INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: George Dittman Residence Survey Number: ~~CR~~ CARR-1366

Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property known as the George Dittman Residence is located on a small parcel at the intersection of MD 32 and Shortlane in Fenby, south of Westminster, Carroll County, MD. The property, consisting of a primary residence and its associated summer kitchen, is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The George Dittman House was built in 1910 by Lewis Dittman for his son George and follows a typical dwelling form for the period. The house is a two-story, T-shaped frame structure covered with a cross gable roof featuring cornice returns and interior brick chimneys. A wrap-around porch extends across the first story of the dwelling. A one-story frame summer kitchen is located northwest of the house. It is clad with wood siding and features a brick end chimney. The house stands as a typical example of a late 19th century-early 20th century rural farmhouse having vernacular Victorian massing and detail, and though representative of type, lacks the architectural distinction necessary to qualify it for listing on the National Register under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past, and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 2, 1993

Kimberly Prothro Williams June 17, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

[signature] 4/21/97
Reviewer, NR program Date

[initials]

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

____	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
____	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
X	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
____	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

____	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
____	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
____	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
____	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
____	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
____	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
____	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
____	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
____	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
____	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
X	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
____	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
____	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

____	Subsistence
____	Settlement
____	Political
____	Demographic
____	Religion
____	Technology
____	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

____	Agriculture
X	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
____	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
____	Government/Law
____	Military
____	Religion
____	Social/Educational/Cultural
____	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

George Dittman House
Fenby, Westminster
Carroll County

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Type:
Category: Building

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:
Domestic/Single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen

Known Design Source: None

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common George Dittman Residence

2. Location

street & number 1760 MD 32 (Sykesville Road) ___ not for publication

city, town Westminster ___ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber

street & number folio

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

ate ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
____ excellent	____ deteriorated	____ unaltered	____ original site
____ good	____ ruins	____ altered	____ moved date of move _____
____ fair	____ unexposed		

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	x architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
x 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1910 **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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Personal communication with George Edward Ditman
Land and Equity Court Records, Carroll County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

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	Rita Suffness, Leader, Cultural Resources Group		
organization	Maryland State Hwy. Administration	date	June 3, 1993
street & number	707 N. Calvert Street	telephone	333-1183
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 purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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George Dittman Residence
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Description

This 1910 dwelling is located on a small parcel at the intersection of MD 32 (Sykesville Road) and Short Lane in an area called Fenby, south of Westminster in Carroll County, Maryland. It was built by Lewis Dittman, who owned a few acres in the south part of the triangular piece of land formed by MD 32, Old Washington Road, and Short Lane in the late nineteenth century, for his son George in 1910.

Fenby was an early twentieth century community which was located near the intersection of MD 32 and Kate Wagner Road, about three-quarters of a mile further north on MD 32 from the small cluster of buildings now considered the nexus of the community. Fenby may have received its name from the farm owned by Fenby L. Hering in 1916. This original settlement of Fenby has been largely obliterated by the construction of townhouses and a nursing home on the west side of MD 32, the construction of MD 97 paralleling MD 32 to the east, and the construction of a massive complex of educational and community facilities between the two roads. These include Carroll Community College, Westminster High School, Robert Moton Elementary School, and the Y.M.C.A., among others.

Lewis Dittman settled in the southern area of Westminster, in the area now mistakenly called Fenby, in the 1870's. Purchasing a small log structure at 1817 Old Washington Road, he subdivided off parcels at the far side of his land along MD 32 for his son and daughter in 1910. Subsequent subdivision of his land by his heirs from the 1940's to the present have greatly reduced the original amount of acreage that was purchased by Lewis Dittman. The only Dittman descendant to reside in the area, other than George Edward Dittman who resides in the original Dittman homeplace, is George's son, who lives in a contemporary house on Short Lane.

The two-story frame dwelling is an example of a rural Victorian architectural type which was adapted from the pattern books of the period. Exhibiting a T-shaped plan, the forward arm of the "T" extends to the east and fronts MD 32. The gable roof parallels the east-west orientation of this wing, and thus has a gable front entrance facade, with two-bays at the first and second story levels, and a single window at the attic level of the gable end, which has boxed cornices and simple shingle cladding. The rear cross wing has a one-story, semi-octagonal projecting bay on the south elevation, surmounted by a wrought iron rail. The forward extending arm of the structure has a full width one story porch which, when extended around both the northeast and southeast corners, meet the rear cross wing. On the north and south sides one bay at the juncture of the porch and cross wing are enclosed, with the entrance located in the east plane of the one on the north. There is a well preserved, one-story, frame summer kitchen northwest of the house within a yard enclosed with a picket fence.

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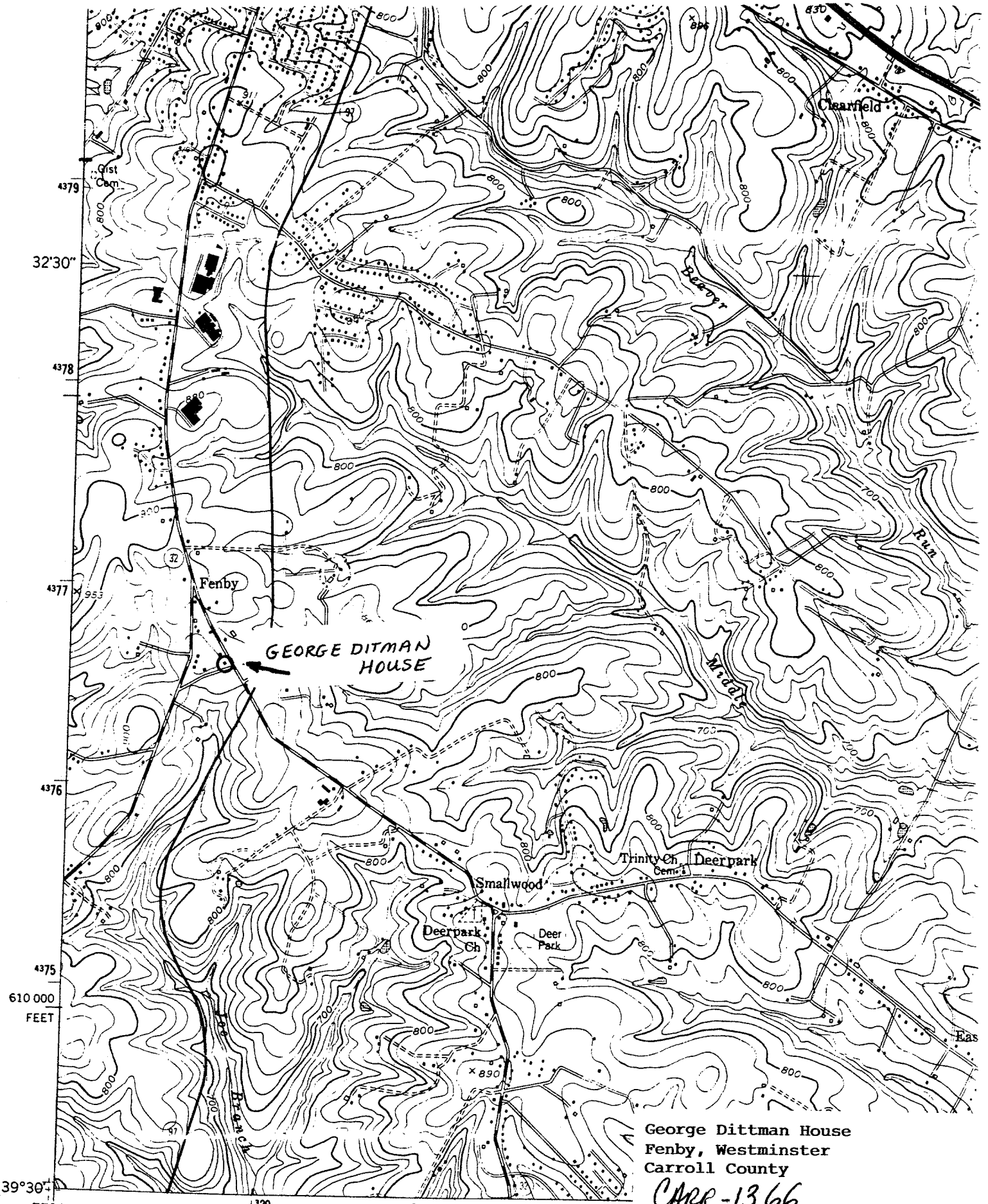
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

The George Dittman House is an example of a rural Victorian house style in Carroll County as adapted from the pattern books of the period. Major features of the dwelling are its T-shaped plan, wrap-around porch with turned posts and bay window. The building has been altered with vinyl cladding and the replacement of some of the railing on a second story porch with modern wrought iron of a Mediterranean inspired design.



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Fenby, Westminster
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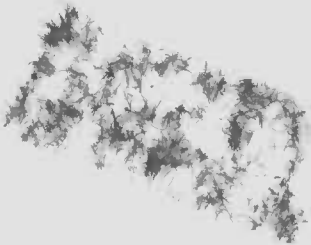

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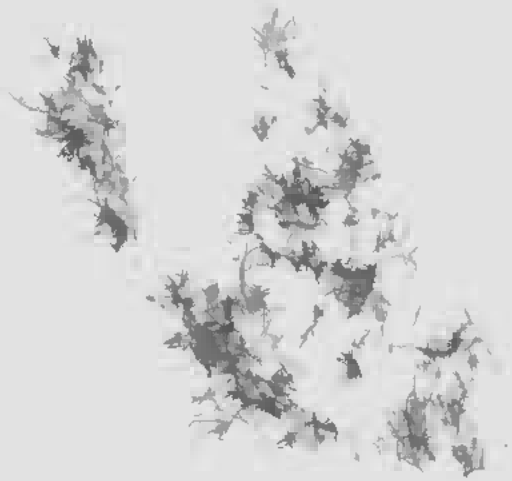

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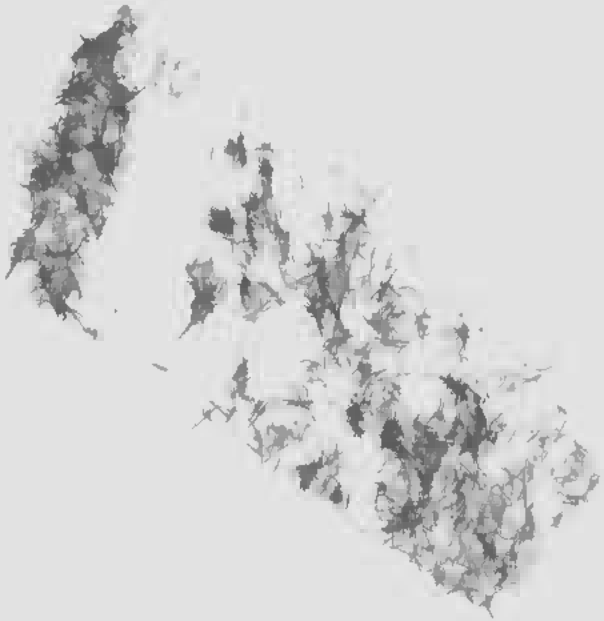

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