

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY

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HEMPSTONE FAMILY CEMETERY
19501 DARNESTOWN ROAD?
BEAUSVILLE

Survey ID 286

Cemetery name Hempstone Family
Charline Manor

Alternate name(s) Manover

Address (or direction from nearest intersection) 19501 Darnestown Rd.

ADC Map Page 16 Grid _____ Town Beausville

Type	Association
<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	<input type="checkbox"/> Free black
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Enslaved
<input type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric

Call Club

Setting Rural Urban Suburban Forested Other _____

Condition Excellent Good Fair Poor

Negative Impacts (vandalism, dumping, neglect, encroachment, etc) _____

Approximate no. of burials _____ Date range of burials _____

Description (markers, materials, arrangement, landscaping, fence, paths and roads, etc.)

Civil War soldiers + INDIAN burial ground.

Surveyor(s) _____ Survey date _____
Photographer _____ Date _____ Photo no. _____

Current owner _____
Address/Phone No. _____

Historic Status Locational Atlas ID _____ National Register
 Master Plan ID 17/2 Other _____

UTM Waypoint (130)

Additional sources of information:

Farguhar mentions Civil War soldiers
buried here
Members Club at Four Streams - locked gate 301-349
2900

Old Homes and History *of* Montgomery County, Maryland

*“ 'Mid pleasures and palaces,
Where 'er we may roam,
Be it ever so humble,
There's no place like home.”*



*“Heritage of the past is the seed that
brings forth the harvest of the future.”*

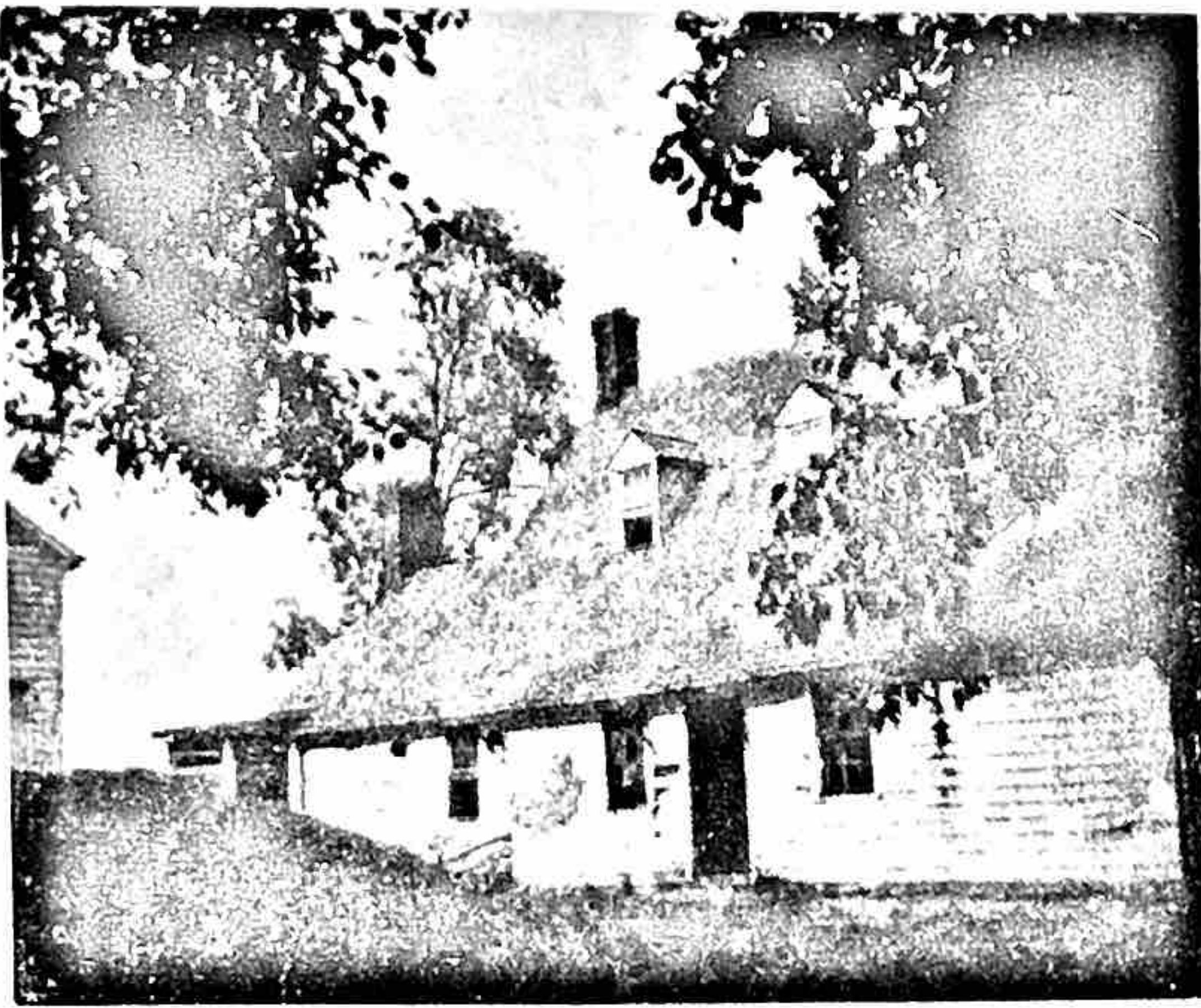
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NO. 13 D-10 JAMES BROOKE 1728
LOGS AND FRAME

In 1891 William and Ann Scofield, who then had lived at Charley Forest for many years, moved to Texas and sold the place which then contained about 100 acres of land to Frank J. Downey for \$7,000. In 1913 there was a reunion on the lawn of over 100 members and descendants of the Brooke family to hear reminiscences and to bid farewell to the old house which was moved to one side and replaced by Downey with a modern brick house.

To Mr. Downey we are indebted for a description of the house which he lived in for years. On the first floor there was a long hall, and on one side was a combined dining and living room; adjoining was an old slave kitchen with a huge fireplace with a crane, and a bake oven was on the right-hand side of the fireplace.

Across the hall on the first floor were three bedrooms. On the second floor there were three bedrooms reached by an outside stairway. Many of the old floorboards were sixteen to eighteen inches wide, and the original floor beams were round oak logs flattened only on top to receive the floor. Water had to be carried in from a well in the yard. Following Frank Downey the home was owned for a few years by Charles W. Ray, and in 1940 it was sold to Donald R. Hobbs, a local farmer and contractor. Mr. Donald Hobbs sold this old place of 126 acres just back of Sandy Spring in 1960, to Maran, Inc.—a syndicate said to be contemplating a golf course. Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs now live in the home next to Dr. Beebe, a local dentist.

It is of interest to students of history to record that James Brooke was born when Queen Anne ruled over England, that George II was king when he received his patents for Brooke Grove, and that he lived through the reigns of Anne, George I, George II, and twenty-four in the reign of George III.

Charline Manor

SINCE the earliest days, the Griffith family has played a prominent part in the history of Montgomery County. In peace and in war the name of Griffith is associated with activities which have advanced this area of Maryland to leadership among the counties of the United States.

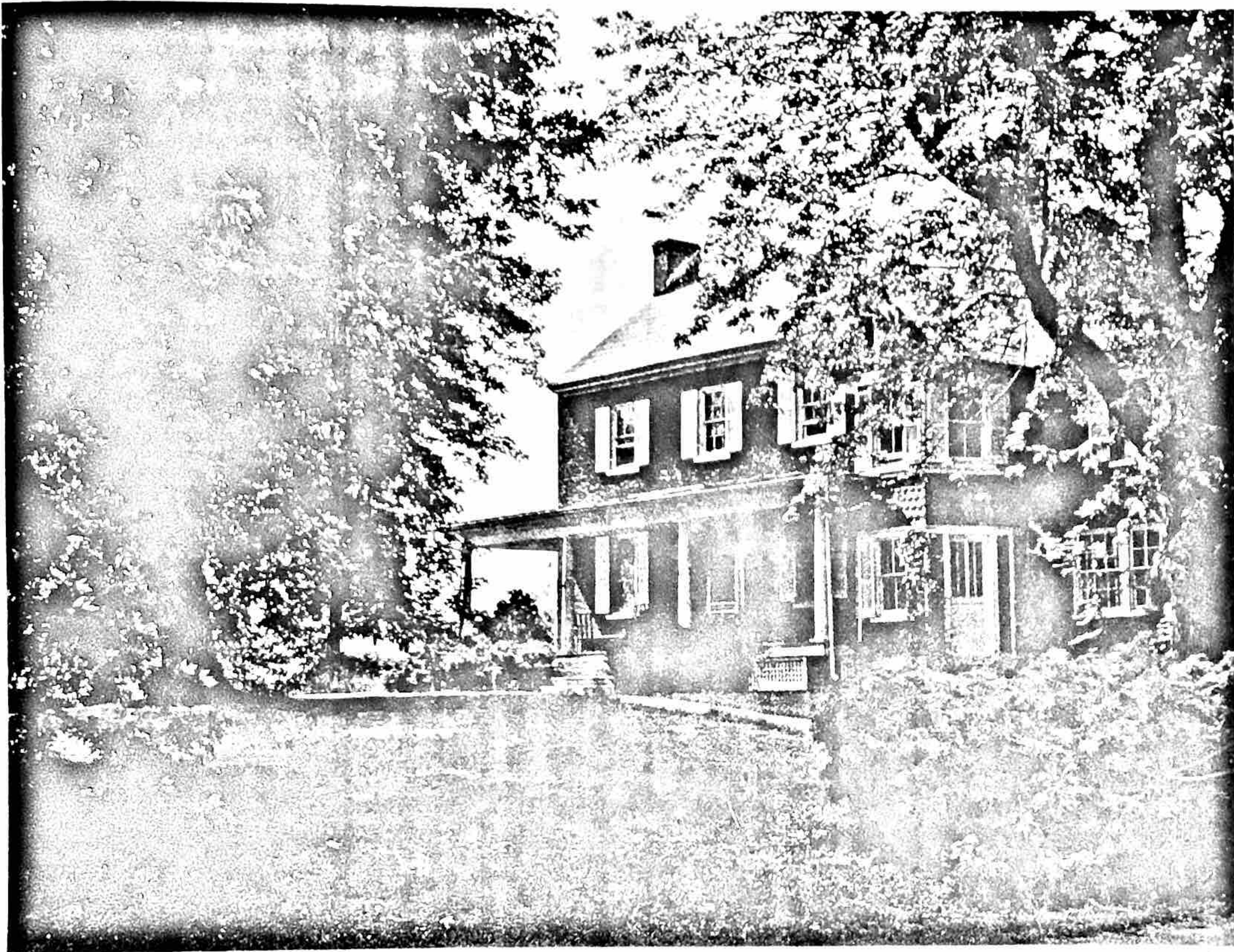
Charline Manor, the family home south of Beallsville, and about thirty miles northwest of Washington, has been owned by the Griffiths for about 150 years. When Charles Greenbury Griffith married Caroline Hempstone and went there to live, they derived the name from the first part of Charles's name and the last part of Caroline's. The original land grant was known as Hanover, dated March 16, 1722, from the

Lord Proprietor of the Province, to Patrick Hepburn, for 1,500 acres. This is one of the earliest grants so far north in the county.

Other early land acquisitions of the family along the Little Seneca were grants to the Hon. Henry Griffith. They were 854 acres in 1761, known as Cow Pasture, 202 acres conveyed by Caleb Griffith to Charles Greenbury Griffith in 1787, and in 1797 Benjamin Griffith sold to Orlando and Charles Greenbury and John Howard Griffith a tract containing 100 acres.

Charles Greenbury Griffith, a son of the Hon. Howard Griffith, was born in 1792 and died in 1864. Part of the estate passed from him to Charles Greenbury Griffith, Jr., and Charles G. Griffith, Jr., married Caroline V. Hempstone.

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NO. 14 D-3 CHARLES G. GRIFFITH CA. 1800 BRICK

In a deed dated July, 1895, the executors of Armistead T. Hempstone sold to Charles G. Griffith, Jr. six lots aggregating about 369 acres for a consideration of \$10,268, all the real estate of which the said Armistead Hempstone died, seized and possessed. It was from parts of Hanover and Resurvey on Hanover and it joins the lines of Woodstock.

In 1932, by a decree of the court, trustees conveyed to Harriet (Griffith) Bastable, for a cash payment of \$550 and a mortgage of \$11,755.05, "all the lands of which the late Charles G. Griffith died, seized and possessed." This deed called for 302 acres. Harriet Bastable was a daughter of Charles G. and Caroline Hempstone Griffith. Her husband was Alvin Bastable, President of the Union Stockyards of Baltimore.

In 1943 Charline Manor passed to the present owners, Charles H. Davis and his wife, Mabel.

This deed dated August 26 conveyed 299 acres, same being parts of Hanover and Resurvey on Hanover, and Resurvey on Disappointment, after deducting a number of lots which had previously been sold off the main tracts by Charles G. Griffith. Charles Davis is a nephew of Mrs. Bastable. After selling the farm Mrs. Bastable moved to Rockville where she died in 1950. The farm is being successfully operated by the Davises as a dairy farm.

Notables of the Griffith name were Greenbury Griffith and Howard Griffith, ancestors of the present owners of the Manor. The former commanded the Alexandria Artillery during the War of 1812, although he was a resident of Montgomery County. The latter, who lived on an adjoining farm, was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1876-1878.

The Manor although so near to the scenes of warfare seemed to have escaped the usual dis-

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turbances of the Civil War. A few soldiers were buried on the place, and some animals were stolen. Indian burial grounds, also, have been located on the property.

The house is of red brick manufactured on the place with the familiar Flemish bond appearing in the front walls. In the main section you enter a large double parlor with fireplaces in each side. In the wing to the right of this, there are a dining room, a kitchen and a pantry.

On the second floor are four bedrooms and a bath. The date of the house and the name of the builder, as usual, is unknown, but it was probably built by the elder Charles Greenbury Griffith sometime after 1800. As he died in 1864, it must have been considerably before the Civil War, and details indicate construction early in the nineteenth century. It had a detached kitchen with a breezeway where the bay window is now located.

Cherry Grove

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