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CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

129 East Main Street
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7 May 2003

Peter & Margaret Lenhoff
480 Sylmar Road
Rising Sun, Maryland 21911

RE: Nomination for Historic Designation – Brown Farm

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lenhoff: *Peter & Pete*

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County, at our meeting of 6 May 2003, voted to designate the Brown Farm as a historic site.

The Board finds that the property is of historical note as it once was part of the Nottingham Lots, had initial settlement occur in 1701, and is in close proximity to the Mason/Dixon line. The Board also finds that the property is of architectural note in that the original portion of the house reflects the building materials and practices of the 18th century, that the house was built in 1777 and had an addition added in 1850.

Thank you for your efforts to preserve Cecil County's historical heritage.

Sincerely,

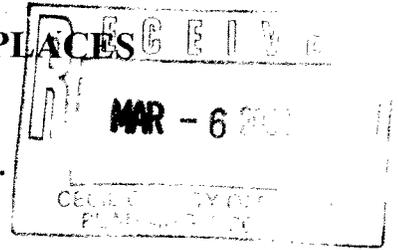
Nelson K. Bolender, President
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CC: Eric S. Sennstrom, AICP – Director, Planning, Zoning, Parks & Recreation

2003-04

CECIL COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
NOMINATION FORM



Please refer to separate detailed instructions for completing this form.

Definition

"Property" refers to the entire geographic area being nominated. It may be an individual building, site, structure or object; or it may be a district consisting of numerous buildings, sites, structures or objects. An area consisting of several types of structures with different owners is also a property that is a district.

Nomination Information: Please Print or Type

1. a) Name of property:

~~Harriet~~ Brown Farm

b) Estimated age or historic dates: 1780-original structure 1840's addition

2. Address of property: 480 Sylmar Rd. Rising Sun, MD 21911

3. Tax Map: 4 Grid 14 Parcel Number: 136, 147

4. Name, address, and telephone number of all property owners of record within the District:

Peter Joseph Lenhoff Sr and Margaret Rees Lenhoff
480 Sylmar Rd. Rising Sun, MD 21911

410.658.3855

(Attach separate sheet, if necessary)

5. Description of property boundaries of the District:

see enclosed deed

6. Attach a map showing the boundaries and location of the site or District.

7. Please provide photographs or slides showing the important structures or features of the property.

8. Please check all designations that apply to this nomination. Add descriptive information for those checked. Is or has this property, in any part, been listed or nominated to:

Cecil County Historic Designation: _____

Maryland Register of Historic Properties: _____

_____ National Register of Historic Places: _____

_____ Maryland or Cecil Inventory of Historic Properties? _____

_____ A Preservation Easement by any historic organization? Identify _____

_____ Are there any other easements or rights of way affecting the District? Explain _____

_____ Other, explain _____

9. Please check all of the following criteria that apply to the property.

A. Historical or Archeological

The property has character, interest, or value as part of the development or cultural characteristics of the County, State, or Nation.

The property is the site of a significant County, State, or National historic event.

The property is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the County, State, or Nation.

B. Architectural

The property has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.

The property represents the work of a master builder, designer, architect or landscape architect whose work influenced the development of the County, State, or Nation.

The property has elements of design, detailing, materials or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.

The property has elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.

The property has a unique location or singular physical characteristic that makes it an established or familiar usual feature.

The property has character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.

The property has significant interior features. List _____

10. Attach a statement describing the property, its historical significance, and the reasons why it should be designated to the Cecil County Register of Historic Places. At the end of the statement, please list your sources of information, including bibliographic references.

11. Signatures of owner(s) of record consenting to this nomination. If there are more than two owners, please attach a separate sheet providing the information indicated.

A. Print Name: Peter J. Lenhoff Sr Date: 3/04/03

Signature: Peter J Lenhoff Sr

B. Print Name: Margaret Rees Lenhoff Date: 28 February 2003

Signature: Margaret Rees Lenhoff

12. Name, address and telephone number of person submitting application:

Name: Margaret Rees Lenhoff

Address: 480 Sylmar Rd.
Rising Sun MD 21911

Telephone Numbers: (Home) 410,658.3855 Hours Available: 4.00-8.00 PM
(Work) 410,996 5000 Hours Available: 8.00-3.00 PM

E-mail address: cathiereeslenhoff@yahoo.com

Date 28 February 2003

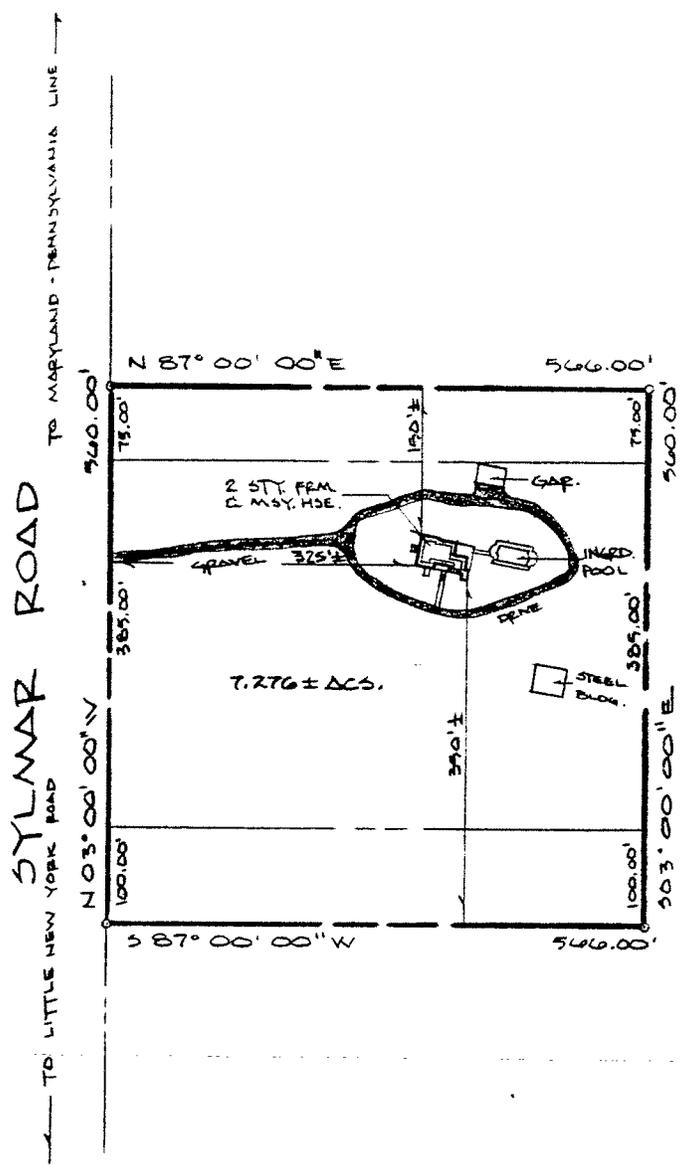
Official Use Only

Application Number: _____
Date received: _____
Date of Public Notice: _____
Election District: _____
Zoning District: _____
Land Use District: _____
Tax Map: _____
Parcel(s): _____

HDC Hearing Date: _____
PC Hearing Date: _____
CC Hearing Date: _____

Selected References

- Blumgart, Pamela J. *At the Head of the Bay*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust Press, Inc, 1996.
- Gifford, George E. Jr. *Cecil County Maryland*. Calvert, Rising Sun, MD: George E. Gifford Memorial Committee, 1974.
- Johnston, George. *History of Cecil County*. Elkton, MD: George Johnston, 1881.
- Miller, Alice E. *Cecil County Maryland, A Study in Local History*. Elkton, MD: C & L Printing & Specialty Co. 1949. Reprinted Salem MA: Higginson Specialty Company.



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NOTE
For the Federal
Emergency Management
Agency (FEMA) make this
map is not in the
100-year flood plain.

IMPROVEMENTS LOCATION SURVEY
FOR LANDS OF
PETER J. & MARGARET R. LENHOFF
KNOWN AS
480 SYLMAR ROAD
LOCATED IN

9th ELECTION DISTRICT — CECIL COUNTY — MARYLAND

American Engineering & Surveying, Inc.
380 OLD BAYVIEW ROAD
P.O. BOX 650
NORTH EAST, MD. 21901 (410) 398-5000

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN LOCATED AS SHOWN — PROPERTY CORNERS WERE NOT SET — PROPERTY WAS PLOTTED FROM DEEDS AND PLATS.
Stanley P. Granger, Jr.
PROF. LAND SURVEYOR

DATE: 31 JULY 1991
SCALE: 1" = 200'
DWG. NO. MORT. 2315

The property located at 480 Sylmar Road, Rising Sun MD 21911 is one of the so-called "Nottingham Lots." These five hundred acre lots were first settled in fall 1701 on land claimed by both William Penn and Lord Baltimore (Blumgart, p.33). Based on the plat drawn in 1702 with a dotted line indicating the Mason Dixon line, most of the lots are in Cecil County (ibid). The Mason Dixon Line, established in 1786 (Miller, p. 21), is approximately 300 feet from the north boundary of the 480 Sylmar Road property.

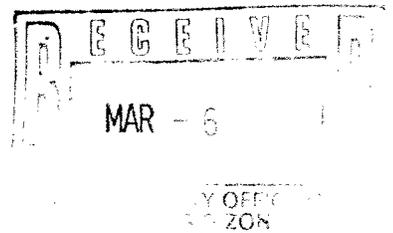
In March 1974, Peter Joseph Lenhoff purchased this property from M. Elizabeth Brown and Howard R. Brown. The enclosed deeds reflect his ownership as tenants by the entirety with his wife, Margaret Rees Lenhoff.

The name Brown appears on several of the Nottingham Lots, and is mentioned in all writings on the lots. James Brown is recorded as the owner of lots 14 and 22. William Brown is recorded as the owner of lots 28 and 23. Upon examination of the 1702 plat (Blumgart, p.33) with several topographical features and the rendition without topographical features (Johnston, p.149), I believe that the 480 Sylmar Road property is part of the James Brown lot 14. At the southern end of the 1702 plat stands a mill that is currently on the property belonging to the Plumstead family. At the northern end of the plat the Mason Dixon Line appears.

Moreover, architectural components, building materials and practices from the late eighteenth century are reflected in the original section of the 480 Sylmar Road house. This could be supported by the statement "by 1777 houses had been built on about half of the thirty seven lots" (Blumgart, p.33). Due to the poor condition of the house upon purchase in 1974 extensive renovations and repairs were necessary. While it is not a true historical renovation it is nevertheless a charming example of eighteen-century country architecture. An addition was built onto the original house around 1850. This section did not require as much repair after purchase, and more of the original materials and stylistic elements are extant.

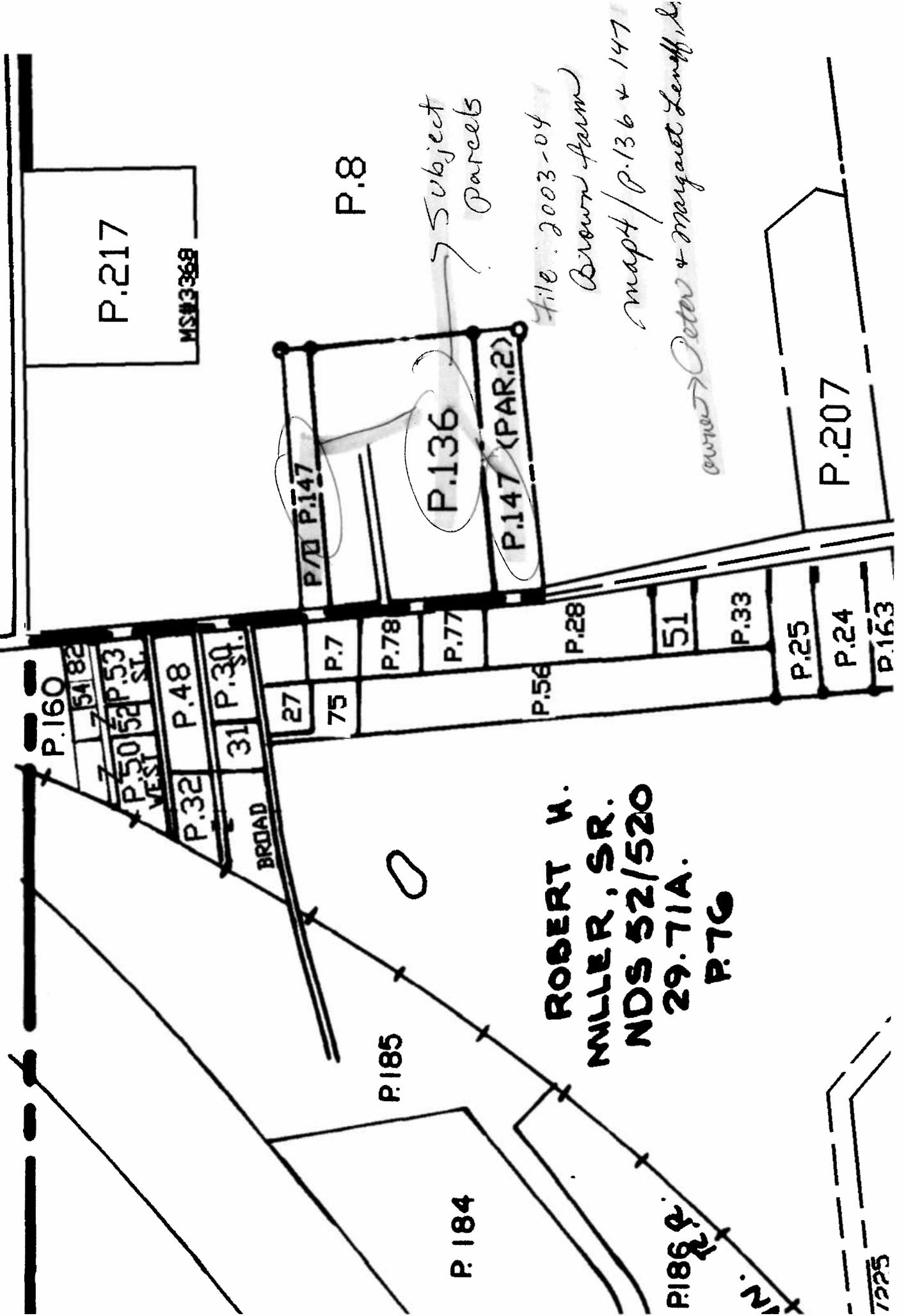
In a telephone conversation with M. Elizabeth Brown on February 27, 2003 I told her of my intention to pursue historical recognition for the property. She believes that the original deed from William Penn to her family might be in some family papers. She has expressed a willingness to search for this.

As a lifelong resident of Cecil County, it is an honor and a pleasure to nominate my property to belong to the architectural and cultural history of our county.



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