ACHS SUMMARY FARM

1. Name: Oatland Farm

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 22/14

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 9 C-18

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(date entered 5-13-80)

1976 Inventory of

Historical Sites

4. Address: 4231 Briars Road, Olney

5. Classification Summary

Category_ Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC building Ownership private Title and Date: Public Acquisition N/A Status Accessible occupied no Present use agriculture, private residence

6. Date: c. 1875

7: original Owner: Washington B. Chichester, Sr

8. Apparent Condition

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10. Significance: Oatland Farm was established by Washington Bowie, a member of a prominent Montgomery County family. Named after George Washington, a family friend, Bowie spent much of his adult life as a successful Georgetown merchant. In 1820 he moved to Montgomery County, purchasing about 2,000 acres. He established his home on part of the family estate, and called it Oatland. At Washington Bowie's death in 1826, the farm was transferred to his son Washington II.

After Washington II's death in 1845, the farm passed to his sister Margaret, who passed it to another sister, Mary Bowie Chichester. Mary's son Washington B. Chichester, Sr. is believed to have built the existing frame house in 1875.

The farm remained in the Chichester family until 1964, when it was conveyed to the present owners.

Pat & Ernie Michael Dwyer 1. Researcher and date researched: Ferrello -9/79 Arch. Description 12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval 15. Acreage: 251 acres

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Oatland Farm was established by Washington Bowie, a member of a prominent County family. Washington was named after General George Washington, a family friend and a sponsor at Washington Bowie's christening. Bowie grew up in Maryland at "Hermitage, the family estate. He later moved to Georgetown where he spent most of his adult life. He became a successful merchant, dealing in the shipping and export business under the firm name of Bowie & Kurtz. In 1810 the Annapolis Gazette reported (Col.) Washington Bowie to be one of the wealthiest and most public spirited citizens of Georgetown.¹ In 1820 Washington Bowie returned to Montgomery County, purchasing about 2,000 acres. He stablished his home on the part of the estate he named Oatland.²

Washington died in 1826 and Oatland was transferred to his son Washington II.³ Washington II never married, and upon his death Oatland passed to his sister Margaret D. Bowie.⁴ At that time Oatland consisted of about 500 acres, and contained a stone house as their residence. Not much is known about the house, and the records are unclear as whether Washington (Sr.) built the house or it was situated on the Oatland property when he purchased it.

Margaret Bowie died intestate and the property was transferred by court order to Mary Bowie Chichester, Margaret's sister.⁵ Mary conveyed it to her son, Washington B. Chichester, Sr. by will.⁶ Chichester is believed to have built the existing frame house in 1875.⁷ He left the farm to his daughters, Margaret Smith and Harriet Chichester.⁸ In the years that followed, the property was repeatedly divided among various heirs and recombined again.⁹ but the essential integrity of the estate was preserved. It did not leave the hands of the Chichester family until July 1964, when Robert and Henrietta Chichester conveyed the property to the present owners, Gordon Chandler Keys and his wife, Janice Oxley Keys.

FOOTNOTES:

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- 3. Ibid., Y/93.
 - /. Deed of Partition, STS 1/312 (October 20, 1845).
- 5. Court Partition Docket, EBP #1.
- 6. Montgomery County Wills, JWS 1/389.
- 7. Farquhar, op. cit., p 241.
- 8. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., 178/32.
- 9. Ibid., 190/225; 218/93; 236/120; 236/122; 822/379; 948/180; 1382/493.

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SUBJECT:

Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Rock Creek Planning Area Resources

I am pleased to transmit to your this <u>August 1984 Preliminary Draft Amendment</u> to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission concerning the unevaluated Rock Creek Planning Area historic resources identified in the County's Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites.

The Preservation Commission recommends the designation of seven (7) sites for protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the County Code. The Commission also recommends the removal of 15 sites listed in the Locational Atlas.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Plan on Tuesday, October 2, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North staff at 495-4565.

PB:MR:dws Attachment

PRELIMINARY DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT TO THE ROCK CREEK MASTER PLAN CHAPTER VIII

F. Historic Sites Master Plan and Ordinance

There are a number and a variety of historic resources in the County. Some are protected from adverse state or federal actions through identification on the <u>Maryland</u> <u>State inventory</u> or the <u>National Register of Historic Places</u>. The County, recognizing the need for additional protection for these sites and for sites of local significance, adopted a functional <u>Mester Plan for Historic Preservation</u> and enacted a Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the County Code in 1979.

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission was created with the enactment of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance and was charged with the responsibility of researching and evaluating historic resources according to criteria specified in the ordinance. The Commission then recommends those worthy of preservation to the Montgomery County Planning Board for inclusion in the <u>Master Plan</u> for <u>Historic Preservation</u> and protection under the ordinance.

Upon receiving a recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission, the Planning Board holds a public hearing to make its determination using the same criteria, considering the purposes of the ordinance, and balancing the importance of the historic resource with other public interests.

II, in balance, the Planning Board finds the historic resource should be designated, it will then recommend a master plan amendment to the Councy Council. The Council may hold a hearing before it acts, if appropriate. Upon approval by the Council and adoption by the Planning Board of the proposed amendment, the historic resource would then become designated on the <u>Master Plan for Historic Preservation</u>, and thus, subject to the protection of the ordinance.

The architectural and historic significance of the Rock Creek Planning Area resources identified on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Memory Geonty, - the County official historic inventory - have been reviewed by the Provervation County as part of this comprehensive amendment.

As a result of their evaluation, the Preservation Commission recommends the Master Plan for Historic Preservation be amended to include the following sites:

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22/1	Borney Soringhouse	Dorsey Road	7880 sc. it.

The modest board and batten springhouse covers the headwaters of Rock Creek, which, next to the Potomac River, has historically been Montgomery County's most important body of water.

- Symbolically important for its place in the agricultural and industrial growth of the county which depended on Rock Creek.
- Environmental setting to be a 50 foot radius around the springhouse.

22/2 Pugh Farm 6411 Dorsey Rd. 1.49

- Pugh Farm ca. 1853, is a fine, relatively unaltered example of Gothic Revival architecture so prevalent in Montgomery County in the 19th century.
- The house retains a number of fine architectural details such as 6 over 6 windows and the patterned tin roof.
- The entire 1.49 acre parcel is the recommended environmental setting.

22/14 Oatland Farm 4231 Brlars Rd. 130 Acres

- Architecturally this ca. 1875 house is an outstanding example of the transitional Greek Revival/Italianate style so popular in the period 1850 1870. It contains many touches of elegance such as the original pedimented portico and the bracketed boxed cornice.
- Associated with the family of Washington Bowie, prominant area merchant of the early 19th century.
- The parcel currently contains 130 acres; the environmental setting when delineated should include the small log house, the stone springhouse, and the Bowle family cemetery.
- 22/25 J.H. Cashell (Grantham) 5867 Muncaster Mill Rd. Farm
 - The earliest section of the frame Cashell Farmhouse, in the American farmhouse style, was built in the mid 19th century by the Hon. Hazel H. Cashell. His son John H. added a turriculated, jerkin-headed Queene Anne block at the end of that century.
 - Important for its association with the Cashell family as well as the high level
 of architecture achieved by the hybrid-style building.

22/30 Barnesley House 15715 Avery Rd. 11.25 Acres

- A good example of a well-maintained 19th century gothic revival farmhouse, ance so ubiquitous in Montgomery County.
- The entire 11.25 acres parcel is the recommended environmental setting.

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The Preservation Commission recommends the Master Plan be amended to include the following sites:

M: 22/1.....Dorsey Springhouse M: 22/2Pugh Farm M: 22/14).....Oatland Farm M: 22/25.....J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm M: 22/30.....Barnesley House M: 22/34.....Eubanks Farm M: 22/35.....Needwood Mansion

The following three sites within the Planning Area have already been designated as part of previous amendments to the Master Plan.

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESER-VATION: ROCK CREEK PLANNING AREA RESOURCES

at 7:30 P.M. Tuesday October 2, 1984 in the Auditorium of the Montgomery County Regional Offices 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

to take testimony on whether or not the following historic resources presently listed in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County should be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

- Dorsey Springhouse #22/1 Dorsey Road (between Rte. 124 & 108)
- 2. Pugh Farm #22/2 6411 Dorsey Road
- 3. Oatland Farm #22/14 4231 Briars Road
- 4. J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm #22/25 5867 Muncaster Mill Road
- 5. Barnesley House #22/30 15715 Avery Road
- 6. Eubanks Farm #22/34 6825 Needwood Road
 - Needwood Mansion #22/35
 6700 Needwood Road
- 8. Carson Farm/Log Smokehouse #22/4 Route 124 - Laytonsville

9. Holland Farm #22/8 19510 Muncaster Road

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- 10. Duley Farm #22/9 19600 Muncaster Road
- 11. Beane Farm Barn #22/10 Route 108 & Muncaster Road
- 12. Elizabeth Darby House #22/11 Olney/Laytonsville Road near Muncaster Mill Road
- 13. Thomas Griffith #22/12 Route 108 & Muncaster Road
- 14. Chichester House #22/13 Olney/Laytonsville Road
- 15. Granby Farm #22/16 Muncaster Road
- H.B. Magruder/Water Farm #22/19 Muncaster Road near Redland Road
- 17. Belt Farm #22/26 Route 115 & Avery Road
- 18. Adamson Farmhouse #22/27
 Route 115 & Avery Road
- 19. Muncaster Mill Ruin #22/28 Muncaster Mill Road & North
 Branch of Rock Creek
 - 20. Pather Cemetery #22/29 Meyers Property off Avery Road
 - 21. Avery #22/31 Southlawn Drive & Avery Road
- 22. Gas House & Watergate Phone Booth #22/32 Route 355 at College Parkway



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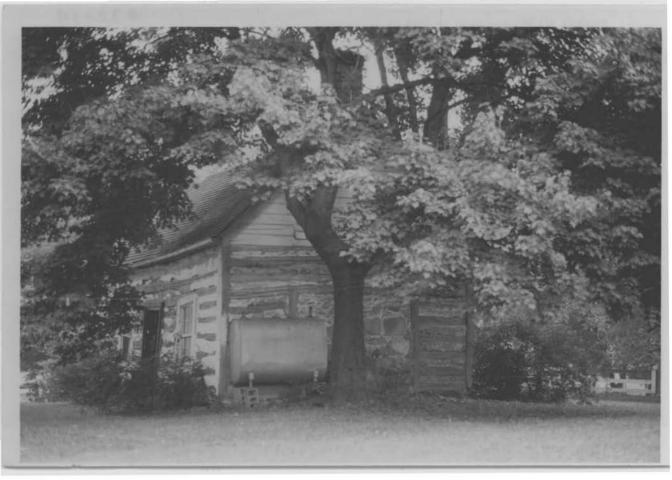
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