

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MAGI #0500755504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Millennia (Armiger House)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Varden Street (Lower Marlboro Lane)

CITY, TOWN

Lower Marlboro

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Calvert

STATE

MD

COUNTY

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

Richard D. Lavato

Telephone #: 257-6922

STREET & NUMBER

Varden Street

MD

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: JLB 134

Folio #: 719

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

MD  
STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE  COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

The earliest section of the Armiger House is the two-story gable frame section at the front, running north-south. The rear additions date from the 1930's. The front section was built in two parts; a side-hall, single-parlor, three bay long house c. 1850's, and a one-room, two bay long addition to the north c. 1900. A shallow central unlit cross-gable was added with the extension. A porch covers the central three bays. A door occupies the center bay. Two windows on each floor to either side of the door hold 2/2 sash flanked by louvered shutters. Two windows on each floor light the south end of the east side and the north gable end. An additional 2/2 window lights the central stair hall at the second floor on the east side, and a tiny 2/2 window appears in a similar position on the west side. A chimney serving the first floor appears in either gable end. The entire house, which rests on a brick foundation, bears aluminum siding over its original simple lapped clapboards.

The central stair rises to a landing before returning. A single room is situated to either side of the stair hall on each floor.

No notable original woodwork remains in Millenia. The architraves consist of simple flat boards. There is no evidence of this house having been built around an earlier structure. The crawl space is negligible and inaccessible. The attic construction includes cut nails holding hewn and hand sawn rafters, simply butted at the apex, in the earlier section, and both wire and cut nails connecting circular sawn members in the c. 1900 addition.

One of the c. 1840's mantels on the first floor came from CT-5, Maidstone.

**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 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 checked="" 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This house is typical of the late nineteenth-century development in Lower Marlboro.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.205 acres

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

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 107

TELEPHONE

MD 20754

CITY OR TOWN

Dunkirk

STATE zip

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

RICHARD D. LAVATO  
MILLENNIA, LOWER MARLBORO

JLB 134/719

September 28, 1971

Perry B. Van Vleck  
Louise D. Van Vleck

Richard D. Lavato  
Patricia M. Lavato

2.205 ac.

JLB128/247

March 31, 1971

Griffith E. Armiger

Perry B. Van Vleck  
Louise D. Van Vleck

AWR 3/127

George W. S. Scaggs

Griffith E. Armiger

GWD 6/254

February 21, 1871

John M. B. Dalrymple  
Margaret E. Dalrymple

George W. S. Scaggs

SS1/480

July 1875

Charles Marshall  
Rebecca Snowden Marshall

J.M.B. Dalrymple

situate near Lower Marlboro

February 1, 1875

C. Morton Steward  
C. Oliver O'Donnell  
Trustees

Charles Marshall  
Rebecca Snowden Marshall

CT-75 *Mellina*

*Maryland Historical Trust*  
*2525 Riva Road Annapolis Maryland 21401*

*(301) 267-5087*

January 17, 1975

Mr. Perry Van Vleck  
2531 Second Avenue, Suite #4  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Perry:

Jack Finglass and I both enjoyed our visit to Lower Marlboro last month and appreciate very much your efforts in showing us those several houses in the old town area that had not been previously listed on our inventory. You will be pleased, I am sure, to know that both have now been included in our inventory of historic sites for Calvert County.

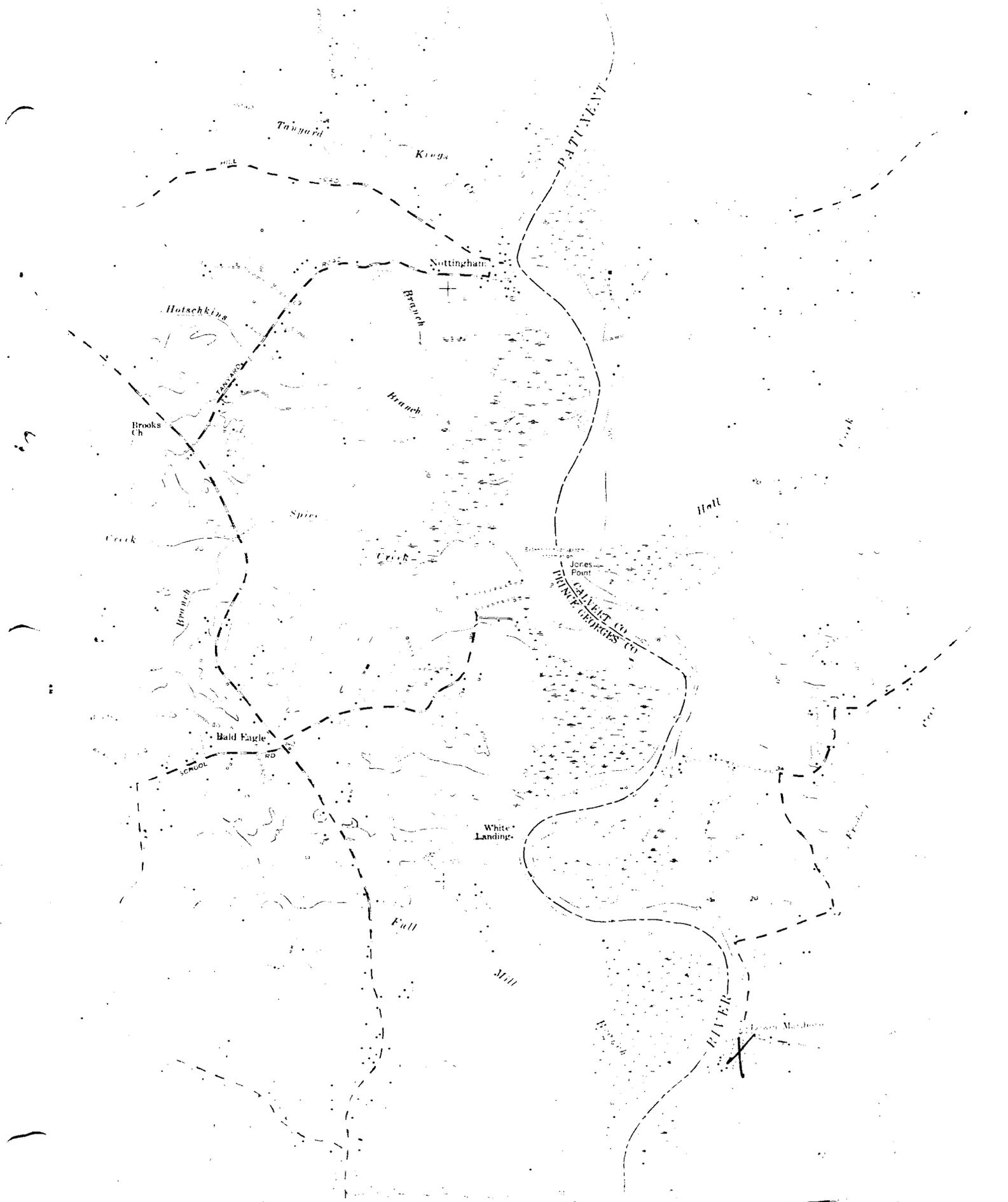
Mr. Lavato's house, as we discovered, initially began as a two-story, one or two-room frame building that was enlarged in later years and the interior of the first stage "up dated" in an effort to have the two parts conform stylistically. I would estimate that the original house, the framing of which is contained within the existing structure, was built between 1815 and 1830 and the additions several decades later in that same century. The frame dependency was also of interest, as were the various artifacts found on the site.

The building standing a short distance behind the Lavato house was also of interest, having experienced about the same alterations and stages of growth. In this particular instance, however, the original house was of one room and was probably erected sometime within the last quarter of the eighteenth century. As with the Lavato house it was added to and remodeled at various times throughout the nineteenth century and its present appearance is that of a comfortable, turn-of-the-century, frame farmhouse.

It would be most helpful if you could encourage the young man who owns the latter house to photographically record the earlier framework now exposed. This record, or at least a copy of it, should be kept with the County Committee files. Both houses are of significance in that they represent the change in tastes and the economic situations of the various owners. They are both

*Historical and Cultural Administration*  
*Department of Economic and Community Development*





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Millenia  
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