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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

Wilson-Miller Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

*SW of Sharpsburg*

STREET & NUMBER

West of Millers Sawmill Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Sharpsburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

24

COUNTY

Washington

CODE

043

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

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

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- BOTH
- 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

Wolfgang Mueller

STREET & NUMBER

10609 Woodsdale Drive

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

20901

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #: 567

Folio #: 367

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

*new owner  
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Stone  
Rt. 1, Sharpsburg, MD 21782*

# 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 < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This farmstead is located at the end of a long private lane which leads north from Millers Sawmill Road southwest of Sharpsburg in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated near the bottom of a slope among limestone hills and faces south. The lane that now approaches the buildings leads to them from the north. Northwest of the house is a frame bank barn which faces east.

The house is a two-story, two-part, eight-bay log building sheathed with wood siding. It rests on fieldstone foundations which become nearly a full story in height at the north elevation. The building is divided nearly in half by a vertical seam in the foundations and an interior log wall marking the jointure of the two sections of the house. The westernmost, and presumably older, part is sheathed with siding with a heavy bead at the bottom edge. The other section displays German siding. A recessed double porch included under the main roof span extends along the south elevation of the east section of the building.

All windows have narrow frames, many of which contain two-over-two pane sash which appear to be replacements. Beneath the double porch, windows retain nine-over-six pane sash. Six-over-six sash remain in windows of the north foundation wall. Most windows at the two main stories are flanked with pairs of shutters with movable louvers.

Entrances have framing similar to that of the windows. The original front entrance appears to be located in the first bay from the west end of the south elevation. Here a six-pane door is hung beneath a four-light transom. Other doors are located at both levels of the double porch. An exterior stair under the double porch gives access to the upper level of the porch as well as to the cellar. One door is also present in the north elevation at the west end, and doors lead to the cellar through the foundations in the east and north walls.

The roof is sheathed with standing seam tin and extends beyond the end walls. There are three brick chimneys, each painted red. Two are located inside the end walls and the third extends from the interior of the west section near its center.

The interior of the house shows 18th century work in parts of the west section with evidence of major renovations during the third quarter of the 19th century and again during the late 19th or early 20th century. The west section has a three-room first floor plan which would appear to be Germanic in origin with a large central fireplace facing into what was probably a kitchen (the east room of the west section). Behind or west of this large room are two smaller rooms, one of which has been partitioned for a modern bath. The southwest room has a fireplace with a mantel which would appear to date from the third quarter of the 19th century as does the other woodwork in this portion of the house. An unusual feature is the enclosed stair with its bottom step cut at angles to accommodate entrances from two rooms on opposite sides of the stair.

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## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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**Specific dates**

**Builder/Architect**

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

SIGNIFICANCE

This farm complex, consisting of a large, two-part, two-story sided loghouse, barn and other outbuildings, would appear to date from both the 18th and 19th centuries. The buildings provide an example of regional vernacular architecture in a setting unchanged from that which Robert E. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia saw on the retreat from the Battle of Antietam (1862). The property is significant for its contribution to commerce and industry since the Miller family (owners in late 19th and early 20th centuries), in addition to farming, operated a saw mill on the C & O Canal. The barn is said to have housed mules which pulled canal boats.

Architecturally, the house displays several generations of construction. The remaining 18th century features in the west section are unusual in the area. The massive roof framing system is particularly worthy of note. Apparently the original house underwent substantial modernization, probably at the time the east wing was added. Possibly at that time the chimney in the west end wall was added. The house appears to have been renovated again in the late 19th or early 20th century.

HISTORY

During the early 19th century this property was known as the "Wilson Farm." In June of 1812, Isaac Wilson purchased 172 acres from Adam Myers (Y/341). The Myers family owned a sizeable amount of land south and west of Sharpsburg. In his will dated September 14, 1785, Michael Meyer of Sharpsburg devised a farm to each of his four sons, one of whom was Adam. It is not known at present whether the dwelling was begun by Adam Myers or by Isaac Wilson. In 1848, Isaac Wilson and John Avey sold the farm to Jacob Miller (IN4/216). By this time, however, the property contained 236 acres. It was the Miller family who established Millers Sawmill located south of the complex, closer to the canal. It would appear that the now unused road leading south from the buildings was the principal access to the farm and led to the mill as well. The farm was owned by Francis Miller during the Civil War and it was through this property that Lee's army passed on its way to the Potomac after the Battle of Antietam. It is possible that the road leading south from the buildings was used as well as the surrounding fields. The farm and the sawmill were conveyed to Samuel H. Miller in 1883 (85/615). According to T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County, published in 1906, Samuel H. Miller built an addition to the house measuring 60 feet in depth. It was added to a structure which, according to Williams was begun "more than a hundred years ago." The property remained in the Miller family until 1949 (250/341).

<sup>1</sup>T.J.C. Williams, History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., (1906) 913.



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It is in the basement and attic that evidence of the original construction of the west portion of the house remain. The cellar displays a form of insulation which is found frequently in 18th century houses in Washington County. It consists of massive planks set side by side above the summer beam, upon which rests a layer of rocks and mortar. Above this is the first story flooring. In the attic is a type of roofing system often associated with 18th century construction, but which does occur in the early 19th century in the Cumberland Valley. This consists of pairs of major supporting rafters linked by massive purlins upon which rest smaller rafters. This roofing system is evident only in the west portion of the attic.

The age of the eastern section of the house is difficult to assess because of alterations. Most of the first story is sheathed with modern paneling while the second story has woodwork which would appear to date from the late 19th or early 20th century. The general form of this portion of the house, as well as remaining nine-over-six light windows, would suggest a construction date during the third quarter of the 19th century.

Northeast of the house is a one-story, stone springhouse with a wood shingle roof. A frame bank barn typical of the 19th century also stands on the property. A small, intermittent stream passed near the springhouse and east of the main dwelling. Evidence remains of a wagon road which led along the stream toward Millers Sawmill, the C & O Canal and the Potomac River. Several hundred feet south of the buildings are ruins of a small dwelling. All that remained when the site was visited in 1976 were stone foundations and a brick flue.

The main buildings in the complex appear to be in good condition and are located on a tract containing 212 acres. It includes parts of the land grants "Resurvey on the Addition to Piles Delight" and "Antietam Bottom."

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(DESCRIPTION, continued)

### ACREAGE JUSTIFICATION

Forty-one acres is included with the Wilson-Miller farm to define the historic, agricultural environment which has remained unchanged since the construction of the farm house and outbuildings. The hilly nature of the land supports the choice of a topographical basis for the boundary (400' elevation line). It is important to include in the acreage a part of the land access to and from the farm. And, a sense of connection to the C & O Canal, which provided additional income to the Millers, adds further support to the southern expansion of the nomination boundary.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

*See revised VBL*

Beginning at a post on the west side of the road leading to Miller's Sawmill Site and a corner of the lands now or formerly of H.M. Churchey, thence with the lands of Churchey South 79 degrees 53 minutes west 594.3 feet to a post, thence south 59 degrees 20 minutes west 551 feet to a post, thence south 25 degrees 11 minutes west 596 feet to a stake, thence south 20 degrees 3 minutes west 338 feet to a stone on the west side of a creek, thence south 86 degrees 30 minutes east 64 feet to a marked white oak, thence north 85 degrees 30 minutes east 1025 feet to the angle of a stone fence, thence south 69 degrees 30 minutes east 66 feet crossing the road to the place of a poplar tree, thence with said road south 36 degrees west 506 feet to a point, thence south 67 degrees 49 minutes west 259 feet to a point, thence south 37 degrees 46 minutes west 338.5 feet to a point, thence south 40 degrees 56 minutes west 184 feet to a sycamore tree, a corner of the lands now or formerly of Jacob Shaw, thence with said Shaw's lands south 85 degrees 15 minutes west 214 feet to a stake on the east bank of a creek, thence south 66 degrees 40 minutes west 32 feet to a corner of the lands now or formerly of Walter Feldman's lot and Earl Williams' lot, thence with said Williams' lot north 30 degrees west 50 feet to a stake, thence continuing with Williams' lands south 79 degrees, 30 minutes west 167 feet to a stake, thence south 15 degrees 45 minutes east 429 feet to an iron pipe at the corner of the lands now or formerly of Gantz and Long, thence with said Gantz and Long's lands north 74 degrees 30 minutes west 370 feet to a sugarberry tree, thence south 86 degrees 59 minutes west 152.5 feet to a stone, thence north 87 degrees 27 minutes 345 feet to a stone, thence north 81 degrees 30 minutes west 110 feet to a stone, thence north 66 degrees 15 minutes west 110 feet to a stone, thence north 66 degrees 15 minutes west 126 feet to a stake, thence north 79 degrees 45 minutes west 204 feet to a pile of stone in the original line of Blackford, now the Conococheague Club, thence with the same north 13 degrees east 342 feet to a stake, thence south 86 degrees 24 minutes east 363 feet to a stone, thence north 0 degrees 49 minutes west 340 feet to a stone, thence north 66 degrees 34 minutes west 1196 feet to a post, thence north 80 degrees 30 minutes west 172 feet to a stone corner of the Conococheague Club and the lands now or formerly of Shipper, thence with Shipper's lands north 29 degrees 30 minutes east 481 feet to a stone, thence north 66 degrees west 513 feet to a post at the corner of the lands now or formerly of A. Crow's heirs thence with

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Verbal Boundary Description, continued

*See Revised V.B.D.*

said Crow's land north 31 degrees 49 minutes east 3646 feet to a stone at a corner of the lands now or formerly of A. Poffenberger, thence with Poffenberger's lands south 37 degrees 51 minutes east 3081 feet to a white oak tree on the west side of Miller's Sawmill Road, thence with said road south 3 degrees west 153 feet to the beginning.

Saving and excepting from the above, however, those parts or parcels thereof which were conveyed by Louise K. Miller, et al, unto Harry L. English by deed 9/12/47 (252/122), containing 5.99 acres; by Walter J. Moore and Hilda M. Moore, his wife, unto Richard E. Martin, et al, by deed 4/26/54 (282/102), containing 1.25 acres together with an easement for a right of way; and Walter J. Moore and Hilda M. Moore, his wife, unto Jacob M. Shaw, et ux, by deed 3/5/55 (294/181), containing .8 acre, more or less . . . the lands and property aforeaaid as now constituted containing 212 acres, more or less.

(Washington County deed 567/367)

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The 41 acres surrounding the Wilson Miller Farm constitutes a narrow, long, irregularly shaped boundary based on topographical features. The boundary on the west, north and east constitutes a line demarking the 400' elevation on the surrounding hill. The southern boundary is continuous with the present property boundary which constitutes a convenient definition of the Wilson Miller Farm, exempting the village of Miller's Saw mill. The southern boundary is approximately 800 feet long connecting the points of 400 foot elevation of a point approximately 1,000 feet north of the C & O Canal (exempting the village of Miller's Saw Mill).

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UTM's

- A. 18/262180/4369350
- B. 18/262120/4368480
- C. 18/261960/4368450
- D. 18/261720/4369000
- E. 18/261940/4369700

114-11-532 Approximate floor plans

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NA

