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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Washington
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ENTRY DATE JUL 30 1974

1. NAME

COMMON:
Springfield Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
.4 Mile South of U.S. 11

CITY OR TOWN:
Williamsport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Sixth

STATE: Maryland

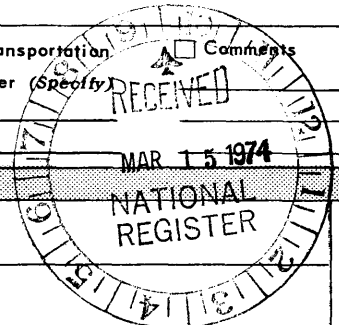
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COUNTY: Washington

CODE: 043

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)



4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mary E. Roney (Mrs. W. Howard Roney)

STREET AND NUMBER:
Rfd. #1

CITY OR TOWN:
Williamsport

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Washington County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
West Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hagerstown

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Located .4 miles south of U.S. 11 in Williamsport is Springfield Farm. Built in three distinct parts, the center, or original section dates from the second half of the eighteenth century. This two-story plus attic beaded clapboard house is five bays wide with an entrance in the center bay of both the first and second stories on the east facade. Covering this is a two-story pedimented portico. Near the peak of the pediment is a small fan light. There is one window in each remaining bay with twelve over twelve lights on the first story and twelve over eight lights on the second story.

The north end of this section is brick laid in common bond, three courses of stretchers to one of headers. Close to the east wall on the first floor is a window which has been bricked in probably when the north wing was added. Directly above this is a six over six light window. In the gable are two small four light casement windows flanking the large inside end chimney.

The west side is also beaded clapboard. In the second story are five twelve over eight light windows. Across the first story is a screened porch. This facade also has a double door in the center bay. The northern-most bay containing a bathroom extends to the outer edge of the porch and is brick. Centered in the west wall is a small, six over six light window.

The north wing of the house is brick laid in common bond with five rows of stretchers to each row of headers. In the southern-most bay is a large, five-sided Victorian bay window. Each side has a narrow one over one light window. Paired, carved brackets are located between the windows with large block modillions between the brackets. This window was probably added in the late nineteenth century about the time the south wing was constructed. Each of the two northern bays has a six over six light window. Piercing the roof between the bay window and the center one is a large chimney. A six over six light dormer window is above the bay window and the center one. At the northern-most end of the ridge is a small bell and hood.

Centered in the northern gable is a six over six sash window. Below and to the right of this is a double window each with six over six sash. On the west is a brick lean-to addition forming a catslide roof and a door on the north.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<u>Bicentennial</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Springfield Farm in Washington County gained its historic significance through its association with General Otho Holland Williams (1749-1794), Revolutionary patriot. William's Revolutionary career began in 1775 when he marched with the two Maryland companies who joined the Continental Army in Boston. He fought in the 1775 and 1776 campaigns until his capture at Fort Washington (November 16, 1776). Exchanged for a British prisoner on January 1778, he rejoined the army in time to participate in the Battle of Monmouth. His reputation as a soldier was established in the Carolina campaigns notably at the Battles of Cowpens and Eutaw Springs.

At the end of the campaign he returned to Maryland to secure the title of Springfield Farm. The property had been included in the proprietary Manor of Conococheague where Williams' father had tenated a farm until his parents death in 1764. Subsequently, his older sister married George Ross who assumed the responsibility of the orphans. Ross lived on Lot 2 of Conococheague Manor -- later called Springfield Farm. Ross, a prominent resident of the area, served as commissary of the Conococheague during the French and Indian War facilitating General Edward Braddock's campaign. After Ross' death (1771) his property reverted to his brother then to his nephew. By 1788 Williams had patented Ross' farm which remained his country home until his death in 1794.

Williams spent much of his time in the 1780's lobbying to locate the national capital at the village of Washington (now Williamsport) a half mile from Springfield Farm. Although Williams took his appeal directly to George Washington a site further down stream on the Potomac was chosen.

After General Williams' death his brother Colonel Elie Williams became the owner of Springfield Farm. Colonel Williams attained his rank while serving as quartermaster of the militia during the Revolution. He later served as president of the commission which laid out the National Road and as surveyor for the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Elie Williams' participation in two of the major internal improvements of the young

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Primary Sources:
 Hall of Records, Annapolis Inventory of the estate of George Ross. 1772. Liber 112 Folio 75.
 Hall of Records:
 Patent Records. Liber BC & GS #49 folio 220 and Liber IC #C folio 444.
 Hall of Records:
 Proprietary Manors, List of Improvements. 1767. Calvert Papers. M 1234.

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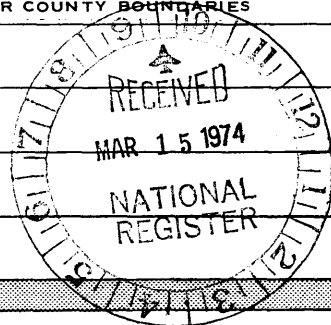
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		39°	35'	49"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		77°	48'	56"
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **five acres**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ann Hill, Summer Intern, and Nancy Miller, Historian sdh

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **Aug. 1973**

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV
 Orlando Ridout IV
 Title State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date March 12, 1974

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Al R. Mortensen
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 7/30/74

ATTEST:
W. Shuster
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 7.29.74

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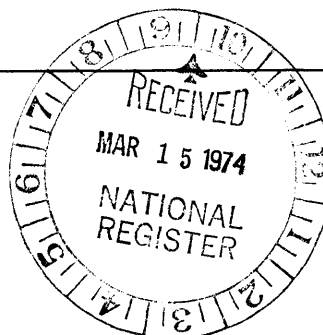
The west side of the lean-to has two nine over six sash windows with a dormer above the south window. The west side of the wing itself has two, one over two light windows, with a six over six sash dormer between them.

The Victorian wing on the south, erected in 1879, is three bays wide by two deep and is two-and-one-half stories with a metal hipped roof. Between the central section and Victorian wing is a large brick chimney. The entrance, with its Victorian paneled double door and two-light segmental arch transom, is in the north bay. There are two windows in the first story and three in the second, all of which have two over two sash. Centered in the roof is a dormer, also with two over two light sash. The brick, laid in common bond with six courses of stretchers to one of headers, is painted white to match the rest of the house.

The south end has windows at the corners on both floors. The first story windows appear to have been reduced in height. The west side of this section also has a door in the north bay. The center window on the first floor, a double casement, is not original. The south window with two over two sash also appears to have been reduced in height. Above the door between the first and second stories is a two over two light window. The center and south bays on the second floor contain the same type of window. Centered on the roof is a two over two light dormer.

The original section has a central hall with two rooms on each side. The parlor in the Victorian wing was originally one large room but was divided into two in the 1940's.

Also on the same property are several original outbuildings including a springhouse, stillhouse, and several smaller buildings. Both the stillhouse and springhouse are built of rough fieldstone. The stillhouse is two stories, three bays wide and three deep with an overhanging gable roof. The springhouse is one story, three bays wide with a projecting pedimented porch, and a hipped roof.



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#8 Significance (Continued)

Republic broadens the historical associations of Springfield Farm.

The third Williams owner, Edward Green Williams (son of the general), was known for his lavish entertainments and a visit of Betsy Patterson Bonaparte.

In 1864 the Williams' descendants sold Springfield Farm to a Baltimore sugar merchant, Charles W. Humrichouse. He added the Victorian wing in 1879 for social gatherings in the tradition of Edward Williams. During the Humrichouse family's ownership Springfield Farm was a social center of the Williams-port region.

Since World War II the environs of Springfield Farm have felt the impingements of twentieth century development. However, modifications of recent owners have not destroyed the historic character of Springfield Farm.

#9 Major Bibliographical References (Continued)

Secondary Sources:

Mish, Mary Vernon. "Springfield Farm on the Conococheague." Maryland Historical Society. Vo. XLII (December 1952), 314-335.

Spessard, Howard L. "A Condensed Biography and History of General Otho Holland Williams." December 1971. manuscript. Files of the Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.

