

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey # PG#65-5 Building Date 1790's, 1937
Building Name Cool Spring Farm (Miller's House)
(MD 212)
Location 8441 Riggs Road, Adelphi, Maryland

Private/Residence/Excellent/Occupied/Inaccessible

Description:

Cool Spring Farm is a two-story side-gabled brick dwelling, with a single exterior brick chimney at one gable end, and a one-story screened porch at the other. The main block is three irregular bays by two, with entrance in the off-center central bay of the three-bay main west facade. This dwelling was rebuilt in this century, increasing the width of the main block in the place of the original one-story north wing; there is a clear line of demarcation between the original two-story brick structure (the southmost two bays) and the twentieth-century section to the north. The brick of the original structure is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers, while that of the north addition is in common bond. At the south gable end there is a wide exterior brick chimney. To the rear (east) there is a one-story kitchen wing at right angles to the main block. Interior of the main block consists of two large spaces with a narrow stairhall between them; trim is classical revival of the 1940's.

Significance:

Cool Spring Farm is a modest brick dwelling which reflects several discrete building periods. It was built in the 1790's to serve as the residence of the operator of the nearby Adelphi Mill. The residence throughout the nineteenth century of millers' families, it was occupied by descendants of the last miller, William H. Freeman, until 1970. In 1937 the property was bequeathed to Freeman's granddaughter, who undertook a major renovation of the house. The original north wing was removed, and on its foundations was built a two-story north extension of the main block, giving the house its present configuration; the addition can be clearly read in the brickwork of the west facade. At the same time, the owners carried out interior renovations, built a one-story rear kitchen wing to the east and a screened porch on the north. The house retains only a few features of its original form; its significance lies in the fact that it was built as the dwelling for the operator of the important Adelphi Mill.

Acreage: 4.9 acres

Survey No. P.G.#65-5

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cool Spring Farm

and/or common Miller's House

2. Location

street & number 8441 Riggs Road (Maryland Route 212) not for publication

city, town Adelphi vicinity of congressional district 5

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"/> educational	<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"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Howard E. Cheeney et al

street & number 8441 Riggs Road telephone no.:

city, town Adelphi state and zip code MD 20783

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse **liber** 4942

street & number 14735 Main Street **folio** 287

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission c/o M-NCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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		

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

Cool Spring Farm is a two-story side-gabled brick dwelling, three irregular bays by two, with a single exterior brick chimney at one gable end, and a one-story screened porch at the other. This complex building was rebuilt in this century, increasing the width of the main block in the place of the original one-story north wing.

The main block is three irregular bays by two, approximately 40 by 18 feet. Entrance is in the off-center central bay of the three-bay main west facade. The new door has upper glazing and an eight-pane glazed storm door; there is no transom or sidelights. This door is sheltered by a (new) pedimented gable-roof porch; two slim Tuscan columns, which rest on a concrete slab, support the canopy, the principal gable front of which is sided with wide horizontal board painted white.

The main west facade shows several building stages. There is a clear line of demarcation between the original two-story brick structure (the southerly 24 feet of the building) and the twentieth century section (the northerly 16 feet). The brick of the original structure is laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers, while that of the north addition is in 6:1 common bond. Windows are 6/6 double hung sash, with new sashes, modern narrow surrounds and no shutters. Anomalies in the brickwork around the windows indicate that the window openings have been changed, probably at the same time as the construction of the north addition and the east kitchen wing.

At the south gable end there is a very wide exterior brick chimney, with weatherings at second story level. To the west of the chimney there is a door at first-story level, and one chimney at second-story level. The stack above the weatherings has been rebuilt with new brick. At the north gable end is an interior corbelled brick chimney. The north gable end is partially enclosed by a one-story gable-roof screened porch with entrance through its north elevation.

The gable roof of the main block has a shallow pitch, and is covered with black asbestos shingle. There are no dormers. The cornice is boxed, with a plain board frieze painted white. Foundation of the original (south) section of the main block is of stone, and encloses a cellar under this section only. The single cellar window in this section (the third bay of the main west elevation) has been partially filled in (with brick) beneath the segmental arch which still clearly shows in the brickwork. The cellar space has been finished, and no original structural elements are visible. Foundations of the north extension cannot be observed.

According to the 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment, the original building was of brick, two stories high, and 24 by 18 feet; this is clearly the southerly 3/5 of the present main block, and the entire main block which appears in the 1936 HABS photograph. The 1798 tax also documents a one-story 16 by 18 foot addition, the small north wing with steeply pitched roof and interior chimney which shows in the same 1936 photograph. This photograph also shows that the windows of the west facade had plain wide board surrounds, that there were no openings in the south gable end, and that the two-bay west facade of the original main block was sheltered by a one-story shed-roof porch. In the following year, 1937, the house was enlarged and renovated, raising the north addition to a full two stories, adding a one-story rear kitchen wing, and opening a door and a window in the south gable end. At the same time, the windows were slightly enlarged, and re-enframed, and the interior was entirely redone with classical revival trim.

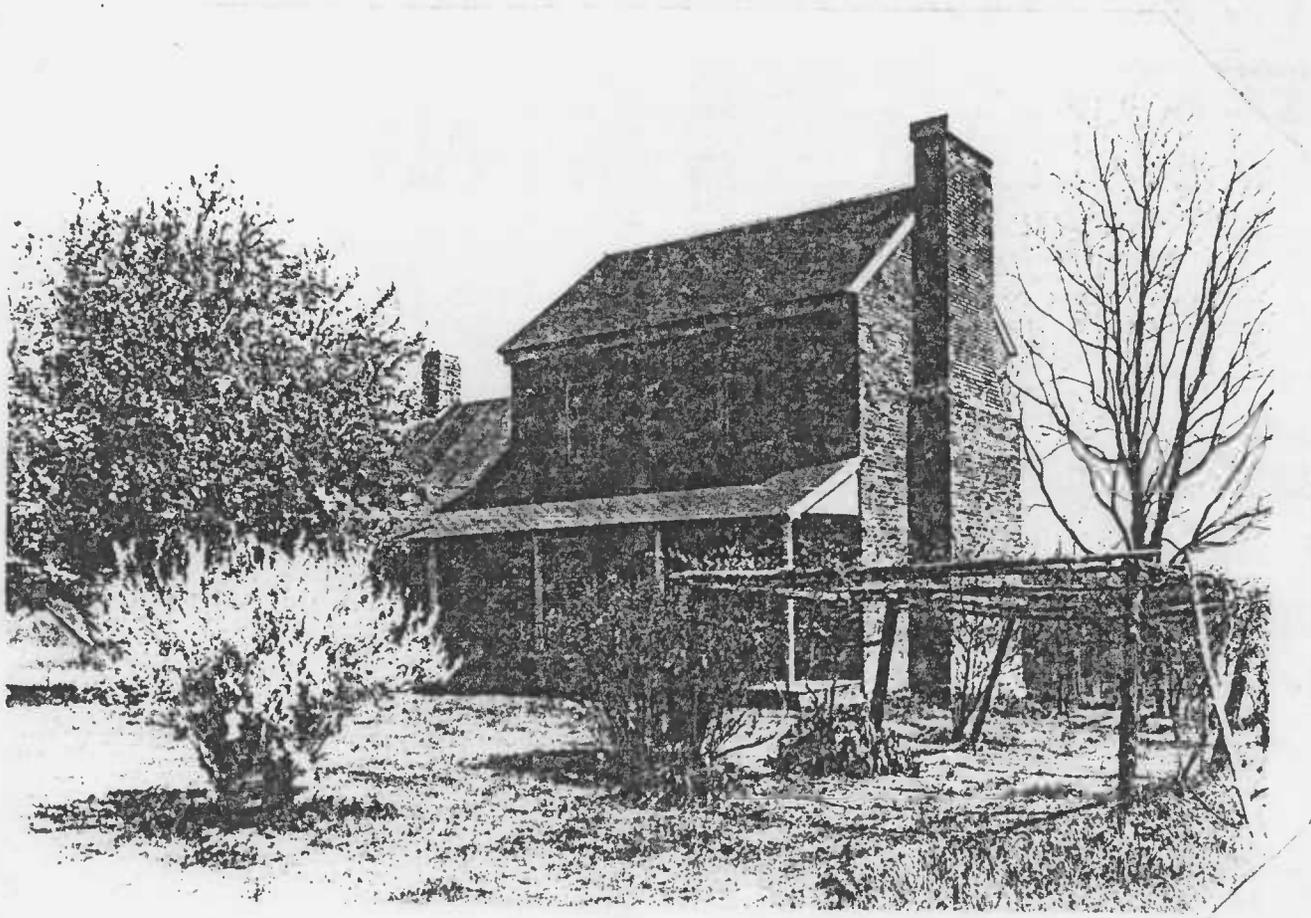
The one-story gable-roof kitchen wing was built at right angles onto the east elevation of the main block, giving the house a T-shape. The wing is three bays by two, with entrance in the center bay of its east (rear) gable end. This east (rear) entrance is accessible by a wooden stoop bounded by plain horizontal rails. The brick bonding of this kitchen wing matches that of the north addition, i.e., 6:1 common bond. Windows in the wing are of varying sizes, from 4/4 to 6/6 double hung sash. Window surrounds, cornice and roof treatment of the kitchen wing are the same as in the main block. The wing rests on a concrete foundation; there is no basement.

The interior plan of the main block consists of two large spaces, with a narrow stairhall between, all finished with classical revival style trim typical of the 1940's. Centered in the exterior wall of each of the two parlors is a fireplace with wooden mantel, each a Federal style reproduction, with crossetted frieze and applied Greek key molding. The stairway is located against the north wall of the central stairhall, and reversed, i.e., it rises from the east (rear) to a landing, then turns to the second story. It is open-string, with turned newel and rectangular balusters. Beneath the first run of the stair, opening into the panelled spandrel, a door leads into the cellar space under the oldest section of the main block.

A small gable-roof garage building stands a short distance to the northeast of the house, approached by an unpaved drive; it is built of concrete block. South of the garage building is an old stone well, now filled in. The grounds slope gently downward to the southeast, toward a small stream which flows into the Northwest Branch. There are several large evergreens in the west (front) yard, and a large old walnut near the southeast corner of the house.

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Brick House near Riggs Mill
Near Chillum, Prince Georges County
Maryland



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Historic American Buildings Survey W
John O. Brostrup, Photographer

April 30, 1936
12:40 P. M.

VIEW FROM SOUTHWEST.

PG: 65-5
HABS No. 96
HABS
MD.
W. CHILLY
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8. Significance

Survey No. PG#65-5

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> local history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specif

Specific dates 1790's , 1937 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

Cool Spring Farm is a modest brick dwelling which reflects several discrete building periods. Enlarged and renovated in this century, it retains only a few features of its original eighteenth-century form; its significance lies in the fact that it was built to serve as the dwelling for the operator of the important Adelphi Mill.

This modest brick dwelling was built in the 1790's to serve as the residence of the operator of the Adelphi Mill which stood a short distance to the southwest on the north bank of the Northwest Branch; this large stone mill was constructed at approximately the same time, circa 1796, by brothers Issachar and Mahlon Scholfield, on property which they had resurveyed and patented as Adelphi (Greek meaning "brothers"). The dwelling was described at the time of the first Federal Direct Tax as a brick dwelling house, 24 by 18 feet, two stories high with a one-story brick addition 16 by 18 feet. In 1798, the property was owned by Philip Fitzhugh, who also owned the mill property.¹ In the following year, Fitzhugh reconveyed the property to the brothers Scholfield, and they continued to operate the mill until 1813.²

During the early nineteenth century, the 45-acre mill property, including not only the mill structure itself, but also the small stone storehouse to the east and the brick miller's dwelling to the northeast, changed hands several times. By 1832, a seven-acre lot on which the brick dwelling stood was separated from the rest of the mill property, and sold as a separate seven-acre lot to Theodore Sheckels, whose family operated the mill and resided in the dwelling.³ The 37-acre mill property was at that time owned by Thomas Ferrall (the mill was operated by John B. and George W. Davis); the mill property passed through several short-term owners,

and finally in 1865 was sold to George Washington Riggs, founder of the banking house of the same name.⁴

The seven-acre dwelling lot, however, remained in the Sheckels family until the late 1970's. After the death in the mid-nineteenth century of Theodore Sheckels, the mill was operated by miller and blacksmith William H. Freeman, a German immigrant who had married Sheckels' daughter Christiana. For the second half of the nineteenth century, the mill was known either as Adelphi Mill or Freeman's Mill; the property was owned, however, by Freeman's brother-in-law, Theodore Sheckels II. When Sheckels died in 1896, he bequeathed the "piece of land [by then 10 acres] in Prince George's County known as the old homestead which my father and mother owned and on which place they resided at the time of their death" to his two nephews, Theodore Freeman and William Freeman, and his niece Jane Freeman Brown, all children of his deceased sister Christiana and her husband, miller/blacksmith William H. Freeman. All of the rights in the ten-acre property were then conveyed to one of those three children, Theodore Freeman, and his wife, Annie.⁵

In 1936, during the residence of Theodore and Annie Freeman, the old house was photographed by the Historic American Buildings Survey staff. The photograph clearly shows the two-story, two-bay structure with its one-story north addition. Annie Freeman, who had inherited her husband's rights in the property, died in 1937, just a year and a half later, and devised the property to her daughter, Lillie Freeman McKay.⁶

When the McKays returned to the old family house, they undertook major renovations on the structure. They removed the north wing which showed in the 1936 photograph, and built in its place (and on its foundation) a two-story north extension of the main block, giving the house its present configuration; the addition can be clearly read in the brickwork of the main west facade. At the same time, the McKays carried out substantial interior renovations, installing reproduction mantels and new woodwork, and adding a one-story kitchen wing on the east, and a screened porch on the north. The renovated house remained in the McKay family until 1978.⁷

Today the house at Cool Spring Farm has the appearance of a twentieth-century building; only close examination of the brickwork reveals the fact that it is a composite, multi-period structure. Although it retains only a few features of its original eighteenth-century form, it is significant because of the fact that it was built to house the operator of the Adelphi Mill. Only one other known miller's dwelling, the Marshall-Walters House on the Piscat-

away Creek near Clinton, survives in Prince George's County. ⁸
That mid-nineteenth century dwelling served as the residence of the
operator of the Bellefonte Mill, located on the grounds of His
Lordship's Kindness, but it has been altered at least as much as the
house at Cool Spring Farm; the Bellefont Mill no longer stands. The
house at Cool Spring Farm, therefore, is an important reminder,
together with the Adelphi Mill and storehouse, of the early milling
operations in Prince George's Country.

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Notes

1. Prince George's County Patent IC#0; Federal Direct Tax, 1798, Rock Creek and Eastern Branch Hundreds.
2. Prince George's County Deed JRM#7:55. See also MHT Form #65-6, Adelphi Mill.
3. Prince George's County Deeds AB#4:220, AB#12:227; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, ED#2, 1832
4. Prince George's County Deed FS#2:416; Census records for Prince George's County, ED #2, 1850
5. Census records for Prince George's County, ED#2, 1850, 1860, 1880, 1900; Prince George's County Will JBP#1:633; Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1850-1900
6. Prince George's County Will, WTD#5:92, Administration File #6134; Prince George's County Deed #243:374; see HABS photograph MD. 17.CHIL.v
7. Prince George's County Deed #4942:287; Administration File #26046
- 8 See MHT Form PG#81A-3, Marshall-Walters House.

CHAIN OF TITLE
COOL SPRING FARM, (MILLER'S HOUSE)
P.G.#65-5

4942:287
13 June 1978
Deed

John F. McKay & Ollie Watkins, personal representatives of estate of Lillie McKay to Howard E. Cheeney et al, part of property obtained by William and Lillie McKay under will of Annie Freeman

WTD#5:92
17 Oct 1937
Will

Testator, Annie Freeman; to daughter Lillie McKay and her husband, William McKay, all real estate

243:374
8 Aug 1925
Deed

Arthur C. Keefer to H. Theodore Freeman and Annie Freeman his wife, 9 acres + 3 acres being the real estate of Theodore Sheckels, Sr, deceased, situated near Riggs Mill

JBP#1:633
2 Jan 1896
Will

Testator, Theodore Sheckels; to two nephews, Theodore Freeman and William Freeman, and niece, Jane Freeman Brown (children of deceased sister, Christiana Freeman), a piece of land in P.G. known as the old homestead which my father and mother owned

(Husband of Christiana Sheckels Freeman was William H. Freeman, miller at Riggs Mill during second half of nineteenth century)

(information entered 11/9/81)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Cool Spring Farm, Miller's house

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 8441 Riggs Road

CITY, TOWN Adelphi

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE Md.

COUNTY P.G.

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"/> EDUCATIONAL <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"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Howard E. Cheeney et al

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G. Co. Courthouse

Liber #: 4942

Folio #: 287

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro,

Id.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

DATE 1974

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Calvert Mansion 4811 Riverdale Rd.

CITY, TOWN Riverdale

Id.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

PG:65-5

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

Cool Spring is a two-story, brick house, three (irregular) bays wide, with an entrance in the second bay; it shows obvious signs of having been rebuilt. The house was originally two bays wide with an entrance in the first bay of the west facade, and a porch across the length of this facade. An exterior chimney stood (and still stands) at the south gable end, and a one-story brick wing was built onto the north end. This north addition has been removed, and a third (north) bay, with interior chimney, has been added to the main house since 1937. This major alteration shows clearly in the brickwork: the south (original) portion of the west facade is laid in Flemish bond with some glazed headers, while the north end is common bond.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1796

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This modest brick structure, which stands at a short distance from Adelphi (Riggs) Mill, was the home of the mill operator. It was constructed late in the eighteenth century, presumably at the same time as the mill itself, and is listed in the 1798 tax assessment as a 24' x 18' two-story brick dwelling house, with a 16' x 18' one-story brick addition. At that time its resident was Philip Fitzhugh, owner and operator of the mill.¹ During the second half of the mill for its prominent owner, George W. Riggs, founder of Riggs National Bank. Freeman's heirs continued to live in the miller's house until 1977. His granddaughter and her husband, who acquired the house in 1937, made the alternations.²

1. 1798 Federal Direct Tax

2. Martenet's Map of P.G.C. 1861; Atlas of 15 miles around Washington, G.M. Hopkins, 1878

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

P.G. Wills: JBP#1:633, WTD#5:92
 P.G. Deeds: 4942:287; 243:374
 Interview with Lillie Freeman McKay June 1971
 HABS photo 1936
 1798 Federal Direct Tax, Eastern Branch & Rock Creek Hundreds.

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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
 Susan G. Pearl

ORGANIZATION
 P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE
 June 1981

STREET & NUMBER
 4811 Riverdale Rd. (M-NCPPC)

TELEPHONE
 779-2011

CITY OR TOWN
 Riverdale, Md. 20737

STATE

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

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P.G. #65-5

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13 June 1978
Deed

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WTD#5:92
17 Oct 1937
Will

Testator, Annie Freeman: to daughter Lillie McKay et vir, all real estate

(appraised: "old brick dwelling and approximately 9 acres of land . . .")

243:374
8 Aug 1925
Deed

Arthur Keefer to H. Theodore Freeman & Annie Freeman(ux), 9 acres, being the real estate of Theodore Sheckels Sr.(deceased) situated near Riggs Mill

JBP#1:633
2 Jan 1896
Will

Testator, Theodore Sheckels of D.C., " . . . to two nephews Theodore Freeman and Wm. Freeman and niece Jane Freeman Brown (children of my deceased sister Christiana Freeman) all of P.G. Co. share and share alike in and to piece of land in P.G. and known as the old homestead which my father and mother owned and on which place they resided at the time of their death . . ."

(Martenet's map, 1861, shows Adelphi Mill as Freeman's mill; Hopkins map, 1878, shows Wm. H. Freeman residing at Cool Spring Farm)

Date entered 6/12/80

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 65-5 Date 1790's, ca. 1937

Building Name Cool Spring Farm, Miller's house

Location 8441 Riggs Road, Adlephi, Md.

Open to Public yes x no

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Cool Spring				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8441 Riggs Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Adelphi				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY:		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
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PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)		PUBLIC ACQUISITION:		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <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 (Specify)
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: William McKay				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8441 Riggs Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Adelphi		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1936 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress				
STREET AND NUMBER: 10 First Street SE				
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC		STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed (Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site (Check One)
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, brick building, the north end of which has been rebuilt. The central doorway has a small, pedimented porch. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash with flat stretcher arches. On the south end there is an external chimney; on the east end, the chimney is internal. A wide board applied over the brick facade is the frieze; the cornice is boxed.</p>	

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 1 Nov 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

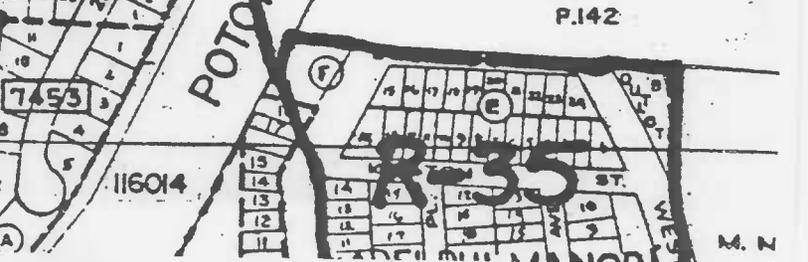
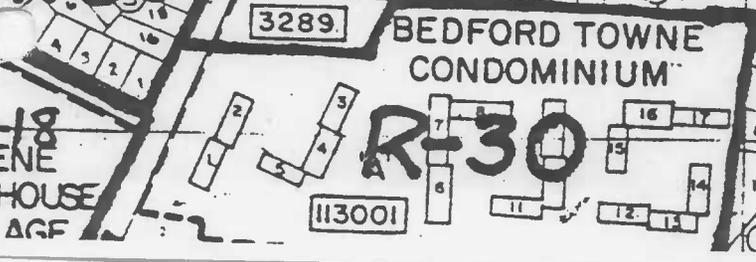
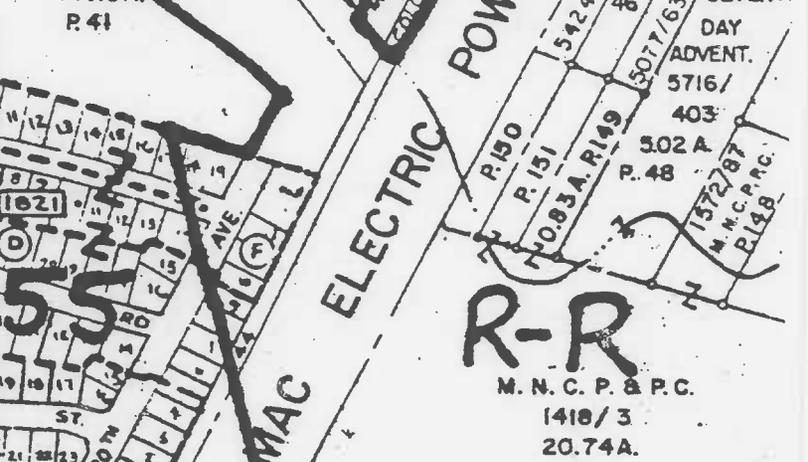
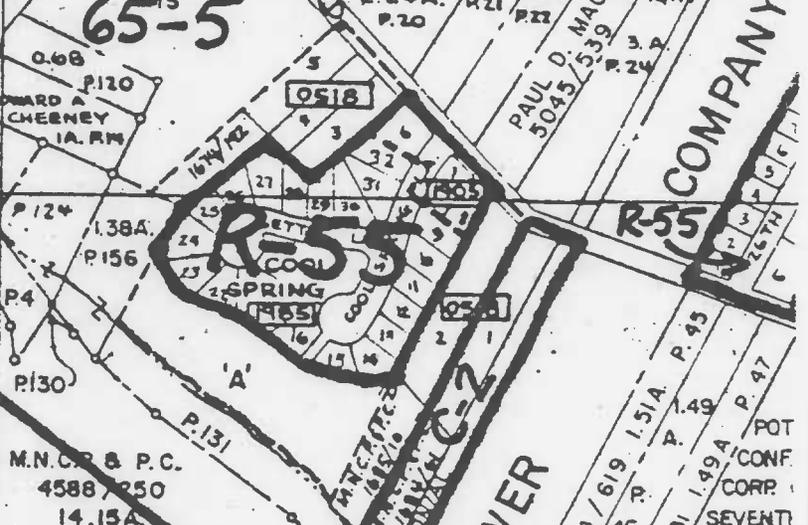
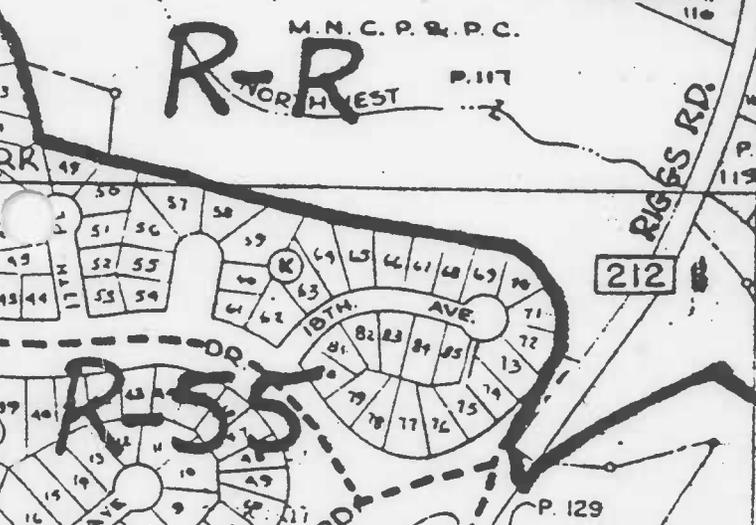
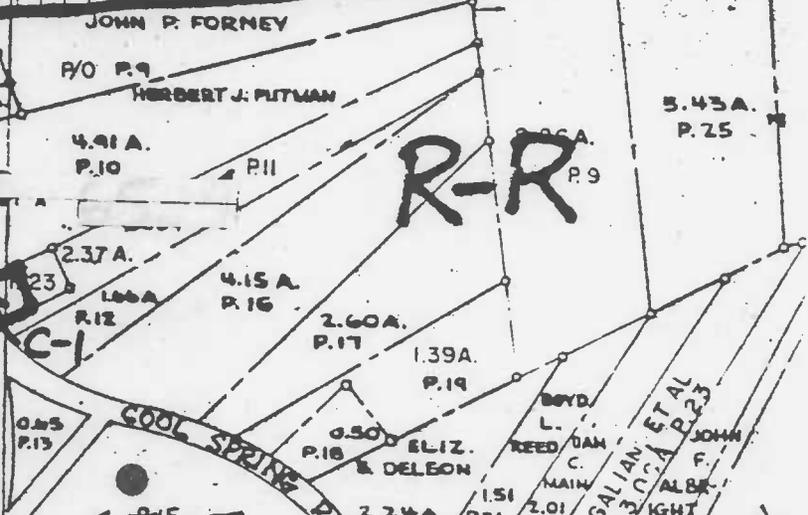
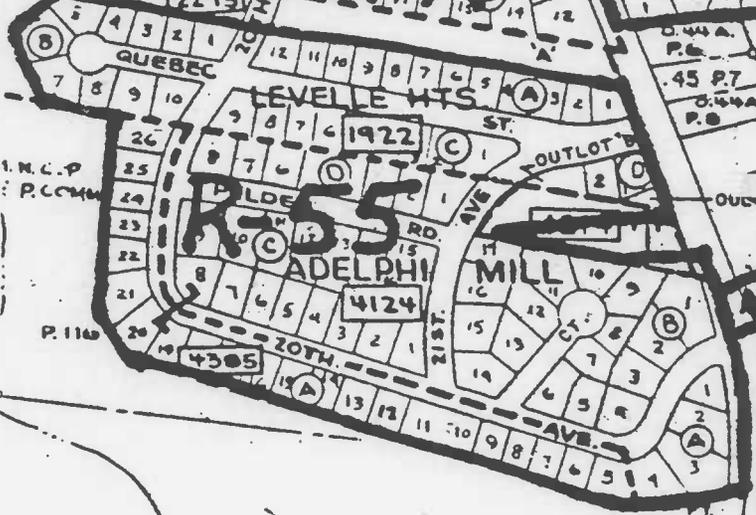
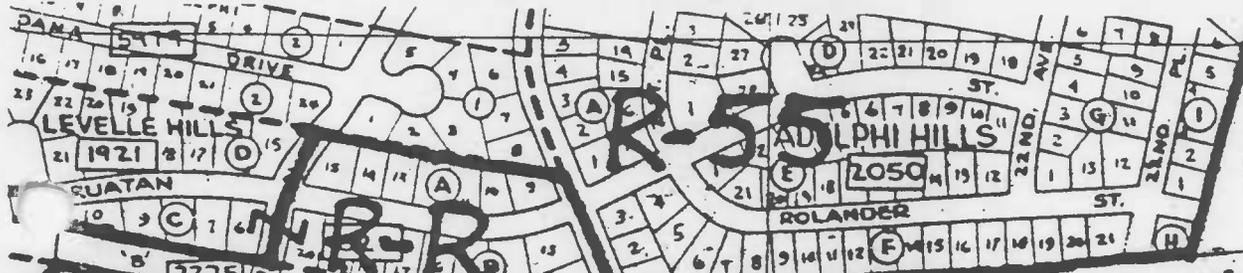
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East Elevation
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NAME COOL SPRING MANOR (REBUILT 1941)

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South Elevation

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