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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Turkey Hill

AND/OR COMMON

Linthicum Homestead

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

106 West Maple Road

CITY, TOWN

Linthicum Heights

___ VICINITY OF

___ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

~~First~~ 4th

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

CODE

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. and Mrs. C. Milton Linthicum

STREET & NUMBER

203 East Maple Road

CITY, TOWN

Linthicum Heights

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

21090

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Begun in 1822 by William Linthicum, Turkey Hill is an extensive farmstead that was still being enlarged and renovated during the early years of this century. It is located at number 106 West Maple Road in the town of Linthicum Heights, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and was once at the center of a large working farm. Facing south, Turkey Hill is composed of three principal parts: a large frame main structure at the west end, a brown fieldstone east wing, and a connecting frame hyphen. The main portion is five bays long, one room deep and 2½ stories high, with an "A" roof; like the remainder of the house, it stands on a fieldstone foundation. A single enclosed chimney stands at each end. All of the windows in this section, including the three dormers found on each side of the roof, have six-over-six sash, and the exterior walls are sheathed in beaded wood siding of relatively narrow width. The roof and the dormers have been resurfaced with slate and a concealed gutter has been installed.

The front entrance of the main section is in the center bay on the south side; it is framed by narrow top and sidelights. Some years after the erection of the house, a Greek Revival porch was added, covering the entrance and two flanking bays. Elaborately detailed, it has four Doric columns supporting an entablature which features a doric frieze, dentilled cornice and, in the architrave, a continuous band of modified guttae. The end and side sections of the porch have a simple railing and benches.

The east section of the house is two stories high, one room deep and has a chimney at its eastern end. The interior of this section has been completely remodeled, and some of the window openings have been enlarged; all of the windows in this wing feature flat arches of rubbed brick. In 1920 a two-story Palladian style porch was added to the east end of this stone section, and it is today the most prominent feature of the house. Both levels are glass-enclosed, and the arch over the center bay has a gothic sash. The railing at the second-story level is reminiscent of the Chinoiserie of the preceding century.

The last of the three sections to be constructed, the two-story frame hyphen with its low-pitched roof, was originally an open porch that was enclosed to provide more living space near the end of the nineteenth century. When the original winding stair in the stone wing was removed during a 1910 remodeling, a new one was constructed in the hyphen. To its rear is a 1½-story clapboard wing set at a right angle to the house. Perhaps the oldest structure on the property, this wing has a large, enclosed chimney at its exposed gable end, and may have been used as a kitchen. Two small four-paned windows flank the chimney on the upper level, and there is a dormer on each side of the "A" roof.

Several original outbuildings remain on the property, although the earliest barn was destroyed in the 1870's and its successor converted into an apartment building early in this century. The stone carriage house is west of the dwelling house, and was built in 1880; north of the main house is the stone meat house, an unusually large example whose "A" roof has vented brick gables, and whose north and west walls have slit vents located near the ground. In addition, there is a summer kitchen, a chicken house and a tiny cottage. The seven-story martin house on the property, built by William Linthicum in the mid-19th century, was modeled after old Camden Station in Baltimore.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1822

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This large farm dwelling in upper Anne Arundel County is interesting to the architect and the historian for several reasons. Although begun during the 1820's Turkey Hill underwent continual remodeling and alteration throughout the nineteenth and into the twentieth centuries. It displays, therefore, a variety of architectural styles and decorative features on a single building that grew with the needs of its owners. In addition, the house has been owned and occupied by members of the same family since its original construction, and has been able to preserve much of its rural flavor in the midst of the greatly accelerated residential and commercial development of Baltimore's southern suburban area.

Turkey Hill was constructed between 1822 and 1828 on land owned by Abner Linthicum. The best evidence available, however, indicates that it was Abner's son William who actually built the house around the time of his marriage to Elizabeth Sweetser (or Sweetzer) in 1823. Originally consisting of a 2½-story frame section and a 2-story fieldstone wing connected by a low breezeway, the house soon became too cramped for Linthicum's growing family, and the connecting porch was enclosed and given a second story sometime before mid-century. The Greek Revival porch was added to the main section at this time, as well.

The builder and first owner, William Linthicum, was an excellent carpenter who built the Sweetser Toll Bridge over the Patapsco River (Old Annapolis Road now runs over that site). He was one of the original members of the Holly Run Church, one of the first Methodist Protestant churches. His obituary, in 1866, described him as an upright man who could well have represented his area in Congress.

After William Linthicum's death, Turkey Hill passed to his son, Sweetzer Linthicum, Sr., who occupied the house until his own death in 1905. Sweetzer Linthicum is listed as the owner of the dwelling house and surrounding 445 acres of farmland in the 1878 county atlas, and consequently he fell heir to the property before that year, and after the publication of an 1860 map bearing his father's name. The house itself was little changed during Sweetzer Linthicum's time of ownership, but a carriage house and meathouse were added to the collection of outbuildings, and a new barn was raised to replace the original which burned during the 1870's. Since his death, Turkey Hill has undergone a series of remodeling efforts; the interior was extensively altered by Seth Hance Linthicum in 1910, and the two-story Palladian-style porch on the east end was added in 1920. More recent changes were made to accommodate the medical practice of Dr. C. Milton Linthicum.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1.

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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #2.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.5

QUADRANGLE NAME Relay Quadrangle

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 3571210 43407210
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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D

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H

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #3.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Randolph M. Cornell, Summer Intern

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

301-268-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

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

John A. Pearce

8/24/78

TITLE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER

DATE

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

Charles A. ...
 KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 7-24-79

ATTEST: *... Jane ...*

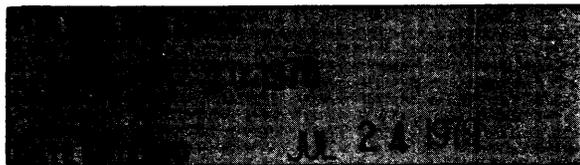
DATE 7-19-79

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Regional Review Coordinator

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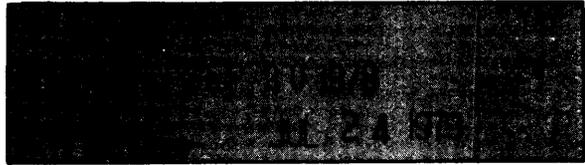
(SIGNIFICANCE, continued)

The second owner, Sweetzer Linthicum was a successful farmer. The third owner, Seth Hance Linthicum, was a lawyer and real estate man. He and his three brothers, John Charles, George Milton, and Wade Hampton, developed the town of Linthicum Heights. They not only built houses, but worked diligently to provide stores, schools and a church for the area. Mr. Seth H. Linthicum was the first postmaster of Linthicum Heights and -- although quite informal -- his home served as the first post office. One brother, John Charles, born in the house, was a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1911 to 1932. He was instrumental in having "The Star Spangled Banner" adopted as the National Anthem. Another brother, also born in the house, Dr. George Milton Linthicum, was a prominent surgeon in Baltimore. He taught in some of the local medical schools and was president of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

The seat of a family prominent in local affairs, Turkey Hill owes its continuing survival largely to the sense of tradition that surrounds it and its owners. The prospects of its being passed over by the rampant growth of the area are bright, if this pride and sense of history can be maintained.

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Beginning on the north side of Maryland Route 169 (West Maple Road) about 400 feet west of its intersection with Maryland Route 170, following the north side of West Maple Road west about 300 feet to Sweetser Road, then north about 400 feet on the east side of Sweetser Road, then east about 400 feet to a point then south along a drive to the point of beginning, containing approximately 2.5 acres.