MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

Property Name: Vansville Site

Address: 5404 Odell Road
City: Beltsville, MD
Zip Code: 20705

County: Prince Georges
USGS Topographic Map: Beltsville

Owner: Felix Ross

Is the property being evaluated a district? yes

Tax Parcel Number: 51
Tax Map Number: 13
Tax Account ID Number: 10056341

Project: US 1/Md 201: Sunnyside Ave. to MD 198
Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT staff: X no yes Name: Date: 

Is the property located within a historic district? yes X no

If the property is within a district
District Inventory Number: 
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: 
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes X no

Criteria: X A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

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

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
The Vansville site is the location of the former Van Horne Tavern and Post Office according to the MIHP form prepared in 1973. The form noted that nothing was found, although an outbuilding (a smokehouse) was reputed to be standing in the area. The associated building lot and those surrounding it (48, 49 and 50) are all 1940s era houses that are a part of the Vansville Community. This area was identified on a separate DOE form but is not National Register-eligible. Likewise, the Vansville site also is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. As a result of mid-20th century suburban development, no evidence for the former Tavern can be found. The historic marker which recalls the site stands in the southeast corner of Old Baltimore Pike and Odell Road.


MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended 
Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

MHT Comments

Andrew Louis 2/27/03

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services 3/17/03

Reviewer, NR Program

200204885
US 1/MD 201 Historic Resources Map #1
Vansville Site (historical marker only)
NAME

HISTORIC

Vansville, Md.

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Odell Road & Old Baltimore Pike

CITY, TOWN

Beltsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICIETY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESS

YES RESTRICTED

YES UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

COMMERCIAL

PARK

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

ENTERTAINMENT

RECREATIONAL

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY

OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

(residential area)

STREET & NUMBER

Telephone #:

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:

Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Upper Marlboro

Maryland

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE
DESCRIPTION

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DEScribe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Nothing old remains at the site. The last-reported surviving structure—a brick smokehouse—could not be found. Only a metal roadside marker is here, and this details the Colonial background of Van Horne's Tavern—once located here.
This was an important stopping place on the old post road in Colonial days. The Van Horne family (for which the area was named) ran a tavern, stage line, and a post office here. They also operated a mill nearby. The Vansville Farmers Club is one of the oldest agricultural organizations in the State of Maryland.
MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1) WASHINGTON STAR, "The Rambler" (Dec. 10, 1916; Nov. 20, 27, 1921; Dec. 4 & 11, 1921; March 19, 1922; Nov. 6, 1921.)
2) PRINCE GEORGE'S POST, (Sept. 14, 1967; March 13, 1969.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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FORM PREPARED BY
NAME: TITLE
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian
ORGANIZATION
M-NCPPC
STREET & NUMBER
8787 Georgia Ave.
CITY OR TOWN
Silver Spring
DATE
1/30/73
TELEPHONE
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STATE
Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438
G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington
including the County of Prince George, Maryland
1878
SITE OF VAN HORN'S TAVERN

AN IMPORTANT STOPPING PLACE IN COLONIAL DAYS. MENTIONED BY WASHINGTON, LAFAYETTE AND OTHER NOTED MEN AFTER THE REVOLUTION.

COUNT DE ROCHAMBEAU'S TROOPS CAMPED HERE IN JUNE 1782 ON THE RETURN MARCH FROM THE VICTORY OF YORKTOWN.

STATE ROADS COMMISSION
NAME      VANSVILLE-MARKER     # 62-11
LOCATION  ODELL Rd + OLD BALTIMORE PIKE  BELTSVILLE, Md.
FACADE
PHOTO TAKEN  1/30/73 MDWYER