Manor. The cottage is located on Lot 8, and part of Lot 9, of R. S. Hill's subdivision. Based on the style of the existing cottage and such details as the decorative scroll porch brackets, and 2/2 double-hung windows, it has been concluded that the cottage was constructed circa 1890, during the ownership of Richard S. Hill, Sr. The earliest reference for the property is a deed which documents that Richard S. Hill, Jr. bought 151.19 hectares (373.58 acres) of land, including the cottage, from the heirs of the late Richard S. Hill, Sr. in May 1898. Richard S. Hill, Jr. sold Lot 9 and Lot 10, each approximately 4 hectares (10 acres) to Charles F. Shaffer, Jr. and James W. Travers in January 1899. Hill subsequently sold Lot 8, also approximately 4 hectares (10 acres), to Herman P. Millard in June 1902. Millard acquired Lot 9 in 1910. Herman P. Millard owned the land and cottage until May 1936, when Lot 8, and approximately 1.9 hectares (4.75 acres) of Lot 9, were conveyed to William J. Sharp. The total amount of land acquired by Sharp was 5.97 hectares (14.75 acres). William J. Sharp owned the land until November 1963, when it was sold to a development company. The parcel, reduced to 2.68 hectares (6.61 acres), was sold to the Frederick family in 1970. Sylvester G. Frederick, Jr. is the current owner of the land.

The Richard S. Hill, Sr. Property is a vernacular cottage with Folk Victorian detailing. Between 1870 and 1940 the vernacular cottage style was typically built for Americans of modest means. They are characterized by simple ornamentation and mass-produced components, such as door frames, moldings, sash and window units, and porch decoration. The development of post-Civil War machinery capable of producing large amounts of standardized housing elements, such as those found in cottages, contributed greatly to the development of the modern American housing industry. Designs for vernacular cottages were obtained from popular magazines, such as House Beautiful, or carpenter's and builder's journals, such as American Builder. A variety of front-gabled, side-gable, cross-gable, gable-front-and-wing, and hipped roof frame cottages were developed in the early to mid-twentieth century. Side-gable and cross-gable structures are usually two to two-and-a-half-stories tall, are typically two to three bays in width and vary from one to three rooms deep. They usually include a porch covered with a shed roof. Porches are supported by posts often containing machine-produced Victorian ornamentation (Gottfried and Jennings 1988, viii-xv). The Victorian wood detailing found on the resource was made possible

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by new manufacturing advancements and increased shipping ability during the second half of the nineteenth century. These developments had a strong impact on the types of vernacular houses built in rural areas during this period. The Richard S. Hill, Sr. Property has the common Victorian detail of a wide front porch with carved scrollwork decoration. The widespread adoption of Folk Victorian details resulted from the broad availability of machined wooden components which were mass-produced and made available to rural areas by the growth of railroads in the nineteenth century (McAlester 1984:309-10).

The property is in Laurel, located on land originally patented to Richard Snowden in 1715 as "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" in Prince George's County. "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor" was approximately 1214 hectares (3000 acres) from Old Columbia Pike to the present city of Laurel, and from south of Greencastle and Van Dusen Roads to north of Sandy Spring Road. The 1715 patent increased the already substantial Snowden land holdings, and later additions to Snowden land eventually covered 3749 hectares (9265 acres) by 1743. (Geraci, 1976: 4; Cook, 1976: 270-271).

The Snowden family had established a grist mill at Laurel about 1810. In 1824, the grist mill was adapted to spin cotton yarn that was shipped to textile mills. In 1835, the mill was converted back to a grist mill. Snowden family members and the O.C. Tiffany company of Baltimore established the Patuxent Cotton Manufacturing Company. Factory buildings were built along the river, and the town of Laurel developed as a manufacturing town along Main Street running between the factory and the B&O Railroad station (Prince George's County 1974: 283; Prince George's County Historical Society 1980: 37). Laurel became the largest town in the county. The textile mill provided the basis for Laurel's economy into the twentieth century. When textile output began to decline early in the century, Laurel began to develop as a suburb for both Washington and Baltimore. Located halfway between the two cities, Laurel was accessible to commuters by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and by U.S. 1 (Prince George's County 1974: 284).

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NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Richard S. Hill, Sr. Property, constructed circa 1890, is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, as a representative example of a nineteenth century cross-gable cottage with Folk Victorian details. Character defining features of the cottage, such the cross-gable, 2/2 double-hung windows, and decorative scroll brackets on the porch have been retained. The basic form of the cottage has not been altered. The hipped-roof addition is a low, 1-story structure at the rear which is unobtrusive and does not significantly affect the form and massing of the original design. The barn and shed, which date from an historic period, also retain good integrity of design and are contributing resources. The period of significance for the property extends from circa 1890 to 1947. The Richard S. Hill, Sr. Property retains good site integrity; the property is located on a bluff high above Route 198 and is bordered by heavy vegetation that obstructs views to the commercial property to the east. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. In addition, it has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended <u> X </u>	Eligibility Not Recommended <u> </u>
Comments: <u>CRITERION C</u>	
Reviewer, OPS: <u>Andrew Lewis</u>	Date: <u>1/05/01</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>Stimuly</u>	Date: <u>1/9/01</u>

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9. Major Bibliographical References LAU-23
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.68 hectares (6.61 acres)
Quadrangle name Beltsville Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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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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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Verbal boundary description and justification:

The National Register boundaries of the Richard S. Hill, Sr. Property follow the current property lines of 7401 Old Sandy Spring Road (Tax Map 5, Lot 8 and part of Lot 9 of R.S. Hill's Subdivision). This 2.68 hectare (6.61 acre) parcel is bounded on the east and west by adjacent tax parcels, on the north by Old Sandy Spring Road, and on the south by Route 198. The boundary includes the cottage, barn, and shed which all contribute to the significance of the property. According to the Land Records of Prince George's County, the original property contained over 280 hectares (700 acres) of land which was subdivided into 45 lots. The property containing the cottage was reduced to Lot 8 and part of Lot 9, 5.97 hectares (14.75 acres) by 1936. The parcel was reduced to its present size, 2.68 hectares (6.61 acres), in 1969. The current parcel retains the rural character of the property, with more recent development to the east not visible due to vegetation obstruction.

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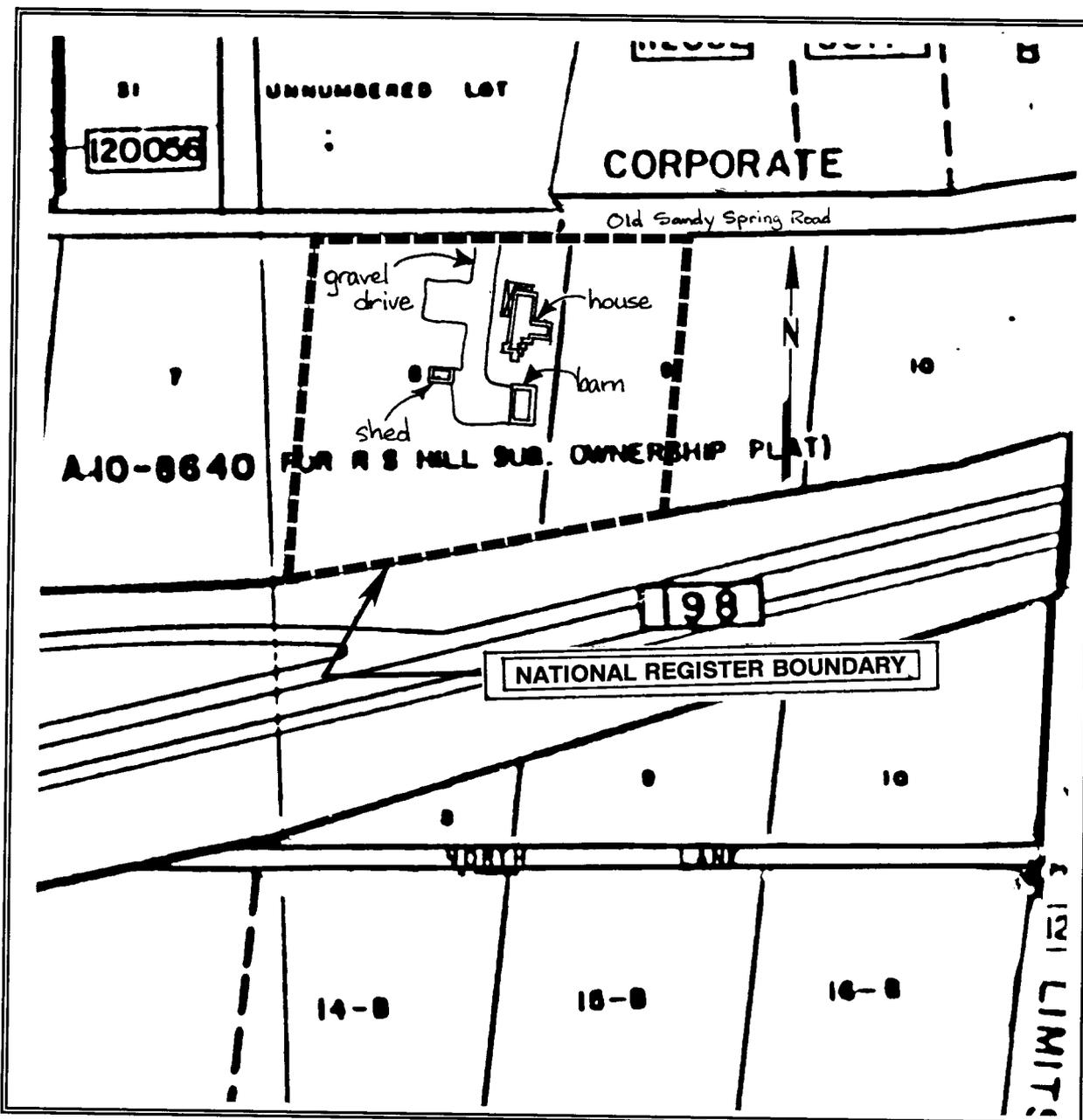
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Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

Geographic Organization:

Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

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