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Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Ezekiel

Montgomery County Courthouse

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The house, built in two stages, is a stone structure; unlike most Montgomery County stone construction, this house is built of granite and not Seneca sandstone. The stone is uncoursed.

The older section is one story with a loft lit by two dormer windows on each facade. The front and rear facades are each three bays with central doorways. The main (west) doorway has transom and sidelights; the door itself has beaded panels set flush with the rails on the exterior surface. The west facade now has a screened-in porch; the east facade had an open porch, now removed.

In plan, the wing has two rooms, one on each side of a central chimney. The north room is the narrower of the two. The staircase rises in the larger room along the east wall, with winders at the top. The second floor plan has been modified, but originally a hall ran along the east wall with two rooms, each with a fireplace off the hall; the hall has been shortened, however, and the north room has been moved forward, with a bathroom installed on the northwest corner of the wing.

The main block of the house is two stories with a three bay main (east) facade. The doorway has a transom light above. The windows are six over six double hung sash, with wooden sills and stone lintels. At the north end is a flush gable stone chimney.

In plan, the main section has an end hall and single parlor. The staircase rises along the south hall wall, with a landing across the back of the hall and a short run to the second floor. The posts are turned, with octagonal bases; the ballusters are turned and taper with marked entasis. The parlor has panelled, splayed window jambs; below the windows are rectangular raised panel backs. The doors have two tall rectangular vertical panels. Door and window frames are plain boards with bulls-eye block corners.

The second floor is divided into three rooms. The large room runs across the north end above the parlor; between this room and the staircase hall are two small ante-rooms, separated by a hall passage (now enclosed). The corner of the east ante-room is rounded to allow passage to the doorway connecting to the loft of the older wing (now sealed).

The north wing was built integrally with the main block but is 1 1/2 stories. The main facade is two bays with a transom-lit doorway and window. There are two dormer windows on each facade. The first floor plan now has a room across the south end, behind which is the kitchen, with stairs to the second floor in the northeast corner. Originally, there was a passage along the east facade with

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For the past forty years, Milton has been the home of the agricultural economist, Mordecai J. Ezekiel and his wife. Ezekiel bought the house in 1934, shortly after coming to Washington as a member of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal team. Prior to the purchase by the Ezekiels, the estate had been in the Loughborough family since the early nineteenth century.

Nathan Loughborough bought the property around 1820. It was part of the large tract called "Friendship" (3,124 acres) which had been originally surveyed for Colonel Thomas Addison and Joseph Stoddard in 1711. There was a small stone house on the acreage when Loughborough purchased it; on the occasion of his second marriage in 1847, he built a large stone house, incorporating into it the original structure. Policy No. 2, issued by Edward Stabler of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County, on 1 June 1848, described the house as "...a two-story, stone dwelling, 32' x 22', nearly new, and built in the best manner." The dwelling house was valued at \$2,000 and the barn and shed were insured for \$600.

Like the present owners, Nathan Loughborough also came to Washington to serve in the federal government. The Loughborough family was originally from Virginia; Nathan Loughborough's parents, however, had moved to Philadelphia before his birth. Loughborough was Comptroller of the Treasury during the administration of John Adams, and throughout his life, he was active in the financial community. stockholder in the C & O Canal Company and the Farmers and Mechanics Bank in Georgetown. For many years he lived at Grasslands in Washington, D.C. He moved to Milton with his second wife, Harriet Margaret Dunlop, in 1847. In his will, probated in 1848, Loughborough left his dwelling plantation of approximately 250 acres to his second wife, who in 1853 sold it to Loughborough's son, Hamilton, for \$4,000. his will, Hamilton Loughborough authorized his executor, his son, Alexander Hamilton Loughborough of San Francisco, to sell the property. Milton was sold to James Henry Loughborough for \$9,000 in 1868. The Judgement Records show there were complications in the conveying of the title and almost

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7. DESCRIPTION, continued

the dining room opening off the passage; the passage terminated in a stair hall to the west of which was a small serving room or pantry. The dining room fireplace shares the chimney of the main block. The doors have moulded frames with circle blocks at the corners.

The second floor has two rooms with a hall. The larger room extends across the south end, while the smaller room is in the northwest corner. This room, supposedly a lock-up during the Civil War, has a heavy door of vertical boards with rails on both faces and large diagonal braces.

The fireplaces throughout the house are similar in style, although there are differences in details among them. The basic design is a wooden surround with a beaded edge; pilasters, either plain or fluted, support a frieze that breaks out over the pilasters; a deep bed moulding supports the side shelves. The most elaborate mantlepiece is in the parlor of the main block but was moved there from the larger room of the older wing. It has plain pilasters and a frieze with three wide, horizontal grooves across the face; the surround instead of having a bead has a moulding on the inner face. Several of the mantle shelves are feather-edged but most are squared with a horizontal groove on the face.

The house has a cellar only under the older section. It has a brick floor and a stone fireplace in the room under the main room. The joists run from sidewall to sidewall, with original framing around the stairs. Here, the joists have a square tenon set into the mortises of the framing of the stair well; this framing is supported by posts with a chamfer and "lamb's tongue" chamfer stop.

The roof framing of the older section was destroyed in a fire; that of the main section is conventional, mid-nineteenth century construction.

South of the house is a square, stone smokehouse with a square, hipped roof. The roof framing above the tie-beams has been rebuilt, but the tie beams remain. Three tie beams run thwartwise; three short beams run from the two end beams to the end walls. These beams are mortised, tenoned, and pegged into the end tie beams and rest on the end walls. Each of these short beams and the tie beams supports the end of a rafter, thus eliminating any plate.

West of the house is a nineteenth century stone icehouse. The stone walls extend about three feet above the ground; above this the structure is framed and sheathed with patterned shingles

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8. SIGNIFICANCE, continued

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The Loughboroughs reflected the divided loyalties that marked many families during the Civil War. James Henry Loughborough threw his lot with the South. In 1861 he joined the Signal Corps and was attached to Stonewall Jackson's command until the battle of Chancellorsville. In 1864, he participated in General Early's raid on Washington and slipped through Union lines for a quick visit to the family home, Grasslands. Vestiges of the occupation of Milton by Union troops may still be seen. One of the small rooms on the second floor was used as a "lock-up" by the Yankee forces for unruly members of their own ranks. The prisoners "autographed" the walls and the inscriptions telling their names and hometowns are still legible.

While in Richmond, James Henry married Margaret Cabell Brown. The wedding in 1862 was attended by Mrs. Jefferson Davis, wife of the President of the Confederacy. Margaret C. Loughborough was a clerk for the Confederate government at the time of her marriage and retained this position until shortly before the end of the war. She came north in 1865 to stay with her husband's family in Washington, D.C. This loyal Southern supporter reluctantly took the Oath of Allegiance to the United States only after being assured of its propriety by General Robert E. Lee. James Henry Loughborough and his wife lived at Milton until his death in 1921. His widow sold the property to Allan and Maude Walker in 1923 and moved to Washington, D.C. with her daughters Margaret and Caroline. She lived with them until her death in 1937.

The present owner, Mordecai Ezekiel has been acknowledged as one of the outstanding agricultural economists of our day. His long career encompasses working with Rexford Tugwell and Henry Wallace in the formulation of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1936 and serving as the Assistant Director of the Food and Agricultural Organization, an agency of the United Nations. He has been recognized for his creative research efforts in economics and statistics. Perhaps the best known of his many books is Methods of Correlation Analysis, published in 1941. During the forty years they have owned the house, the Ezekiels have done extensive restoration, taking great care to see that improvements have been executed in harmony with the original design of the house.

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