

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M:20-46

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic	The Black and White Inn
other	The Charlie Harriss House and The Goshen Store

2. Location

street and number	20611 Goshen Road	_____	not for publication
city, town	Gaithersburg, Md	_____	vicinity
county	Montgomery		

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Potomac Charismatic Community, Inc.		
street and number	20501 Goshen Road		telephone
city, town	Gaithersburg	state MD	zip code 20879

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.	Montgomery County	liber	folio
city, town Rockville	tax map FU63	tax parcel	tax ID number 027558938

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
_____district	_____public	_____agriculture	_____landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u> X </u> building(s)	<u> X </u> private	_____commerce/trade	_____recreation/culture	_____2	_____buildings
_____structure	_____both	_____defense	_____religion	_____	_____sites
_____site		<u> X </u> domestic	_____social	_____	_____structures
_____object		_____education	_____transportation	_____	_____objects
		_____funerary	_____work in progress	_____	_____Total
		_____government	_____unknown		
		_____health care	_____vacant/not in use		
		_____industry	_____other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY

RESOURCE TYPE: ca. 1882 two-story rectangular frame farmhouse with side addition

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY



The subject house faces west on Goshen Road, an improved original two-lane rural road. The house has a level front lawn and an extensive rear yard on an acre of land. A utility building and a small frame outbuilding are located in the rear yard. Access is by a driveway from Warfield Road. The property has been used as a residence, an inn, and light commercial. Currently the building is used as a storage facility. The house is older than the other houses in this area, which are a mix of mid- and late-twentieth century residences. Two buildings are at the back of the houses. One of these

buildings may have been a blacksmith shop. The other larger building is more recent and is used for storage. The tourist cabins have been removed to the Frazier family home on Brink Road.

DESCRIPTION

The Black and White Inn is a rectangular side gabled frame two-story house with a two-story side wing. Two-over-two double sash windows predominate. There is a triangular peaked small window in the steeply pitched front gabled dormer. The house is clad with "asbestos" type shingles over original wood German type tongue and groove siding, which is visible in the interior. The foundation is built from cinder blacks and concrete. The front gabled hipped-roof with asphalt shingles covers the full width of a one-story enclosed cinder black front porch. Two brick chimneys are located on the rear slope of the roof.

Mr. Hall Miller provides a description of the interior of the house. The "White House" was constructed in two sections. The main part was built around 1910 and the lower side section was built about the mid-twentieth century. Both have cinder block and concrete foundations. The beams are sawed cut 2 x

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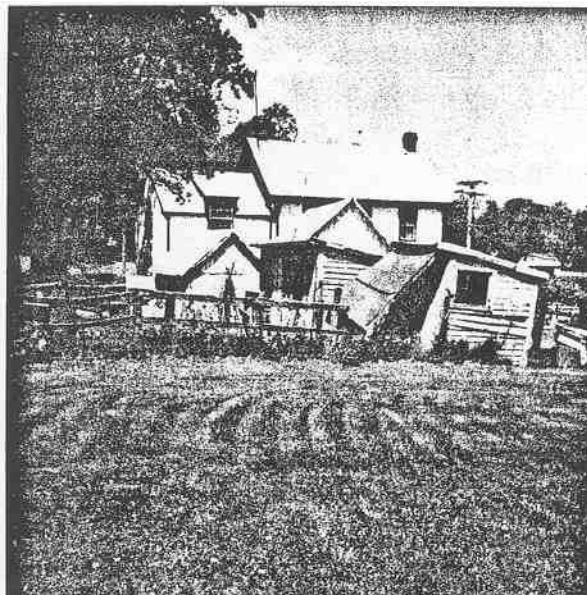
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10s. Beams with steel columns support the floor. According to Mr. Miller, there are no hewn beams or logs in the building.

From the foundation up the two parts differ. The original house is "stick built," i.e., it is built with lumber. The interior walls are plaster but earlier with wood flooring strips as backing. The addition is entirely built of cinder blocks up the roof. It appears that the same person extended the front porch as there is a second, expanded foundation built with cinder blocks. The blocks also continue up to the eave of the porch as well. The interior walls of the addition are also plaster but these are backed with expanded metal instead of wood furring strips. The side addition was probably built in the 1950's or even later.



Undated photo of the rear of the Black and white Inn showing outbuildings.

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2003 Aerial: East (front) façade of the Black and White Inn

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2003 Aerial view: East facade of the Black and White Inn,

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2003 Aerial view: North facade of Black and White Inn

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates: ca. 1882

Architect/Builder

Construction dates ca.1882

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Frazier family of Prather town owned this house and one acre of land for over one hundred years until it was sold to the adjacent Potomac Charismatic Community in 1988. For many years, it was an inn offering lodging to African Americans in an era when commercial hotels and public conveniences did not serve black patrons. In its later life, it housed a small neighborhood convenience store.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Black and White Inn is located on one acre of a larger tract totaling six and seven eighths acres of land purchased by Berry Frazier from Remus J. Dorsey in May of 1882 for four hundred and twenty dollars, or about \$60 per acre. The price paid for the land is consistent with unimproved acreage at a convenient location. (2) The Frazier family was one of the founders of Prathertown in 1881. Frazier heirs retained the house and one acre of land until 1988 when it was sold to the adjacent Potomac Charismatic Community and replatted as part of the larger school and church holdings.

Local lore has many stories concerning this prominent site on Goshen Road. According to the Goshen Mills DAR and Ardith Boggs, who wrote Goshen Maryland: Its History and Its People, there was a blacksmith shop and residence on this land that dates to 1790. Some of the buildings in the back of the house were dated to 1870 and described as being the blacksmith shops. Two of these buildings are still on the property. (3) (4) This information is not verified by maps or documents or by the price paid for the land. What is known is that The Black and White Inn was a place where African Americans visiting the area could stay during the times of segregation, which ranged from emancipation to the 1960's.

The land purchased by Berry Frazier from Remus J. Dorsey in 1882 is described as being part of a tract called "Williams Range" beginning at the intersection of the Mechanicsville (Laytonsville) road with the road leading from Goshen to Gaithersburg and running with the southern boundary of said

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Mechanicsville road up and until the line intersects where Berry Frazier's lands and Mary Disney's (Dorsey 9) lands are located to make six and seven-eighths acres of land. (5) Although the construction date is not documented, the house is presumed to have been built shortly after this purchase. The three-bay-by-one-bay simple massing which likely had an original rear kitchen wing, and the steeply-peaked gable of the central front dormer and the triangular-topped attic window are stylistically correct for this era of vernacular housing.

Berry Frazier and his wife Emma were both 34 years old in 1882 when the land was purchased. They had one daughter, Harriet, age 10, and three sons: William, 8, Izaih, 6, and James, 3. Berry Frazier's occupation was listed in the 1880 U.S. Census (Cracklin, Montgomery County page 206C) as a farm hand and Emma was keeping house. However, blacksmith chores were part of many farm hand chores and should not be excluded as an occupation on this site until further research is done.

Parcels were sold during the years but the house and one acre remained in the Frazier family for over one hundred years. The land was conveyed by Berry Frazier to James Frazier in 1903. (6) According to a deed dated March 1982, the land is described as part of the estate of Alberta Frazier Harris, who died Mary 7, 1981. Alberta is the wife of Charles Harris. (7)

Charlie and Alberta ran the Black and White Inn. According to the article in the August 4, 2004 Gazette, African Americans while on travel in middle Montgomery County had two choices when looking for a place to stay. One would be sleeping in their cars or staying at the Black and White Inn. (8) According to Phyllis Prather Copeland who worked at the Inn, every year the refurbishing would begin in the early Spring. Visitors would come here from such far away places as Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and from Washington D.C. to attend church conferences, visit friends, and attend competitions at the Emory Grove Camp for children. (9) Gloria Hill, who works at the Goshen Methodist Church, said that the Inn was also a 4-H Center and many African American children in the area would learn arts, crafts, sports such as croquette and archery, and sciences. (10)

The Black and White Inn is an integral part of Montgomery County's African American history. It reflects a time when people were afraid to approach restaurants, hotels, theatres, restaurants and other institutions for fear of being refused service and insulted or even assaulted. As Sharon Prather aptly described the Inn, ... "I am concerned with destroying history. For the black culture in this area, these are our roots'." (11)

Charlie and Alberta Harris converted the Inn into a confectionary and a Goshen Store. In fact it was the only store in Goshen and was locally called the Goshen 7-1 1. The Suddith family who has a horse farm on Goshen Road considers the Black and White Inn as a Goshen landmark. The Inn was always included in the DAR tours which included the Goshen Mennonite Church, Fertile Meadows, the site of the Politician's Tree and the Goshen Mills, the Goshen Post Office/Store, and the Black and White Inn. (12)

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Footnotes:

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2. Gaithersburg Gazette, "Community Seeks Historic Designation for Black and White Inn," by Jaime Ciavarrá, August 4, 2004.
3. Interview with Erick Suddith, June 12, 2004, Goshen Resident.
4. Interview with Gloria Hill, July 23, 2004, Goshen Methodist Church..
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7. Montgomery County Land Record Liber/folio RBP 26/537
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9. Liber/folio 3400/156 10. Liber/folio 5862/182

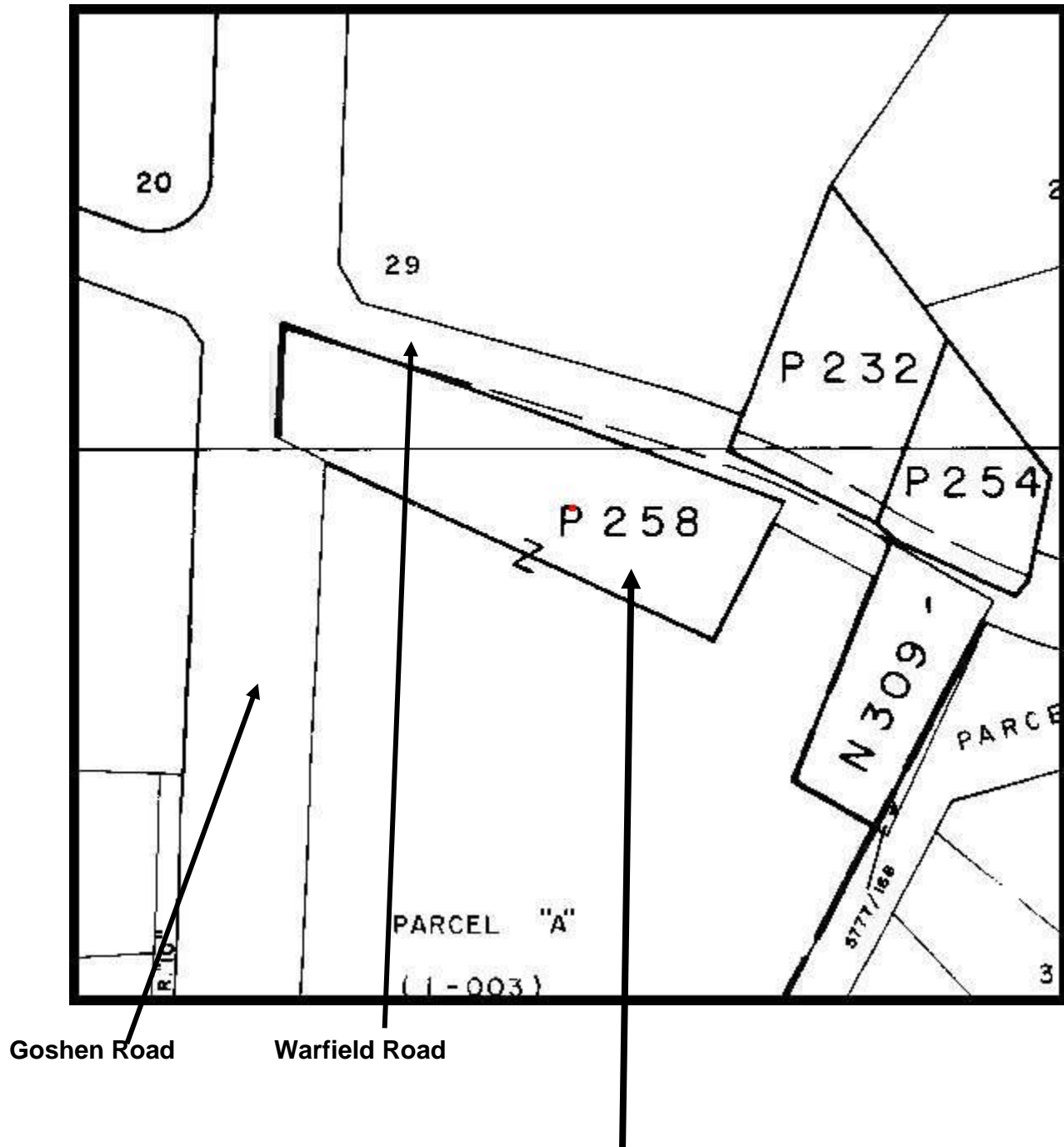
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Map . Parcel 258

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Maryland Land, Plat and Will records; Local History books and manuscripts. Personal Interviews with Sharon Prather, Physllis Prather.

See references, 8-2

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 8.80 acres

Acreage of historical setting One Acre

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

Plat 16846, Parcel A. Goshen Estates. Tax Map FU63, Block W Parcel 258 before replat.

11. Form Prepared by

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