ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Locust Grove III

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/34 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 13 Coordinate C-6

- 4. Address: 16310 Sugarland Road Dawsonville, Md.
- 5. Classification Summary .

Category structure Ownership_private Public Acquisition_N/A Status occupied Accessible No Present use agriculture/private

Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC Title and Date: Historic Sites Inventory 1976 Federal x State x County x Local

residence

7. Original Owner: Samuel Dyson 6. Date: late 18th century

8. Apparent Condition

b. altered a. good c. original site

- 9. Description: This five bay by three bay two and a half story L-shaped house sits on a hill facing north. It is a stone and frame house covered in white pebble dash. The north porch has a half hipped roof supported by four square posts. On the east elevation there is a glass enclosed two story porch with a shed roof. The three west bays of the north and south elevations, first level, have nine-over-six double-hung windows. The second level, above, has small six-over-six windows. The remaining windows are six-over-six. The gable roof has black asbestos shingles.
- 10. Significance: In the long history of Locust Grove III only two families with common ancestors have owned this property. The Dysons and then the Byrds cleared, settled and prospered on this land starting in the late 1700s. The original four-room section of this house was built by Samuel Dyson, and his sons John and Jeremiah added considerable acreage to the original 150 acres. John constructed a house across the road, and Jeremiah's widow continued to live at Locust Grove until her death in 1878.

In 1882 John Byrd bought out the interests of most of the other heirs to Locust Grove, and reunited the original lands of Samuel Dyson. His son Joseph D. Byrd lived at Locust Grove for many years, making major alterations and additions in 1927. Locust Grove is now owned by Joseph Byrd, Jr., who resides there, the seventh generation of his family to own this land.

Candy Reed - Arch. Description 11. Researcher and date researched: Anne W. Cissel July 1979 13. Date Compiled: Sept. 1979 14. Designation 12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian Approval 15. Acreage: 355 acres (both sides of road)

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This simple five bay by three bay, two and a half story, L-shaped house faces north.

Built on fieldstone, this stone and frame house has been covered by white pebble dash. The north (front) porch has a half hipped roof supported by four square posts. The north (front) door is glass paneled. On the east elevation there is a glass-enclosed two-story porch with a shed roof. The east door is glass and wooden paneled. On the south elevation there is a one story enclosed porch with a shed roof and tongue and groove siding. Seven poured concrete steps lead up to the glass and . wooden paneled door.

The original section of the house was three bays with external end chimneys; when the two east bays were added, the doorway was moved from the south facade to the westernmost of the two additional bays on the north facade. The three central bays were covered by a porch and an ell was added behind the wing to the south.

The three west bays (the stone section) of the north and south elevations, at the first level, have nine-over-six double-hung windows. Above these windows are three smaller six-over-six double-hung windows, on both the north and south elevations. The remainder of the windows in this house are regular six-over-six double-hung windows.

The gable roof has black asbestos shingles. There is a chimney at each end of the house and one in the roof where the stone and frame sections join.

The north (front) door opens into a central hall. An open string, single run stairway ascends from north to south along the east interior wall. It has a carved newel post and square balusters. To the west is the living room. At one time there was a wall which divided this room in two; this wall was removed some time ago and two columns were inserted for structural support. The dining and living rooms were opened up into one large living room and the dining room moved east, across the hall. South of the dining room is the kitchen and laundry. Two closed string winder stairways, one off the laundry (on the west wall) and one at the south end of the kitchen, ascend to the second story.

There are narrow hardwood floors and plaster-over-lath walls and ceilings. The dining room has tongue and groove wainscotting. The doors are wooden paneled.

There is a one and a half story sandstone and frame stable on the property, four stalls wide.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW PERIOD

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Built late 18th C. BUILDER/ARCHITECT SPECIFIC DATES 1927 additions

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the long history of Locust Grove III only two families with common ancestors have owned this property. The Dysons and then the Byrds cleared, settled and prospered on this land starting in the late 1700s.

George Dyson bought 150 acres of land called "Resurvey on Non Eaton" (later renamed "Mary") from Daniel Vears (sic) in 1762.1 George left the land equally to his two sons. The 1783 tax records of the county listed both of his sons, Basil and Samuel, as having dwelling houses on their The original four-room section of Locust Grove III was built by lands. Samuel Dyson, but whether it is the same mentioned in the tax records or _a later house is not known.

In 1806 Samuel's sons requested that a Deposition be taken from the witnesses to the earlier partition between Basil and Samuel, evidence that the boundaries were still not clear. The witnesses swore that such a partition had been made and that "...each occupied his share."² A later deed refers to ... "the home farm on which late Samuel Dyson resided." Samuel's sons were John B. Dyson, a bachelor, and Jeremiah Dyson, who married Taphenus Veirs in 1806.

In the next twenty years John and Jeremiah both added considerable acreage to their respective holdings. Some of Jeremiah's land came from the purchase of 214 acres of land from his father-in-law's estate.³ In addition the brothers bought nearby land from the Allnutts ("Thomas' Discovery") and other Veirses ("William & Mary" and "Daniel's Inheritance"). By 1834 John had also succeeded in buying the interest of all the other heirs to Samuel, including two of his sisters who had married and moved to Kentucky. In 1836 John sold all his property to George Byrd, who had married his niece Nancy (called Ann) Dyson, daughter of Jeremiah. John Dyson reserved a life estate in this land which was just across the road from Locust Grove, lying on the east side of the Dawsonville to Seneca Mills Road.⁴ This house is known as the Byrd House and is the site of several of the family graves.⁹

In the meantime "Tasa" Veirs Dyson, widowed in 1833, continued to live at Locust Grove with her unmarried sons, one of whom was Joseph. Joseph taught school and in 1867 deeded one-half acre of the property to the school commissioners, "...for the erection of a school house."⁰ In the 1870's Tasa was in her 80's and probably lived with Ann and George Byrd until her death in 1878. The 1879 Hopkins Atlas shows Locust Grove

ander the tenancy of George Kendall. In 1882 John B. Byrd, the son of George and Ann, bought the interests of most of the other heirs to Locust Grove. He, too, had married a Veirs daughter. He and Sally Veirs had ten children. (Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land and Equity Records. Genealogy and wills of Dysons, Veirs, Allnutts, Byrds. Local histories-Montgomery County Historical Society.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____ 355 acres, both Locust Grove III and Byrd House

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on Sugarland Road and bordering both sides of road, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Dawsonville, Maryland.

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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Candy Reed
Anne W. Cissel	Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION Sugarloaf Regional Trails	July 1979
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Box 87	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Dickerson	Maryland 20753

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Attachment Sheet A

Locust Grove III

Both lands of the Byrds, one purchased from John Dyson and Locust Grove descended from Jeremiah Dyson, were then united under the ownership of John Byrd's sons.

In 1909 Sally, widow of John, conveyed to John B. Byrd, Jr. and Joseph D. Byrd, "...for \$10,750...parts of Thomas' Discovery and Accident (169 acres), parts of William & Mary and Daniel's Inheritance (133 3/4 acres) and parts of Addition to Partnership (59 3/8 acres) and other lands...total of $358\frac{1}{2}$ acres."

John Byrd, Jr. never married, but Joseph D. Byrd married Lillian Brewer in 1917. Although it is probably that some alteration and addition to the original Locust Grove had been done over a period of 120 years, we know that major alterations and additions were done in 1927, most likely by local builder Gordon Strang. These additions are discussed in Farquhar's <u>Historic Homes of Montgomery County</u>, and room dimensions and changes are included in his working notes for the book.

The two properties were conveyed to the sons of Joseph and Lillian Byrd between 1969 and 1971. They are the seventh generation to own this land. At present Joseph Byrd, Jr. resides at Locust Grove III.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., EBP 27/128, (1882).
- 2. Ibid., N/102, (1806).
- 3. Judgment Record BS 2/572, (November 16, 1826).
- 4. Land Records, op. cit., BS 6/297, (1834).
- 5. Photographs of graves in Sween's A History of Dawsonville, p. 41 (Unpublished -- Montgomery County Historical Society).
- 6. Land Records, op. cit., EBP 4/65, (1867).
- 7. Ibid., 203/113, (April 21, 1909).
- 8. These notes are located at the Montgomery County Historical Society. The 1927 addition was the west wing. In his later edition of his book (1962) Mr. Farquhar states that another renovation and modernization, including the kitchen, took place in 1959.

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When the two east bays were added, the doorway was moved to the westernmost of the two additional bays on the north facade. The three central bays were covered by a porch. An el was added behind the wing to the south.

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Locust Grove III

THE handsome white house shown below is located one-half a mile south of Dawsonville on the road to Seneca.

Built before 1800, probably by John Dyson, an early member of a family active in Montgomery County affairs for many generations, the house is of stone construction covered with pebbledash and painted white.

Following John Dyson as owners were Jeremiah Dyson and his brother, John Dyson II. In the third generation of ownership Locust Grove III and two adjoining properties belonged to three Dyson brothers: Samuel (unmarried); Benjamin, who lived on one of the adjoining farms; and Joseph, a school teacher.

Samuel Dyson, bachelor, outlived his two brothers, and inherited the farm. The farm containing about 350 acres, was bought from the Samuel Dyson estate, by John Byrd, in 1860.



NO. 54 E-4 JOHN DYSON PRIOR TO 1800 STONE AND FRAME

Joseph D. Byrd lived most of his life on this property. After his death in 1958, the farm was left to his wife, Lillian Brewer Byrd, great grand-daughter of Dr. William Brewer who built Aix-La-Chapelle, and his two sons, Joseph D. Byrd Jr., and Edward.

Joseph Byrd and Lillian Brewer were married in 1917. Ten years later they added the left wing to the house harmonizing its frame construction with the older structure.

The house is now occupied by Joseph D. Byrd Jr., and his wife, Margaret Rosenberger Byrd. Mrs. Lillian Byrd resides in Rockville but spends her summers there. Edward Byrd and his wife Irma (after their marriage) moved across Sugarland Road to the other Byrd farm. This farm contains 165 acres. Joseph and Edward are in partnership and farm these two farms as one.

In November 1959, Joseph and Margaret were married and the house was remodeled.

Entrance from the front porch on the north is by a large center hall, which was part of the original stone house. To the left of this hall is a large dining room with a fireplace in the wing which was added in 1917. From the dining room is a large pine panelled kitchen with a brick fireplace, a utility room and bath. To the right of the hall is a very large room made from two earlier rooms. There are two white columns where the room was once divided, still giving the effect of two rooms. In both living rooms are finely executed colonial type wood mantels.

On the second floor are four bedrooms, a bath, very large halls and servant quarters.

Locust Grove III is in excellent condition and very modern, although part of it dates back almost to Revolutionary days. It is farmed and farmed well by Joseph and Edward.

Locust Hill

REMUS RIGGS, son of Samuel and Amelia (Dorsey) Riggs was born January 12, 1790 at "Pleasant Hill," Montgomery County, Maryland. He married Catharine Adams on October 14, 1830 in Baltimore. Cathine Adams was born in 1811.

Remus Riggs inherited "Pleasant Hill" farm from his father, Remus. He became a successful farmer and at one time owned 1,000 acres of land in the County. On August 4, 1812, he was commissioned an ensign, and two years later, on June 14, 1814, he became a Captain in



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