

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:23-71
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Far View

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 23/71 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 9
K-11

4. Address: 21450 New Hampshire Avenue, Brookeville

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>County</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>agriculture, private residence</u>		

6. Date: c. 1800

7. Original Owner: Basil and John Griffith

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This six bay by one bay, two-and-a-half story house is located at the end of a tree-lined drive, facing west. Constructed of uncoursed rubblestone, the house was built in north and south three bay sections. The north section has corner quoins. There are nine-over-six double-hung windows at the second level. The house has a gable roof. The north section has black asbestos shingles, the south section has black raised seam metal covering. The north interior end chimney is stone, the south interior end chimney is brick.

East of this house is a two bay by one bay, two story stone house. It has a north board and batten door and six-over-six double-hung windows. The gable roof has black asbestos shingles. There are two other outbuildings, both barns, built of fieldstone. The stone barn has the date "1836", engraved in the stone.

10. Significance: Far View is an example of a late 18th century stone farmhouse. Its plain solid appearance and beautiful view make it an attractive and significant house. A cellar under the house includes a solid room reportedly used for confinement of unruly slaves.

The land was originally surveyed as "Gartrell's Adventure". Basil Griffith married a Gartrell, and inherited the property. Reputedly the house was built before 1800 for Basil Griffith by the Gaither Builders. Basil and John Griffith owned the place until 1889 when John Griffith died, and ownership passed to his grandson, James T. Holland. He owned the farm from 1889-1898 when he sold it to Frances Marian Brown. She left the place to her son, James H. Brown and his wife, who was a descendant of the Gartrell family. In 1946 the house was sold to William P. Bundy who sold it to the present owner in 1970.

1. Researcher and date researched: Ina Hanel-5/79 Candy Reed
Arch. Description12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 48 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Far View

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 21450 New Hampshire Avenue 8

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Brookeville

— VICINITY OF

Montgomery

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME John A. Seitz

Telephone #: 924-2132

STREET & NUMBER 21450 New Hampshire Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Brookeville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 20729

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 5140
Folio #: 27

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M:2371

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This six bay by one bay, two and a half story house is located at the end of a dirt access road, facing west.

Built on fieldstone foundations of uncoursed rubble stone, the house has two distinct north and south sections of three bays each. The north section has corner quoins. There is a one story frame lean-to addition on the east elevation. The west gabled porch is supported by two corner columns. The west door is glass and wooden paneled.

There are nine-over-six double-hung windows on the first level and six-over-six double-hung windows at the second level. The south section has longer stone lintels than the north. There are two small four light windows in the north and south gable ends.

The house has a gable roof. The north section has black asbestos covering while the south has black raised seam metal covering. The south interior end chimney is brick and the north interior end chimney is stone. A former owner covered the stone house completely with cement, which the present owner has removed on the south and east elevations.

East of this house is a two bay by one bay, two story stone house. It has a north board and batten door and six-over-six double-hung windows. The gable roof has black asbestos shingles. There are two other outbuildings, both barns, built of fieldstone. The stone barn has the date, "1836," engraved in the stone.

(See Attached drawings.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

M: 23-71

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	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1800 - (house)
1836 - (barn) BUILDER/ARCHITECT Gaither

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Far View is an example of a late 18th century farmhouse in eastern Montgomery County. Its plain solid appearance and beautiful view make it an attractive and significant house.

This house was built of stone, sited on a hill, and reached by a tree-lined private drive nearly a half mile long. The date 1836 is cut into the gable end of the barn. It has a very small front entrance door, about five feet high. A cellar under the house includes a solid room reportedly used as a jail for unruly slaves.

The land was originally surveyed as "Gartrell's Adventure." Basil Griffith married a Gartrell, and inherited the property. Reputedly the house was built before 1800 for Basil Griffith by the Gaither builders.¹ Basil and John Griffith owned the place until 1889 when John Griffith died, and ownership passed to his grandson, James T. Holland.² He owned the farm from 1889-1898 when he sold it to Frances Marian Brown.³ She left the place to her son, James H. Brown and his wife, who was a descendant of the Gartrell family.⁴ In 1946 the house was sold to William P. Bundy⁵ who sold it to the present owner in 1970.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Roger B. Farquhar, Historic Montgomery County, Maryland: Old Houses and History; Monumental Printing Co., Baltimore, Md. (1952); p. 161-162.
2. Montgomery County Land Records, JA 13/310. May 7, 1889 And JA 33/83. April 13, 1892.
3. TD 6/285. August 2, 1898.
4. 324/103. November 20, 1922.
5. 2285/360. November 9, 1946.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Farquhar, Roger B., Historic Montgomery County, Md: Old Houses and History;
Monumental Printing Co., Baltimore, Md. (1952).

Land and Will Records of Montgomery County.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 48 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

About 4 miles north of Brinklow, one mile south of Sunshine.

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ina Hanel

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

May, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Md. 20753

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

"Far View"



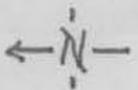
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kitchen
addition
(un-
finished)

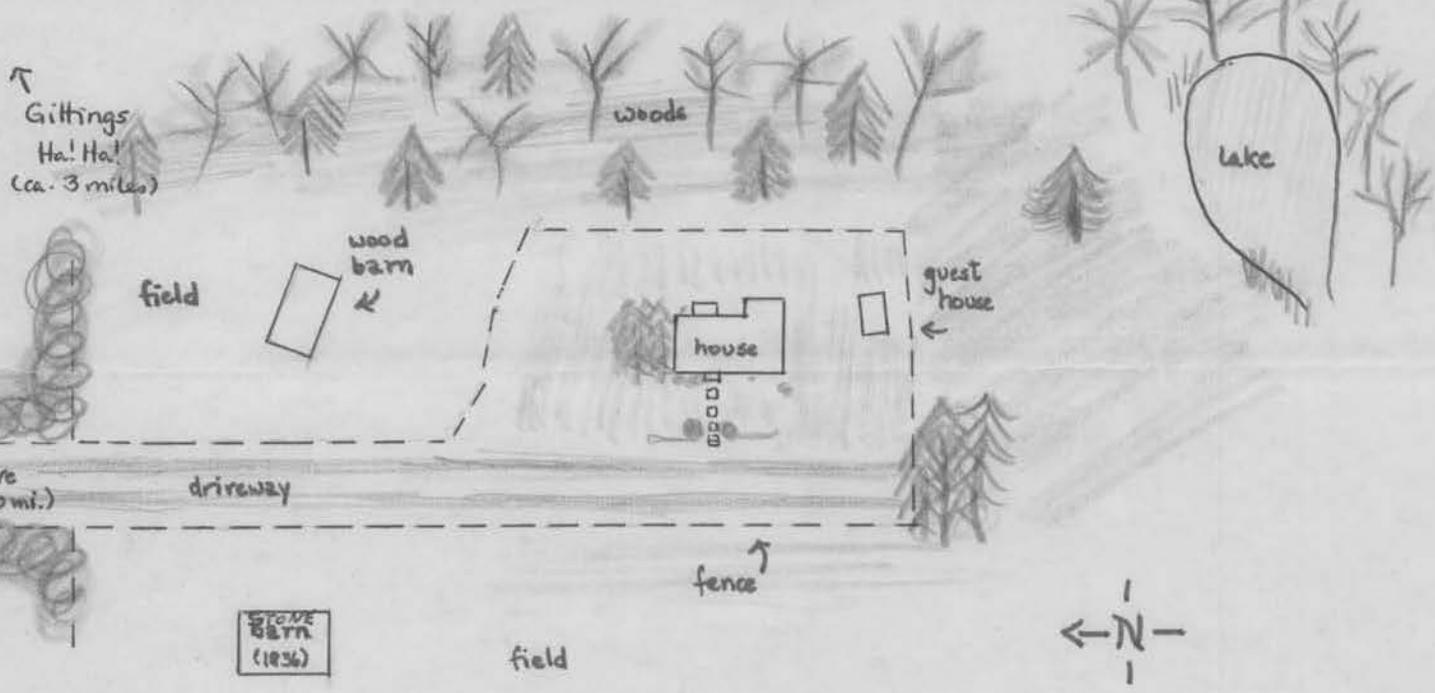
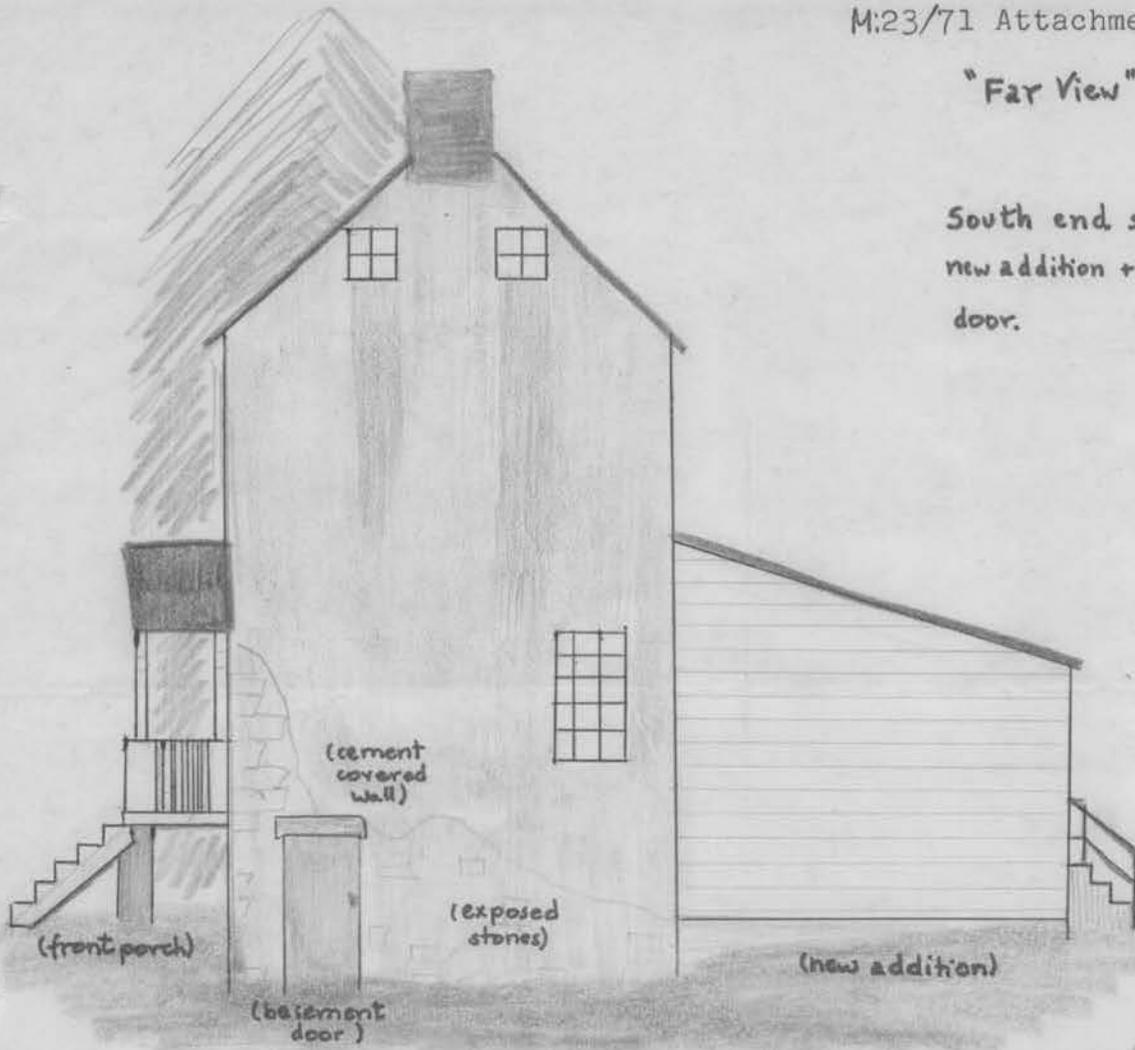
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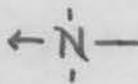
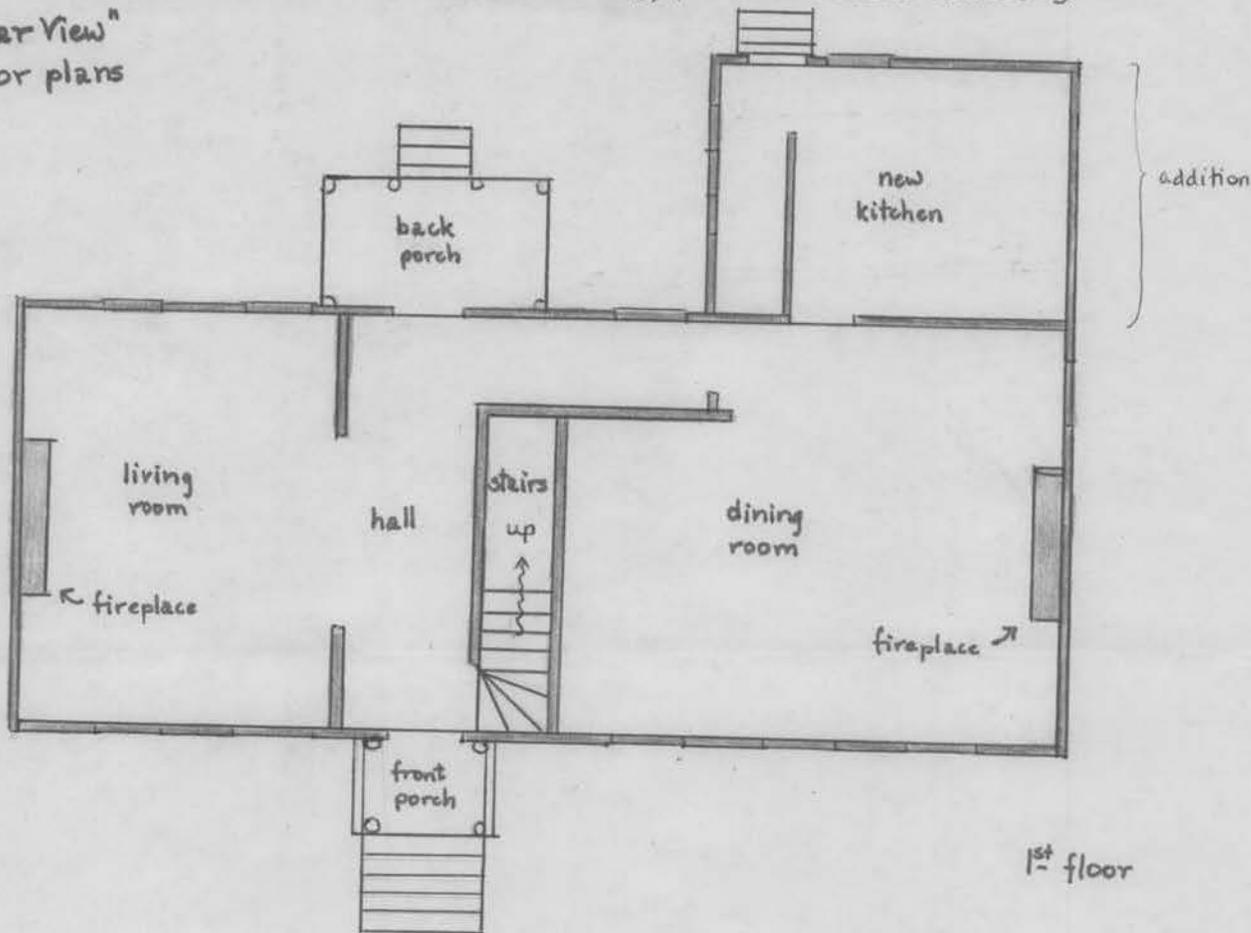
"Far View"

South end showing
new addition + basement
door.

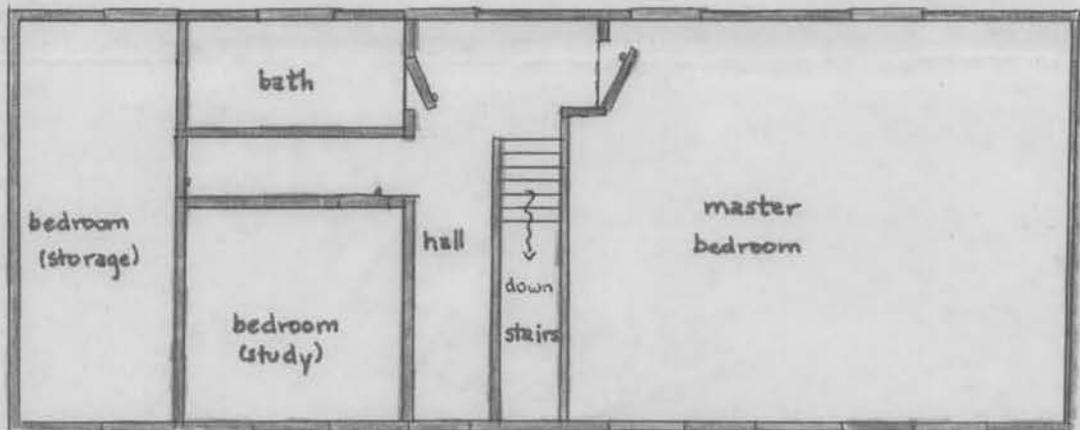


Map of immediate vicinity
of "Far View."

"Far View"
floor plans



2nd floor



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M #23-71
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Far View

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21440 New Hampshire Ave. extended

CITY, TOWN

Brookeville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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
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STATE

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large, long (5 bays) house built of local fieldstone. It appears that the structure was built in two parts. The north section is a three-bay part, with the entrance in the south-end bay. Merging with this part is a two-bay, stone section that has been covered with stucco. The house is built on a slope, so that the basement on the west side sits well above ground level. The entrance to the front door here is via an elevated porch that takes the form of a pedimented portico with barge-board trim. Windows are 6/6 on the upper level, and 9/6 on the first story.

There are several outbuildings on the farm that exhibit some of the finest stonework seen in the county. These include a slave quarters, or summer kitchen, built of rubble masonry, but with dressed quoin blocks on the corner. Also, like the main house, there are large, stone lintels over the doors and windows. There is a large stone chimney on the external (east) wall.

Beyond the house is a beautiful, English-style, stone barn, with exquisite masonry exhibited in the quoins, lintels and basement-level windows. The datestone reads 1836.

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See Farquhar's OLD HOMES AND HISTORY OF MONT. CO., MD.
(1961) (article on "Far View")

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(story on "Far View")

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/14/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Far View

IN the eastern part of upper Montgomery County native building stone is abundant, and being on or near the surface it is easily quarried. The historian is thus impressed by the numerous stone houses standing in that area.

One of these, Far View, now covered with cement-mortar, is a fine example, and, like a number of others, was built by some of the Gaithers, who were the outstanding stone masons of the area for a century. But the Gaithers who built them, in name at least, seem to have nearly disappeared from the area of their early industry.

There is a rugged stone barn near the stone house of Far View with the date 1836 cut into the gable end. It is to the lasting regret of historians that few early houses have the dates when they were built cut into them. It is believed that the house here was built before 1800 for either Basil or John Griffith by the Gaither builders.

As the name indicates, there is an extensive distant view over the county toward the south and west from the site of the house, which stands on a hill just 500 feet above tidewater, overlooking the lovely Hawlings River Valley. Five miles north of Ashton, it is near Sunshine and is twenty-five miles from downtown Washington.

The land was part of an old grant known as "Gartrell's Adventure," the Gartrell family settling in this area before the Revolutionary War. Part was also on a land grant of 517 acres made in 1724 to Thomas Sprigg and Richard Simmons called "Gittings Ha! Ha!"

The first owner of which there is a record was Basil Griffith, born about 1775, who married a Gartrell, and thus inherited the plantation of several hundred acres. Following Basil Griffith came John Griffith (died in 1883) whose wife is unknown. Their children were John, Junior, who owned the place in 1865, Davidge, and Sally, all of whom died unmarried before 1891 and are buried in the orchard near the house. Another child, Nancy Griffith, married Charles G. Holland, and inherited the estate. Their son, James

Thomas Holland, then fell heir to the property and owned the farm from about 1881 to 1893, although he never lived in the old stone house, but for many years resided on the adjoining farm, Prospect Hill.



NO. 34 C-9 BASIL OR JOHN GRIFFITH
CA. 1790-'80 STONE, CEMENT COVERED

The next owner was Charles G. Holland II, who owned the property for a short time only, 1893 to 1898, when it was sold to the widow of Washington William Brown. From her it passed to her son, James William Brown. It is of interest to note that Mrs. Brown was a Gartrell descended from the first members of the family who took up the land known as "Gartrell's Adventure." Mrs. James W. Brown passed away in June 1959, and Mr. Brown built a fine modern home on the hill in the front part of the farm, and sold the old home to Mr. Wm. P. Bundy, son-in-law of the ex Secretary of State Dean Acheson.

An attractive old house with brick interior partitions, small window sash, fine mantels, old pine floors, and panelled doors, it has a number of interior features that indicate it may have been built before 1800. The center hall leads straight through to a terraced garden with old box bushes in the rear of the house.

Since the house is only one room deep, sunshine floods the interior from both sides. Handrail, spindles, and newel posts are delicately turned. The old slave quarters, a rugged stone

building with four rooms and a large fireplace, stands only a few yards from the rear of the main house. A cellar for storage under the

house includes a walled-off room used as a jail for unruly slaves. Iron bars still screen the window.

Fertile Meadows

THE attractive house shown is an excellent example of early architecture in Western Maryland. Part of the house was undoubtedly built shortly after 1800 although part may have been built about the time of the American Revolution.

The author has visited scores of Colonial houses in many states of the Union. In studying this authentic house he has been impressed with the sympathetic regard displayed by the present owners for its antique features. They have scrupulously preserved the charm of the old house. In their preservation of Fertile Meadows they have demonstrated that obliteration of such features is unnecessary to obtain attractive modern comforts and conveniences. Many priceless houses of early days have been ruined by their new owners who lacked regard for the antique. No "disenchantment of modernization" here.

From the lawn, lovely views are observed to the north, south and west, over the well named "fertile meadows," a name given the place one hundred and fifty years ago. The survey of the landscape is especially appealing if a flock of sheep are within view, usually to be seen grazing on the rolling bluegrass fields.

The land records dating back to Colonial days reveal the owners of this and some adjoining lands to have been numerous. On March 14, 1797, Edward Crowe obtained part of Benjamin's Square from William Willcoxon, and in September of the same year, Crowe purchased four additional plots totaling about 150 acres from Ignatius Pigman for the sum of 125 pounds sterling. The properties are identified by names of old grants as parts of Land O'Goshen, Pigman's Purchase and Benjamin's Square as well as Fertile Meadows. The several plots are stated to be contiguous to each other.

In March, 1803, Edward Crowe conveyed to Samuel Robertson 150 acres of land named Fertile Meadows. In 1809 Robertson acquired additional tracts from Samuel Howard and Josiah

and Amos Willcoxon and others. Samuel Robertson owned a number of other tracts in the area. But before the year 1816, Robertson had passed from this life, for in that year the General Assembly of Maryland at its December session appointed three trustees to sell "the lands of Samuel Robertson deceased."

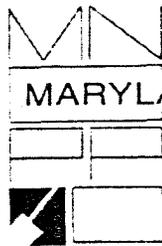
There is an undated tombstone on the slope of a hill not far from the manor house into which is chiseled, "Samuel and Rachel Robertson." Beside it is a marble shaft encrusted by age upon which can barely be read, "In memory of our children" followed by four given names, "Henry, Samuel, Maria, and —" the last unreadable. No dates on it.

The trustees named by the Legislature were Thomas Davis, William Robertson and John H. Riggs. On November 13, 1819, they conveyed the several tracts to George Washington Riggs of Baltimore. Fertile Meadows remained in the Riggs family for about a century until after the death of the wife of Remus D. Riggs in 1916.

George Washington Riggs was born at the old Riggs home, Pleasant Hill, near Brookeville, in 1777 and died in 1864 at his home, Woodville, near Baltimore. His first wife was Eliza Robertson who died in 1819. He then married Rebecca (Smith) Norris in 1820, widow of William Norris of Baltimore. She survived him by about four years. His son Remus Dorsey Riggs was the last child of his second marriage and he inherited the Goshen farm. The name Fertile Meadows was used by the Counselmans, present owners, from one of the old land grants.

George W. Riggs was an important and very successful businessman, first in Georgetown where he was a silversmith and real estate dealer, and in 1812 when he moved to Baltimore and established a mercantile business which engaged in the export of tobacco. He served in the war of 1812. George W. Riggs signed his will on August 8, 1862. It had four codicils added from time to time and was finally admitted to

M 23/71



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 1986 MAR 24 1986

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director
 Department of Housing and Community Development
 John L. Menke, Director
 Department of Environmental Protection
 ✓ J. Rodney Little, Director
 State Historic Preservation Office
 Philip Cantelon, Chairperson
 Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator
 Community Planning North *MCB*

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for
 Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern
 Montgomery County Resources

 I am pleased to transmit to you this Preliminary Draft
 Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation:
 Northern and Eastern Montgomery County Resources.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery
 County Historic Preservation Commission on approximately 80
 historic sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring, Aspen Hill,
 and Burtonsville areas of the County.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public
 hearing on this Preliminary Draft Amendment on Monday, April 21,
 1986, 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 specific
 Preliminary Draft Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact
 Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:dws
 Attachment

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED AND ADOPTED
MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NORTHERN AND EASTERN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES

Including sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring,
Aspen Hill, Norbeck and Burtonsville Areas

March 1986

An amendment to the 1980 Olney Master Plan, 1980 Sandy Spring/
Ashton Special Study Plan, 1970 Aspen Hill Master Plan, and the
1981 Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan; being also an
amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the
Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of
Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland.

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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IMPLEMENTATION

Once designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit issued. The Ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

It is the intent of the Master Plan and Ordinance to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting and enhancing Montgomery County's heritage for the benefit of present and future residents. The accompanying challenge is to weave protection for this heritage into the County's planning program so as to maximize community support for preservation and minimize infringement on private property rights.

THE AMENDMENT

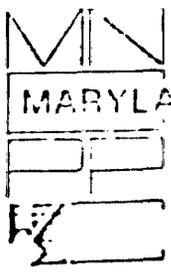
The purpose of this Preliminary Draft Amendment is to consider the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations that the following sites be designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protected under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. A copy of the Ordinance is provided in Appendix B of this document.

(NOTE: Unless otherwise specified in the Preservation Commission's nomination, the recommended environmental setting for each site is the entire parcel on which the resource is located as of the date it is designated on the Master Plan as defined in Section 24A-2 of the County's Preservation Ordinance. Where additional buildings of historical or architectural importance are associated with a site, these buildings are noted in the nomination as being part of the recommended setting.)

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/55	Spencer/Carr House	2420 Spencerville

- Dating from 1855 with a rear section added in the 1870's, this three-story house is distinguished by three over three windows on the third floor and a one-story porch with bracketed pillars on the front facade.
- Significant as an example of the "Spencerville style", a local style characterized by a special grouping of architectural detail most notably half windows on the third story extending into the boxed cornice and roof line.

- 23/66 Bordley's Choice (Merrywood) 20015 Georgia Avenue
- Began in 1763 and expanded circa 1868, this massive fieldstone structure today is most representative of mid 19th century Second Empire architecture.
 - Associated in its early years with the prominent Riggs family of Montgomery County.
 - Served for over 50 years as the home for the prestigious Brookeville Academy, a private school for boys started in 1815.
 - The recommended environmental setting includes all outbuildings associated with site and the entrance drive to the main house.
- 23/71 Far View 21450 New Hampshire Avenue
- Example of a late 18th century stone farmhouse of simple styling possessing a clarity of line and high quality of workmanship.
 - Included in the recommended environmental setting are the 1836 stone bank barn and slave quarters, which are notable for the quality of their masonry work.
- 23/79 Roslyn Bank Barn 20401 New Hampshire Avenue
- Fine example of a 19th century bank barn with refinement of details such as the stone columns.
 - Built in the 1840's by Henry Stabler, prosperous local farmer and eminent horticulturist who developed the popular Stabler strain of corn.
 - The recommended environmental setting consists of the building footprint of the frame bank barn.
- 23/82 Grafton Holland Farm 2222 Brighton Dam Road
(Sunnymeade Farm)
- Ca. 1830 -- Frame and log farmhouse built in three sections with each section representative of the evolution of rural architecture in the area.
 - Associated with the Holland family, influential land-owners and farmers in the Brookeville/Brighton area.
 - The recommended environmental setting includes all outbuildings associated with the site.



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

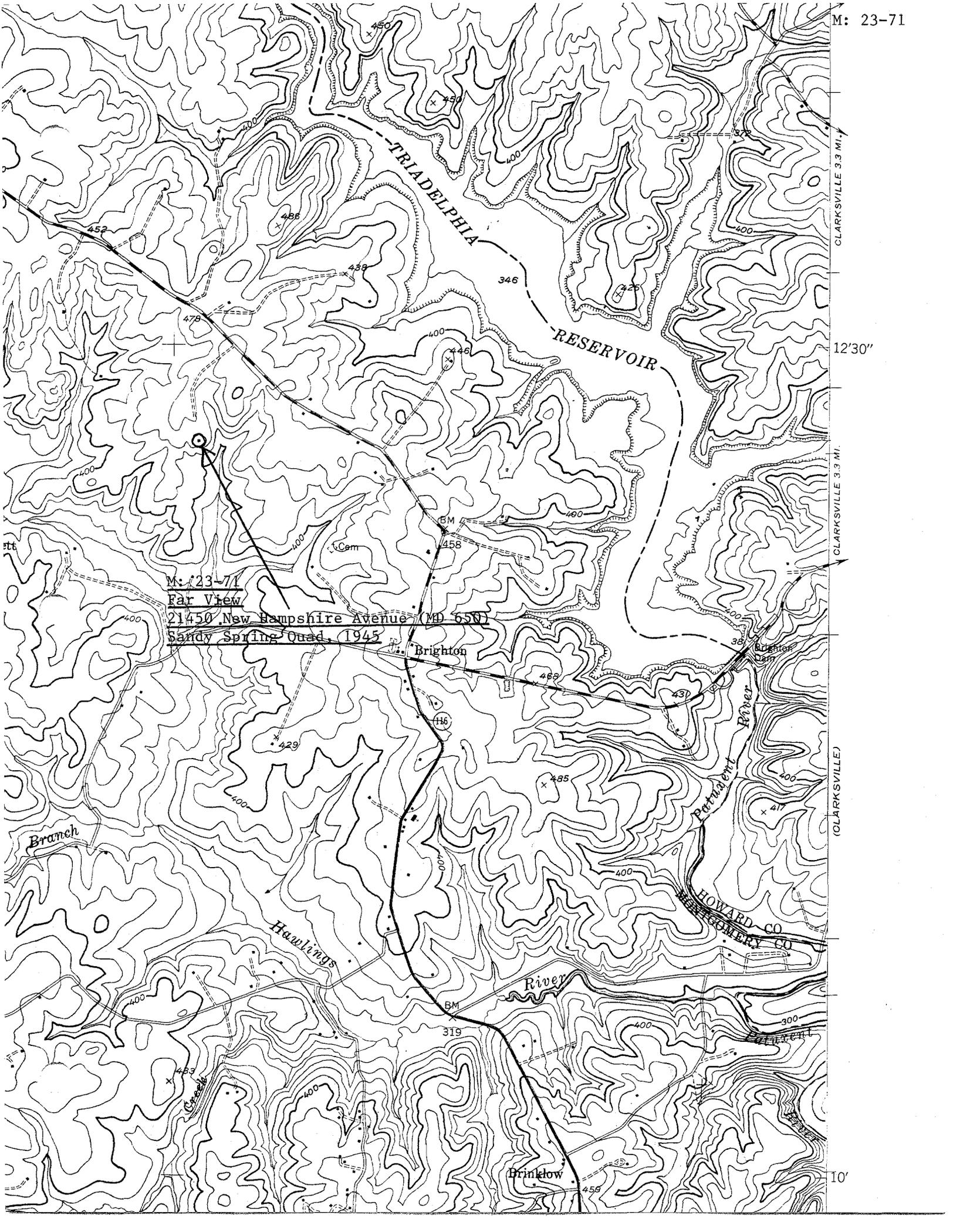
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ACTION TAKEN

Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan
OLNEY AREA HISTORIC RESOURCES

The purpose of this Amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

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| M; 23/9 | Elton |
| M: 23/29 | Fair Hill II |
| M: 23/31 | Pleasant Fields/Sundown Hills |
| M: 23/58 | Gustavus Jones Farm |
| M: 23/63 | Longwood |
| M: 23/66 | Bordley's Choice (Merrywood) |
| <u>M: 23/71</u> | Far View |
| M: 23/73 | Gittings Ha Ha |
| M: 23/79 | Roslyn Bank Barn |
| M: 23/84 | Brooke Meadow |
| M: 23/89 | Walnut Hill |
| M: 23/98-4 | St. John's Episcopal Church |
| M: 23/ 196 106 | Oakdale-Emory United Methodist Church |
| M: 23/112 | Sycamores |
| M: 23/113-1 | Mount Pleasant Church |
| M: 23/119 | Holland Store & House |



M: 23-71
 Far View
 21450 New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650)
 Sandy Spring Quad, 1945

CLARKSVILLE 3.3 MI.

12°30'

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(CLARKSVILLE)

10'



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NAME FAR VIEW
LOCATION N. H. AVE BROOKEVILLE, Md
FACADE W
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NAME FAR VIEW - BARN (1836)
LOCATION N.H. AVE BROOKVILLE, Md
FACADE N.E
PHOTO TAKEN 8/14/75 MOWYER



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NAME FAR VIEW - SLAVE QUARTERS
LOCATION N. H. AVE BROCKEVILLE, MD
FACADE NW
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NAME FAR VIEW - SLAVE QUARTERS

LOCATION N.H. AVE., BROOKVILLE, MD.

FACADE NE

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