

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no

Property Name: Darnestown Historic District Inventory Number: M: 24-19
 Address: Various City: _____ Zip Code: _____
 County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Seneca
 Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Project: Sprint PCS telecommunications facility Agency: FCC
 Site visit by MHT staff: no _____ yes _____ Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property is located within a historic district? yes _____ no _____

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: M: 24-19
 NR-listed district _____ yes Eligible district _____ yes Name of District: Darnestown Historic District
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource _____ yes _____ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district), Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible _____ yes no _____

Criteria: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G _____ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in
 Determination of Eligibility and Effects report on file with MHT

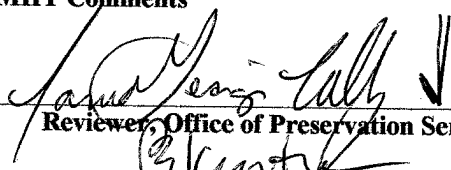
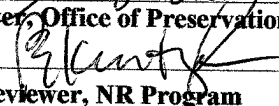
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Darnestown Historic District once was a rural area with approximately forty-one contributing and non-contributing buildings. The Historic District first was surveyed in 1973 and again in 1983. In November 1983, the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission evaluated the Darnestown Historic District and found that the district did not meet any of the Criteria for designation of historic sites or districts as published in the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. Individual properties within the formerly described district were found in other studies to be significant despite the overall diminishment of the district's integrity.

In 1983, the Darnestown Historic District was evaluated for inclusion in Montgomery County's Master Plan for Historic Preservation. According to the letter sent by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission to the chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board, "Most of the buildings had been greatly altered and because there were areas of similar historical and cultural significance in the County which are more intact, Darnestown does not meet any of the criteria of the Ordinance."

Since Montgomery County's 1983 review of the Darnestown Historic District, the district continued to undergo steady deterioration through the alteration of buildings and the demolition of others (Figure 3). Encroachment by several large planned unit developments has greatly altered the community's setting and some of the village's most historically significant buildings -- the Hoskinson House (M: 24-19/2), Griffith House (M: 24-19/3), and the Ann Wells House (M: 24-19/4) -- all have been demolished. Also demolished (shortly after it was surveyed) was the Esworthy Garage property (M: 24-34).

Darnestown Historic District Properties
 Demolished Properties

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MHT Comments	
	<u>3/18/03</u>
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
	<u>3/11/03</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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- 1. Athey House, 14001 Darnestown Road. Demolished
- 2. Esworthy Garage (MIHP No. M:24-34), 14011 Darnestown Road. Demolished.
- 3. Griffith/Esworthy House, 14011 Darnestown Road. Demolished.
- 4. Wells/Carter House (MIHP No. M:24-19/4), 14015 Darnestown Road. Demolished.
- 5. Hoskinson House (MIHP No. M:24-19/2), 14035 Darnestown Road. Demolished.
- 6. Mulican/Windsor House, 14101 Darnestown Road. Demolished.
- 7. Arthur Beall House, 14111 Darnestown Road. Demolished.
- 8. Jarboe House, 14129 Darnestown Road. Demolished.
- 9. Davis House, 14139 Darnestown Road. Demolished.

NRHP Eligible Properties

- 10. Kelley House (MIHP No. M:24-38), 14151 Darnestown Road. NRHP Eligible. Separate DoE form completed.
- 11. Zimmerman House (MIHP No. M:24-39), 14200 Seneca Road. NRHP Eligible. Separate DoE form completed.
- 12. Darnestown Presbyterian Church (MIHP No. M:24-19/1). NRHP Eligible.

NRHP Not Eligible Properties

- 13. Purdum House, 14120 Darnestown Road. This property consists of a house built in ca. 1888 and a modern garage/commercial building. The house is a 2.5-story rectangular building constructed on a brick foundation. The original block is two bays wide by one bay deep hall and parlor house. The building has a three bay porch on its principal (north) façade. The shed porch roof is supported by Tuscan columns. There is a central interior brick chimney. Buildings in the original block are 2/2 double hung wood sashes (with metal storm windows). The building is clad by vinyl siding and the side-gabled roof is clad by standing seam metal. There are several additions to the house. The earliest is a one-story rear (south) shed roof addition. There also is a one-story "family room" addition to the west side that includes an exterior brick chimney. There is another one-story addition to the east façade. To the rear (south) of the house, there is a large wood frame garage/storage building. The house and rear building at during the 1980s were used by the Seneca Fence Company. Built by James T. Purdum in ca. 1888, the house remained in the Purdum family until 1978. Purdum does not appear in any of the existing narratives of Darnestown, except as the builder of the house at 14120 Darnestown Road. The property -- once described as a "most contributing structure" to the former Darnestown Historic District -- appears to retain little integrity of construction, materials, design, and workmanship. The farmhouse is an unremarkable example of late nineteenth century vernacular architecture that has been altered through multiple additions. The Purdum House does not appear to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C for its architecture. The property furthermore does not appear to have any associative significance and does not appear to be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A or B.
- 14. Jett House, 14147 Darnestown Road. This 2.5-story house was built in 1935. It has multiple side and rear additions and was described in the 1987 Darnestown Historic District Implementation Plan as a "non-contributing structure."
- 15. Baker House, 14143 (14139) Darnestown Road. This 1.5 story front gabled frame vernacular building is abandoned. Built in the 1920s, according to the 1987 Darnestown Historic District Implementation Plan, this property is an unremarkable example of early twentieth century vernacular architecture.
- 16. Offutt House, 14010 Darnestown Road. This 1.5-story frame vernacular house was built in 1929. This property is an unremarkable example of early twentieth century vernacular architecture with alterations (windows, siding) and additions that diminish its integrity.
- 17. Howard/Galley House, 13920 Darnestown Road. This house was built in 1895. It has undergone several alterations, including the construction of the rear addition in 1929. Originally clad by wood siding, the house in 1983 was clad by bricktex; currently it has vinyl siding. According to the MIHP Darnestown Historic District form, in 1983, there was a "small semi-circular window in the front gable"; currently, the cross gable infill is imbricated shingles. There also is a new two-bay garage attached to the west side of the house by a covered walkway.
- 18. Green House, 13912 Darnestown Road. This two-story house was built in ca. 1895. Constructed on a stone foundation, the frame vernacular building measures two bays by two bays. The house has 1/1 DHS windows and is clad by a brick veneer (front/north façade) and aluminum siding. According to the 1987 Darnestown Historic District Implementation Plan, this property was described as a "non-contributing structure." This property lacks associational significance and integrity of materials, construction, and design.
- 19. Pollen House, 13908 Darnestown Road. This property is a 1.5-story wood frame bungalow house built ca. 1920-1925. The square plan building has an enclosed front (north) entry porch obscuring the building's original fenestration. The house has a pyramidal roof with a front-facing hip dormer. Windows in the

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house are 1/1 DHS; the building is clad by metal siding and the roof is clad by composition shingles. According to the 1987 Darnestown Historic District Implementation Plan, "This structure probably built in the 1920s has had a large glassed in front porch added to the front of the structure. As such, its visual appearance masks the age of this house. It is a non-contributing structure." This property lacks associational significance and integrity of materials, construction, and design.

20. Beall/Ives House, 13904 Darnestown Road. This property is a 1.5-story rectangular brick Cape Cod stye house built in 1948. The 1987 Darnestown Historic District Implementation Plan described the property as a "non-contributing structure." This property is a ubiquitous mid-twentieth century house type that lacks individual distinction and associational significance.

21. Hays/Bentz House (MIHP No. M: 24-40). Separate DoE form completed.

22. Roberts House, 14200 Seneca Road. This property is a 2.5-story frame vernacular house constructed in the 1870s. The rectangular, front-gabled building has a pedimented portico front (west) entry supported by Tuscan columns. The house measures two bays by two bays. There is a one-story side (north) shed roof addition and a second one-story shed roof addition in the rear (east). The house has 1/1 DHS metal windows and there is a louvered attic vent in the front (west) gable. The house is clad by metal siding and the roof is clad by composition shingles. Although the 1987 Darnestown Historic District Implementation Plan described the property as a "most contributing structure," this property lacks associative significance and does not retain its integrity of materials, construction, or design.

23. "Red Brick House," 14119 Seneca Road. This 1.5-story brick building was constructed in 1949. According to the 1987 Darnestown Historic District Implementation Plan, the house "was built about 1949 and belonged to Buddy Davis who owned the service station next to it. It is a non-contributing resource." This mid-twentieth century property lacks individual distinction and does not appear to have any associative significance.

24. "White Frame House," 14115 Seneca Road. This 1.5-story frame house was built in 1949. It was described in the 1987 Darnestown Historic District Implementation Plan as a "non-contributing resource." This mid-twentieth century property lacks individual distinction and does not appear to have any associative significance.

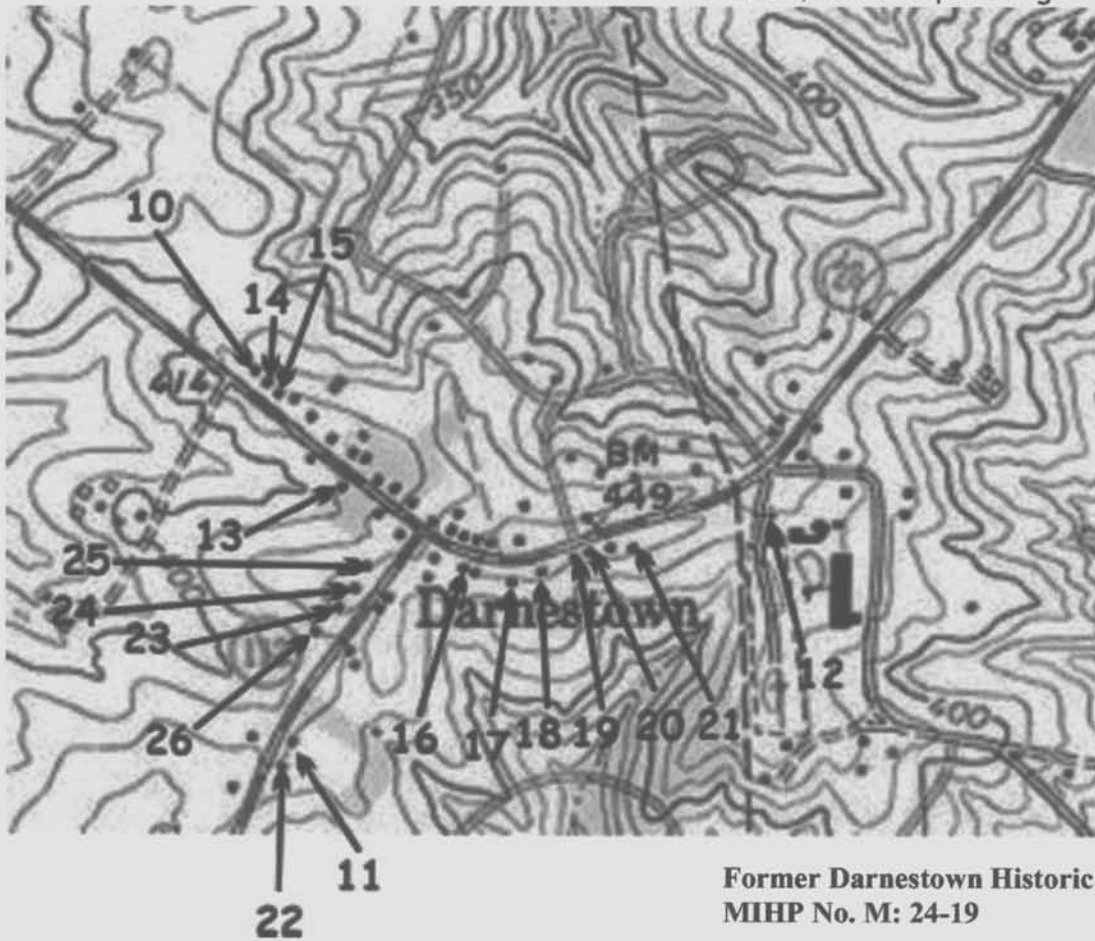
25. "F.S. Campbell Building," 14111 Seneca Road. Described in the 1987 Darnestown Historic District Implementation Plan as the "W.C. and A.N. Miller Real Estate" building, this property is a one-story brick commercial building constructed in the 1950s. This mid-twentieth century property lacks individual distinction and does not appear to have any associative significance.

26. Adrian's Market, 14125 Seneca Road. This property is a one-story concrete block commercial building originally constructed as an automobile service station. Currently used as a convenience store, the property lacks individual distinction and does not appear to have any associative significance.

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Date Prepared: 2/21/2003

Seneca, MD-VA quadrangle



Former Darnestown Historic District
MIHP No. M: 24-19

Map Key:

10. Kelley House (MIHP No. M:24-38), 14151 Darnestown Road.
11. Zimmerman House (MIHP No. M:24-39), 14200 Seneca Road.
12. Darnestown Presbyterian Church (MIHP No. M:24-19/1).
13. Purdum House, 14120 Darnestown Road.
14. Jett House, 14147 Darnestown Road.
15. Baker House, 14143 (14139) Darnestown Road.
16. Offutt House, 14010 Darnestown Road.
17. Howard/Galley House, 13920 Darnestown Road.
18. Green House, 13912 Darnestown Road.
19. Pollen House, 13908 Darnestown Road.
20. Beall/Ives House. 13904 Darnestown Road.
21. Hays/Bentz House (MIHP No. M: 24-40).
22. Roberts House, 14200 Seneca Road.
23. "Red Brick House," 14119 Seneca Road.
24. "White Frame House," 14115 Seneca Road.
25. "F.S. Campbell Building," 14111 Seneca Road.
26. Adrian's Market, 14125 Seneca Road.

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Darnestown Historic District
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Streetscape, view of intersection of
Darnestown & Seneca roads, to the
north west

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Darnestown Historic District
Montgomery Co., MD
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Streetscape, view to the east
along Darnestown Road from
its intersection with Seneca Rd.

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Darnestown Presbyterian church
Darnestown HD
Montgomery Co., MD
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Church, view to the East

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"Red Brick House"; 14119 Seneca Rd.

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House: view to the southwest

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"White Frame House," 14115 Seneca Rd.
Darnestown MD
Montgomery Co., MD
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House: View to the West

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"F.S. Campbell Bldg.," 14111 Seneca Rd.

Darnestown HD

Montgomery Co., MD

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Building, view to the west

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"Adrian's Market", 14125 Seneca Rd.

Darnestown HD

Montgomery Co., MD

Photo: D.S. Rotenstein, 2/2003

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Building, view to the southwest

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Howard/Galley House, 13920
Darnestown Rd.

Darnestown HD

Montgomery Co., MD

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House: East facade showing
near additions. View to
the Southwest

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Rollen House, 13908 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown MD
Montgomery Co., MD
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MD SHPO

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House: View to the Southwest

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Beall/Ives House, 13904 Darnestown Rd.

Darnestown MD

Montgomery Co., MD

Photo: D.S. Rotenstein, 2/2003

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House: view to the southwest

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Roberts House, 14200 Seneca Rd.

Darnestown HD

Montgomery Co., MD

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5.61 BA: BANXON NNN | house: view to Southeast

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"Brick Chapel", 14139 Darnestown Rd

Darnestown HD

Montgomery Co, MD

Photo: D.S. Rotenstein, 2/2003

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House: View to the North

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Offutt House, 14010 Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown MD
Montgomery Co, MD
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House: View to South

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Howard/Galley House, 13920
Darnestown Rd.

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Montgomery Co., MD

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House: View to South

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Howard / Galley House, 13920 Darnestown Rd.

Darnestown MD

Montgomery Co., MD

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House + car port, view to the

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south east

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Jett House, 14147
Darnestown Rd.
Darnestown MD
Montgomery Co., MD
Photo: D.S. Rotenstein, 2/2003

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House, view to North

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Jett House, 14147 Darnestown Rd.

Darnestown HP

Montgomery Co., MD

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S. 61 BA. BANXON NINE HOUSE, 5485 South / west facades,
view to North west

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Baker House, 14143 Darnestown
Rd.

Darnestown HD
Montgomery Co., MD

Photo: D.S. Rotenstein 2/2003

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House: View to the Northeast

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Baker House, 14143 Darnestown Rd.

Darnestown #0

Montgomery Co., MD

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House: View to the

Northwest

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Purdum House, 14120 Darnestown
Road
Darnestown HD
Montgomery County, MD
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House: South facade

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Purdum House, 14120
Darnestown Road
Darnestown HD
Montgomery Co., MD

Photo: D.S. Rotenstein, 2/2003

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House: East facade, addition

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M: 24-19

Purdum House, 14120 Darnestown Rd.

Darnestown HD

Montgomery Co., MD

Photo: O.S. Rotenstein, 2/2003

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House: lean (south) and west
side addition

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Purdum House, 14120 Parnestown Rd.
Parnestown, HD
Montgomery Co., MD
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Garage, commercial building.
View to South.

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M.24-19

Magi No. 1606454629

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Darnestown Historic District

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Darnestown Rd. (Rt. 28) & Seneca Rd. (Rt. 112) not for publicationcity, town Darnestown vicinity of _____ congressional district 6thstate Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Multiple owners

street & number _____ telephone no.:

city, town _____ state and zip code _____

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber _____

street & number _____ folio _____

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventorydate 1976 federal state county localpository for survey records Park Historian's Officecity, town Rockville state Maryland

3. Significance

Survey No. .

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
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			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Text, pages 9-11

DARNESTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Description:

The Darnestown Historic District is rural and is located in a small farming town in western Montgomery County. It includes roughly thirty structures of varying ages concentrated along the town's main throughfare, the Darnestown Road (Rt. 28) and continuing down Seneca Road (Rt. 112). The town today is largely residential although during its earlier, more prosperous years, from the mid 1800's through the turn of the century, it had a fair amount of commercial enterprise. There is presently no real business district though most of the commercially used structures are centralized near the intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 112. Unfortunately, a number of these commercially used structures are modern buildings including a gas station, drive-thru bank and a veterinary clinic, none of which are of historical or architectural significance but appear only as intrusions in the landscape of the historic district. Although Darnestown has undergone changes in the past 100 years, it does still maintain the feel of a rural village with its tree lined streets and limited traffic flow.

The structures found in the Darnestown Historic District are almost exclusively of frame construction (with some log and some rock-faced block). Most of the earlier structures still standing date from the late nineteenth to the early twentieth centuries although there are some mid nineteenth century examples remaining. These structures are inter-dispersed with Bungalows and other structures from the 1920's and 1930's, as well as more recent buildings. This unfortunately breaks up the flow of the older structures making for a less cohesive historic district.

As mentioned, most of the structures within the Darnestown Historic District date from the late nineteenth century through to the present. Only perhaps a half dozen or so of the buildings which appear on the 1879 map of the county and even fewer from the 1865 map are still standing. The structures in the present district reflect over 100 years of change and development in Darnestown beginning in the mid nineteenth century through to the present. The structures in the Darnestown Historic District can be divided into four groups: early 1800's-1870's, 1880's-1910, 1920-1930's, and lastly, modern.

The first group of structures in the district to be discussed are those dating from the early part of the nineteenth century to the 1870's. There are approximately a half dozen of these in the district. They include three buildings that are especially important to the history of Darnestown because they provided much needed services and were therefore focal points of activity in the Darnestown community. They are the Darnestown Presbyterian Church, the old Griffith's Store (#14011) and Hoskinson's Hotel and "Private Entertainment"

The Darnestown Presbyterian Church was built as a rural vernacular frame building. The cornerstone for the original section of the church was laid in 1856. Due to lack of funds, the church was built very simplistically, without the present bell tower or stained-glass. In 1897 the church parlor and bell tower were added to the front. These changes give the present structure its somewhat Greek Revival appearance. The new parlor included the first stained-glass window. After that, one by one the original double hung wooden sash windows were replaced with stained-glass the last one installed in 1905. Between 1951 and 1953 the church building was expanded and renovations were made to the old portion (mostly to the interior)¹

Before the building of the church the congregation met at the Pleasant Hills Church (located on Pleasant Hills Farm). This church was a mixture of denominations, being the only church in town. The presbyterians, desirous of their own church formed a separate congregation in 1855.² John Duffief contributed the original three acre lot and construction began.³ The church was generously supported by grants from Andrew Small in 1865 and 1867. The church has been well maintained and must look very much as it did after the front additions were made in 1897.

The old Griffith's Store, #14011 Darnestown Road is a one and a half story, three bay by one bay frame and log house with a gable roof with two dormer windows. A portico covers covers the centrally located entrance. The house has one over one light windows with the exception of the dormers which are six over six lights. A large exterior chimney is located on the west side. In the rear, a single story shed addition slopes off the back of the main block. The house has changed in appearance from its earlier days when a Victorian style porch covered the front and asbestos shingle did not cover the original weatherboard siding. It now resembles the Cape Cod house. However, the large chimney block and the thickness of its log walls give away its true age.

Samuel Fisher used the house as a store and residence beginning about 1863 but the building may easily pre-date his ownership (it may have been built in the early 1850's by Leonard Chandler of Alexander peter).⁴ In June of 1868, Fisher sold the store to Ulysses and James S. Windsor who also used it as a store and residence.⁵

¹John F. Wells, "A History of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church," Compiled for Centinell Celebration, Sept. 24, 1955.

²"Early History of Darnestown," Darnestown file, Montgomery County Historical Society.

³Ibid.

⁴DeedEBP 5/270, Montgomery County Land Records. This deed makes reference to the transfer of ownership of the property to both Peter and Chandler but states that no deed was recorded at the time of transfer and gives no date. This adds to the difficulty in establishing a date of construction for this property.

⁵Deed EBP 5/272, Montgomery County Land Records.

Ulysses had purchased the store with the intention of setting his son, Julian, up in business.¹ Windsor later left to open his own store but the Griffith family held on to this building until 1917 when it was sold to Ernest Ricketts.²

In 1929, the property was purchased by George and Helen Esworthy.³ Helen died in 1978 followed by George in 1979 at which time the property was assessed. It was described as an old log and frame dwelling. on the first floor was listed a living room with fireplace, dining room, "antiquated" kitchen, den, two bedrooms, bath and an enclosed porch on the rear. Upstairs was listed two bedrooms, one with a fireplace.⁴ The Esworthy family sold the house in 1981 to the present owner, Floyd C. Eaton.⁵

Next door, #14015, is also a small one and a half story dwelling. This one is four bays by one bay with two front entrances and a single story rear shed addition. It has a gable roof covered with raised seam metal. A small hip roof porch covers the two front entrances. the house has one over one light windows. A small brick interior chimney is located at the west side.

This building may also be quite old. It appears on the 1865 and 1879 maps as the residence of Ann Wells. Ann purchased the property, forty seven and one half square perches, for \$325 from Louisa Beall in 1862.⁶ Louisa had recently received the property in a deed of partition following the death of her mother, Elizabeth Darne, which stated, "... houses and lots in Darnestown owned by said Elizabeth Darne at the time of her death..."⁷ Based on the proce that Ann Wells paid for less than one acre, this lot may well have included a house in 1861.

Ann died and the property was sold in 1885 to Alfred Violet.⁸ Alfred defaulted on his mortgage in 1894 and the property was sold. It was then described as a house and lot situated in Darnestown on the public road running through said town and would make a "very desirable home for a man of limited means."⁹ The house went through a sucession of owners until 1959 when it was purchased by the present owners, Clinton and Helen Carter.¹⁰

Next of the older buildings, located across from the intersection of Rt. 28 and Rt. 112 is a large frame and probably log structure built in sections. The date for the earliest part was previously estimated as 1853 with additions made beginning in the 1870's.¹¹ The size and style of this building does suggest an Inn of some type. It is similar and style and can be compared to the Hyatt House in Hyattstown, Md. The building appears on the 1879 map as Hilliard Hoskinson's Private Entertainment. Though it did serve as an Inn¹²

¹Jane C. Sween, "Darnestown As It Was," The Montgomery County Story February 1982, Vol. 25, No. 1.

²Deed 262/76, Montgomery Conuty Land Records.

³Deed 478/332, " "

⁴Estate 68 12 79, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

⁵Deed 5704/642, Montgomery County Land Records.

what exactly is meant by "Private Entertainment" is not known.¹ The building is now being used as a private residence and a wood-working and cabinetry shop. (For more information on this site see Julia Daniel's, Darnestown: Community At A Crossroads).

Next door to Hoskinson's Inn is a circa. 1870 Colonial style structure, #14111 Darnestown Road. It is two stories high and two bays wide with a large two story rear addition. The front entrance is covered with a portico. Interior brick chimneys are located at the east gable end of the main block and the gable end of the rear wing.

The house was probably built by William Mullican who received the property in 1867.² The Mullican family sold the house in 1901 to Lillie Green for \$500.³ Lillie resided in the house until 1911. In 1916, the house was purchased by James S. Windsor and remained in the family until 1956.⁴ The house is now the property of Arden Baker and Carl Cuphauer as tenants in common.⁵

Very similar in design to the Mullican house is #14210 Seneca Road. The major difference being that this house has a gable roof with the gable end facing front and the house is one large rectangular block, with no rear wing. Also, this house has seen more changes than the Mullican house, making the Mullican house a much better example of this style house.

The house was probably built in the early 1870's by John Dufief to provide a home and support for Mrs. Jane A. Peter. The house was lost in a foreclosure in January of 1896 and sold on a 2 3/4 acre lot to Ella West for \$525.⁶ Ella lived in the house until her death in 1936 at which time the house was sold by the executors of her will to Charles and Beulah Roberts, the present owners.⁷

⁶Deed JGH 8/599, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁷Deed of Partition, JGH 8/621, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁸Deed EBP 35/284, " "

⁹Sentinel, May 18, 1894, p. 2.

¹⁰Deed 2658/551, Montgomery County Land Records

¹¹Julia Daniels, "Darnestown: Community AT A Crossroads," p.16-18.

¹²1880 Census lists unrelated persons living here, reference is also made to Hoskinson's Hotel in property auction made at this time.

¹Mrs. Jane Sween stated that her grandmother came here as a child to buy gingerbread but was told that under no circumstances was she to go into certain parts of the building.

²Deed EBP 4/469, Montgomery County Land Records.

³Deed TD 19/209, " "

⁴Deed 302/352, " "

⁵Deed 4469/635, " "

⁶Equity #1374, JA 12/104, Montgomery County Judgement Records, and Deed JA 53/28, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁷Deed 642/153, Montgomery County Land Records.

Lastly, on the other side of the Darnestown Road, is #13900, the first house in the historic district. It is probably a late 1850's, vernacular frame dwelling. The house is two stories high three bay by one bay with a gable roof. A porch with decorative jig-sawn trim runs the length of the facade. There is a two story addition to the rear. This house is very similar in architecture to Hoskinson's Hotel (the main block), specifically in its proportions and in their window placements. Some changes have been made to this house such as new windows and the removal of the chimney block which has the effect of updating its appearance some what.

The house was built by Edward Hays (who appears on the 1865 map) It was built on approximately 26 acres of land which Edward's wife, Sarah obtained after the death of her husband, William West. It was built as a two story frame dwelling of seven rooms. The property included a barn and other necessary outbuildings as well as apple and peach orchards and a 3 acre grove of chestnut trees.¹

After Edward's death the house was sold to Zebedee Beall in October of 1883 for \$3,000.² The house remained in the Beall family for many years until it was sold by Arthur and Josephine Beall in 1953. In 1979 the house was purchased by the present owners, Terrel and Rebecca Thornton.³

The Darnestown Historic District is largely comprised of the second group of structures, those dating from approximately 1880 to 1910. They are as follows.

First is #13912 Darnestown Road. It is a long, narrow two story two bay wide dwelling. It has a gable roof covered with raised-seam metal. The house has six over six light windows framed with plain wide boards. The original frame exterior is now covered with asbestos shingles but otherwise remains relatively unchanged.

The house was probably built by James S. Windsor about 1895.⁴ It was sold on a half acre lot to Thomas Jones for \$475 in 1902.⁵ Thomas died in 1935 leaving the house to his two daughters, Nancy O. Smith and Daisy Mae Jones.⁶ When Nancy died in 1959 the property was assessed. It was then described as a two story frame dwelling containing four rooms, and resting on a half acre lot. The house then had electricity but no running water except "that which is obtained from neighboring wells." It was stated that the house was very old and in need of both repairs and paint. It was being rented to Bertha Mills.⁷ Daisy Mae sold the house in 1959 to the present owners, Arthur and Claudia Green.⁸

¹Equity #489, EBP 15/162, Montgomery County Judgement Records.

²Deed EBP 29/389, Montgomery County Land Records.

³Deed 5411/601, " "

⁴Date based on Tax records, 1886-1910 and the price paid.

⁵Deed TD 2/58, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁶Will GCD 11/88, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

⁷Case #11595, " "

⁸Deed 2675/254, Montgomery County Land Records.

#13920 Darnestown Road is a vernacular victorian two story, three bay by two bay frame house. It has a gable roof with a center gable. The windows are two over two light with a small semi-circular window in the front gable. A porch, supported by plain square posts, runs the length of the facade. The original frame exterior is now covered with asphalt shingles made to look like red brick. The roof of the house has a center brick chimney. To the rear is a two story wing.

The house was built about 1895 by George Green.¹ It was sold in 1900 to Francis Getzendanner.² the rear wing was probably added about 1929.³ In 1932 the house was purchased by Laura M. Howard.⁴ She died in 1957 at which point the property was assessed. It was described as 1.92 acres improved by a two story frame, imitation brick siding, house of eight rooms and a pantry, with a front porch. The house was then ssid to be more than 60 years old and had no modern improvements except electricity. It also listed a small cellar used to store fruit and vegetables, and a frame garage.⁵ The house is now the property of William Karjala and Karen Gally.⁶

#14001 Darnestown Road is a rural vernacular two story, three bay by two bay frame house with a gable roof with a center gable and a rear wing. The house is lit by two over two light windows. There is an interior brick chimney at both gable ends. A porch runs the length of the facade. The exterior of the house is covered with Stucco, somewhat updating its late nineteenth century appearance (stucco became popular as a means by which an old house could be modernized so that its style would more closely match the technology of the early to mid twentieth century).

The house was built about 1890 by John T. Best.⁷ Best purchased the 51 acres on which the house was built in 1885.⁸ He owned the property until April of 1916 when he sold it to Ernest P. Ricketts.⁹ It was the Athey farm from 1942 until 1965. Later it was purchased by the present owners, Henry and Holly Pampillonia, in May of 1976.¹⁰

The next house, #14 Darnestown Road is one of the more interesting, elaborately built houses in the district. It is a large

¹Case #10686, Montgomery County Register of Wills (gives approx. age)

²Deed TD 16/71, Montgomery County Land Records.

³The Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assesments books for the year 1929.

⁴Deed 540/157, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁵Case #10686, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

⁶Deed 4969/681, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁷The date given is based on the date that improvements are listed in the Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assesments Books, 1886-1909

⁸Deed EBP 35/311, Montgomery County Land Records and Equity #582, Montgomery County Judgment Records.

⁹Deed 254/476, Montgomery County Land Records.

¹⁰Deed 4790/15, "

two story frame, five bay by two bay house. It resembles the "four square" house of the early twentieth century with its combination hip and gable roof with a single hip roof dormer. A decorative oval window is located in the center of the second story facade. The house has two large center brick chimneys. A porch, supported by large, round columns, extends across the facade and around the east side. This house is different from the other houses in the district in its proportions and styling and because of its period of construction it serves as a transition structure between the late nineteenth century buildings and the later Bungalow styles of the 1920's and 1930's found in the district. The exterior is now covered with stucco.

The house was built by James Offutt in 1908.¹ It was sold it was sold about 1916 after which time it passed through a succession of owners. Lincoln National Bank purchased the house in 1979.² The house is now vacant and in need of attention.

On the other side of Seneca road is #14120, a rural vernacular two story, two bay by one bay frame dwelling with weatherboard siding and a gable roof covered with raised-seam metal. A porch, supported by large round columns, runs the length of the facade. The house has six over six light windows. There are three rooms on the first floor and two bedrooms on the second. A fairly new single story addition is located to the west side of the house.

The house was built by James T. Purdum about 1888. James received the one acre, one rod and twenty-four perches on which his house was built in September of 1887 from James W.H. Purdum who owned the large farm adjacent.³ The house remained in the family until 1953 when James daughter, Mary, sold it. In June of 1978 the house was purchased by the present owners, Robert and Carmen Huebner.⁴

The house next door to the Purdum house, now in ruins, is a two story frame house with a gable roof with a center gable facade. A Porch covers the first story facade. The house was built in 1892 by Philip Reid.⁵ Unfortunately the house has been vacant for a number of years and has badly deteriorated.

Very similar but somewhat older than the Reid house and also deteriorating, though not as badly, is # Seneca Road. It is a rural vernacular two story, three bay by one bay frame house with a gable roof with a center gable. A porch, supported by turned posts, runs the length of the facade. There is a two story rear wing and a single story wing to the south side. The house, still late nineteenth century in appearance, is in need of repair.

¹Sentinel, November 13, 1908.

²Deed 5274/144, Montgomery County Land Records.

³Deed JA 9/48, " "

⁴Deed 5159/238, " "

⁵Sentinel, March 11, 1892.

The house was probably built about 1873 by Henry Nehouse on one acre and nine square perches of land which his wife, Anna, purchased from Samuel Boswell in 1872 for \$158.06.¹ They sold the house in 1894 to James Windsor who in turn sold it in 1920 to Effie Waters. It was probably Effie who had the rear wing built between 1920 and 1923.² Effie sold the house in 1926 after which time it passed through a succession of owners. It is now owned by the Lincoln National Bank.

The Darnestown Historic District has a number of Bungalow style houses. The Bungalow underwent tremendous popularity between 1895 and 1930, becoming a national favorite and a model for the middle-class American home. Builders plans could be purchased for a few dollars and the house itself was inexpensive to build. The Bungalow house is typified by one and a half stories with wide over hanging gables forming a porch on the front supported by heavy battered piers, decorative rafter ends and large chimney blocks. They were usually small in scale. Although the Bungalow style was not built much after the 1920's, its general form was incorporated into homes of the later decades. This too is seen in the Darnestown Historic District. Bungalows appear at #13908 and 14010 at the eastern end of Darnestown Road and at the western end along the north side, the truest example of which is #14139. The most noteworthy Bungalow in the district is located at #14200 Seneca Road.

#14200 Seneca Road is a one and a half story, three bay wide frame Bungalow style house. It has a gable roof with a single, large center gable dormer. The eaves are all bracketed. The roof extends out to cover a porch supported at either end by decoratively carved, double columns. The entrance is located in the center with a large double window to each side.

The house was probably built in the mid 1920's by James and Ethel White.³ The White's house was built on 2 7/8 acres which they purchased from Alice Nourse in July of 1920.⁴ It was purchased by the present owners, the Zimmermans, in December of 1956.⁵

#14139 Darnestown Road is a one and a half story, three bay by three bay frame Bungalow style house. The roof overhangs to cover the porch which is supported by tapering columns resting on pedestals. There is a single dormer window on the roof. The eaves are all bracketed. There is a brick chimney on the east side. The house is frame with shingled gable ends.

¹Deed EBP 10/53, Montgomery County Land Records.

²Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assesment Books, 1898-1923.

³" " 1923-1950.

⁴Deed 298/111, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁵Deed 2296/6, " "

Another interesting example of 1920's-1930's period architecture in the Darnestown Historic District is the auto body shop on Rt.28. This is a good example of simple 1920's-1930's commercial architecture. It is constructed of rock-face concrete block, a building material brought on by industrial technology and the "machine aesthetic" of this period. The garage has a stepped roof line and a central entry way with large display windows, with plain concrete lentils, to each side.

It was constructed by George "Ace" Esworthy as a custom built garage.¹ It included a large open space, a small office and a half bath. It was used as a combination garage and Sinclair gas station and later, as a lawn mower repair shop.² It is presently being used as an auto body shop.

Ace began his auto repair business in 1926 in a garage on this site. Then in 1933, with the help of his wife, Helen, and a friend, Joe Tarrey, George began construction of the garage. They made the concrete blocks themselves right on the site.³

In addition to this structure, there are two other smaller rock-faced block outbuildings which sit to the east of the garage. (Remnants of the Darne family, the founding family of the town, cemetery is said to be located behind the garage, in the general area of the rock-faced buildings.

The fourth and last group of structures found in the Darnestown Historic District are modern buildings not yet of historical significance and therefore, not contributing to the historic district. A number of these individual sites are found scattered through out the district.

Significance:

Darnestown is a rural farming town which developed along the road from Rockville to Poolesville (Rt. 28) during the early nineteenth century. The town provided a small trade center to serve the needs of its agriculturally based economy. The services provided included a post office, stores, tavern, blacksmith and the like. With no industry aside from farming, Darnestown was a small cross-roads community on the road heading west out of Montgomery County.

¹Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assesment Books, 1923-1945, and, Carmen Huebner, "Darnestown In The Past," Little Acorn, October 1982.

²Estate #68 12 79, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

³Carmen Huebner.

The Darnestown Historic District is significant for its mid-nineteenth to early twentieth century buildings, all vernacular in style, which reflect the town's simple agriculturally based existence. The retention of some of its early structures with the addition of (or replacement with) many newer ones over the years is seen in the present architectural make-up of the town which spans over 100 years of growth.

History & Support:

The town's early development stems from the Darne and Beall families who first owned and later sold off the lots which comprised the town. The Darnestown area was originally settled around 1749 by Ninian Beall. His oldest daughter, Ruth, married Charles Gassaway who afterwards purchased considerable acreage from his father-in-law between 1777 and 1795. These purchases included the "Mt. Pleasant" tract on which Darnestown would later be located. This property was then inherited by Ruth and Charles daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of William Darne after whom the town was named.¹ All of the lots in Darnestown can be traced back to William Darne or his wife, Elizabeth, and later to their two daughters, Cecilia Beall and Louisa Beall, who inherited the property after their mother's death in 1861.²

Already by the early part of the nineteenth century Darnestown had a busy trade center with a store and post office, tavern, blacksmith and wheelwright. The town was linked for trade to Georgetown by the C&O Canal. The canal provided the means by which farm produce could be transported out of Darnestown for sale and farm supplies could be brought in. The town suffered a loss in population by 1840, as did most of Montgomery County, due to soil depletion. However, with the development of new methods of fertilization this would later change.

Darnestown grew in prosperity and importance during the Civil War at which time it served as a union outpost and headquarters for numerous army regiments. This greatly increased the trade and goings-on in the town. As one army man described it in 1861,

"Darnestown itself is a little village on the road from Washington to Poolesville... Most of its homes are of the log and mud style. It boasts no hotel, though some hospitable people would afford entertainment for man and beast. It has three country stores where hardware, dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, quack medicines and whickey are sold... there is a blacksmith shop but no shoemakers. A post office is one of the stores and before our advent a stage coach passed through one day and down through the next. A few houses of more than visual

¹William Darne was the largest landholder in the area at the time that the first post office was open, which is why the town is so named.
²Deed of Partition JGH8/621, Montgomery County Land Records.

pretention would hardly pass muster in a New England Village, and the poorer ones are sadly dilapidated." 1

However, according to this man's accounts, Darnestown did pick-up somewhat as Union army divisions such as his own moved in. Telegraph lines were put up, the stage coach ran more often and trade in general, increased.²

The post Civil War years up until about the turn of the century were Darnestown's most prosperous years. The area, no longer threatened with soil depletion, found a stable money producing crop in Wheat. Trade and population grew during this time. This would account for the fact that a number of the old structures in the town were built during this period.

Between 1890 and 1910 the pattern of growth in Montgomery County was changing greatly due to the expansion of suburban areas around Washington, D.C. Farming areas were losing population to the growing suburbs. Darnestown was among the areas to suffer decreases in population during this time.³ It must have been following this period that commercial growth declined. Construction during the 1920's and 1930's took the form mostly of Bungalow style dwellings. Beginning for the most part in the 1950's, many of the older structures were torn down.⁴ Later brick and frame houses followed, as well as the recent commercial properties such as the gas station, bank and veterinary clinic in the center of town. Presently, sub-divisions are springing up along the outskirts of town.

Conclusion:

While some of the older structures which contribute to the town's history remain such as Griffith's Store and Hoskinson's Tavern, many have also been lost (like J.S. Windsor's Store and Post Office and Dr. Beall's House). On the other hand, many of the present structures, especially the later nineteenth and early twentieth century ones, do represent and are significant to the town's growth. In its favor, Darnestown has not yet been altered by gross commercialism. It instead reflects the growth of a small farming town from its near beginnings to the present and is interesting for this reason. However, the mixing of the old with the new creates a lack of cohesion in the town's architecture which may make it difficult to justify the designation of an historic district. Instead, it may be advisable to list the structures which are historically and/or architecturally significant as individual historic sites.

¹"A Description of Darnestown During the Civil War," Near Frederick, Md., December 19, 1861. (Files on Darnestown, M.C. Hist. Soc.).

²Ibid.

³Richard McMaster & Ray Hiebert, A Grateful Rememberence, Mont. Co. Government & Historical Society, 1976, p.247.

⁴Mrs. Jane Sween.

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Mrs. Jane Sween
Montgomery County Commissioner's Tax Assessment Books

0. Geographical Data

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UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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NOMINATION FORM
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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME						
COMMON: Darnestown						
AND/OR HISTORIC: Darnestown Post Office						
2. LOCATION						
STREET AND NUMBER: Darnestown Road (Rte. 28) and Seneca Road (Rte. 112)						
CITY OR TOWN: Darnestown						
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Maryland			
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Darnestown lies on either side of the Rockville-Dickerson Road, with lots fronting on that road.

The Dr. Beall house is a two story, Federal-style, frame building with a three bay facade. The entrance is in the east bay. The house was altered in the late nineteenth century, with a center gable, bracketed cornice, and 2/2 double hung sash windows dating from that period.

Another Federal house is two stories with internal chimneys on the west end. The doorway is in the east bay. The cornice has small brackets. Across the front, a porch with bracketed posts has been added.

Near the intersection of the two roads, several smaller frame buildings survive. One may be Mrs. Beall's Tavern. Two are story and a half and another is two stories. The two story house is built in two parts, each three bays with the chimney between; it may have been built for combined commercial and residential use.

The Presbyterian Church is frame and built on a T-plan. The east arm of the T is a tower open at the top with a pyramid roof. The doorway is in the base of the tower. The facade has a central gable and three part window. The stem of the T is the nave, divided into bays by pilasters; each bay has a square headed window.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Sr. Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M NCPPC DATE: 5 March 75

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

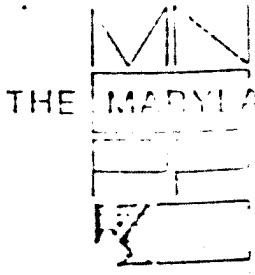
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 31, 1985

ACTION TAKEN

PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO
THE MASTER PLAN FOR
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
WESTERN AND UPPER MONTGOMERY
COUNTY RESOURCES

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1985

at
10.00 A.M.

in the
Montgomery Regional Office Auditorium
8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, Maryland

to take testimony on whether or not the following historic resources presently listed in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County should be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation:

<u>SITE</u>	<u>ATLAS #</u>	
1. Oliver Watkins/Wells Farm Ridge Road Cedar Grove, MD	13/3	
2. Ned Watkins/Ovid Wells Farm 12001 Skylark Road Cedar Grove, MD	13/7	
3. High View/Burdette Hotel 21010 Clarksburg Road Boys, MD	13/20	
4. Mount Nebo Mount Nebo Road Poolesville, MD	17/46	
5. Poplar Grove Baptist Church Jones Lane Darnestown, MD	24/16	
6. Darnestown Presbyterian Church & Cemetery 13800 Darnestown Road Gaithersburg, MD	24/19-1	
		7. Darnestown Historic District Seneca & Darnestown Roads Darnestown, MD

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Blair estate, "Silver Spring," is included in this survey.

St. Joseph's Park lies on the east side of Rock Creek, and embraces Knowles' Station, Forest Glen Station, and Linden Station, including the beautiful farms of Alfred Ray, William A. Batchelor, and Carroll's or St. John's chapel. The Brookville and Washington turnpike passes through it, from Augustus Burgdorf's farm nearly to Grace Protestant Episcopal church.

St. Joseph's Park comprises a tract of land granted May 20, 1689, to William Joseph, containing four thousand two hundred and twenty acres.

The school trustees and teachers for 1881 and 1882 are as follows:

Trustees.—No. 1, Aquila Windham, Cephus Hurley, Maurice Weller; No. 2, J. C. Willson, J. B. Childs, Thos. Ciesel; No. 3, Wm. E. Shaw, Joseph Hopkins, John M. Clark; No. 4, James Bonifant, W. E. Lagenby, Perry Luthwan; No. 5, Richard Waters, L. H. Duvall, W. H. Spencer; No. 6, W. P. Miller, Dr. Thomas, Wm. T. Bond; No. 7, Frank Mulhom, J. G. Cashell, Jackson Cashell; No. 8, O. F. H. Clark, Thos. Hardesty, Columbus Joy; No. 9, Benj. Fawcett, — Kelder, J. Marlow; No. 10, H. Linkins, W. B. Weller, Edward Rabbitt; No. 11, W. H. Manneke, P. P. Flournoy, R. H. Perry.

Teachers.—No. 1, Mary D. Hardy, Wheaton P. O.; No. 2, E. S. C. Weaver, Sligo P. O.; No. 3, Cyrus Grady, Burnt Mills P. O.; No. 4, C. N. Warfield, Colesville P. O.; No. 5, Frank Miller, Spencerville P. O.; No. 6, A. T. Porter, Sandy Spring P. O.; No. 7, Wm. Grady, Sandy Spring P. O.; No. 8, F. P. Clark, Silver Spring P. O.; No. 9, H. S. Reynolds, Fairhood P. O.; No. 10, Mercy A. Griffin, Norbeck P. O.; No. 11, A. R. Wingate, Bethesda P. O.

There are three colored schools.

The magistrates are John T. Baker, Causin Condict, James C. Haviland, Samuel R. Carr.

DARNESTOWN DISTRICT, No. 6.

This district was created Feb. 14, 1878, and was formed from portions of Medley and Rockville Districts. Its metes and bounds are as follows:

"Beginning at the crossing of Little Seneca Creek by the county road leading from Gaithersburg to Barnesville, and running down and with said Little Seneca Creek until it empties into Great Seneca Creek; thence down and with said Great Seneca Creek until it empties into the Potomac River; thence down and with said Potomac River to the mouth of Watts' Branch; thence up and with said Watts' Branch to the mouth of Piney Branch; thence up and with said Piney Branch until the same is crossed by the public road near the residence of Mrs. Upton West; thence down and with said public road in the direction of Darnestown, until the same intersects the road known as the Du Tif mill road; then with said road, as it is described in the plat recorded in Liber J. G. H., number seven, folio six hundred and three, of the land records of said Montgomery County, until the same intersects the Gaithersburg and Barnesville road, near Gaithersburg; then with said Gaithersburg and Barnesville road in the direction of Barnesville to the place of beginning, to include Harris and Watkins Islands in the Potomac River."

This district is bounded on the north and northwest by Medley District, west by the Potomac River and Virginia, south by Great Falls and Rockville Districts, and east by Clarksburg and Gaithersburg Districts. Little and Great Seneca Creeks separate it from Medley District, and Piney Branch from Great Falls District. The other streams are Muddy Branch, flowing west into the Potomac, and Long Draught, northwest into Great Seneca Creek.

The earliest settlers were Walter Evans, James Plummer, John Clutten, William Offutt, the Dawsons, Pumphreys, Joneses, Wests, Du Fiefs, Pardums, Crosses, Vincents, Rices, Higginsets, and Bentons.

Darnestown.—This town lies five miles from Germantown, and was named in honor of William Darne. The oldest house belongs to the heirs of William Darne, and is occupied by Edward Green. The first store was kept by John Candler, and the first tavern by Andrew Barneyloc. Dr. Edwards was the first resident physician. John Doud was the first blacksmith, and the first wheelwright-shop was carried on by Samuel Leeke, with whom Richard Hopple, his successor, and the present wheelwright, learned his trade. John Candler was the first postmaster, and J. S. Windsor is the present. Dr. Thomas Williams is the resident physician, and Dr. R. B. Beall, dentist. James S. Windsor and James F. Poole are the merchants. Darnestown Grange, No. 33, is located here, of which L. A. Darby is Master, and E. L. Tschiffely, secretary. Pleasant Hill Lodge, No. 97, I. O. O. F., was instituted at Pleasant Hill, where its meetings were held until after the war, when it was removed to this town. In September, 1881,—no meetings having been held here for several months,—the lodge was removed to Dawsonville.

The Presbyterian church, a frame structure, was built in 1855. The successful establishment of this church was chiefly the result of the faithful labors of its first and efficient pastor, Rev. Metzger. After his death Rev. James Henderson became pastor, who was succeeded by Rev. Charles Beach, and he by Rev. Henry Brown, the present incumbent.

In the rear of the church is a graveyard, in which are interred

Mary E. Warfield, born Sept. 18, 1820, died Dec. 27, 1880.

Wm. W. Warfield, born Sept. 17, 1838, died Nov. 8, 1874.

Mary A., wife of James Offutt, born Nov. 3, 1819, died April 6, 1879.

Elizabeth R., wife of Elbert Perry, born Dec. 3, 1820, died Feb. 18, 1880.

Bessie L., daughter of C. H. and Celia E. Vincent, died Oct. 6, 1880, aged 7 years.

Elizabeth Claggott, died Dec. 7, 1872, aged 79.

Susan E. Claggott, died Feb. 5, 1872, aged 58.

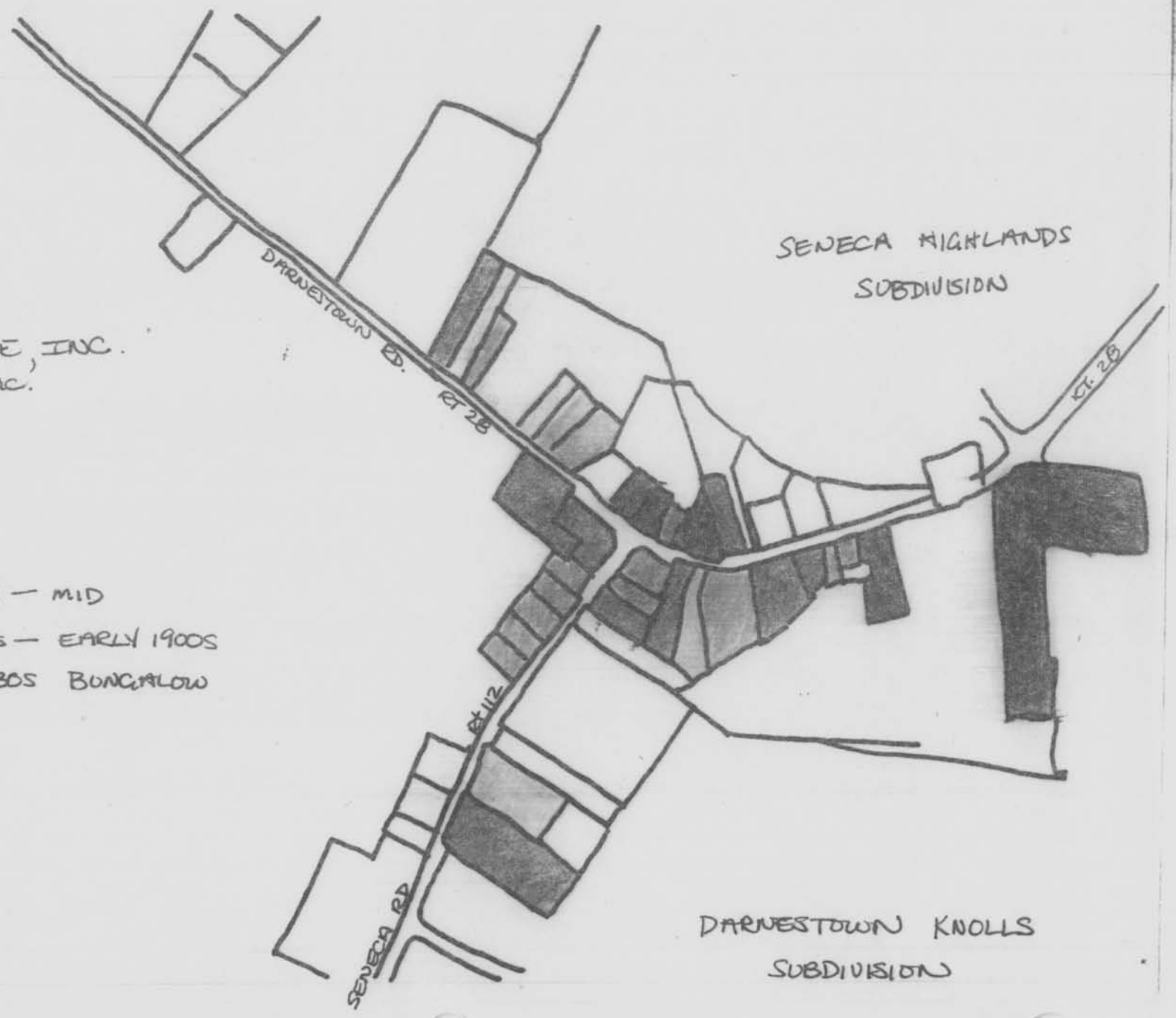
Fannie E. Hays, died June 1, 1863.

DARNESTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

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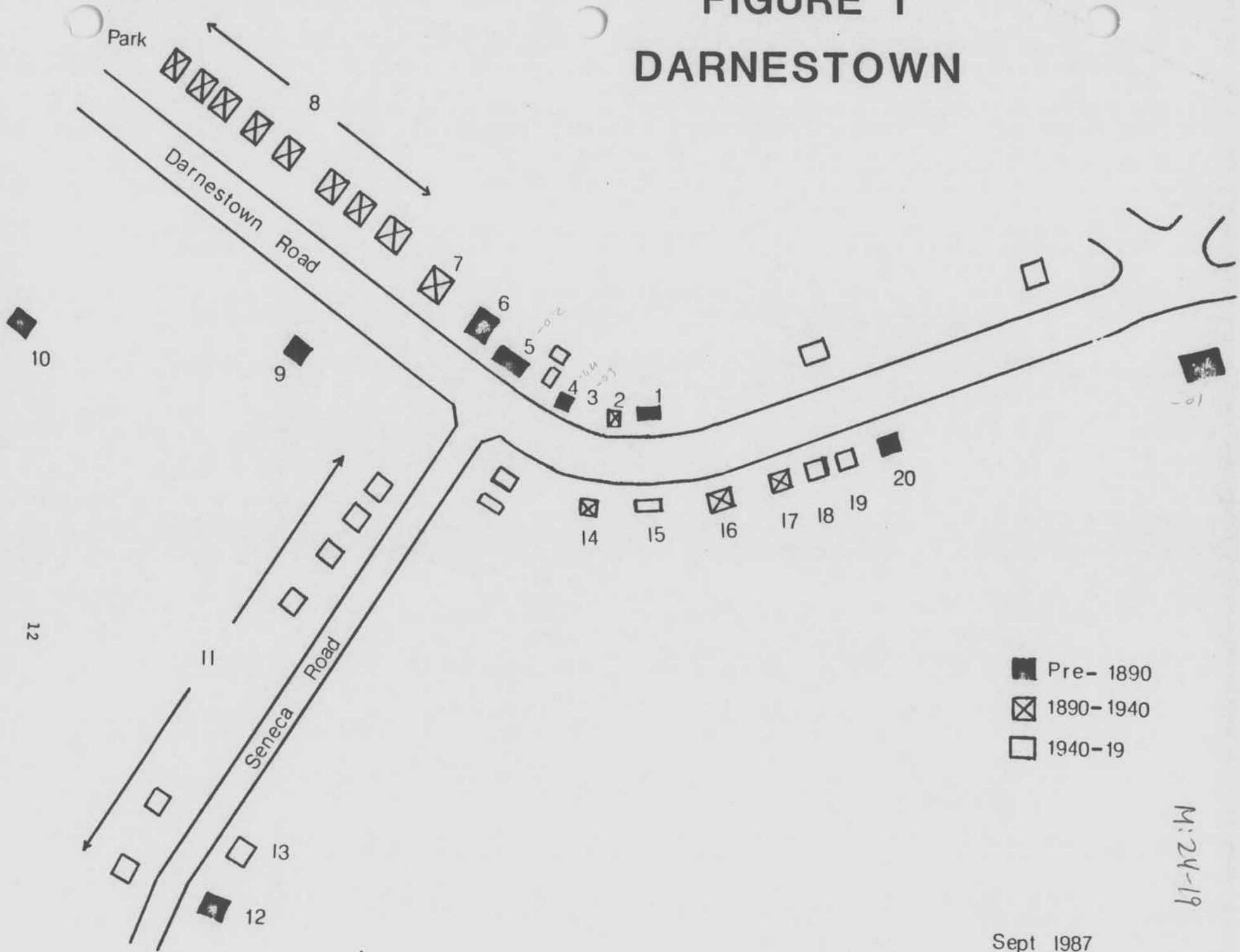
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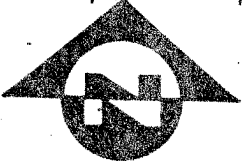
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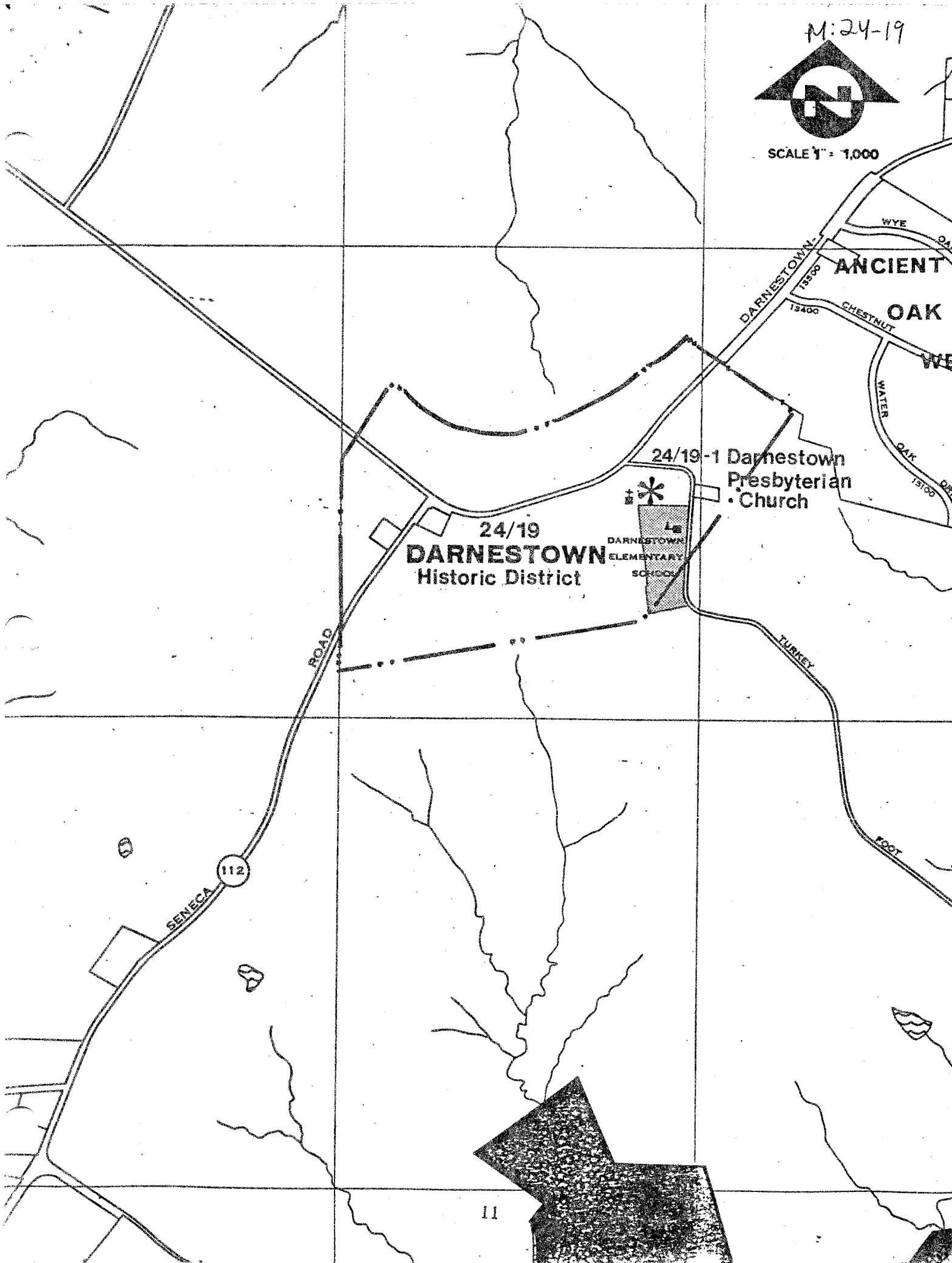


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NAME DR. BEALL HOUSE

LOCATION RTE. 28, DARNESTOWN, MD.

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