

14/20 LORENZO WATKINS HOUSE
10820 Watkins Rd.

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Lorenzo Watkins House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10820 Watkins Road not for publication

city, town Cedar Grove vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<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 Guy Dallas & Fannie Elizabeth Watkins *See attached 5-2004*

street & number 10820 Watkins Road telephone no.: 972-3165

city, town Cedar Grove state and zip code Maryland 20767 ~~8637~~

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4611

street & number folio 663

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

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Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation MONTGOMERY COUNTY Real Property Data Search	Go Back View Map New Search
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Account Identifier: District - 12 **Account Number -** 01707273

Owner Information

Owner Name:	KOONTZ, RANDALL A <i>Randy + Lisa</i>	Use:	RESIDENTIAL
		Principal Residence:	YES
Mailing Address:	10820 WATKINS RD GERMANTOWN MD 20876-4530	Deed Reference:	1) /17155/ 198 2)

301-972-3338

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address	Zoning	Legal Description
10820 WATKINS RD GERMANTOWN 20876-4530	RE2	COW PASTURE RAYS ADV ENTURE

Map	Grid	Parcel	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
FW31		P438	1				80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town
	Ad Valorem
	Tax Class 42

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1859	1,624 SF	43,560.00 SF	111
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	ASBESTOS SHINGLE

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2001	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2001	As Of 07/01/2002
Land:	70,890	70,890		
Improvements:	68,160	73,040		
Total:	139,050	143,930	140,676	142,302
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

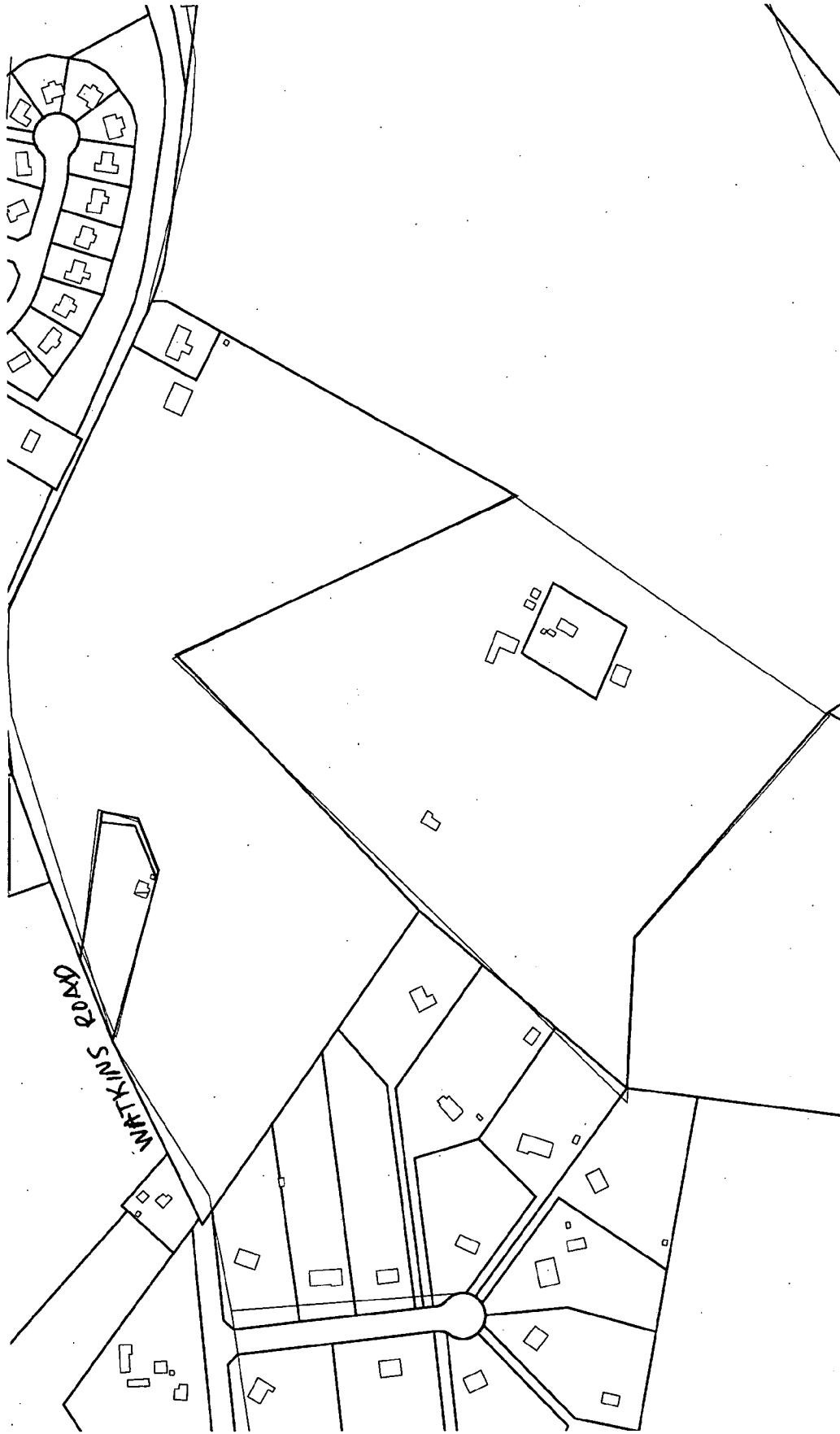
Transfer Information

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Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 4611/ 663	Deed2:
Seller:	Date: 01/31/1975	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Code	07/01/2001	07/01/2002
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

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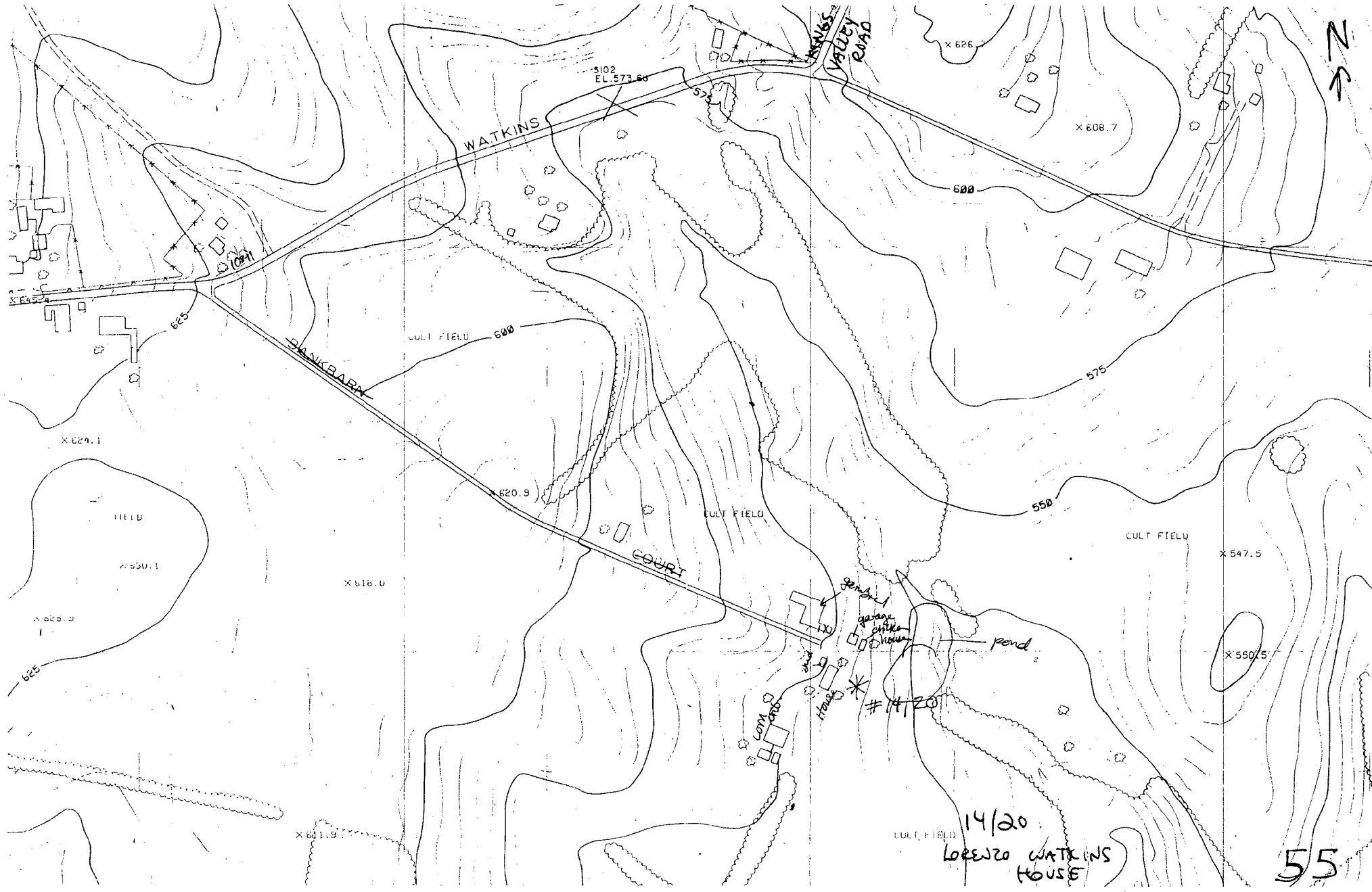
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Clare Kelly Cavicchi

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, frame structure, built in several sections. The south end is a three-bay unit with the doorway in the north bay and two windows in the center and south bays. A stair hall runs through the house with a room to the south.

The north end is a three-bay unit with central door and flanking windows.

Chimneys are positioned at either end, as well as one at the center. The north end chimney is external; the central chimney was probably an end chimney for the north end before the south end was built. The south end chimney is internal.

On the east facade, a porch has been enclosed and other alterations have been made, obscuring much of the facade.

Along the slope of the gable ends are bargeboards.

North of the house is a frame bankbarn. West of the house is a shed-roofed outbuilding.

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8. Significance

Survey No. _____

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

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

The Lorenzo Watkins house is a large rural vernacular dwelling constructed in parts. The main block of the house was built in two section and has a porch enclosure and other alterations along the facade which greatly alter the original appearance of the house. The house exhibits the influence of gothic revival architecture seen in the barge boards located in the gable ends.

The Watkins family was evidently among the earlier settlers to this area. They own(ed) a number of farms in Cedar Grove and surrounding areas during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

The house was built by Lorenzo Watkins sometime between 1860 and 1876.¹ It was constructed on approximately 95 acres of "Cow Pasture" which Lorenzo purchased from Vincent and Catherine Brewer for \$1,500 in March of 1859.² Lorenzo ran a farm here. Then in August of 1919 he passed the farm on to his son, Joseph Dallas Watkins and his wife, Ida V. Watkins.³ Joseph lived here until his death in June of 1936 at which time the farm, then consisting of 162 acres, was conveyed to his three children. It was then conveyed to a single heir, Guy Watkins and his wife, Fannie Elizabeth Watkins, the present owners.⁴ thus, the farm remains in the Watkins family to this day. In 1975, most of the surrounding acreage was sold off so that now the house, frame bank barn and other outbuilding now rest on a one acre lot.

¹The date given is based on the tax assessments, the purchase date for the property and the fact that Lorenzo (or L.D.) appears on the 1879 and 1865 maps of the county.

²Deed JGH 7/301, Montgomery County Land Records.

³Deed 284/9, " "

⁴Deed 614/401, " "



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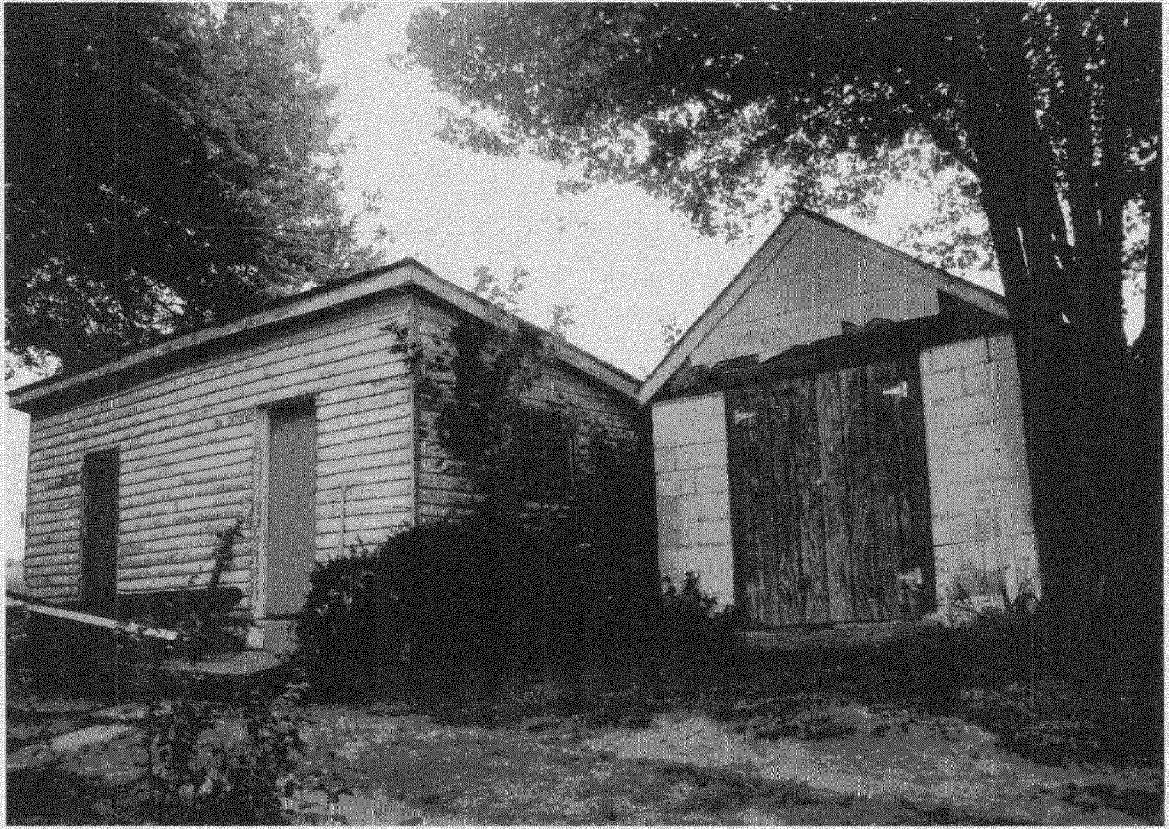
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LORENZO WATKINS FARM
10820 WATKINS ROAD

OUTBUILDINGS REAR OF HOUSE
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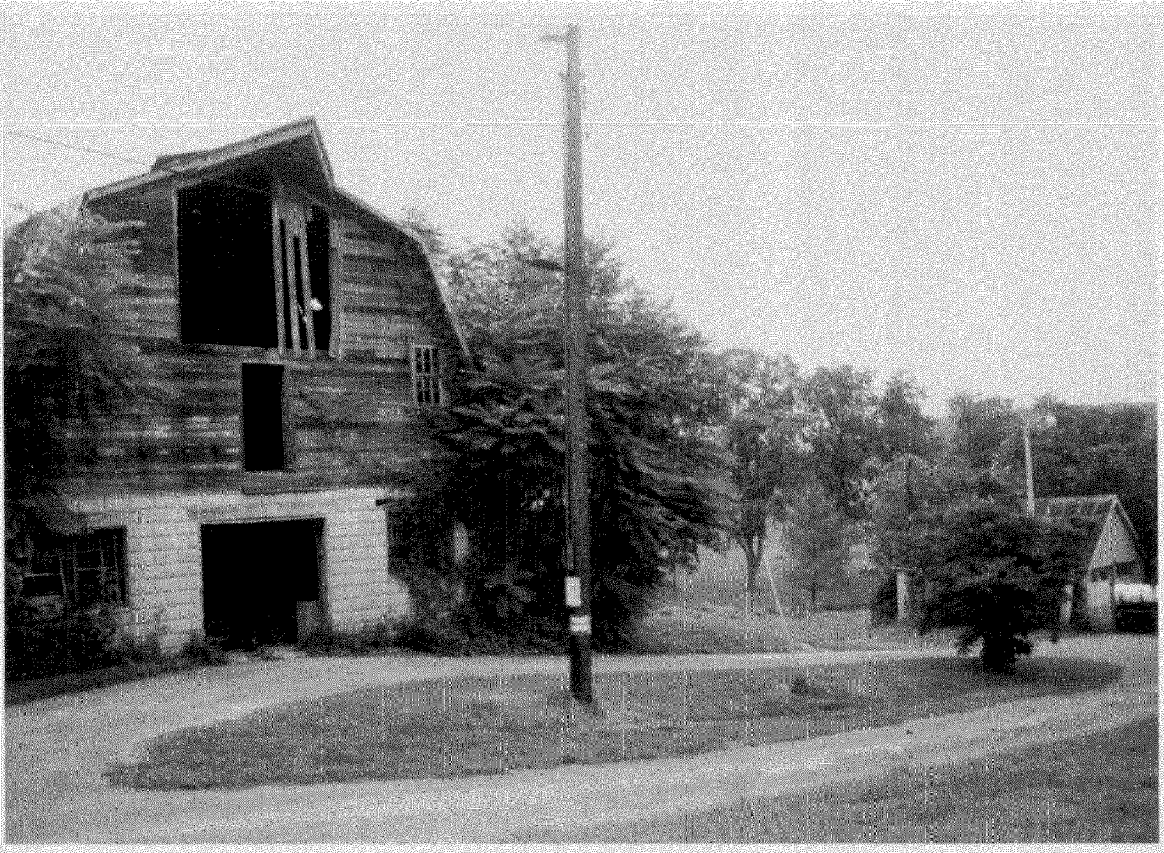
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14-20 Lorenzo Watkins Farm

House faces east toward a tributary of Wildcat Branch, later a man-made farm pond.

The original front of the house may have been on the east, facing the tributary of the Wildcat Branch, or west, toward Watkins Road. The driveway once extended in a loop around the east side of the house, the remains of which are still evident.

The two story side-gable house is six bays wide. The north three bays are log construction, partially exposed at the July 2002 site visit. This section appears to have been the original house. The three bay south section has a central stair hall.

The original house was built between 1859, when Lorenzo Watkins acquired the property, and 1865, when it appears on the Martenet and Bond map. Lorenzo paid \$1,500 to Vincent and Catherine Brewer for 95 acres, in 1859. (Deed JGH 7:301; Catherine Crawford, 1984 MHT form. Vincent Brewer was an uncle of Oliver Watkins (13/3). Check Wm Hurley book for details of Brewer-Watkins relationship. In 1851, Oliver Watkins had purchased 200 acres in what became Cedar Grove from Vincent Brewer, File 14/27)

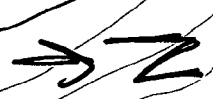
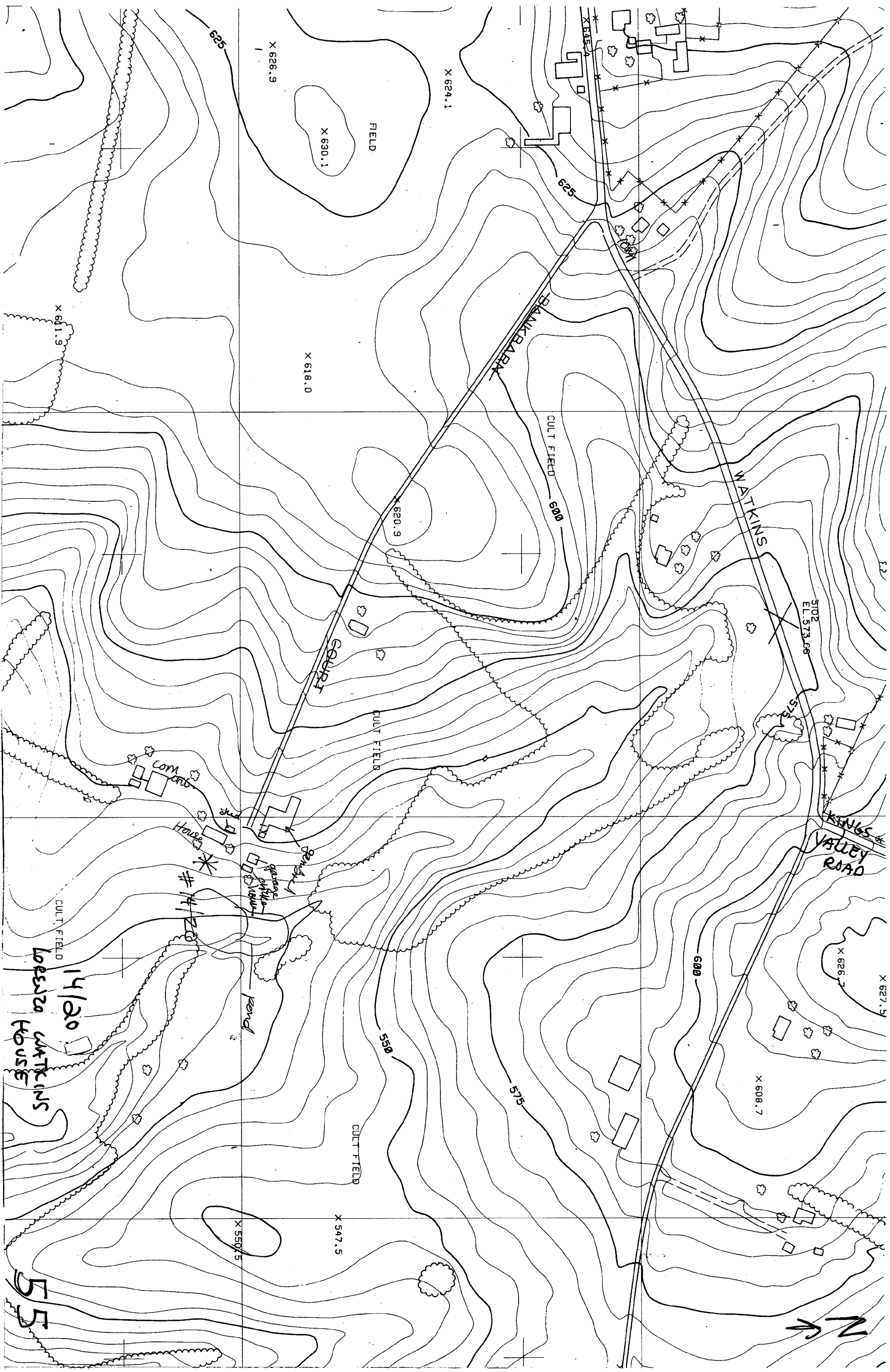
Lorenzo (1835-1920) married Jane Dorsey Purdum (1840-1916) in 1859. The couple had eight children. After his wife's death, Lorenzo, in 1919 conveyed the farm to his son, Joseph Dallas Watkins and his wife Ida V. Watkins. (Deed 284:9, as recorded by Catherine Crawford, 1984 MHT form) Lorenzo and Jane Watkins are buried at Upper Seneca Baptist Church in Cedar Grove. (William Neal Hurley, Jr. **The Watkins Families**, 1997, 112)

Joseph Dallas Watkins (1870-1935) married Ida V. Day (1872-1934) in 1906, at Upper Seneca Baptist Church. Their son, Guy Watkins (c1908-1988), one of three children who lived to adulthood, inherited the farm in 1936, after Joseph's death. Guy and his wife, Fannie Elizabeth (b.1913), subdivided the farm in 1975, with the house and outbuildings remaining on a one-acre lot. Guy died in 1988, and his widow Fannie Elizabeth, sold the property in 1999.

Lorenzo was the son of Alpha and Harriet Watkins. Alpha Watkins's farm was due south of Lorenzo's farm, as shown on the Martenet & Bond map of 1865. By 1865, Oliver Watkins had his farm further west, and Alpha Watkins to the south. (Martenet and Bond map)

The 1879 Hopkins Atlas shows Lorenzo Watkins at this location.

A 1985 article on Upper Seneca Baptist Church says the Watkins family first was associated with the church in the 1840s. (14/27) Probably earlier than that. White Oak Chapel was built sometime after church organized in 1805. It was a log structure near Watkins and Log House Road. It was near Lorenzo Watkins Farm. (14/27 MHT form, 1879 Hopkins Atlas)



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LOPESZO WATKINS
HOUSE

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SOUTH

WATKINS
VALLEY
ROAD

BANKBARAK

CULT FIELD

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CULT FIELD

FIELD

WATKINS

corn

House

gasoline
cylinder
valves

pond

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X 626.9

X 624.1

X 630.1

X 618.0

X 620.9

X 611.9

5102
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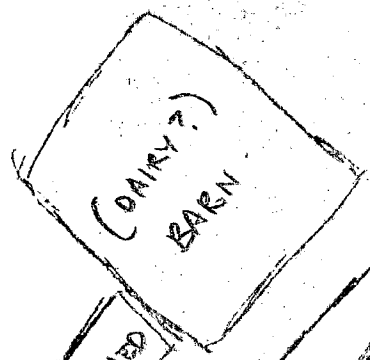
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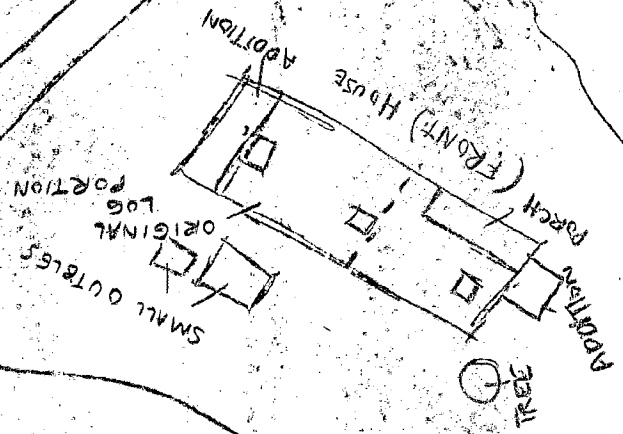
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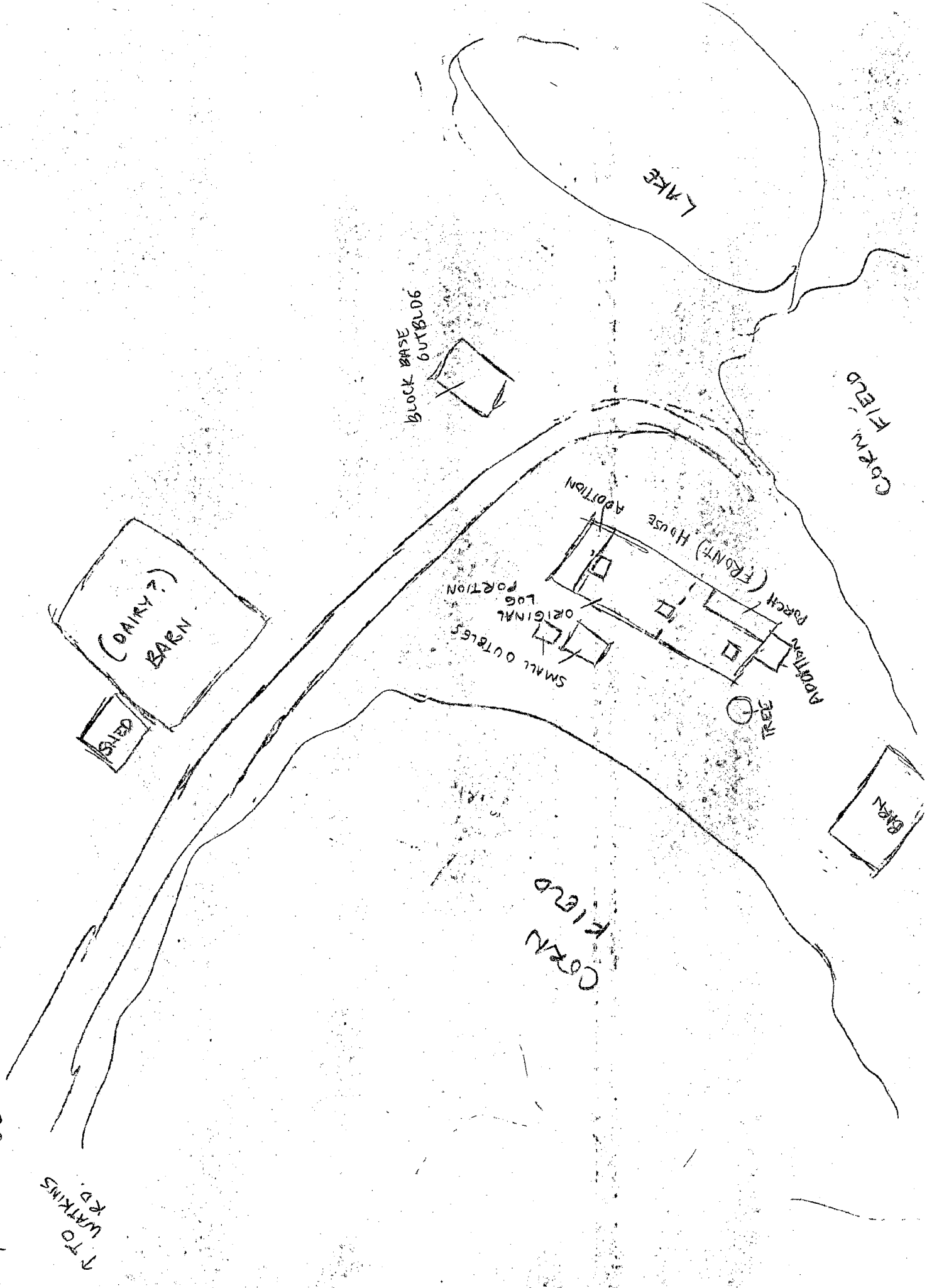
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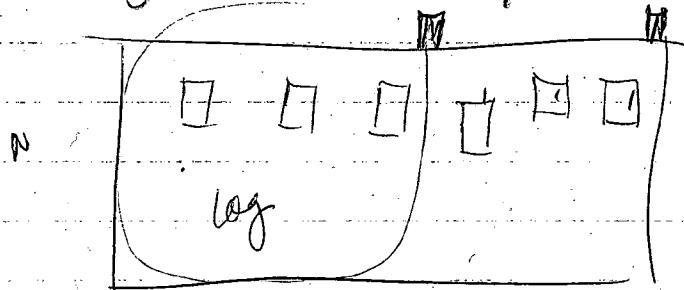


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10840 - front gable 1 story early
20th century house - separate parcel

6 1/2 x 8 ft
asbestos



west facade

East side + N side vinyl siding + new windows - Pella

bargeboard N side ^{gable} above entrance

conc block milkhouse/dairy down hill

driveway area cont'd in loop east of hse

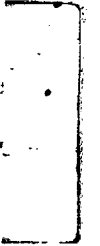
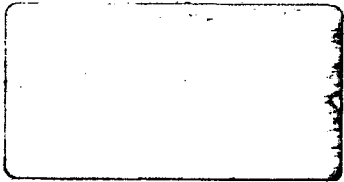
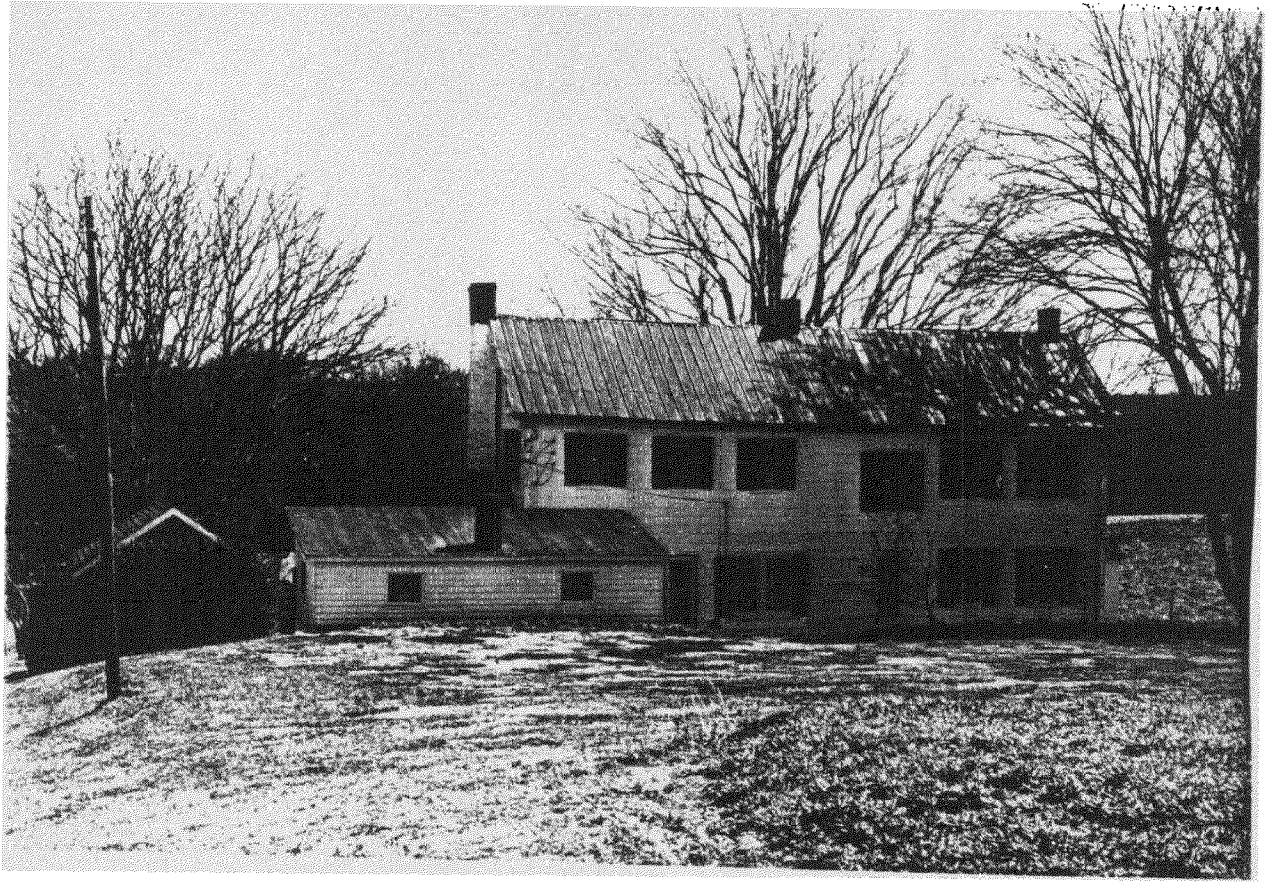
Asbestos siding on south side - more bargeboard

can climb S of hse on ^{bowed} concrete piers
No better - poss early 20th c

logs exposed under blue tarp

9" weathered siding evident - edge of N side

2 outbedgs in med N of house
are concrete block w/ front gable asbestos
+ are red roof w/ exposed rafters.
2 doors



1720

'End of an Era'

Things Past

Classifieds

Treasures

from the Past

Pleasant memories of things past

by Monica Skillington
Staff Writer

It's the end of an era. It is a time poignant with memories and recollections. Father Time heads full speed through a valley of dreams; forcing all of those in his way to move along...to another time...another place.

Nettie Hall Watkins conceded to Father Time's gentle urgings; leaving the family farm, "Watkins Hall" to her children Larry and Ann Gue.

The spiritedly matriarch who arrived at the Cedar Grove Farm nearly 50 years ago as a young bride from Gaithersburg returned to her hometown a widow with a wealth of memories; foregoing farm life for a townhouse in Montgomery Village.

This September marked the end of a family legacy at Watkins Hall Farm on Watkins Road in Cedar Grove. Larry and Ann Gue bid farewell to the family farm.

The Gues, much to Mrs. Watkins' sadness, must travel to Alabama where Larry will pursue his business. Ann's twin sister, Phyllis Johnson still resides on a farm on Wildcat Road.

"When we first moved to the farm," she laughs, "Philip warned me not to say anything about anyone to anybody because everyone in the area was related to everyone else!"

1936 MACK JUNIOR FIRE TRUCK. Good condition, \$2800 or best offer. (301) 253-2925 after 4 p.m. (Gaithersburg area).

CHERRY CHEST OF DRAWERS. Early, pegged with walnut drawer molding and brass insert escutcheons. Needs some minor repair. \$290. Call 253-5974 after 6 p.m. and weekends.

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OAK/Large and small dressers, with beveled mirrors, partially refinished. Two oak lamp tables. 831-7342.

An estate sale signaled the final chapter of the five generations of the Watkins family life in the homestead.

Nettie Watkins arrived at Watkins Hall a naive "city" girl from Gaithersburg. Her only real exposure to farm life was the familiar hometown sight of cattle being driven through the streets of Gaithersburg to be taken to market by train. She joked with husband Philip that "she wouldn't live on a dirt road." Fortunately Watkins road was paved as early as 50 years ago.

Her life, she recalls, was as serene as life can be on an 80-acre farm with three children (two of whom were twins!) Occasionally she laughs remembering, she would referee father-son debates between husband and father-in-law, Harry Lorenzo Watkins. She recalls the "greatest argument of all times." Ensuing over the purchase of a tractor, one of the first in the area.

About 'Things Past'

"Things Past" is a twice yearly special supplement to the Courier Newspapers. This edition focuses on antiques and the decorative and collectable crafts as well as the people who enjoy them. "Things Past," was written by Monica Skillington. Photos were contributed by Courier staff members.

The next issue of "Things Past," which is included in all 40,000 homes served by the Couriers, will be produced in January. For advertising information, call (301) 253-6161 or 774-2220.

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as Watkins Hall is sold by fifth generation

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So opposed to the purchase of the revolutionary machine, the elder Watkins kept the family horses, ready to substitute for what he was sure was an unreliable piece of machinery. Two years later, he gave in to progress,

accepting the tractor as a labor saving device.

Mrs. Watkins recalls colorful tales and heart warming accounts tracing her family's heritage in the tiny down county town; a family emeshed in the Upper Seneca Baptist Church, local

politics, and numerous community organizations.

Both Philip Watkins and his father served as Directors of the Bank of Gaithersburg which later was merged.

Mrs. Watkins was never lonely on

"We only hope," Mrs. Gue paused, "That the next owner of Watkins Hall will care for it and love it the same as we did."



FIVE GENERATIONS — Mrs. Philip (Nettie) Watkins poses with her daughter Mrs. Ann Gue and grandchildren, 11-year old twins Patricia and Paul during their final days at Watkins Hall in Cedar Brooke. The Gue family will vacate the family farm; the Watkins homeplace for five generations to accept a job offer in Alabama while Mrs. Watkins resides in Montgomery Village. The stately farm was sold at public auction last week. (Courier photo by Jim Skillington)

into Suburban Trust, Philip Watkins Watkins Hall Farm. She was sur- Continued on Page B-4

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CHILD 6

Lorenzo Dallas Watkins
1835-1920

This son of Alpha Watkins (1803) and Harriet Ann Lewis (1805) was born August 28, 1835, and died November 26, 1920. Married October 11, 1859 to Jane Dorsey Purdum, born May 12, 1840, died July 14, 1916, daughter of Charles Riggs Purdum (1807) and Mary Shaw (1803), (or Margaret Hobbs). Lorenzo and his wife are buried at Upper Seneca Baptist Church in Cedar Grove. They appear alone in the 1860 census for Damascus District of Montgomery County. In the 1880 census for Clarksburg District, they have seven children in the household. In the 1900 census for Damascus, the couple are living alone. Accounting of the estate of Jane D. Watkins was made by her husband, Lorenzo D., dated November 22, 1916 and recorded in liber HCA 2 at folio 184 in the wills office of Montgomery County. Her husband receives one third of the estate, and the remainder is divided between the eight children then living, all listed by name. There is also a small bequest to Russell B. Lewis and Elva Lewis. The will of Lorenzo Dallas Watkins was dated August 22, 1819 and filed for probate December 21, 1920 in liber HCA 22 at folio 442 of the will records of Montgomery County, Maryland. He makes a specific bequest of his watch and chain to his son, Joseph Dallas Watkins. He then provides that seven eighths of his estate is to be divided between his seven children, all named. The other one eighth is divided into two parts: one part goes to his grandson, Russell V. Lewis, and the other half in trust to his great granddaughter Elva Lewis, daughter of his late grandson, Grover Lewis. Joseph Dallas Watkins is named executor. They had children, not necessarily in this order:

1. Mary B. Watkins, born c.1861, apparently died young; not mentioned in the division of estate of her mother.
2. Margaret Florence Watkins, born December 7, 1862, of whom more following.
3. Charles Lee Watkins, in his father's will, Charles J. L. Watkins; born c.1865. Married February 20, 1889 Minnie A. King, born c.1870. In other records, he is found as Charles

Jefferson Lee Watkins, which appears to be correct. She is also found in some records as Amanda Cornelius King, born February 17, 1870; died November 4, 1946, the daughter of Edward J. King (1821) and Mary Jane Burdette (1825). She is buried at Upper Seneca Baptist Church, at Cedar Grove, Montgomery County. Her father's will lists her as Minnie; church records list her as Minnie A. In the 1900 census for Damascus, she is listed as Minnie A.; he is Charley L.; and they have eight children in the household. Her will, dated April 10, 1942, was probated December 18, 1946 and filed in Liber OWR 21 at folio 135 in Montgomery County. She there lists eleven children, and three of her grandchildren, all following. Charles Lee is also buried at Upper Seneca Baptist, born 1864 and died 1937. They had at least these children:

a. Clayton K. Watkins, born September 1, 1890. He was, for many years, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. As such, there are hundreds of land record books bearing the initials, CKW, with a following numeral. That is the system of book numbering used by the county, rather than starting from book one and running into the thousands. Each clerk of the court during his tenure begins the next set of books with his initials, and continues that series during his term of office. Clayton was born August 30, 1890, and married January 31, 1917 at Upper Seneca Baptist Church at Cedar Grove, to Addie Belle Hawkins, daughter of James B. Hawkins of Woodfield. She was born October 25, 1898 and died October 12, 1961. Buried in Forest Oak Cemetery, Gaithersburg.

b. Talmadge Lodge Watkins, born 1891, died 1975; married Myrtle Bryan Burns, born June 25, 1896, and died 1979; daughter of Nicholas Edward Burns (1865) and Laura Gertrude King (1873). Talmadge and his wife are buried in the cemetery of Upper Seneca Baptist Church at Cedar Grove. Nearby are the graves of two of their sons:

- (1) Charles Edward Watkins, born May 24, 1914 and died March 2, 1975. Married Mary Belle Hawkins, born May 6, 1915, daughter of James Bradley

Hawkins (1886) and Hattie Mae King (1893).
Children:

- (a) Joanne Marie Watkins, born 1939. Married James Edward Musson, born 1936. A son:
 1. Larry Edward Musson; June 22, 1966
- (b) Charles Edward Watkins, Jr., born 1940, and known as Bucky. Married to Barbara Joan Beall, born 1943. One daughter:
 1. Cynthia Elaine Watkins: November 5, 1962. Married to Dexter Gordon Mathis and had children:
 - a. Sarah Diane Mathis, born 1984
 - b. Jason Kyle Mathis, born 1987
- (c) Carol Lee Watkins, born 1953, and married Richard Harold Collins, born 1945.
- (2) Royce T. Watkins, born 1918, died March, 1972. Buried Upper Seneca Baptist Church. Married to Agnes S., born 1919. Children:
 - (a) Mary Jo Watkins, married Mayer; a child:
 1. John Talmadge Mayer.
 - (b) Jane A. Watkins, married to Robert Ernest Gartner, Jr., born June 11, 1942, son of Robert Ernest Gartner (1918) and Harriet Catherine Wachter Perry (1917). They had a child:
 1. David Wayne Gartner. June 31, 1968
- (3) Gertrude Watkins, married Duvall.
Margaret J. Watkins, born c.1893; married Howes.
Gladys D. Watkins, born 1894, died 1897.
Claudia Lucille Watkins, born August 20, 1894. Married to Howard.
- f. Belle P. Watkins, born c.1896; married Hawkins.
- g. Charles Jefferson Lee Watkins, Jr., born c.1898, married September 14, 1916 at Upper Seneca Baptist Church, Cedar Grove, to Rose Mae Johnson, daughter of James W. Johnson of Clarksburg. At least one daughter:
 - (1) Margaret E. Watkins, born April 18, 1917; died December 27, 1995. She is perhaps Margaret Ellen Watkins, who was married June 19, 1943 to Sam-

uel Sylvester Gloyd, born October 12, 1914, son of Henry Dorsey Gloyd (1879) and Margaret Lavina Arnold (1876).

- h. Bessie K. Watkins, born c.1899; married Howes.
- i. Minnie Hazel Watkins, born c.1900; married Allnutt.
- j. Mary E. Watkins, married to Johnson, and had children:
 - (1) Bettie Bell Johnson.
 - (2) Charles Thomas Johnson.
 - (3) Paul Curtis Johnson.
- k. Celeste P. Watkins, married Beall.
- l. Lorraine E. Watkins, born September 30, 1906, died March 19, 1972. Married William Ralph Walker, born September 16, 1905, died February 13, 1995, the son of McKendree Walker (1870) and Rachel Corrine Holland (1878). No children.
4. Lizzie J. Watkins, born c.1867; married Charles W. Johnson (or Charles T. Johnson). Listed as Jennie E. Johnson in the settlement of estate of her mother.
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Joseph Dallas Watkins, born c.1870 and died June 20, 1935 in Johns Hopkins University Hospital, Baltimore. Married at the Upper Seneca Baptist Church at Cedar Grove, November 16, 1893 to Ida V. Day, born 1872, died 1934; both are buried there. They appear in the 1900 census of Damascus with their first daughter, and an unnamed son, both of whom may have died young, since they are not mentioned in obituaries. They had two sons and a daughter who survived, and the first two found in the 1900 census:
 - a. Sallie B. Watkins, born c.1895
 - b. Son Watkins, born c.1900
 - c. Guy D. Watkins, born c.1908 at Cedar Grove, Maryland, and died May 30, 1988 at the Friends Nursing Home in Sandy Spring, Maryland. Buried at Upper Seneca Baptist Church, Cedar Grove. He served for 45 years as chief judge in the 12th Election District, and was a member of the Lions Club since 1947. He was a player and a coach of baseball. He was survived by his wife, Fannie E., born 1913, a niece and a nephew.

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- d. Wilbur Day Watkins, born January 23, 1900 at Cedar Grove, of whom more following.
- e. Blanche Watkins married Carson Nicholson.
6. Henry L. Watkins, born 1872, died October 30, 1950. Called Harry L. in his father's will, in the division of his mother's estate, and in the 1880 census. In the 1900 census, he is again called Harry L., listed with his wife. Also in the household at that time is Sarah A. Purdum, born c. 1834, listed as an aunt. Henry (or Harry) was married August 27, 1897 in Montgomery County to Annie E. Hall, born 1873, died 1943. Harry's will, dated January 18, 1950, was probated November 8, 1950, and filed in Liber WCC 18 at folio 408 in the will records of the county. He identifies his father as being Lorenzo D. Watkins, providing funds for the maintenance of his father's grave, as well as his own. He also mentions one son. Harry and his wife are buried at Upper Seneca Baptist Church cemetery, Cedar Grove, with stone marked "father" and "mother." Also in the cemetery is the grave of another individual who is probably their son, based on his name:
- a. Harold Hall Watkins, born 1901, died August 6, 1920 by drowning at Great Falls on the Potomac River.
- b. Philip Charles Watkins, born 1905, died January 2, 1966; who received the family farm at Cedar Grove. Married July 1, 1931 in Friendship, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, to Nettie Dorsey Etchison, born 1913. She was a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Garnett Waters Etchison of Gaithersburg. Philip and his wife are also buried at the Upper Seneca Baptist Church in Cedar Grove. His will, dated November 8, 1950, was probated January 28, 1966 and filed in will book VMB 199 at folio 504 in Montgomery County. He names his wife, and provides that after her death, his estate is to be divided between his six children, who are not named.
7. Cornelius A. Watkins, apparently the same who is buried at the Upper Seneca Baptist Church cemetery, in Cedar Grove, Maryland. He was born May 15, 1875, and died December 20, 1946. Marriage records of the county, and the *Sentinel* newspaper, report his marriage April 12, 1905 at the Upper

Seneca Baptist Church, Cedar Grove, to Rebecca Woodfield, daughter of J. R. Woodfield; and that the couple plan to reside at 1927 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore. She is perhaps Laura Rebecca Woodfield; and the mother of his children:

- a. Alfred Woodfield Watkins, born June 18, 1906 and died November 22, 1907, buried with his parents.
- b. Cornelius R. Watkins.
8. Pearl B. Watkins, who was married to George Otis Henderson of Germantown.
9. May Watkins, not mentioned in the will, nor the division of the estate of her mother.
10. Jennie Watkins, not mentioned in the will, nor the division of the estate of her mother.

Wilbur Day Watkins 1900-1969

This son of Joseph Dallas Watkins (1870) was born January 23, 1900 at Cedar Grove, and died March 21, 1969 in Sebring Ridge, Florida. He was a brother of Guy D. Watkins (1908) and Mrs. Blanche Nicholson. He owned and operated Watkins Sheet Metal before retiring and moving to Florida. Buried at Upper Seneca Baptist Church, Cedar Grove. Married December 26, 1922 in Kempton to Ruth Selby King, born there June 6, 1904, daughter of Reginald Windsor King (1878) and Ida Mae Grimes (1876). They had children:

1. Wilbur Day Watkins, Jr., known as Buster, born September 27, 1923 at Cedar Grove, owned Watkins Cabinet Company at Barnesville. Married June 23, 1948 to Agnes Jeanette Walter, born January 2, 1930 at Redland. Seven children:
 - a. Joan Marie Watkins, born December 26, 1949 in Frederick. Married first June 5, 1969 to Mark Harman Schendlecker, born March 8, 1947 in Baltimore; two daughters. Married second June 29, 1985 in Frederick to Gilmore Wayne House, born April 30, 1942, who had two children by a prior marriage. Joan's daughters were:
 - (1) Judith Marie Schendlecker, born April 10, 1970 in Boston, Massachusetts

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Cedar Grove, East side Rt 27 and up Watkins Rd: next 8

- 314 Watkins, Harry L. Jan 1873 marr 3 yrs. rents house, farm laborer
Annie E. Aug 1874 0 ch
- 315 Watkins, Alonzo Jul 1867 marr 7 yrs. farm laborer, rents house
Mary L. Mar 1870 3 ch 3 living
Fay H. Jul 1894
Paul W. Nov 1896
Infant Apr 1900 (daughter)
- 316 Watkins, James W. 20 Sept 1848 marr 27 yrs. farmer, owns mortgaged farm
Charlotte J. 23 Sept 1850
Jesse P. Aug 1877
Della C. Sept 1882 attends school
Ollie G. Sept 1886 attends school
James Haller 2 Dec 1888 attends school
Maynard D. May 1891
Olive R. Feb 1895
- 317 Watkins, Noah 23 Aug 1846 marr 29 yrs. owns. free. farm
Julia Ann Linthicum Oct 1850 13 ch 11 living
John Lester Dec 1881 attends school
Clinton C. Oct 1883 attends school
Arthur L. 5 Apr 1885 attends school
Ethel M. Dec 1886 attends school
Raymond R. 26 Dec 1888 attends school
Grace L. Mar 1891
Frances M. July 1895
- 318 Watkins, Charles L. Apr 1864 marr 11 yrs. owns, free, farm
Minnie A. Feb 1870 9 ch 8 living
Clayton C. Oct 1883 attends school
Talmadge L. Oct 1891 attends school
Madge May 1893
Claudia L. Aug 1894
Belle P. Mar 1896
Charley L. Jr. Jun 1897
Bessie K. Nov 1898
Minnie K. Feb 1900
Washington, Charley Apr 1872 black farm laborer
Georgianna B. May 1880 house servant
Earl L. Jul 1899
- 319 Watkins, Joseph D. Jan 1871 marr 6 yrs. rents house farm laborer
Ida C. Mar 1873 2 ch 2 living
Sallie B. Jan 1895
Infant Jan 1900 (son)
- 320 Watkins, Lorenzo D. Aug 1835 marr 42 yrs. owns, free, farm
Jane D. May 1840 8 ch 8 living
Pearl B. Jan 1881
Pugh, Jennie A. Jul 1878 niece
Scott, Mary A. May 1831 boarder sister-in-law widow
- 321 Purdum, James M. Jan 1870 marr 7 yrs. owns, free, farm
Emma A. Nov 1873 2 ch 2 living

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Moore's Delight, granted to Benjamin Penn in 1748, lies on the head-waters of the Great Seneca Creek, and embraces the farms of Col. Lyde Griffith, and others.

Pork Plenty, if no Thieves, granted to Nathan Ward in 1753, lies on the Patuxent, and embraces the lands in and around Duvall's Old Mill.

Chestnut Ridge, granted to George Buchanan in 1732, embraced the lands in and adjacent to Germantown Station, on the Metropolitan Railroad.

Ralfo, granted George Scott in 1740, includes a portion of Horace Waters' land, and others.

Grandmother's Good Will, granted to John Crampton, lies on the Little Seneca, and adjoins the farm of George W. Israel, south of Clarksburg.

Cow Pasture, surveyed for Henry Griffith, 10th February, 1761, for three thousand eight hundred and fifty-four and one-half acres, lies on both sides of Little Seneca Creek, near Clarksburg.

Peach Tree Hill, granted Richard Watts, September 13th, 1750, and contained seventy-five acres, and adjoins "Cow Pasture." A re-survey was granted for this tract to include vacancies, and called

Errors Corrected, for Nicholas Ridgely Warfield, May 23rd, 1792, containing two hundred and twenty-eight and three-fourths acres. The Little Seneca Creek passes through the tract, as also the Old Baltimore Road, from Barnesville to Neelsville. This is the home farm and residence of Gassaway W. Linticum, and is under fine cultivation.

Very Good, granted to John Dickinson in 1755; and

Bite the Biter, granted to Samuel Saffell, in 1756, are both near the village of Damascus.

Silent Valley, granted to Ellsworth Beane in 1756, lies east of Damascus.

Trouble Enough Indeed, granted to Thomas Whitten, in 1761, contains two thousand four hundred and ninety-two acres, lies between Clarksburg and Damascus, and embraces the lands near King's Distillery.

By glancing at the map of the County, and starting from a point on the Patuxent, east of Richard H. Griffith's residence, and draw a line to William Griffith's residence on Hawlings'

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ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

February 14, 2002

Dear Property Owner,

Historic preservation planning staff is beginning the evaluation of historic resources in the Goshen-Damascus area. The historic evaluation of these properties is taking place at this time because of the upcoming update of the Damascus Area Master Plan that is scheduled to begin in the next year.

Records indicate that you are the owner of the Lorenzo Watkins Farm (Resource #14/20). Your property was identified on the 1976 *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites* as being of potential historic significance, or was noted by planning staff as being of potential historic merit. Staff will be visiting each of the 60 sites under consideration, to document the property with photographs. If you would like us to make an appointment with you for this site visit, please call our office at 301-563-3400.

Evaluation of historic resources is a careful process, as the enclosed chart reveals. The Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Board, and County Council review each property, evaluating every proposed designation to see whether it meets Historic Preservation Ordinance criteria for historic or architectural significance that would warrant its protection. Each reviewing body holds public hearings, with the County Council having the final say on all designations. Not all nominated properties are designated. Over 425 resources have been found to be ineligible for designation and have been removed from the *Locational Atlas*. The entire evaluation process typically takes about one year.

Historic designation helps to manage change, so that new construction or landscaping is accomplished in sympathy to the historic character of a property. The enclosed brochure explains in more detail the effects of designation, including tax credits that are available for restoration work.

Site visits and photographic documentation are the first step in researching historic properties. Staff will also be consulting land records, tax assessments, family histories, and other documents. Staff will summarize findings in a Maryland Historical Trust inventory form for each property. If you know of resources that would be useful in conducting this research, please contact me at 301-563-3400. Feel free to contact me concerning the designation process in general or about your own property. I can be reached by phone Tuesday through Thursday, or by e-mail at clare.cavicchi@mncppc-mc.org.

Sincerely,

Clare Lise Cavicchi, Historic Preservation Planner

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Field Visit Oct 25, 1990 - M.H. Rolland + Clare Caviechi

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Lorenzo Watkins Hb.

2 story frame house, covered in asbestos shingles,
and expanded in rear with enclosed porch.

Decorative barge boards in place on gable ends.

6/6 double hung windows

Original 3 bay house enlarged with another 3 bay
2 story section + 1 story kitchen wing (20th c)

2 small out buildings near the house on NW corner
(one concrete block, other shed roof clapbd.)

Large pond behind the house from dammed stream!

Cambred Roof barn - 20th Century - 11 bay x 3 bay
bevel edged block & horizontal clapbd ends.

also ^{repeated} block "chicken" house (has chimney) + recent

2 car concrete block garage across driveway fr.
house
con crib w/ metal roof

L. Watkins 1865

LOCATIONAL ATLAS HISTORICAL SURVEY OF 400 RESOURCES
 SURVEY FORM
 ROBINSON & ASSOCIATES, SUMMER 1989

PRINCIPAL BUILDING

OUTBUILDINGS:

HISTORIC NAME: Lorenzo Watkins HUse

 YES NO

COMMON NAME: _____

ADDRESS: 10820 Watkins Road

SITE NUMBER: 14/20 ATLAS MAP: 7 ATLAS COORDINATES: J-5 TAX MAP: FW 341

	EXCELLENT	VERY GOOD	FAIR	POOR	N/A	UNKNOWN
INTEGRITY*						X
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE						X
ASSOCIATIVE HISTORY			X			

Resource is: demolished could not locate
 threatened, explain: _____

ASSIGNED CATEGORY: I II III IV V **VI**
 (See reverse side for explanation.)

NOTES:

There was a posted "No Trespassing" sign on this property. We tried to reach the owner at the number listed on the survey form to no avail. Furthermore, there are no Watkins of the names given on the survey form in the Montgomery County telephone book.

*Integrity is defined as the maintenance of original features and/or lack of substantial alteration to the resource.

Category Explanation:

- I. Outstanding resource architecturally and/or historically. Most resources in Category I either maintain the highest level of integrity or are invaluable as ruinous evidence of former significant structures. Should be evaluated immediately for Master Plan designation.
- II. Very good resource architecturally and/or historically. Most resources in Category II maintain their basic integrity. Should be evaluated promptly for Master Plan designation.
- III. Good resource architecturally and/or historically. Some resources in Category III have a diminished level of integrity. Should be evaluated for Master Plan designation, but with lower priority.
- IV. Marginal resource. Falls into one or more of the following categories: 1) severely deteriorated, 2) heavily altered, 3) architectural character not strong, 4) historical significance not apparent, 5) only typical of a large number of comparable resources. Lowest priority for evaluation for Master Plan designation.
- V. Resource which is either demolished or which could not be located based on information given on survey form. Remove demolished structures from Locational Atlas and, if after further study the resources not located to date cannot be located, remove from Locational Atlas.
- VI. Resource was inaccessible at time of survey.

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3-24-2003

Owen got phone call from friend
of owner

Windows replaced ~ 2 yrs ago