

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Brownstown Historic District Inventory Number: M: 18-29  
 Address: Germantown and Black Rock Roads (MD 118) Historic district:  yes  no  
 City: Germantown Zip Code: 20874 County: Montgomery  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Germantown  
 Property Owner: Various Tax Account ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project: MD 118 Northbound over retaining wall Agency: State Highway Administration  
 Agency Prepared By: State Highway Administration  
 Preparer's Name: Rebecca Crew Date Prepared: 08/06/2007  
 Documentation is presented in: MIHP Form M: 18-29, Locational Atlas & Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County Status of Review (M-NCPPC, 1998), Hopkins 1878 Atlas of Montgomery County  
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
 Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
 Name of the District/Property: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Eligible:  yes  no Listed:  yes  no  
 Site visit by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Brownstown Historic District, located at the intersection of Black Rock Road and Germantown Road (MD 118), was surveyed by the Montgomery County Historic Sites Survey in 1977 and inventoried by the Maryland Historic Trust in 1985, a year after the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission had removed it from its Locational Atlas of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. Brownstown is the location of a late nineteenth-century African-American community, described as located on the Darnestown-Germantown Road (Route 118) and marked on the MIHP form by a large imprecise square on a copy of the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Montgomery County. The capsule summary of the MIHP form states that the only remnant of this community is the Brownstown School House (M: 18-29-1). The Brownstown School House was surveyed in 1974, removed from the Locational Atlas in 1982, and is no longer standing, as determined by the site visit on August 2, 2007. The Francis Asbury United Methodist Church, a congregation of the black community that dates to the late nineteenth century, is located at 17540 Black Rock Road, within the boundaries of the Brownstown Survey District. It was surveyed in 1979 and inventoried as M: 18-29-2, but the existing structure was built in 1959 and does not reflect the era of significance of the Brownstown Survey District. The William Brown House (the home of the man for which Brownstown was named) was surveyed in 1975 and is inventoried as M: 18-29-3; however, it was moved to the Lathrop E. Smith Environmental Center in Rockville in 1979. Three other inventoried properties are located within the area indicated by the SHA-GIS Cultural Resources Database as the Brownstown Historic District:

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

MHT Comments:

*Jim St. James* ✓ 10/9/07  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date  
*Blunt* 10/12/07  
 Reviewer, National Register Program Date

the site of the demolished Snyder-King Barn #2, inventoried as M: 19-24; the Germantown Baptist Church and Cemetery, inventoried as M: 19-25; and the C.T. Leaman House inventoried as M: 19-26. These sites are not known to be related to the African-American community of Brownstown and would not be considered contributing resources. No other structures over fifty years of age were identified along MD 118 as potentially contributing resources to the Brownstown Historic District.

Significance Statement

Although late nineteenth-century African-American communities are significant for their association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A), the Brownstown Historic District is not a significant example of such a community, having no extant structures from the period of significance and thus lacking the integrity of the location of its buildings, their design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association that are the qualities of significance. Research has not found that the Brownstown Historic District is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B), and no structures remain that that embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (Criterion C). The Brownstown Historic District was not evaluated under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G

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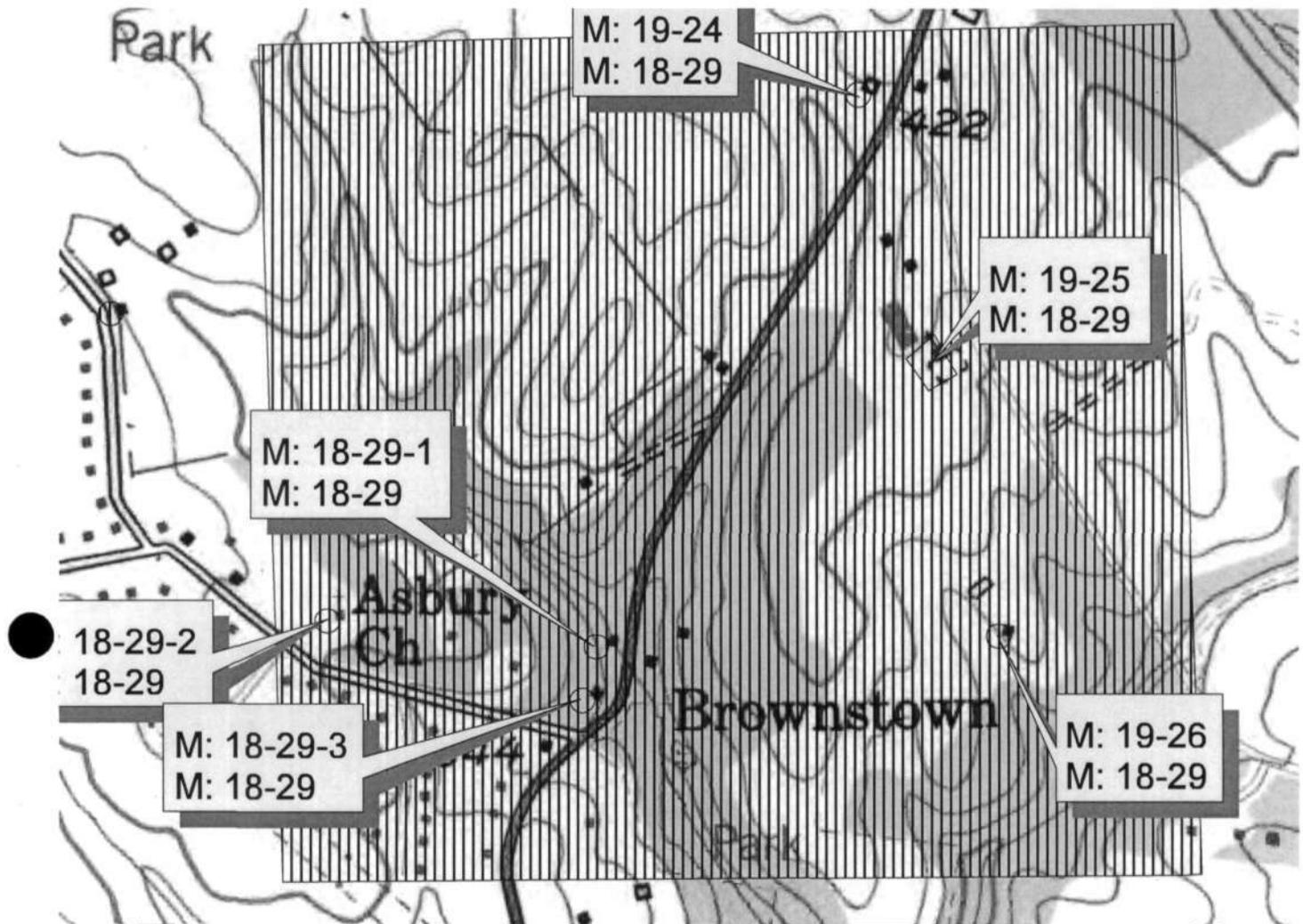
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Date

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Reviewer, National Register Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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0.2 0 0.2 0.4 Miles

Brownstown Historic District, M: 18-29  
Germantown Quadrangle

-  Maryland Inventory of Historic Places
-  National Register of Historic Places
-  Maryland Historical Trust Easements
-  County



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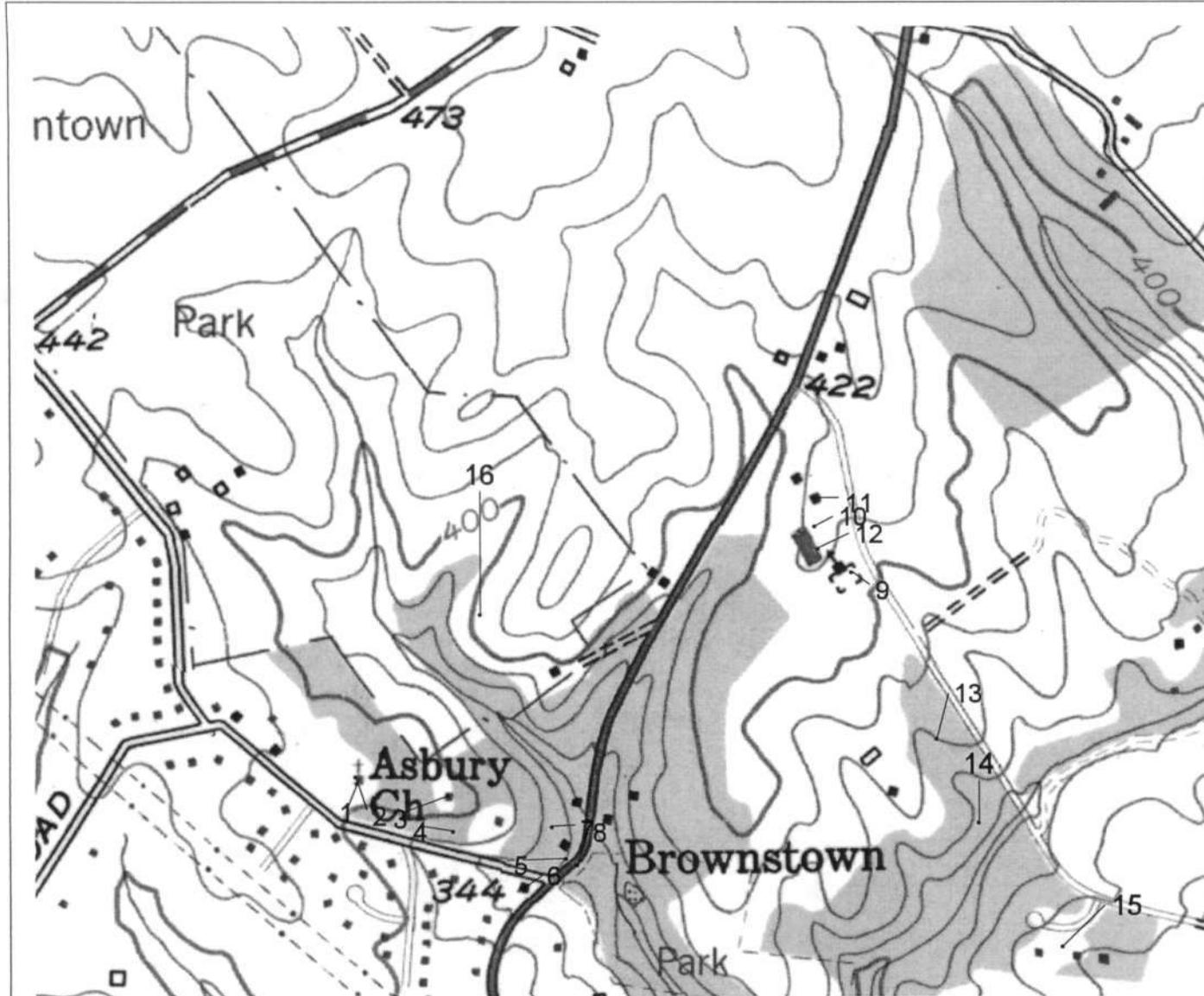
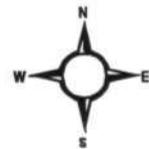


Photo Location Map  
Brownstown Historic District  
M: 18-29



0.3 0 0.3 0.6 Miles



ASSIST. WARD  
METHODIST CHURCH

MHP: M: 18-29-2

Francis Asbury United Methodist Church /  
Brownstown Survey District

Montgomery County MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/2007

MD SHPB

Facing N towards Church

# 1 of 10

006954 26/41 <5R37 11>

25 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



MHP: M: 18-29-2

Francis Asbury unite & Methodist Church  
(Brownstown Historic District)

Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/07

006954 25/41 <5R37 11>

MD SHPD

Facing NW toward Church

# 2 OF 10

24 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



17544 Black Rock Road  
Brownstown Historic District (M:18-29)  
Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crew  
8/14/07  
MD SHPO

006954 24741 <5R37 111

Facing NE towards dwelling  
#3 of 16

23 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



17546 Black Rock Road

Brownstown Historic District (M: 18-29)

Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/2007

MD SAPO

006954 23/41 <5R37 11>

Facing E towards dwelling

# 4 of 16

22 00 00 00 00 08/27/07



Intersection of MD 118 & Black Rock Road  
Brownstown Historic District (M:18-29)  
Montgomery County, MD  
Rebecca Crew

8/14/2007

MD SHPO

Facing NE, towards MD 118 from Black Rock Rd.  
006954 22/41 (SR37 11)

#5 of 16

21 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



17326 Germantown Rd (MD 118)  
Brownstown Historic District (M:18-29)

Montgomery Co., MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/2007

MD SHPO

Facing w toward dwelling

#6 of 16

006954 21441 (SR37 11)

20 08 10 00 00/27/07



Germanstown Pa. (MANCPPC Land)  
Brownstown Historic District (M:18-29)  
Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crow

8/14/07

MD SHPD

Facing W towards former site of M:18-29-3

# 7 of 10

006954 20/41 <5R37 11>

19 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



German town Road (MD 118)  
Brownstown Historic District (M: 18-29)  
Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/2007

MD SAPD

006954 19/41 <5R37 11>

Facing S towards former site of M: 18-29-3

# 8 of 16

18 08 MO Y0 D0 08/27/07



Germantown Baptist Church, 17640 Riffleford Rd.  
Brownstown Historic District (M: 18-29) (M=19-25)  
Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/2007

MD SHPO

Facing NW towards church

#9 of 10

006954 18/41 (5R37 11)

17 08 10 Y0 00 08/27/07

GERMANTOWN  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
1868 — 1953

Germanstown Baptist Church (M:17-25)

Brownstown Historic District (M:18-29)

Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/2007

MD SHPD

Detail of corner stone

006954 17/41 <SR37 11>

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16 C0 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



House on property of Germantown Baptist Church (M:17-25)  
Browns town Historic District (M:18-21)  
Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/2007

MD SHPD

006954 16/41 <5R37 1I>  
Facing NW from church

#11 of 16

15 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



Germantown Baptist Church (M:19-25)

Brownstown Historic District (M:18-29)

Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/07

MD SHPO

Facing SW towards church

# 12 of 16

006954 15/41 (5R37 11)

14 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



Carlson Farm on Riffleford Road (Brownstown Estate)

Brownstown Historic District (M: 18-29)

Montgomery County, MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/07

MD SHPD

006954 14/41 (5R37 11)

Facing SW towards entrance to development

# 13 of 16

13 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



Carlson Farm Estates  
Brownstown Historic District (M:18-27)  
Montgomery County, MD  
Rebecca Crew

8/14/07

MD SHPO

Facing SE towards dwellings from Riffle Ford Rd.

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12 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



Silver C.  
RIDGE ROAD

Entrance to Siever Ct, cul-de-sac  
Brownstown Historic District (M:18-29)  
Montgomery Co., MD

Rebecca Crew

8/14/07

MD SHPO

Facing SW from Riffleford Rd.

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006954 11/41 <SR37 11>

10 C0 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07



Playground at South Germantown Recreational Park  
Brownstown Historic District (M: 18 - 29)  
Montgomery Co., MD

Rebecca Crow

8/14/2007

MD SHPD

Facing SE

# 16 of 16

006954 10/41 <5R37 11>

9 00 M0 Y0 D0 08/27/07

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
SHORT FORM FOR INELIGIBLE PROPERTIES**

Property Name: Structure No. 15431R0 File with District M: 18-29  
 Address: Germantown Road (MD 118)  
 City: Germantown Zip Code: 20874 County: Montgomery  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Germantown  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Map Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project: MD 118 Northbound over retaining wall Agency: State Highway Administration  
 Agency Prepared By: State Highway Administration  
 Preparer's Name: Rebecca Crew Date Prepared: 08/06/2007  
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility not recommended  
*Complete if the property is a non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
 Name of the District/Property: Brownstown Historic District  
 Inventory Number: M: 18-29 Eligible:  yes Listed:  yes

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Structure 15431R0 is an approximately 72-foot long retaining wall running along the northbound side of Germantown Road (MD 118), at a below-ground level, so it is not visible from the road. It is immediately north of the intersection of Black Rock Road and adjacent to Structure 15068X0, a corrugated metal pipe of unknown construction date running under Germantown Road to emerge at the southern end of the retaining wall. The southern end of Structure 15431R0 projects east approximately four feet and then turns north and runs approximately four feet, making a reserved J-shape in plan. A culvert that runs parallel to MD 118 from a storm drain opposite the intersection of Blackrock Road emerges from the ground at the south end of Structure 15431R0. The height of the wall is approximately 6 feet, and it forms a narrow crevice due to the steep upwards slope of the ground to the east. The ground between the retaining wall and the slope has been paved flat with blacktop.

The retaining wall is a cement rubble wall of unknown construction date. It is located below MD 118 (Germantown Road), which according to the Germantown Historical Society, was built by local farmers in the nineteenth century to connect the Neelsville and Darnestown Presbyterian Churches, which were served by the same minister. The road appears on the 1878 Hopkins Atlas of Montgomery County, and was likely improved in 1931, when Bridge No. 150200 carrying MD 118 over Great Seneca Creek was constructed. A corresponding date of the retaining wall is suggested by the combination of the corrugated metal pipe (a form that was invented in 1896 and had become commonly used by the Maryland Roads Commission in the 1930s and continues today) and cement rubble masonry. As-built plans from 1936 of a masonry flood wall on Frostburg-Westernport Road at Lonaconing (Structure No. 01022R0, carrying MD 036 NBR) show a section of a cement rubble masonry retaining wall that resembles Structure 15431R0, including 3-inch wide cast iron weep hole pipes set at a downward slope to project three inches from the front face of the wall, such as those at Structure No. 15431R0. A similar date would be appropriate for Structure No. 15431R0.

Significance Statement

Structure No. 15431R0 retains integrity of location, setting, feeling and association, but lacks integrity of design, materials, and workmanship, due to the addition of the blacktop along the bottom of the ditch. Research has not shown Structure No. 15431R0 to be associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the retaining wall is somewhat unusual, it is not distinctive of a certain type,

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Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

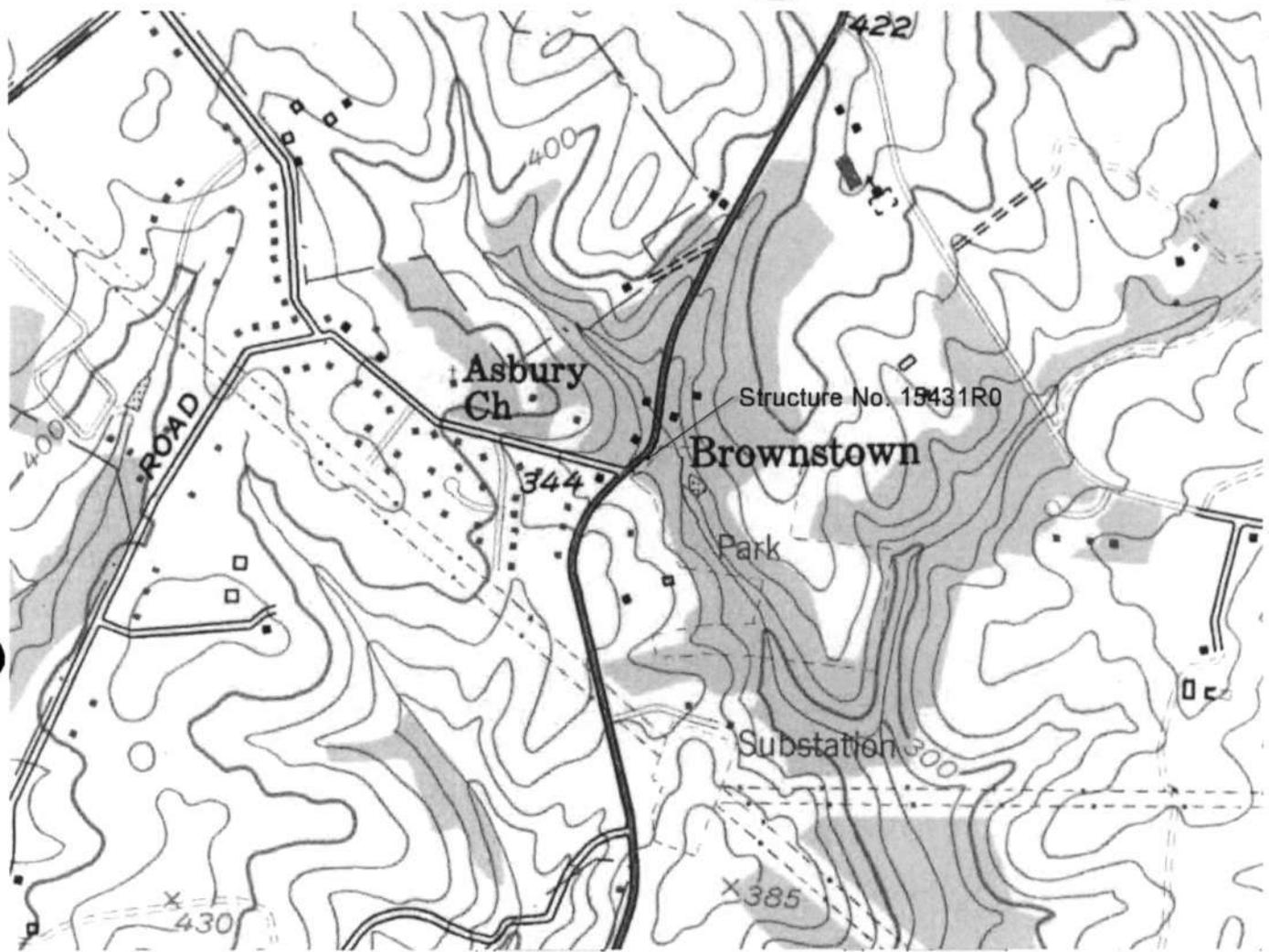
MHT Comments:

<u>Jim Sullivan ✓</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>10/09/07</u> Date
<u>N/A</u> Reviewer, National Register Program	_____ Date

period, or method of construction, and does not represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (Criterion C). Structure No. 15431R0 was not evaluated under Criterion D.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended _____
MHT Comments:	
_____	_____
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
_____	_____
Reviewer, National Register Program	Date

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Structure No. 15431R0 (Retaining Wall)  
Northbound MD 118 at Black Rock Road  
Germantown, MD  
Germantown Quad



M:18-29



Facing south along Structure No. 15431R0



Detail of north end of Structure No. 15431R0.

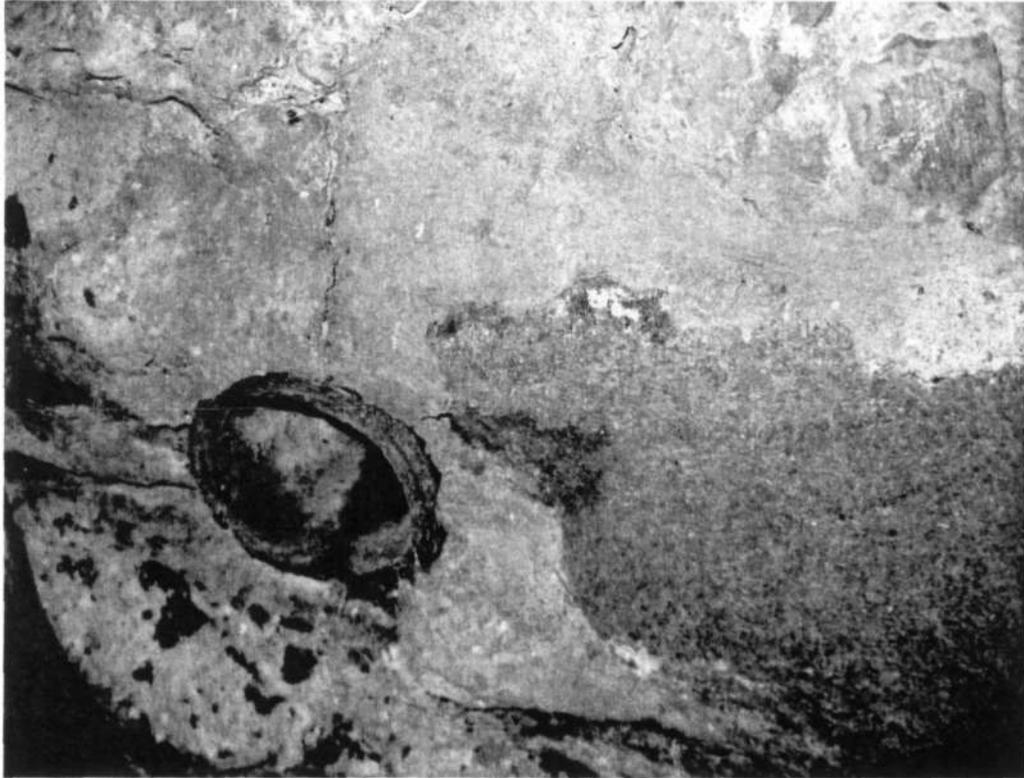


Detail of CMU-block along top of Structure No. 15431R0.



View facing south towards Structure No. 15431R0, showing blacktop located adjacent to Structure No. 15431R0 and gravel rubble.

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Detail of metal weep hole pipe, possibly cast iron.

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View facing south along Structure No. 15431R0.

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View from top of Structure No. 15431R0.



View of the south end of Structure No. 15431, showing the east end of the corrugated metal pipe known as Structure No. 15068X0 (at bottom of photo) and the north end of the pipe that runs parallel to MD 118 (at right of photo).

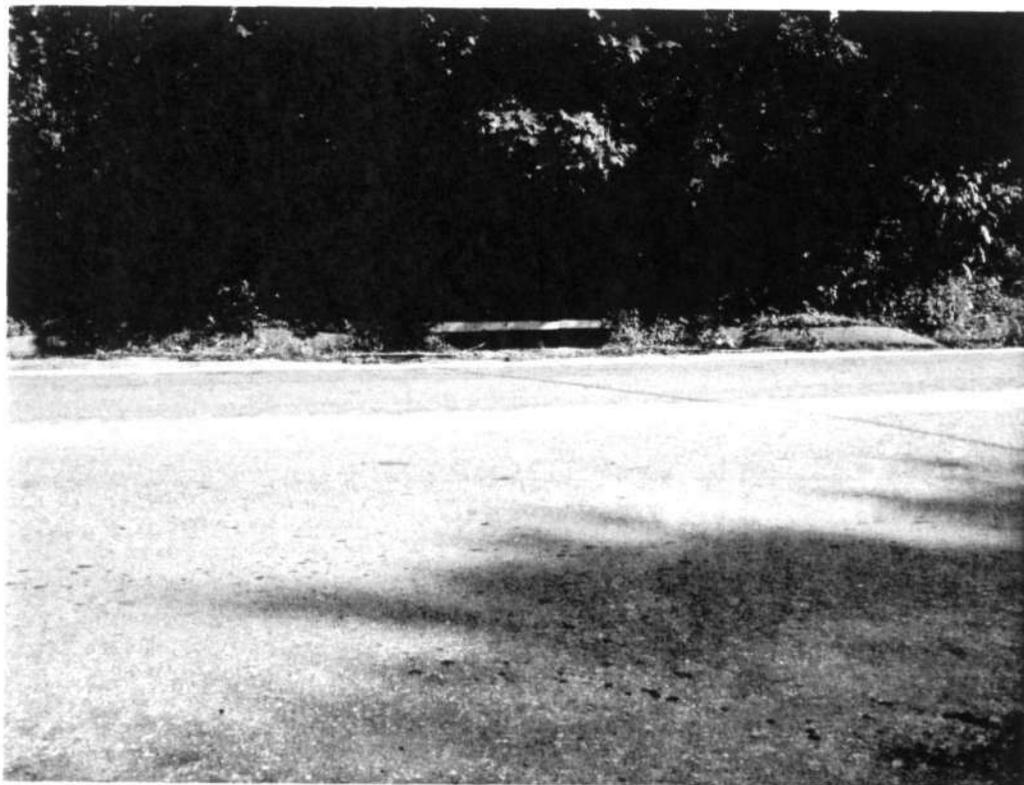


View facing north on MD 118 from Structure No. 15431R0.

M-18-29

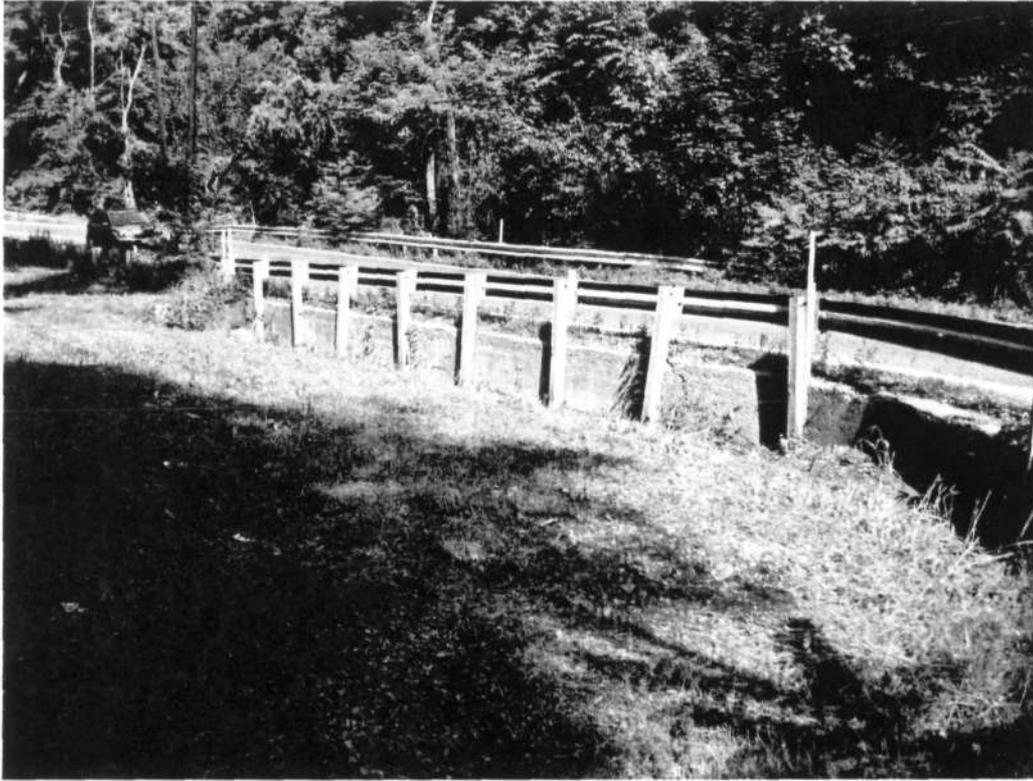


View facing north on MD 118 from Structure No. 15431R0.



View facing the storm drain along the east side of MD 118 at the intersection of Black Rock Road.

M:18-29



View facing east towards Structure No. 15431R0, but it is not visible because it is below grade. No work is planned for the retaining wall shown in the photo.

Capsule Summary

Brownstown Historic District (Montgomery County #18/29)

Route 118, near Germantown

Germantown, Maryland

Public

The Brownstown Historic District was the site of a 19th century community of freed slaves. It was named for an early settler, William Brown, and at one time had its own school and church.

The only remnant of the community is the small abandoned frame schoolhouse.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Brownstown Historic District (18/29)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Darnestown-Germantown Road (Rte. 118)

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

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

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER: Vacant  
(Abandoned)

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Montgomery County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1977

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

M-NCPPC

Needwood Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Rockville, Md.

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

M:18-29

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Late</u> 1880's

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

In the late 19th century there was a small community of blacks living on the Darnestown-Germantown Road (Route 118), not far from Old Germantown. Named Brownstown after one William Brown, who lived in a log cabin in the area, the community had a schoolhouse and a church by 1878. The first church services for members of the community were held in William Brown's cabin, built of logs on ten acres of land which he purchased in 1868.

In the 1970's, the Brownstown Historic District was placed on the Montgomery County Atlas of Historic Sites as a potential historic district, subject to additional research and presentation to the Historic District Commission for review.

In reviewing the proposed district, the Commission found that the area lacked a sufficient concentration of historic resources to warrant designation. The house belonging to William Brown was dismantled and moved to the Lathrop Smith Outdoor Education Center in 1979, for use in a "Pioneer Homestead" program. The building is now the property of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Brownstown Schoolhouse, which still stands on Route 118, is abandoned and in poor condition. The building has been evaluated for placement on the Master Plan by the Historic Preservation Commission and rejected. Nearby, on Black Rock Road, is a black church which dates from 1959; but it is on the site which has been used for a church by the black community since the late 1800's.

The Commission voted to delete the Brownstown Historic District from the Atlas at their meeting in October, 1984.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:18-29

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		x Black History

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Lois Snyderman

February 14, 1985

ORGANIZATION

8804 Spring Valley Rd.

DATE

(301) 654-6423

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Chevy Chase,

Md.

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

To: Montgomery County Historic Preservation Community  
From: Lois Snyderman, Research Assistant  
Subject: Proposed Historic District, Brownstown (18/29)  
Date: October 29, 1984

It is my recommendation that the proposed Brownstone Historic District be deleted from the Atlas of Historic Sites because of insufficient historic resources. The house which belonged to William Brown, for whom the 19th century community which existed in this area (a black community) was named, was moved to the Lathrop Smith Outdoor Education Center in 1979. Located on Muncaster Mill Road, Norbeck, Maryland, it is used for educational purposes as part of the "Pioneer Homestead" program. The property is now owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The Brownstown School House, which is still standing on Route 118, in very poor condition and abandoned, has already been evaluated for placement on the Montgomery County Master Plan and rejected.

Because of this area's history as a black settlement, some type of historic marker might be considered.



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 9, 1988

ACTION TAKEN

APPENDIX A

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and were found not to merit designation on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If not included in the Master Plan, these resources may be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. If removed from the Locational Atlas, the site will no longer be governed by the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The sites will, however, remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

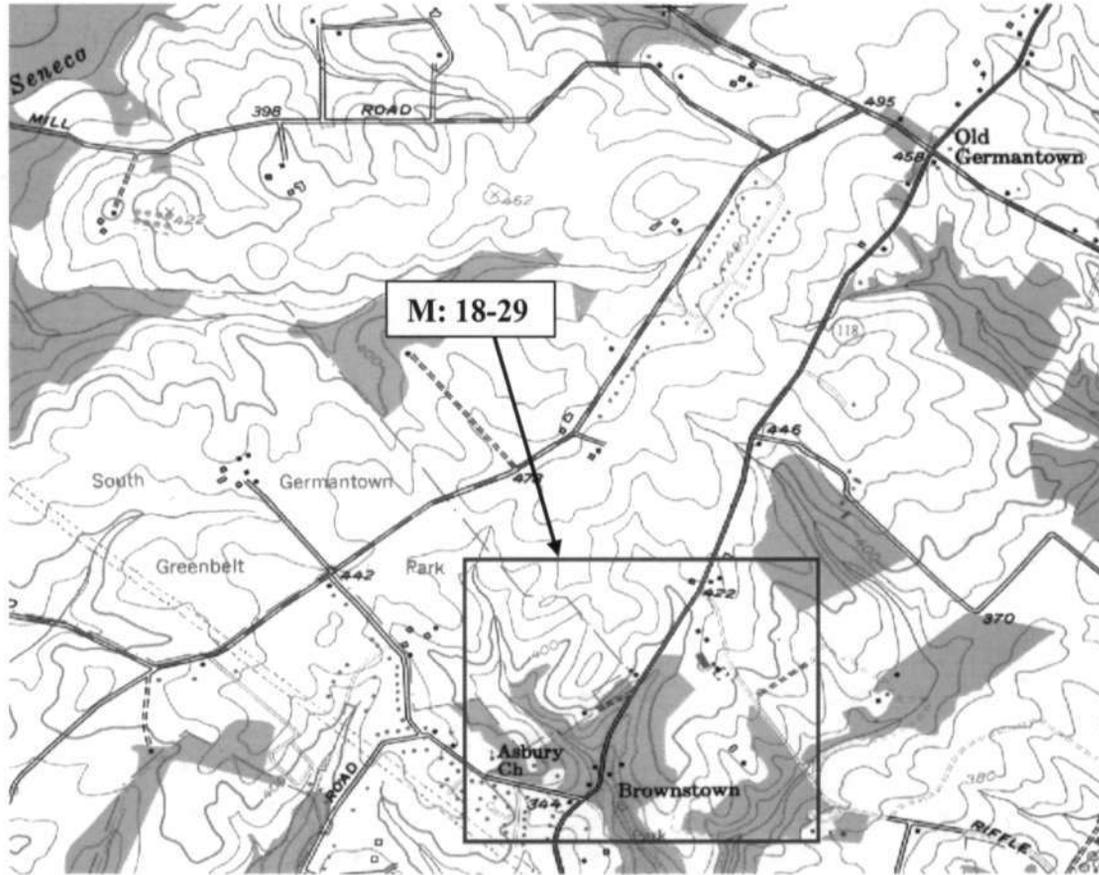
The following sites were found by the Preservation Commission to be too greatly altered from the period of their architectural or historical significance or not to meet Ordinance criteria for designation.

18/29

Brownstown Historic  
District

Black Rock Rd. & Rt. 118  
Germantown, MD

M: 18-29  
Brownstown Survey District  
Germantown Road (MD 118)  
Germantown Quadrangle



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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Brownstown School House				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: Rte. 118				
CITY OR TOWN: Germantown				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>Abandoned</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed (Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site (Check One)
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The building is a one story, end gable, frame structure. The doorway in the east facade has a transom light. The south side wall has a central door and flanking windows. At the west end is an internal chimney. The siding is weather-board.</p>	

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |   |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for Major Bibliographical References.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

Blank area for Acreage Justification.

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 22 May 74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated 5/13/82

ACTION TAKEN

Planning Board voted unanimously to confirm the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation not to place the 24 sites on the Master Plan and not to keep them on the Locational Atlas.