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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

PHOENIX MILL FARM

## 2 LOCATION

STREET &amp; NUMBER east side of Union Grove or Smouse's Mill Road, one mile from intersection with Maryland Route 220.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Dickens area east of Cumberland

Sixth

VICINITY OF

VICINITY OF

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Maryland

24

Allegany

001

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Fredrick W. Miltenberger

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 2, Smouse's Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21502

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

STATE

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

Maryland

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

EXCELLENT       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD       RUINS  
 FAIR       UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house on Old Phoenix Mill Farm stands on the east side of Smouse's Mill Road about one mile from its intersection with Maryland Route 220 in the Dickens area of Allegany County.

Built circa 1845, it is a two and one-half story, brick structure showing Greek Revival style influences. It is laid in Flemish bond and has an A-roof and double internal end chimneys. There are also two internal chimneys between the fifth and sixth bays, perhaps indicating that the two easternmost bays are a later addition.

The principal (south) facade is of seven bays and has a two-story, three-bay porch with a pediment that was added in the first half of the twentieth century. There is a doorway in the center bay on both floors of the porch. Evidence shows that the eastern end bay of the first floor was originally a door. The principal windows have flat brick arches, narrow frames, and double-hung wooden sash with six-over-six lights. A small wing was added to the west end and the east end was repaired recently. The first floor front door has rectangular sidelights and a transom.

A late nineteenth-century photograph shows the house without the portico as in its place is a one-story, three-bay porch with four plain, Doric-style columns across the front. The brick is not painted, there are shutters on all the windows, and the opening in the easternmost bay of the first floor is a door rather than a window.

The interior has a floor plan with center hall flanked by two rooms on each floor on both the first and second stories. The woodwork of the main portion, west side, is the typical Greek flat pilasters with pediments. The trim throughout the rest of the house is single-face architrave molding, about four or five inches wide.

Within the twenty acres of Phoenix Mill Farm nominated to the National Register is the site of Smouse Mill (see #8). The site is situated on the south side of Union Grove Road, 3/4 mile southeast of its intersection with Maryland Route 220. There are no remains aboveground at the site.

## 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      circa 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house on Phoenix Mill Farm is a circa 1845 Greek Revival building erected for John Jacob Smouse, who operated a mill (no longer standing) on the opposite side of the road. The house is characteristic of the Greek Revival domestic architecture that is commonly found throughout Western Maryland. Although the facade was altered with the present large porch, the interior retains much of its original decorative treatment.

The following history of this house and mill is excerpted from articles by Mrs. Helen Straw Hinkle, published in Heritage Press, Allegany County Maryland Yesterday and Today, Vol. I, No. 6 (April 1972), p. 7:

"In the early 1790's, Peter Smouse, son of John Smouse of Bedford County, Pennsylvania, and his wife, Catherine Hickman, daughter of Conrad Hickman of Loudon County, Virginia, settled in Allegany County on Union Grove Road about five miles Northeast of Cumberland, Maryland. After the death of Peter Smouse, his son Henry, with wife Catherine Rice, reared their eleven children on this pioneer homestead. Their son, Henry Peter Smouse, born September 2, 1817 inherited the old original farm. On June 27, 1843, Henry Peter Smouse, called Peter, married Elizabeth Neff; and they, too, raised a family on the Mill Run Farm.

"The old house burned, and was replaced in about 1845 with a large dignified brick mansion, by John Jacob Smouse, Peter's brother. He constructed the house from bricks fired on the farm. Fireplaces and stoves supplied the heat. . . . There was a separate kitchen with a large brick hearth on the outside and a springhouse located underneath. . . . Peter Smouse had an ice house, or pit, where ice from the creek was stored for future use; . . . . Water was piped from a running spring on the hill to the North into the house and springhouse.

"In addition to the Smouse Mill, the farm had its own blacksmith shop, shoe repair shop, carpenter shop and barns. In the smokehouse one would find smoked hams, pork and beef, raised on the farm. In the winter when the C & O Canal was frozen, Peter Smouse boarded the canal mules on his farm. A large building was constructed to accommodate 118 mules at one time.

✓ "The Mill Run Farm, . . . . , has the original woodwork, stairway, fireplaces and wide plank floors. The front porch was extended to the second

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Courthouse, Cumberland, Maryland.

Hinkle, Mrs. H.S. Notes, 1970. On file at Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

Hinkle, Helen S. "The Mill Run Farm," "The Smouse Mill," and "Smouse Family Wilson Academy." Heritage Press. Vol. I, No. 6 (April, 1972), 7.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20 acres

UTM REFERENCES

D 1.7 | 6|9,7|5,6,0 | 4,3|9,8|3,3,0  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
B 1.7 | 6|9,7|9,4,0 | 4,3|9,7|7,7,0

A 1.7 | 6|9,7|8,6,0 | 4,3|9,8|2,5,0  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C 1.7 | 6|9,7|4,0,0 | 4,3|9,7|6,7,0

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning where Evitts Creek crosses Union Grove Road, .6 miles southeast of its intersection with Maryland Route 220, then following the creek north until it forks, then moving southeast around the base of a hill to a point 600 feet east of the Phoenix Mill farmhouse, then moving south 700 feet, then west, Union Grove Road 400 feet north of its junction with Mason Road & continuing west to a fork in Evitts Creek, then the west branch of this fork to the beginning point on Union Grove Road.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

njm

NAME / TITLE

Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Sites Survey

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

June 6, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle

STATE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL



As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE

John W. Pearce

11/12/76

DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

Wm. J. Hunter

DATE

8/12/76

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

floor with large columns the full height of the house. The bricks have been painted white . . . ."

The mill which gave this farm and house its name, was located across the road from the circa 1845 house. It was a flour mill, but a small store was also operated on the site, selling staples from large barrels, such as sugar, vinegar, chewing tobacco, crackers, and cheese. Power was obtained from Evitt's Creek to move two large, overshot water wheels which operated the mill stone. In the 1890's this system was replaced by the roller process. The Smouses also deeded an acre of their land to the County School Commissioners in 1874 and John Jacob Smouse built a school on this land. The building was used as a school until 1902; it is now a private home (not within the boundaries of this nomination).