

Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 28-60
Robert and Marianna Miller Property

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:28-60 (PACS 9.28) Construction Date: Circa 1935

Name: Robert and Marianna Miller Property

Location: 17721 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, Montgomery County

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Yes:restricted

Description:

The Robert and Marianna Miller Property is a 2-story, 3-bay Colonial Revival-style house on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue in Ashton, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1935, the building is rectangular in plan with a small entry porch on the front elevation, a hipped roof porch on the south elevation and an enclosed shed roof porch on the rear elevation. The structure has a side-gable roof, covered with asphalt shingles. It is of wood-frame construction with a parged concrete foundation and wood clapboard siding. An exterior brick chimney is located on the south gable end and the windows are wood 6/6 double-hung with wood shutters.

Significance:

In 1931, A. Richard Lethbridge purchased 2.4 hectares (4 acres) of land from Elizabeth Stabler. Soon after, A. Richard Lethbridge sold .41 hectares (1.016 acres) of land to Robert and Marianna Miller. The Millers constructed a house on the lot circa 1935. Upon the death of Marianna Miller in 1959, the house was transferred to her daughter Mary Moore Miller, who resided on the property until 1984. That year the property was bought by Lorne and Elizabeth Garrettson. In 1994, the property was sold to the current owner, Louise Megginson. The property remains .41 hectares (1.016 acres) in size.

Maryland Historical Trust
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form
 Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE ___yes ___no

1. **Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Robert and Marianna Miller Property (preferred)

and/or common Megginson Property

2. **Location:**

street & number 17721 New Hampshire Avenue N/A not for publication

city, town Ashton ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

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
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	

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

name Louise K. Megginson

street & number P.O. Box 182

telephone no.:

city, town Ashton

state and zip code MD 20861

5. **Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 13007

street & number Montgomery County Judicial Center

folio 123

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

6. **Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. M:28-60 (PACS 9.28)

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 2

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

The Robert and Marianna Miller Property is a 2-story, 3-bay Colonial Revival-style house on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue in Ashton, Montgomery County. Constructed circa 1935, the building is rectangular in plan with a small entry porch on the front elevation, a hipped roof porch on the south elevation and an enclosed shed roof porch on the rear elevation.

The structure has a side-gable roof, covered with asphalt shingles. It is of wood-frame construction with a parged concrete foundation and wood clapboard siding. An exterior brick chimney is located on the south gable end and the windows are wood 6/6 double-hung with wood shutters.

The entry porch on the west, or front facade has a compass roof supported by two Doric columns. Within the porch is a 6-panel wood door. The first story has two 6/6 double-hung windows. The second story has four 6/6 double-hung windows.

The north elevation has two 6/6 double-hung windows and a 2-light casement window. At the transition level between the first and second stories is a 6/6 double-hung window. The second story has two 6/6 double-hung windows and the attic level has a single 6/6 double-hung window. The north elevation of the enclosed rear porch has a 6/6 double-hung window.

The rear elevation has two 4/4 double-hung windows and a projecting bay with a pair of 6/6 double-hung windows. The second story has three 6/6 double-hung windows. The rear elevation of the enclosed rear porch has a solid wood door and a 6/6 double-hung window.

The south elevation has a 1-story hipped roof porch. The porch is supported by three Doric columns on a brick floor. Within the porch is a 15-light glass door. The first story also has two 6/6 double-hung windows. The second story has two 6/6 double-hung windows, while the attic level of the gable end has a 6/6 double-hung window.

There is one outbuilding associated with the property. A garage, constructed circa 1935, is located northeast of the house. The garage has a concrete foundation, wood siding and a side-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. It has a garage bay with hinged double doors and a 9-light wood door on the west elevation. The south elevation has a wood 1/1 double-hung window.

The property is located on the east side of New Hampshire Avenue, with residential property to the north and south, and open space to the east.

8. Significance

Survey No. M:28-60 (PACS 9.28)

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 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	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"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	

Specific dates Circa 1935 Builder/Architect Unknown

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

In 1931, A. Richard Lethbridge purchased 2.4 hectares (4 acres) of land from Elizabeth Stabler. Soon after, A. Richard Lethbridge sold .41 hectares (1.016 acres) of land to Robert and Marianna Miller. The Millers constructed a house on the lot circa 1935. Upon the death of Marianna Miller in 1959, the house was transferred to her daughter Mary Moore Miller, who resided on the property until 1984. That year the property was bought by Lorne and Elizabeth Garrettson. In 1994, the property was sold to the current owner, Louise Megginson. The property remains .41 hectares (1.016 acres) in size.

The Robert and Marianna Miller Property is located in Ashton. The community of Ashton in northern Montgomery County was, until 1890, a part of neighboring Sandy Spring and shares that town's early Quaker roots. Ashton centers roughly on the intersection of MD 650 (New Hampshire Avenue) and MD 108 (Olney-Sandy Spring Road) where early Quaker farmers brought their produce to be weighed. The crossroads also attracted Caleb Stabler and Charlie Porter who opened a store around 1860 and named it Ashton. The actual significance of this name is uncertain. In 1889 Alvin G. Thomas, a Quaker, took over the Ashton store. This community commenced its official existence when it received a post office in 1890, taking its name from Stabler and Porter's store.

Twentieth century development in Ashton featured the community's rural character. In fact the first "development" in 1934 consisted of six "farmettes" complete with a small orchard and barn, and room for gardening and animals. Further developments undertaken since World War II, such as Ashton Pond and Ashmead, often took shape as planned communities under the supervision of local, as well as outside developers. Current county zoning, which requires lots of 2 hectares (5 acres), has helped preserve the rural nature of Ashton.

The house on the Robert and Marianna Miller Property was constructed in the Colonial Revival style. Popular in the years from 1880 to 1955, the Colonial Revival style resulted from a rebirth of interest in the colonial English and Dutch houses of the eastern seaboard coincident with the Philadelphia Centennial. Stylistic details in Colonial Revival dwellings were drawn predominantly from Georgian and Federal styles; secondary influences included Dutch Colonial and English Postmedieval types. Late nineteenth century examples of Colonial Revival were often asymmetrical and exhibited a combination of Queen Anne features, such as turrets and wide porches, and Colonial features such as Palladian windows and Adamesque swags or urns. Examples built from 1915 to 1935 reflected colonial precedents more closely, while those built after World

War II simplified the style, with details which only suggested rather than duplicated the

M.28-60

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
RESOURCE NAME: Robert and Marianna Miller Property
SURVEY NO.: M:28-60 (PACS 9.28)
ADDRESS: 17721 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, Montgomery County

8. Significance (Continued)

original examples. Various sub-styles, such as the Dutch Colonial Revival, were popular during the early to mid-twentieth century.

Colonial Revival houses are usually strictly rectangular in plan with few projections and have symmetrical facades. They range from one to three stories with hipped, side-gable, cross-gable, or gambrel roofs. Clapboard is the most popular sheathing material, although brick is not uncommon. After World War II, colonial homes frequently featured a brick-sided first story with an overhanging wood-sided second story. In more elaborate homes, a hipped roof is often topped with a flat deck and balustrade or a cupola. Pedimented doorways and fanlights are common. Some pediments evolved into porticos with slender columns. The typical form of the windows is rectangular with double-hung sash. Palladian windows are common on more sophisticated dwellings. The addition of side porches, terraces and sunrooms are modern features common to Colonial Revival homes (McAlester 1984, 321-6).

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1935, the Robert and Marianna Miller Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. 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. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is a ubiquitous building type which lacks architectural significance. The property is common of mid-twentieth century suburban residences that integrated simplified elements of popular styles into basic building configurations. The house is not a significant example of a mid-twentieth century Colonial Revival design. Finally, the structure has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility Not Recommended _____
Comments _____	

Reviewer, OPS: _____	Date: _____
Reviewer, NR Program: _____	Date: _____

9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:28-60(PACS 9.28)

See Attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
Quadrangle name Sandy Spring, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tim Tamburrino

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date May 1998

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412

telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore

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 purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to:Maryland Historical Trust
DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
(410) 514-7600

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Robert and Marianna Miller Property

SURVEY NO.: M:28-60 (PACS 9.28)

ADDRESS: 17721 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, Montgomery County

9. Major Bibliographical References (Continued)

- Boyd, T.H.S. 1968. The History of Montgomery County, Maryland, From its Earliest Settlement in 1650 to 1879. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company.
- Brugger, Robert A. 1988. Maryland, A Middle Temperament 1634-1980. Baltimore and London: Johns Hopkins University Press.
- Coleman, Margaret Marshall. 1984. Montgomery County: A Pictorial History. Rev. 1990. Norfolk and Virginia Beach: The Donning Company Publishers.
- Farquhar, Roger Brooke. 1962. Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland. Washington: Judd and Detweiler, Inc.
- Hiebert, Ray Eldon, and Richard K. MacMaster. 1976. A Grateful Remembrance: the Story of Montgomery County, Maryland. Rockville, Maryland: Montgomery County Government and the Montgomery County Historical Society.
- Jopkins, G.M. [1879] 1975. Atlas of 15 Miles Around Washington including the County of Montgomery, Maryland. Reprint. Rockville, Maryland: Montgomery County Historical Society.
- Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.
- Martenet, Simon J. [1865] 1975. Martenet and Bond's Map of Montgomery County, Maryland. Reprint. Rockville, Maryland: Montgomery County Historical Society.
- McAlester, Virginia and Lee. A Field Guide to American Houses. New York: Alfred A. Knopf.
- Montgomery County Historical Society. Vertical Files. "Ashton".
- Sharf, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland. 2 vols. Philadelphia: 1882. Rprt. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1968.
- Tindall, George Brown. 1984. America: A Narrative History. 2 vols. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

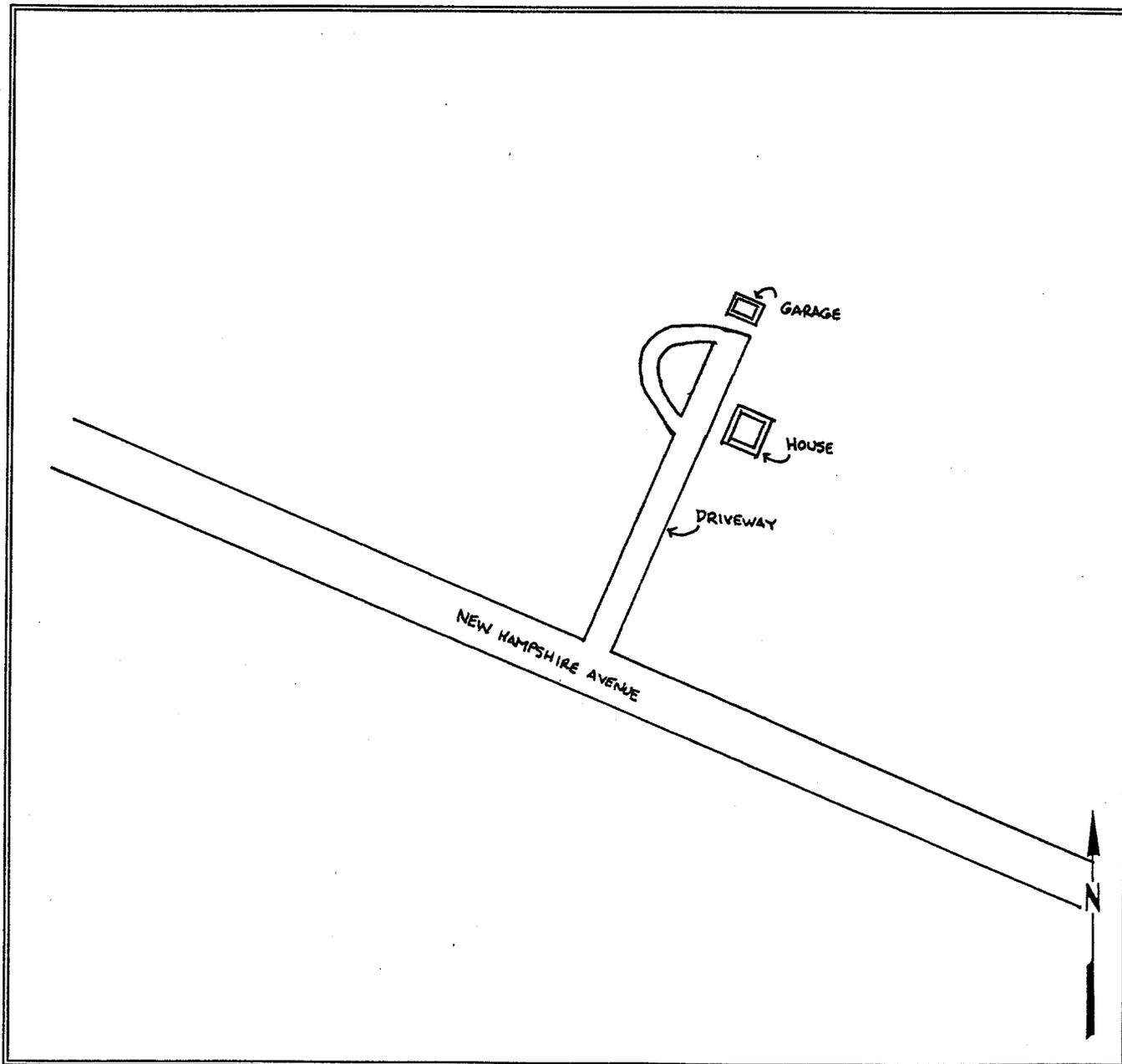
RESOURCE NAME: Robert and Marianna Miller Property

SURVEY NO.: M:28-60 (PACS 9.28)

ADDRESS: 17721 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, Montgomery County

10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



CONTINUATION SHEET

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

RESOURCE NAME: Robert and Marianna Miller Property

SURVEY NO.: M:28-60 (PACS 9.28)

ADDRESS: 17721 New Hampshire Avenue, Ashton, Montgomery County

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

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

Suburban

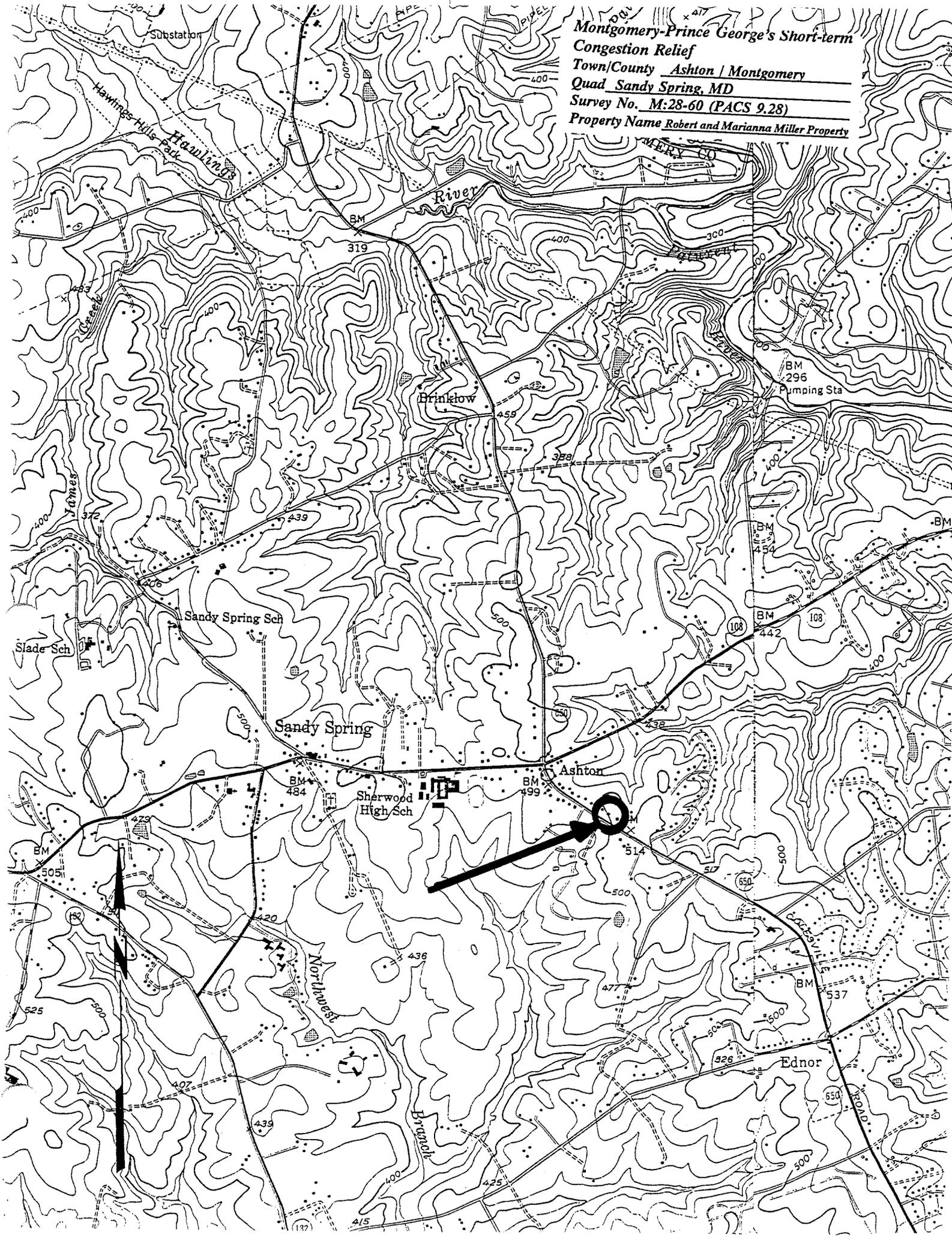
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term
Congestion Relief
Town/County Ashton / Montgomery
Quad Sandy Spring, MD
Survey No. M:28-60 (PACS 9,28)
Property Name Robert and Marianna Miller Property



M: 28-60



M:28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRING

4-98

MARYLAND SUPO

FRONT ELEVATION

1/11

M:28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRING

4-98

MARYLAND SUPO

NORTHWEST CORNER

2/11

M: 28-60



M:28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

4-98

MARYLAND SHPO

NORTH ELEVATION

3/11

M:28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

4-98

MARYLAND SHPO

NORTHEAST CORNER

4/11

M: 28-60



M28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

4-98

MARYLAND SHPO

EAST (REAR) ELEVATION

5/11

M28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

4-98

MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTHEAST CORNER

6/11

11:28-60



M:28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

4-98

MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION

7/11

M:28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

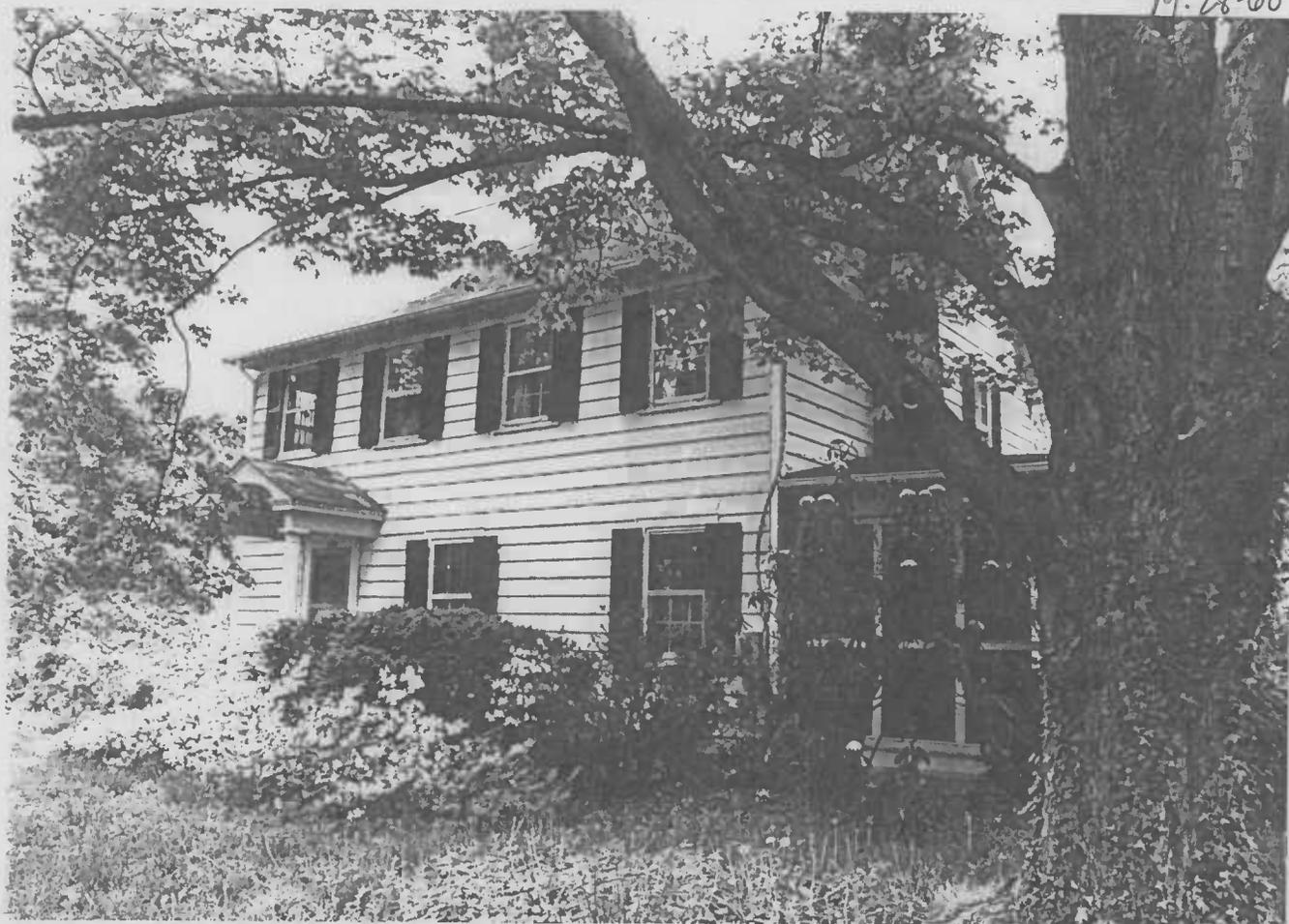
4-98

MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTHWEST CORNER

8/11

M:28-00



M:28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

4-98

MARYLAND SHPO

FRONT ELEVATION

9/11

M:28-60

ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY

MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

4-98

MARYLAND SHPO

GARAGE, VIEW FROM NORTH

10/11

M:28-60



M:28-60
ROBERT + MARIANNA MILLER PROPERTY
MONTGOMERY Co., MD

TIM TAMBURRINO

4-98 0100271 NNN12

MARYLAND SHPC

GARAGE, VIEW FROM EAST

11/11

