MONTGOMERY COUNTY CEMETERY INVENTORY
Survey ID 254
Alternate name(s) Datland
Address (or direction from nearest intersection) 18621 Olney Millich
ADC Map Page 2/ Grid A-5 Town Olympia
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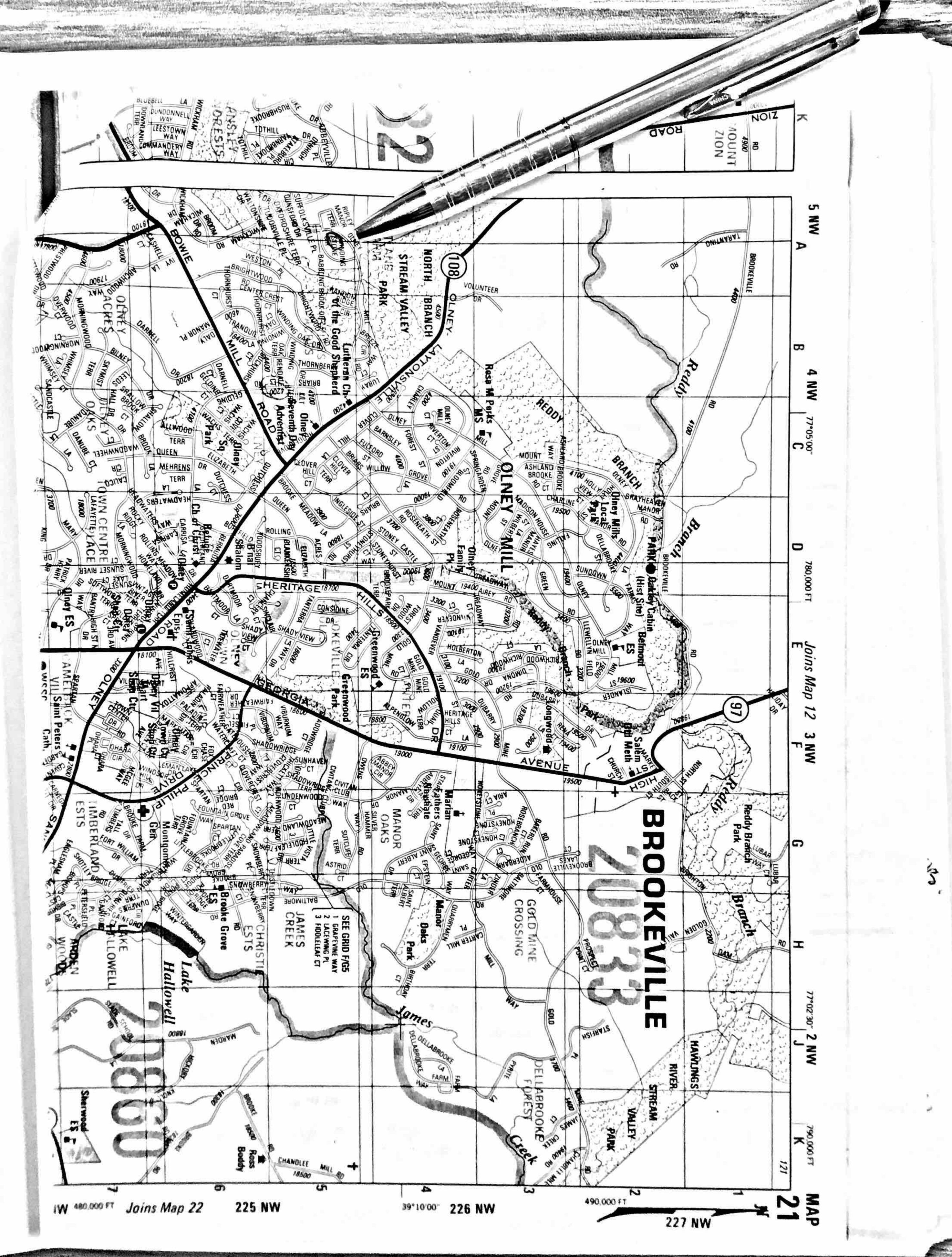
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he bought the farm and in 1961 Mrs. Josiah J. Hutton Sr., (Elizabeth L. Miller Hutton) at age, 86 years, seems as vigorous and alert as she was ten years ago, when she was mentioned in my FIRST EDITION.

Her vigor is no doubt largely due to her great interest in painting, both water color and in oil, spending several hours some days with her easel and brush. The walls of the house upstairs and down are covered with framed paintings of her handiwork—a remarkable exhibition—and of a great variety of subjects, from landscapes to portraits—to animals. Josiah, Jr., operates the second. There are ten bedrooms and a bath or farm with great success. He was born in 1902, the second floor.

and married Matilda Pomeroy Worthington of Howard County.

In the hall there are doors of six panels, door latches, hardware, wide pine floors and trim indicative of the Revolutionary period. To the left of the hall is a parlor, and to the right a dining room; both have fireplaces and old wood mantels. Behind the kitchen there was a breeze way to a detached kitchen, a part of which stil remains. Handmade nails and hand-rived lath are to be observed. The right-hand extension has one room on the first floor and two on the

# Oatland

ASHINGTON BOWIE I, son of Allen Bowie, Jr. and Ruth Cramphin Bowie, was born at Hermitage (the original Bowie homestead) in Montgomery County in August, 1776. By 1810 he had become successful and wealthy in business, and was well known as the "Merchant Prince" of Georgetown. He was builder in 1805 of the magnificent Bowie Mansion in Georgetown, across Que Street from Tudor Place. By tradition he was called a godson of General Washington for whom he was named.

When he lost a large fortune, including his home, acquired in the shipping business at the time of the War of 1812 with Great Britain, he aspired to a less strenuous life. He married in 1799, a widow, Mrs. Thomas Johns Chew, whose maiden name was Margaret Crabb Johns, and retired to Oatland.

To prove the tradition that Washington Bowie was really a shipping magnate over 145 years ago, we find that he was part owner, with one or two other merchants, of the following ships,—

Presage, built 1808, burden 155 tons, Atalanta, built 1809, burden 380 tons, Villorious built 1812, burden 169 tons, General Lingan, built 1812, burden 363 tons, James Munroe, built 1815, burden 127 tons.1

He was able to pay off all his debts. In addition to some other lands, he bought 2,000 acres of about the best land in the County. Settling



WASHINGTON B. CHICHESTER NO. 81 FRAME

himself at Oatland near Olney, he lived in a stone house already on the property. Not much is known of this original house except that it was pronounced far more attractive than the frame house shown above (from a photograph taken about 1952). This house was built about 1875 by Washington B. Chichester, Sr.

Washington Bowie I, established one son. Thomas Johns Bowie, at Roseneath, and Oatland went to another son, Washington Bowie II. The latter never married, so Oatland was passed to his sister Margaret, who in turn left the place which then contained 500 acres to her nephew Washington Bowie Chichester, Sr. Washington Bowie I died in 1826, and his widow in 1840.

<sup>1</sup> Records Columbia Historical Society, Vol. II, pg. 196-201 "Taggart's Georgetown."

Both are buried in the family plot at Oatland. A daughter of Washington Bowie I, Mary, born 1802, married George Mason Chichester of Leesburg, Virginia, in October, 1824. It was a son of this union, Washington Bowie Chichester, Sr., to whom Aunt Margaret left Oatland after her death.

Washington Chichester, Sr., was born in Leesburg, Virginia, in 1828, and came to live at Oatland as a boy with his Aunt Margaret and Uncle Washington II. He attended school at Rockville Academy, studied law under his "patron saint," the beloved Uncle Judge Richard J. Bowie, and was admitted to the bar in 1849.

His wife, Lydia Brown, was a daughter of Amos Brown and Sarah Ridgely Griffith Brown, They born at Elton, a lovely old stone manor house in the upper part of the County near the Patuxent "W River. They were married in 1854. Amos Brown athlete was from a Philadelphia family.

Oatland, during the days of Washington Chichester, Sr. and his popular wife was a center of hospitality. They were very much beloved in the Olney neighborhood, entertained many neighborhood organizations. Their hospitality extended far and wide. He is described as having possessed rare social graces, a handsome face, courteous manners, and the strictest integrity. He died in 1902; his wife in 1888.

Their home was made gay by the presence of four charming daughters who were most popular belies in the neighborhood. Margaret, the oldest, married Warrington G. Smith in 1890, and was the last to live in the old home, spending her summers there for some years after the death of her husband. Another daughter, Lydia, described as having "a beautiful presence, unusual personal attractions, and loveliness of character to marked degree," married William S. Muir, and went to Philadelphia to live in 1894; her remains were returned to St. Johns Cemetery, Olney, in 1908.

Following Mrs. Muir to Philadelphia about 1895 was her youngest sister, Mary Richard Chichester, who became one of the popular young ladies in the exclusive social circles of that City. Soon afterward she was married to A. Felix Du Pont, who later became a director of the Du Pont's gigantic industrial empire. There was one other Chichester sister, Miss Harriet, who died about ten years ago.

The only son of Washington and Lydia Brown Chichester was Washington Bowie Chichester,

Jr., a popular young man in the County. A fine athlete and a good farmer, he was known throughout the state for the number of raccoons his hounds could catch each fall. One night in October, 1904, they treed three in one tree at the same time and killed them all. (The author witnessed this feat.) Washington Junior attended St. John's College, and was in the State House of Delegates for one term. In 1891 he married Eliza M. Hallowell of Rockland, in a ceremony at St. John's Church in Olney. This was followed by a reception at the bride's home. Washington Junior was given about 200 acres of land from the Oatland estate, upon which he built a modern house he named "Springland." They raised a family of three boys and three

"Wash" Chichester, Jr., was one of the star athletes in the County among the many boys who had been to colleges. The Moore boys of Norwood, the Brooke boys of Drumeldra, and Guion Miller of Stanmore, had all been stars at Swarthmore. "Wash" was one of the fastest one-hundred-yard-dash men in the Maryland-Washington area. Sam King of the King's Department Store, Washington, was his strong rival, however. At meets of the Columbia Athletic Club on Analostan Island, now Roosevelt Island, or at the Rockville Fair, "Wash" and Sam would battle for the speed crown to the cheers of their respective partisans. The decision as to who was the final winner was a tossup. "Wash" Chichester at informal parties around the neighborhood frequently sang the following song at a very rapid rate, throwing his powerful voice into the verses with much vim, which we quote in full in order that such a gem may be preserved:

### HUCKLEBERRY PICNIC

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I looked down de river 'bout de break ob day,
Saw a great commotion 'bout a mile away,
De animals from de fields an de forest had come,
And dey all collected to have a little fun,—
De badger and de bear, de fox and de hare,
De possum and de coon, de otter and baboon
De hyena and de kangaroo, de wolf and de weasel too,
De monkey and de owl set up such a howl.

CHORUS, Come!!!! jine de huckleberry pienie It's gwine take place today. I'se on de committee to invite you. An' I ain't got long to stay. 254 HEAL LANGE LANGE WITH SED

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First thing dey did, jumped clean off de ground,
And de animals paired for a grand walk-around,
De buffalo and de bull caught partners for de dance,
An you just oughter seen dem varmints prance,—
De badger and de bear dey jumped Jim Crow,
De fox and de hare dey danced de heel an toe,
De possum and de coon dey danced de Highland
Fling,

De otter and baboon dey eut de pigeon wing.

De camel and de horse, went right han' cross,

De jinny and de jack came left-hand back,

Looked kinder strange, in de grand change,

To see de nanny goat swap places with de shoat,

Dey tried de grand-chain over an again,—

An a cussed little pup come and mixed 'em all up,

Dere liked to been a fight,—when de ladies to de right,

De hyena bawl, and de cat began to call,—

PROMENADE ALL,—AND,—COME Chorus: repeat.

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Nex thing dey did de table was set,

Each one tried to eat all he could get,

My friends it surely was a treat

To stand and watch dem varmints eat,!!!!

De badger and de bear took soup-consomme,

De fox and de hare took chickens fore der day,

De possum and de coon, took simmons arter frost,

De otter and baboon took fish wid cream sauce,

De pig he died eatin' canter-melon rine,

De goat got drunk off'n huckleberry wine,

De mink had cramps, and de ground-hog died,

An dey all was chuck full, when de hyena cried,—

Chorus:

Author Unknown

Mary Chichester du Pont, who married J. Dudley Clarke of Boston, in April, 1951, who

is the last of the immediate Oatland family living in 1961, purchased some outstanding interests in the farm after the death of her sister Margaret Smith, and became sole owner of the old homestead. About 1940 she had the gratification of modernizing the house of her birth which had for some years been unoccupied and in need of repairs. She was the only one of the five children born in the frame house shown.

Mrs. Clarke replaced the half-mile driveway from the public road to the house, installed modern plumbing and heating, and decorated the interior with taste, putting the property in excellent condition throughout. She then deeded that part of the old plantation which had been in her family for 120 years to her nieces and nephews, the children of her brother, Washington Bowie Chichester, Jr. In 1950 Robert H. Chichester, and his wife Henrietta Riggs Chichester bought out the other part-owners and are now sole owners of the farm. Samuel Riggs IV, brother of Mrs. Chichester, also resides at Oatland.

The Bowie family burial plot at Oatland, which has a massive stone wall around it, contains many markers in memory of members of the family. There are, shading the graves, three huge box bushes which must be at least 135 years old. If planted when Washington Bowie was buried, they would be just that age.

The house shown in the photograph has a parlor, library, den, dining room, and kitchen on the first floor; four bedrooms and two baths are on the second floor, and one bedroom and bath on the third floor.

# Olney

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HIS serene old homestead has been a familiar landmark in the village of Olney for a century and a half. Set in a parklike lawn, surrounded by gigantic trees of a dozen varieties, it seems to mellow with the passing years while all around are growth and change.

This was the home of the Farquhar family for one hundred years, with the exception of

one eight-year period when it was owned by relatives. It came into their possession through marriage with the Brooke family. Similar unions occurred, in a number of other cases, through which the vast lands of the Brookes were ultimately devised to daughters, who passed them on to their progeny.

Allen was the first Farquhar to come from Ireland to Pennsylvania in 1721. They were a

1. Name: Oatland Farm

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 22/14

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 9

4. Address: 4231 Briars Road, Olney

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status occupied

Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Title and Date:

1976 Inventory o
Historical Sites

Accessible no Present use agriculture, private residence

6. Date: c. 1875

7: original Owner: Washington B. Chichest

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

- 9. Description: The house is a frame structure that replaced the second of two successive earlier stone houses that were torn down. It is a two st frame structure with a three bay main (east) facade. The double doorway with a transom light, is under a pedimented porch. The windows are six-six double-hung sash. The boxed cornice is bracketed, with the brackets running up the sides of the gable end. On the south end is a small sola with bracketed cornice. To the west is a lower, two story integral ell a chimney on the west end. West of the house is a log cabin with a three bay facade with central doorway. It has a large internal stone fireplace on the east end. East of the house is a stone springhouse with a project gable covering the wooden stairs. The house has a porch, library, den, dining room and kitchen on the first floor, four bedrooms and bath on the second floor and one bedroom and bath on the third floor. The Bowie fam cemetery is west of the house.
- 10. Significance: Oatland Farm was established by Washington Bowie, a membe of a prominent Montgomery County family. Named after George Washington, family friend, Bowie spent much of his adult life as a successful George town 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 Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 251 acres

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# INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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STATE	Maryland		Montgomery	
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\_COMMERCE

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\_EDUCATION \_ENGINEERING \_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT

\_ECONOMICS

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\_PREHISTORIC

c. 1875

\_\_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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perty when he purchased it.

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

## FOOTHOTES:

- 1. Farquhar, Roger B., Historic Montgomery County, Md. Old Homes an History, pp 241-2.
- 2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., V/203
- 3. Ibid., Y/93.
- 4. 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.

3. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., 178/32.

2. Ibid., 190/225; 218/93; 236/120; 236/122; 822/379; 948/180; 1302

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