

14/28 CASASSA FARM  
23000 Davis Mill Rd.

DEAN  
12709

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. 14/28

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John Cassassa Farm

other

## 2. Location

street and number 23000 Davis Mill Road  not for publication

city, town Damascus  vicinity

county Montgomery

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

name Fayez Hanna

street and number 14912 Chestnut Ridge Ct telephone

city, town Gaithersburg state zip code

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber folio

city, town tax map tax parcel P304 tax ID number

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

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

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	_____	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

**Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory**  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

The Cassassa Farm was accessed from Davis Mill Road, southeast of the community of Cedar Grove. The farmstead included a dwelling house, and several concrete block out buildings including a large barn, equipment shed, dairy, and garage.

The house was a two-story, one room deep frame structure. The front façade faced west. The roof was metal and siding was clapboard later covered with asbestos shingle. Wood windows were two-over-two double hung. The front door had a glass transom and side lights.

By 1990, windows had replacement shutters and the porch was no longer standing.

## 8. Significance

Inventory No. 14/28

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

### Specific dates

### Architect/Builder

### Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

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

An arson fire seriously damaged the John Cassassa Farmhouse about 1985. A 1989 site visit revealed that the house was in ruinous and damaged condition and a dairy barn was partially collapsed. According to the owner, the county had the structures taken down about 1994.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. 14/22

Site visit, 10-25-1990, Clare Cavicchi.

Phone interview with Fayez Hanna, 3-2004, by Clare Cavicchi

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 64.19 acres

Acreage of historical setting \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Verbal boundary description and justification**

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title Clare Kelly Cavicchi

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organization M-NCPPC

date 10-2004

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street & number 887 Georgia Ave

telephone 301-563-3400

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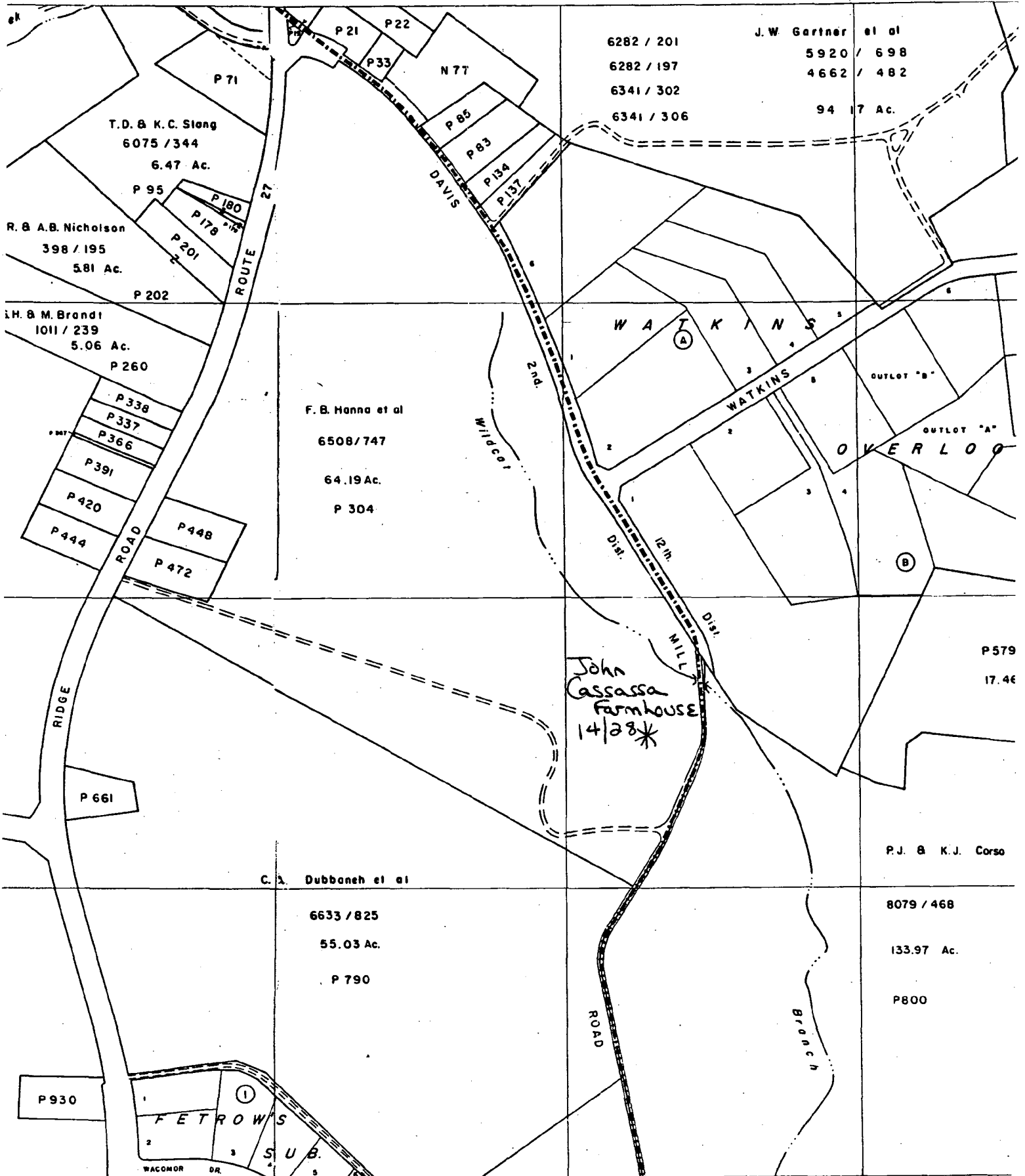
city or town Silver Spring

state MD

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



MAPS COMPILED BY  
W.S.S.C. COORDINATE  
FROM DEED  
AND FIELD SURVEYS.  
NO SECTION,  
KVILLE, MARYLAND

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 - - - - - CORPORATE BOUNDARY  
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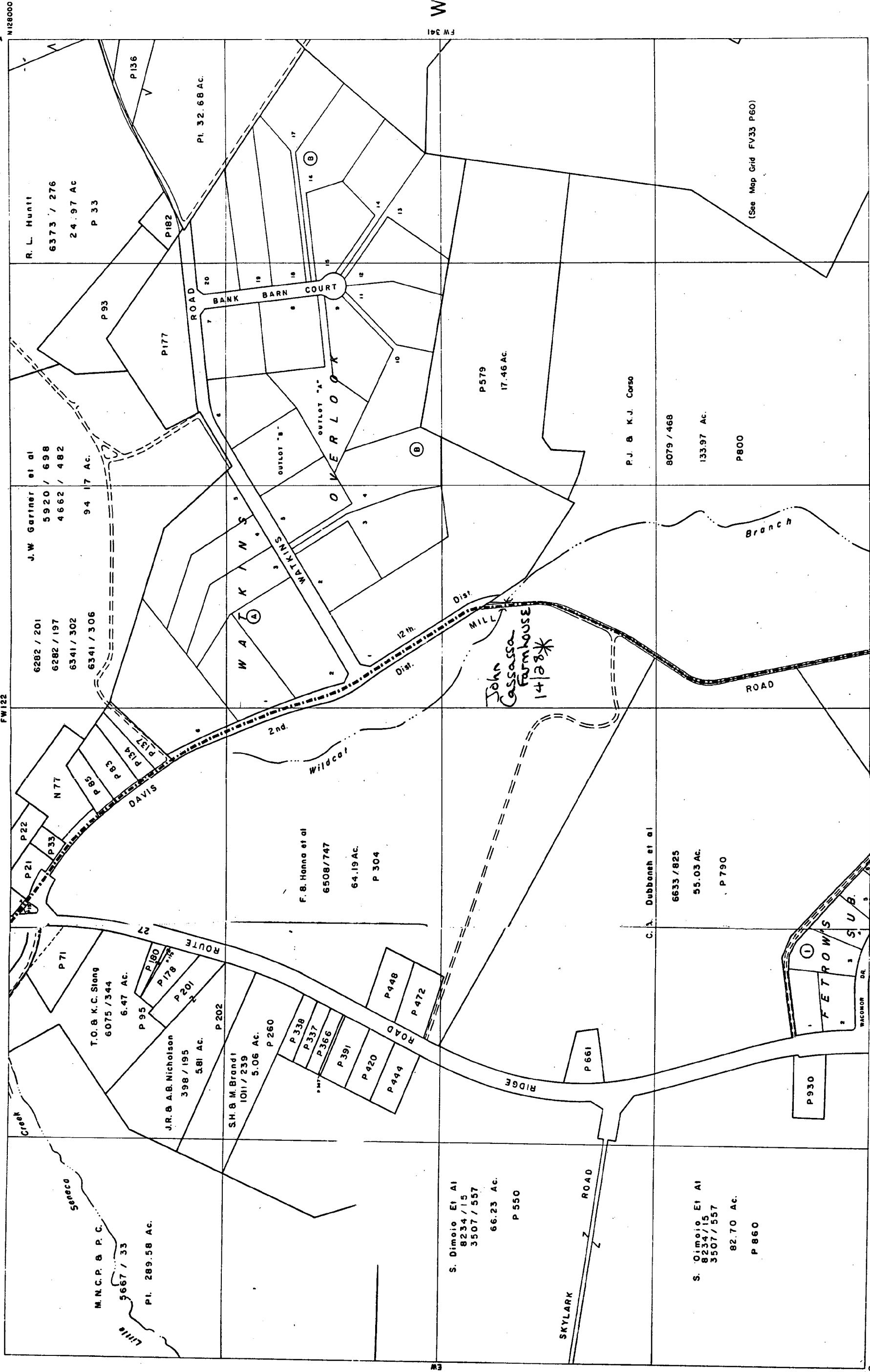


DIST.	CURRENT TO
2	7-1-88
12	7-1-88





**14/28 John Cassassa Farm, 23000 Davis Mill Road  
picture taken 1990, after fire but before demolition**



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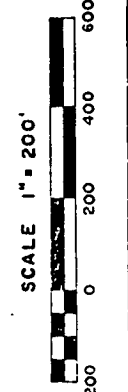
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**LEGEND**  
 - - - - - ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARY  
 - - - - - CORPORATE BOUNDARY  
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**Map FW 121**  
 W. S. C. 232 NW 11  
 Location: CEDAR GROVE



2:27 Favez Hanna 66yrs old 301-762-2138  
14/28 Cassassa Fan

House burned by arson  
County demol beams - California Redwood  
well is 3ft diam - county covered it. Dangerous - someone  
could fall in it.  
Debris taken to landfill

Regrets - 85yr old ~~street~~ church  
power line <sup>Allegheny power</sup> supposed to cut church bldg + move to Hanna  
Mr. Playground - opp entrance to property <sup>property</sup>  
Power company said it couldn't move church + demolished it

County - Division of Abandoned Bldgs. demol beams  
Bill for \$8500

Leases to Southern States Fe + Home Service  
+ plants feed com

owns ~~Old~~ Watkins great <sup>grand</sup> <sup>mother</sup> P472  
little old brick house 1427 Ridge Rd 231217  
FO Day property - landfill <sup>new</sup> church  
75 ft north of it

Sister in law of old Watkins

Plot 1 - <sup>white</sup> bungalow house - lot for sale south of church

Happy to talk w/us about the area

Field Visit Oct 25, 1990  
M.A. Rolland & Clare Cavicchi

14/29 Joshua Riggs Site

3-bay center peak house. Steeple & shingle peak  
fronts SW, SE facade overlooks pond  
potting shed / greenhouse NW corner

14/28 John Cassassa Farmhouse

farm subhouse behind barn off Davis Mill Rd. SE of Cedar Grove

Large Barn w/ concrete block foundation, <sup>found</sup> concrete silo  
is collapsing - metal roof gone in several places.

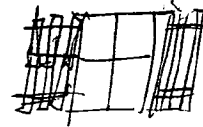
beveled edge  
concrete block  
Dairy.

Concrete block addition on the West end of barn also  
Equipment shed + concrete block <sup>w/ metal roof</sup>  
garage (roof + door missing) West of Barn <sup>Shed next</sup>

House - heavily damaged by fire. - in ruins condition, <sup>Block</sup> garage  
and open to weather

2 story T shaped house, frame, metal roof, asbestos shingle  
Front facade faces West., Mid style <sup>over clapbd.</sup>

2/2 double hung windows <sup>Gothic Revival - shingled in</sup>  
with replacement shutters <sup>gables</sup>



Porch is gone

Front door had glass transoms + side lights. - center stair

Porch has brick foundation

Stone type chimney on SE end - interior.

14-28

MARCH 29, 2004

Ms. Clare Lise Cavicchi  
Historic Preservation Planner  
Damascus-Goshen Area Historic Resources  
The Maryland National Capital  
Park And Planning Commission  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3700

**SUBJECT:** Removing 23000 Davis Mill rd.,  
Germantown, Maryland, from the  
Proposed Designation of Historic Sites

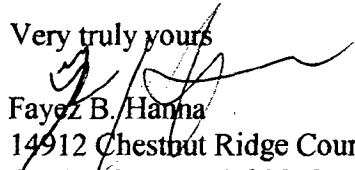
Dear Ms Cavicchi:

As we discussed over the telephone, the subject property (listed on page 40) is no longer exists. The subject property was set on fire in about 1985, and was determined to be unsafe, and it was removed or demolished by the government about 10 years ago, without my knowledge.

Therefore, since the subject property is no longer existing, I am requesting that you remove the demolished and non-existing property from the proposed list of historic sites.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Very truly yours

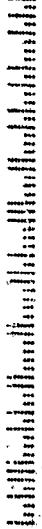
  
Faye B. Hanna  
14912 Chestnut Ridge Court  
Gaithersburg, Md. 20878  
(301-762-2138)



Dr. Favez B. Hanna  
14912 Chestnut Ridge Ct.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878



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14/28 Cassassa Farm

2-28-02

No stanchion structures

2 moulds of concrete pieces etc

1 coffin like construction

23000 Davis Milked

Farm + Home Service

surrounded by field

~~Note - house off Ridge Rd N of Brint~~

~~on west side~~

~~looks like water, has old barn~~

~~on Atlas?~~

20°C dungelow

checked out - abandoned

Bonds

B/w/s

Mix

199/6 White Grand Road


198/10 " " "

197/01 " " "

Bonds Negro School

Digger tile

14/28

	<b>Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation</b> <b>MONTGOMERY COUNTY</b> <b>Real Property Data Search</b>	<a href="#">Go Back</a> <a href="#">View Map</a> <a href="#">New Search</a>
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**Account Identifier:** District - 02 **Account Number -** 02438961

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b>	HANNA, FAYEZ B	<b>Use:</b>	AGRICULTURAL
		<b>Principal Residence:</b>	NO
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	14912 CHESTNUT RIDGE CT GAITHERSBURG MD 20878-2421	<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) /18751/ 772 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>
23000 DAVIS MILL RD GERMANTOWN 20876		LOCUST LEVEL ETC

Map	Grid	Parcel	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	Plat Ref:
FW11		P304	1				80		

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
	42

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
0000		64.19 AC	812

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments As Of	As Of	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
<b>Land:</b>	19,650	01/01/2001 19,650	07/01/2001	07/01/2002	
<b>Improvements:</b>	52,750	56,520			
<b>Total:</b>	72,400	76,170	73,656	74,912	
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	19,650	19,650	19,650	19,650	

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b> HANNA, HAYAT I	<b>Date:</b> 02/01/2001	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> /16683/ 567	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b> FAYEZ B HANNA	<b>Date:</b> 01/20/1999	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> /14197/ 633	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b> HAYAT I HANNA	<b>Date:</b> 06/20/1996	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> / 9660/ 594	<b>Deed2:</b>

**Exemption Information**

DPS 1-22-02 No demo permit Rebecca Mason 240-777-6292  
 4-16-99 elec permit

<b>Reviews</b>	<b>Inspections</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Schedule Inspection</b>	<b>Cancel Inspection</b>
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**Electrical Permit** **Permit/License: 866250010**

**Application Details**

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**Permit Number** 866250010  
**Application Date** 06/20/1986  
**Issue Date** 06/25/1986  
**Final Date** 02/23/1990  
**Work Type** Install  
**Square Footage**  
**Value**

**Site Address**  
 23000 Davis Mill RD  
 Germantown  
 MD  
**Lot - Block -**  
**Subdiv. -**  
**Application Status**  
 Finaled

**Contractors**

ID	Name	Address
EB1160	Martin Electric & Heat Supply	Po Box 570 Mount Airy Md 21771-

**Licenses**

Contractor	License	Name	Address
EB1160	ME1166	Irvin S Martin	Po Box 391 Mount Airy Md 21771



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**Site Specific Vendors** **Permit/License: 19980164**

**Application Details**

[Help](#)

**Permit Number** 19980164  
**Application Date** 12/08/1998  
**Issue Date** 12/09/1998  
**Expiry Date**  
**Inactive** No  
**Inactive Date**

**Site Address**  
 23000 Davis Mill RD  
 Germantown  
 MD  
**Lot - Block -  
 Subdiv. -**  
**Application Status**  
 License Issued

**Contractors**

ID	Name	Address
1676	Traviash Farms	

**Licenses**

Contractor	License	Name	Address
Not available			



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**Sediment Control Permit** **Permit/License: 857190027**

**Application Details**

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<b>Permit Number</b> 857190027	<b>Site Address</b>
<b>Application Date</b> 07/19/1985	23000 Davis Mill RD
<b>Approved Date</b> 07/31/1985	Germantown
<b>Final Date</b> 07/14/1986	MD
<b>Work Type</b>	<b>Lot - Block -</b>
<b>Value</b>	<b>Subdiv. -</b>
<b>Phase Name</b> FAYEZ HANNA PROPERTY	<b>Application Status</b>
	Finald

**Contractors**

ID	Name	Address
Not available		

**Licenses**

Contractor	License	Name	Address
Not available			



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**Commercial Building** **Permit/License: 857190025**

**Application Details**

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**Permit Number** 857190025  
**Application Date** 07/19/1985  
**Issue Date** 09/09/1985  
**Final Date** 12/05/1986  
**Work Type** Construct - Mercantile Building  
**Square Footage**  
**Value** \$60,000.00

**Site Address**  
 23000 Davis Mill RD  
 Germantown  
 MD  
**Lot - Block -**  
**Subdiv. -**  
**Application Status**  
 Finaled

**Contractors**

ID	Name	Address
Not available		

**Licenses**

Contractor	License	Name	Address
Not available			



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**Commercial Building** **Permit/License: 86C040051**

**Application Details**

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**Permit Number** 86C040051  
**Application Date** 12/04/1986  
**Issue Date** 01/23/1987  
**Final Date** 03/30/1987  
**Work Type** Alter  
**Square Footage**  
**Value** \$4,500.00

**Site Address**  
 23000 Davis Mill RD  
 Germantown  
 MD  
**Lot 1 Block 1**  
**Subdiv. -**  
**Application Status**  
 Finaled

**Contractors**

ID	Name	Address
Not available		

**Licenses**

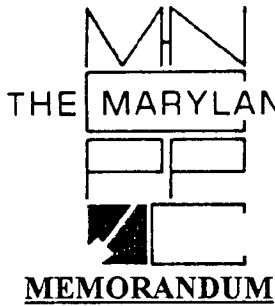
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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 12, 1999

TO: John Carter, Community Based Planning Division  
Melissa Banach, Strategic Planning Division  
Dawn Roy, Community Based Planning Division  
Mary Dolan, Environmental Planning Division  
Rick Hawthorne, Transportation Planning Division  
Doug Alexander, Park Planning and Development Division  
Gwen Wright, Historic Preservation Unit  
Jennifer Fernandez, Development Review Division  
Judy Daniel, Community Based Planning Team 7

FROM: Denis Canavan, Zoning Coordinator  
Development Review Division

SUBJECT: Board of Appeals Petition No. S-2390

**Special Exception Request:** To permit the operation of a retail and wholesale horticultural nursery  
**Location:** 23000 Davis Mill Road, Germantown **Zone:** RDT

Please assign a person on your staff to review the case cited above. Written comments and recommendations are requested by **Monday, June 7** for the staff report on this case. Staff may sign case files out of the Development Review Division, briefly, for review.

In addition to any other observations, it would be helpful to have your input on the following:

**Community Based Planning:** 1) consistency with master plan, 2) whether the special exception will adversely affect the surrounding area, 3) any information or recommendation concerning relevant master planning studies or other government action now under way.

**Environmental Planning:** 1) environmental impact due to topographic or other factors which may cause problems, 2) conformance with tree preservation legislation of Chapter 22-A of the County Code.

**Transportation Planning:** traffic impact and adequacy of road network affected by request.

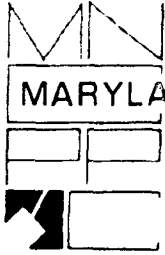
**Park Planning & Development:** impact on existing or proposed park areas.

**Development Review:** applicable subdivision requirements.

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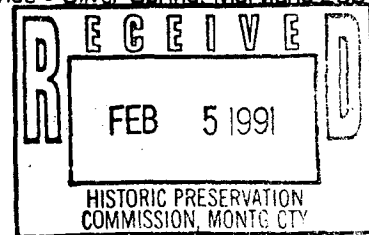
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CASSASSA (JOHN) HOUSE  
LOCATIONAL ATLAS  
HISTORIC SITE. \*  
RDE. 5/24/99

\* AS OF 1991, THERE IS A NOTE IN OUR FILE THAT THERE HAD BEEN A FIRE HERE.  
DO YOU NEED A SITE VISIT ?



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760



January 31, 1991

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joe Davis  
Malcolm Shaneman  
Development Review Division

FROM: Gwen Marcus, Historic Preservation Planner  
Mary Ann Rolland, Historic Preservation Planner  
Urban Design Division

SUBJECT: Review of Subdivision Plans

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We have reviewed the following subdivision plans and found them not to involve any identified historic resources:

- #7-91009 Norwood Estates (In the vicinity of Locational Atlas Resource #28/18, the Edward Hill House. No impact.)
- #1-91012 Slade Property
- #1-91013 Potomac Valley Assembly (Adjacent to Locational Atlas Resource #14/28, the John Cassassa Farmhouse. This resource has been damaged by fire and is abandoned. There is no direct impact on this resource.)
- #1-91014 Greenridge Acres (In the vicinity of Locational Atlas Resource #13/19, the Elizabeth Waters Farm. This resource has been recommended by HPC for inclusion on the Master Plan, but has not yet been reviewed by the Planning Board. No impact.)
- #1-91015 Bowie Mill Park
- #1-91016 Bowie Mill Park, Lot 32
- #1-91017 Olney Acres (In the vicinity of Master Plan Site #23/101, Roseneath. No impact.)
- #1-91018 Ken-Gar
- #1-91019 Hammond Subdivision
- #1-91020 Hanson Property
- #1-91022 King Property

#1-91021, O'Dell Property, has a direct impact on Master Plan Site #19/13-7, the Wallach/Heimer House. It is also in the vicinity of Master Plan Site #19/13-6, the Upton Bowman House and the Germantown Historic District (Master Plan Site #19/13). This plan includes the subdivision of the parcel on which the Wallach/Heimer House is located and the creation of several additional lots nearby. This plan should be reviewed by HPC, with written comments sent to M-NCPPC within 30 days.

GLM/MAR:subdvn

cc: Laura McGrath, Historic Preservation Commission  
Delores Kinney, Office of Planning Policies



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 John Cassassa Farm Site, at 23000 Davis Mill Road (Resource #14/28). 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](mailto:clare.cavicchi@mncppc-mc.org).

Sincerely,

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