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Form 10-300  
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Montgomery	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
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1. NAME

COMMON:  
"Milimar"

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
The old Lazenby Home; The Lazenby Place; Girl's Gift

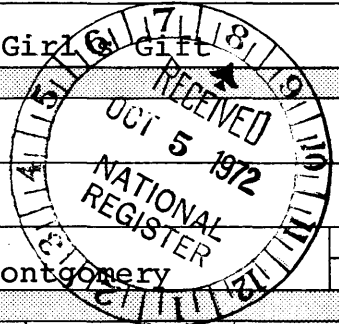
2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
410 Randolph Road

CITY OR TOWN:  
Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland 20904

CODE: 24 COUNTY: Montgomery CODE: 031



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"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No 

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. and Mrs. (Joyce P.) Robert D. Barendsen

STREET AND NUMBER:  
410 Randolph Road

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland 20904 CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:  
Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Montgomery Avenue and Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1970  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:  
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland 21401 CODE: 24

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## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input 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

"Milimar" is located on the south side of Randolph Road at #410 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

The house is noteworthy as an example of an early "middle" class home. It is definitely not an elaborate mansion, but it is much more than the log houses which were still the most common dwelling in this part of Maryland in the eighteenth century. The front facade is Georgian in style, with an essentially straightforward and symmetrical simplicity. There are muted but unmistakable touches of decoration, especially in the three rows of brick offset in an ornamental pattern in the dentil (cornice) under the eaves; in the over-window rows of vertical brick; and in the quarter-round windows on either side of the chimney at attic level in the south gable, which have an elaborate pattern of pane dividers (almost identical to those at Sotterley plantation in Southern Maryland).

The older portion of "Milimar" is a two-and-one-half-story brick building with gable roof. A one-story frame addition was erected across the rear (east facade) of the house at a later date. The front (west) facade is five bays long with the entrance in the center bay. This facade is constructed of Flemish bond brick, while the rear and sides are of common bond.

There is a single flush chimney in each gable end, both with "drip courses." A larger chimney in the older south end has three flues, including one from a large cellar fireplace.

The interior of the old brick portion of the house is one room deep, measuring sixteen feet on the exterior. On the first floor, there is a center hall flanked by two rooms. There are three bedrooms and a bath off a narrow (27") hall on the second floor. The newer addition on the rear has a garage on the cellar level and a kitchen, den, and bathroom on the first floor level.

Significant interior features include the center hall stairway, which turns a 90° angle at mid-height with "pie-steps" (no landing); it has an old handrail which includes a five-foot section with two natural "knee" curves in it, and hand-turned newel posts fastened to the rails with wooden pegs. The fireplaces in master bedroom and dining room are faced with tiles made from local soapstone with an unusual design. The interior doors are mainly of hand-made panels, fastened with wooden pegs. All windows in the old brick portion are single-hung and some panes are of very thin old glass.

The first-floor framing is partly of sawn timber and partly of log. The original second-floor flooring is of random-width hard yellow pine. In the cellar is a large fireplace, once

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## 7. DESCRIPTION, continued

used for cooking; it had been bricked up with a crane and hooks still inside.

Outside, there is an elevated brick terrace ten feet wide across the front and south ends of the house. A noteworthy feature is the "L"-shaped double row of boxwood that runs along the edge of the terrace. The two hedge-rows are about fifteen feet apart and form a protected "dry moat" area between them. They are over ten feet high in some places and average five to six feet high and several feet wide.

At the entrance to the property stands an old field-stone gate structure consisting of two seven feet high stone gateposts supporting heavy wooden gates hung from massive iron hinges. The gate is flanked by a curving ivy-covered stone wall and old boxwood plantings. One large clump of this boxwood is fifteen feet tall and equally as wide.

There is a double line of tall spruces forming a wide wind-break across the northern end of "Milimar." The house is oriented by the compass, and the front faces due west for maximum sun heating.

## 9. BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES, continued

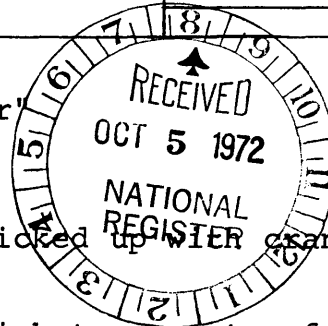
Liber 1, Folio 400. Prince George's County Land Records (1723).

Liber M, Folio 287. Montgomery County Wills Records (1821).

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Martenet and Bond, "Map of Montgomery County, Maryland."  
1865.

Maryland Historical Magazine. 1906 volume, p. 289.



6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **Built before 1820; possibly as early as 1760's.**

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) <b>local history</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |  |  | _____  |

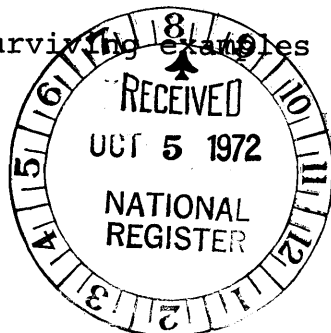
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Milimar" is believed to have been built by Henry Lazenby II, a descendant of a family which came to Maryland at the very beginning of the eighteenth century (1701) with a large land grant from Charles Calvert, the Third Lord Baltimore. The Lazenby family has been prominent in Maryland history from these early times until the present day. The first Henry Lazenby in America was High Sheriff of Anne Arundel County from 1720 until his death in 1723. His wife Margaret was an aunt of the then-governor of Maryland, another Charles Calvert.

Henry Lazenby II, the namesake of the above-mentioned High Sheriff, was the son of Robert Lazenby, one of the early settlers (before 1720) in the Layhill area of what is now the southeastern corner of Montgomery County, Maryland. In 1723, Robert bought a 217-acre tract called "Wolf's Den" from William Beall. Robert's younger son, Henry Lazenby II, was born in 1721. He enlisted in the Prince George's County militia in 1748. In 1760, he bought a 100-acre tract called "Girl's Gift" near his father's plantation. A family genealogy records that he built, or at least began to build a house in the same year.

"Milimar" is one of the few extant eighteenth-century buildings in urban Montgomery County. Architecturally, it represents a style and a way of life which was present in the early history of the county, but which is now rapidly disappearing.

The boxwood hedges are important surviving examples of early landscape design.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Assessment Book, 1798-1812, 1st-5th Districts. Montgomery County Assessment Archives.

"Girl's Gift" survey for Henry Lazenby (1760). Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

Lazenby, Mary Elinor. Lazenby. Washington, D. C.: the Author, 1938.

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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	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	39°	04'	03"	77°	01'	07"						
NE	39°	04'	03"	77°	01'	01"						
SE	39°	04'	00"	77°	01'	01"						
SW	39°	04'	00"	77°	01'	07"						

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 1/4 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Barendsen**

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **July 31, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
**2525 Riva Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland 21401** 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 (for)**

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date July 31, 1972

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

Robert M. Utley  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

Acting Deputy Registrar  
Deputy of The National Register

Date 9/11/72

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