

14/52 SYCAMORE HOLLOW FARM  
21600 Davis Mill Rd.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

- E I N S T R U C T I O N S -

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON: Sycamore Hollow Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Dr. Washington Waters House				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 21600 Davis Mill Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Germantown				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <b>For Lake Site</b>	<b>STATUS</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>  Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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OWNER'S NAME: Charles H. Burton				
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CITY OR TOWN: Germantown		STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
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STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue				
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house was built in four sections over a period of about 100 years. The earliest section is the <sup>past</sup> west end. It is one story and loft, log building, with a very large internal stone fireplace and stack. The present dormer windows, two on each facade, were added recently. There is a single, modern bay window on the main facade. The present staircase comes from "Thomas's Delight" on the Eastern Shore.

The second and third sections are also log. They are 1-1/2 stories with a chimney stack rising between them. The third section has a single dormer window, which is original to the house. It has a three bay facade with a central entrance. The second section has a single window on the main facade.

The <sup>west</sup> east end was built about 1800 and rebuilt in 1840 after a fire. It is the one part of the house built in a recognizable style. It has an end-gable, three bay facade with a double doorway in the west bay. It is two stories with the original details drawn from Greek Revival motifs. The south wall is the fireplace wall, with an external brick chimney. In plan, there is an end hall with a single room to the <sup>west</sup> east. The south end of the hall has a curved wall, and at the turning of the stairs, there are niches.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 28 Mar 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
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**12.**

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

1783  
LeBlanc History of  
SYCAMORE HOLLOW ON WILD CAT CREEK

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND  
1973

Robert Brooke came to St. Mary's County, Maryland in 1650. To make the trip, he purchased his own boat and with the help of his family and servants, set sail from England eventually to settle "Della Brooke" a crown grant of enormous proportion. Three generations later James Brooke came to what is now Montgomery County in 1723. His Son, Roger Brooke received a land grant of 15,000 acres which extended from Sandy Spring to Germantown. This portion known as Sycamore Hollow, was sold by Gerard Brooke to Harry Woodward Dorsey about 1814-1816. Sycamore Hollow has stood in St. Mary's, Prince Georges, Frederick and finally Montgomery Counties.

Prior to the land grant given to James Brooke this area was settled by squatters and hunters built a one room balcony log cabin. This information passed from generation to generation and finally through Mrs. Lillie Warfield, who died about fifteen years ago while in her upper nineties. The huge fireplace in this first house continues to bring warmth with its burning of five foot logs. The stair case you see in this room was removed piece by piece, numbered, and reassembled here in 1960. It had originally been a part of "Thomas's Delight," a 1670 Thomas Dashiell property on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is hand-carved by an indentured craftsman.

In 1720, an addition was made, which included the area of the modern kitchen, second floor bed chamber, and a third floor bed chamber. In 1740, another addition was made, which now includes the present dining room, bed chamber, and slave quarters for house slaves. The slave cubicles were removed in 1953. About the year 1800, the fourth addition was made to the house. This is the largest and tallest portion of the house. The hall opens to all three floors, the great room, two second floor bed chambers, and the third floor bed chamber completes this structure. Lightning is purported to have struck this section, which burned, and was rebuilt about 1840. The stairs in this section are unsupported, and boast walnut handrails, and chessnut ballisters. Dolphin scrolls grace the side of each riser. Fine moldings and a curved window and curved door lend individuality. On the curve of the stair between the first and second floors are two niches painted with scenes of the French Alps. The artist - a primitive painter - was homesick for his beloved mountains. He painted the identical scenes in other homes as far away as Brunswick, Maryland. His name was LeBlanc.

After the fire previously mentioned, only one candleabra remained. It may be seen hanging in the lower hall. It has seventy-two parts and is hand-

threaded. Each part had to be numbered when removed for cleaning. The paneling in the great room is of Honduras Mahogany and the floors are made of walnut an inch and a half thick. Medallions in the ceiling lend character to both the great room and the lower hall. The candleabra for the great room must have been destroyed by the fire and was never replaced. Lightning again took its toll in 1968 when the entire third floor of this section was devastated by fire, smoke, and water. Great smoke damage was done to the hall. In 1960, the lines of the early one room deep Maryland telecope house were altered as unobstrusively as possible. A rear wing was added to give utility to the twentieth century way of life. This wing contains a glassed porch, powder room, laundry, work room, storage area, and garage. The house is 105 feet long, three stories high, and - between two separate attics and one third floor room on the upper level, and two basement rooms on the lower -- there are seventeen different levels. All this proves split level houses are no new innovation!

In tracing the history of this home from 1704 approximately to 1973 -- a total of 269 years,---we feel a lot of water has flowed beneath the hill through peaceful Wild Cat Creek. On occassion --- about once every twenty months or so, the Wild Cat rages and does overflow it banks. The flood plains have always absorbed this run off except for three severe storms in the past one hundred years.

It is the desire of the Maryland Capitol Park and Planning Commission to build a high dam. This would put Sycamore Hollow and six other historic sites under water. Five early homes in excellent condition will go beneath water if this dam is built to present Park and Planning recommendations. In addition to this great loss which cannot be retrieved historically, there are a total of thirty-two homes also to go beneath a lake of tremendous depth.

A petition requesting your signature has been prepared. Its purpose is to join with "Citizens United To Save The Valleys Of Wild Cat, Seneca, and Goshen" Site 6.

Your efforts will be of great aid in saving these beautiful valleys and their historic spots for posterity. The land is our number one resource. The wildlife in this very watershed is beautifully established and the ecology should not be disturbed. Which reminds me of what the preacher seems always to say to the bride and groom -- "What God hath put together - let no man put asunder."

We hope you have enjoyed sharing these moments with us and we thank each of you for being the guest of the Forest Oak Chapter. As you tour these valleys, follow the big Q symbols. They will lead you to places of historic interest. All historic sites will be wearing a bright red ribbon - all homes slated to go beneath water or land take a big black ribbon.

Enjoy your tour through Wild Cat, Seneca, and Goshen Valleys - remembering - that Goshen is the land of milk and honey. If you are so inclined to agree that the area should be spared, please write to Governor Marvin Mandel or our County Council Members NOW and ask that SITE 6 on the Seneca Watershed be further studied as to other alternatives.

HAPPY QUESTING!!!

Mary Sheppard Burton

C1973

ADDRESSES:

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State Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland

County Council Members:  
Mr. William Sher, President  
County Office Building  
100 South Perry Street  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Ida Mae Garrott  
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Norman Christeller  
Neil Potter  
Sidney Kramer  
Dickran Hovsepian



1988

# Burtons 'blessed' despite loss of home

by Joyce King

Mary and Charles Burton of Goshen have no doubt they are digging in the sand of milk and honey.

Their home, Sycamore Hill, in the heart of Goshen history, sits high on a hill near the meeting of Blunt and Davis roads. But on the morning of the 25, flames could be seen throughout the rolling countryside.

The house was burning from a fire that started in the kitchen, the oldest part of the old house, believed to have been built as early as 1704. The response from a fire department and Goshen neighbors so impressed the Burtons that they feel they have a "blessed"—blessed with the goodness of people and the help of firefighters who saved the old house.

"I heard the smoke detectors scream and then heard the latch on windows blow right out of their frames. I know that was the best warning I had. I had always heard that 'blessed' sound of sirens. She waited on the hill with them; her husband was out of town. She saw her sprawling house, its interior carefully restored, turn to ashes.

"As if by magic, precious saving people began to appear out of nowhere," she said. "And the big red Goliaths with their crews—so many of them volunteers—came rolling up the hill and set to work."

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Mary and Charles Burton of Goshen stand by their fire-damaged home. The Burtons found things to be thankful for as neighbors and firefighters came to their aid.

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Sycamore Hill  
1988

# 'Loving people': neighbors help Burtons survive disaster

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Work they did, skilled and fast, the crews from seven stations. The incredible job they did is evident from looking at the blackened kitchen and seeing the wood floors in the next rooms and some of the wood paneling nearly untouched by damage.

A corner cabinet remains the only piece of furniture that stood in the adjacent room. It is entirely charred. Yet the walls are still standing, the doors on their hinges. The original logs of the old part of the home were being replaced but some will still be usable.

Because fire tends to rise, the upstairs is badly damaged but some of the downstairs rooms seem to need only a cleaning. Strangely, Mary Burton's craft studio, an addition in the back of the house, has a ceiling that looks like the top of an oven. Yet a box of fireplace matches on a table in the room never caught fire.

"I was told 40,000 gallons of water were pumped into the flames," said Mary Burton. "Some tankers ran between the water tanks on Route 27 and the fire. Police closed off all the roads. No ballet was ever choreographed with greater precision."

The fire departments answering the call, some using equipment from two of their stations, included Laytonville, which directed the efforts, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove, Hyattstown, Damascus, Kensington and Sandy Spring.

The firefighters worked in heat "as hot as Hades," said Mary Burton. Soon the neighbors came. Without a word, they too went to work. Young people of neighboring families began to take out furniture and put it into storage. Children "carried a thousand books."

The young people who first came included Joe Quick, Patty Dickerson, and others the Burtons did not even know. They made countless trips from the house. At least 30 people came to help before the fire was out and

more kept on helping.

"I never cooked one meal for five and a half weeks," said Mary Burton. "One family even provided chicken soup for my four purebred dogs."

Mary Burton hesitates to list those who helped, many whom she did not know. Of those foremost in her mind were Kathie Huffnager, food organizer; Charles and Joyce Hawkins, Bob and Shelly Sabath, and "here the brand."

"I never cooked one meal for five and a half weeks."

Mary Burton

Others were Frank and Janet McMurtrey and Raymond and Dot Murphy. Aris Mardirossian and Bob Powell strung up emergency phone lines when the phone company refused to come out on a Saturday. Other workers included James Johnson, the Don Bohrer family, Lois Erb, Mike and Marilyn Hevner and Cathy Quinn. Parker and Mildred Poole brought linens and blankets and toiletries. Residents from the black communities of Prather-town and Stewartown helped in many ways.

The help continued as people stored furniture, packed 1,000 pieces of glassware, cleaned and stored books, and washed and packed the bolts of wool Mary Burton uses for hooking rugs.

A trailer was moved onto the property where the Burtons now live while the insurance company and builders discuss the reconstruction of the house. This time, the Burtons say they will put authentic wood siding on the house. The section that was built in 1840 had an asbestos-type shingle siding which will be replaced.

A few people asked the Burtons why they didn't just knock

the whole thing down and start again.

"We would go to sell this property and build a new house. We are planning to build here in the future with what we raised our four children," said Mary Burton. "We lived here 36 years. We've raised sheep and horses and dogs here. Three of the volunteers I know remember coming here as school children to help on our working farm."

Three of her grown children live far away, but one still lives on the farm. All four want their parents to restore the house, even though it will be a most involved job. The farm acreage is leased out for planting.

The late Miss Lillie Warlick, who came to Goshen as a 15-year-old bride shed some light on the house. She told us the log cabin had been a hunter's cabin with an earth floor. They used the huge fireplace [still functioning] and holed up there after checking their traps," said Mary Burton.

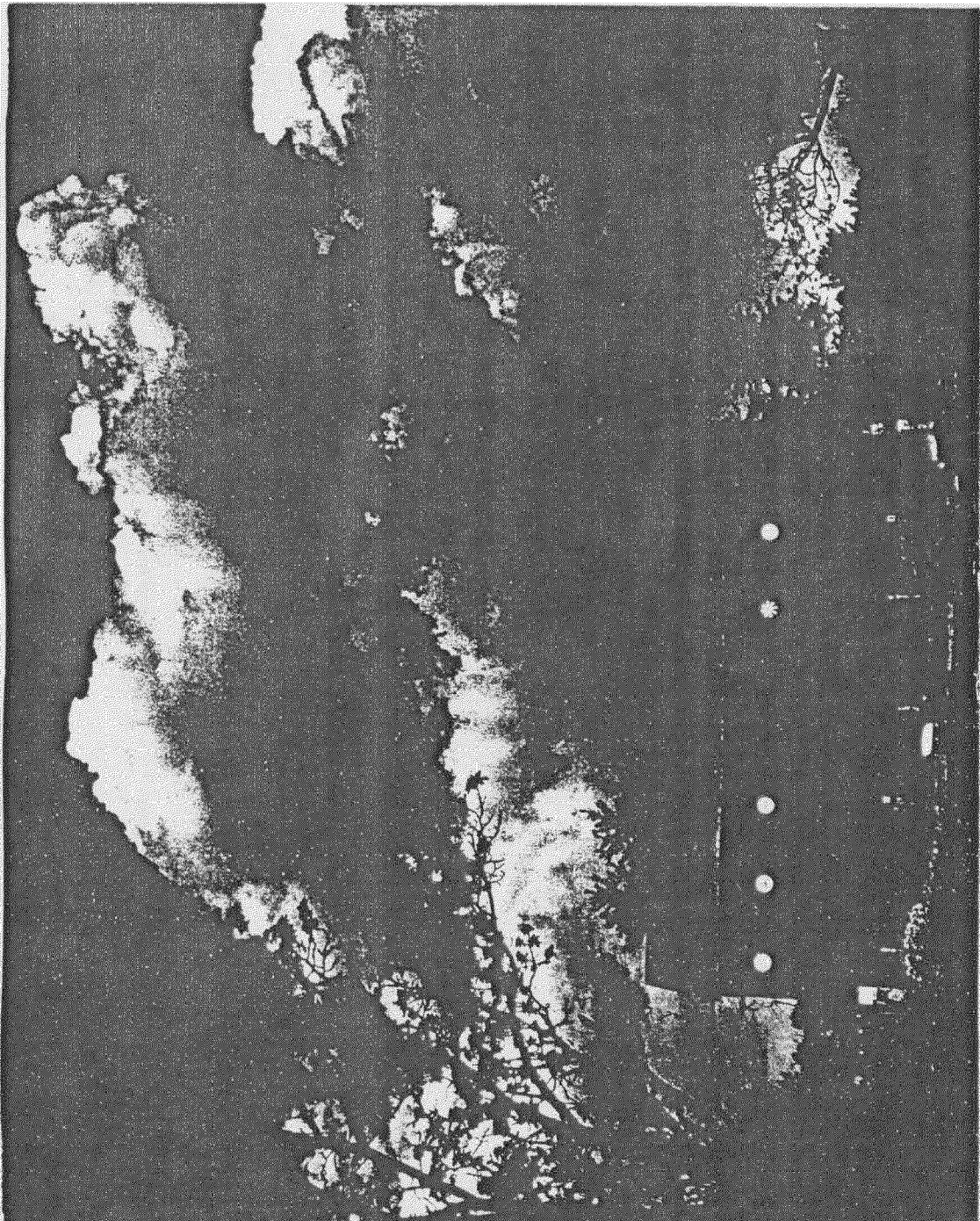
Some of Mary Burton's fine rugs were lost in the fire. She had laid them out for a photo story by *Early American Life* magazine. Fortunately, some of the rugs were on display at Strathmore Hall and the Renwick Gallery. She has taught rug hooking for 15 years. Charles Burton is a tax attorney.

"Charles and I are incredibly blessed. I have learned a lot. There was no time for tears. You can't sit and cry when the neighbors have drawn around. You can't be down when you have so much love and support and strength from friends."

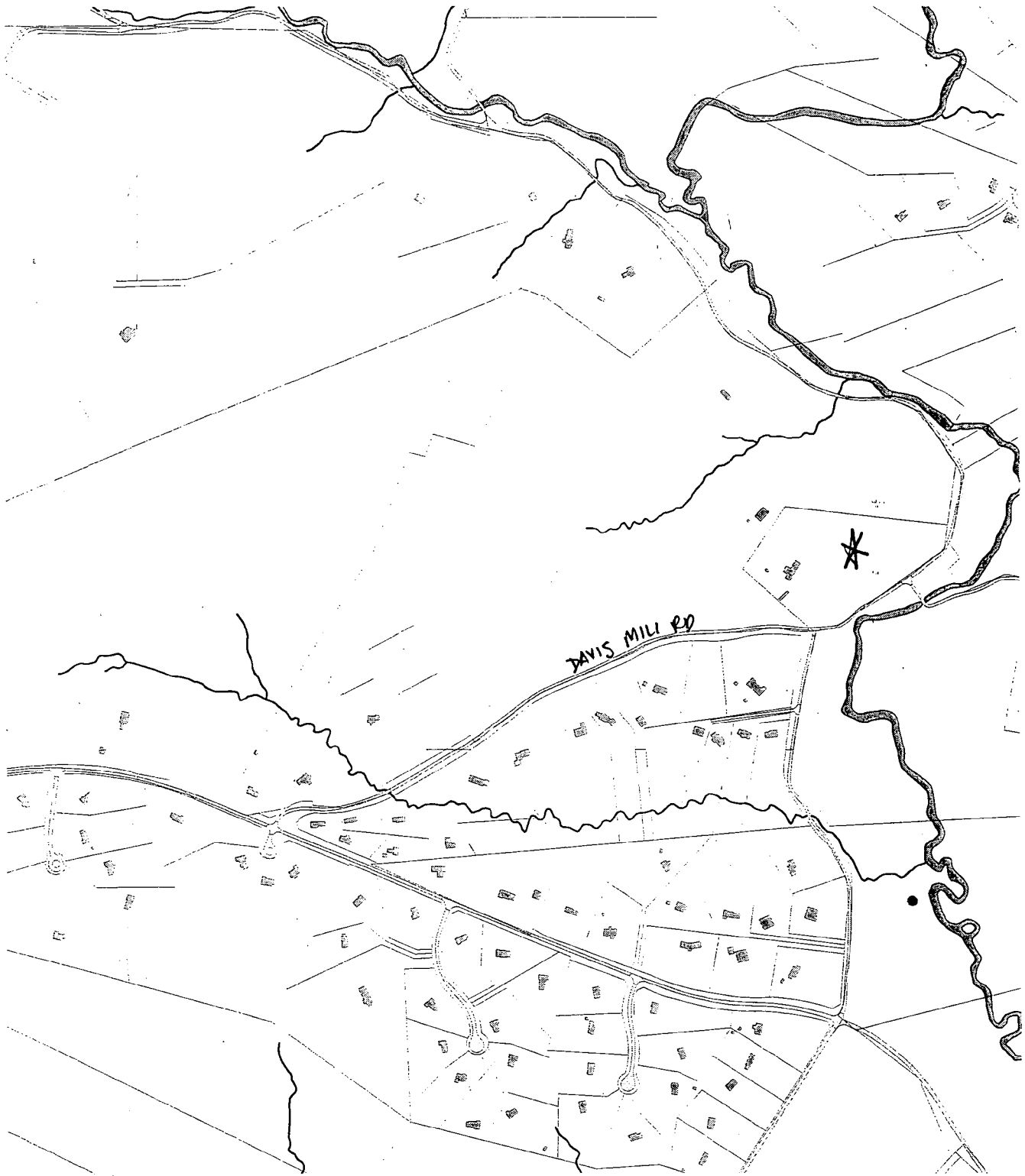
"Goshen has always been like that," said Mary Burton. "I never had an honest need that I wasn't helped by someone. I try to help too. But people here are incredibly good. It really is the land of milk and honey."

It appears that the "milk of human kindness" flows here too along with Great Seneca Creek which meanders below the hill on which the old burned house still firmly stands.

1982



# 14/52 SYCAMORE HOLLOW



Casual User Application

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14-52 Dr. Washington Waters House  
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## 14/52 Sycamore Hollow/Dr. Washington Waters House

The house has a telescope plan with four main blocks aligned along an east-west axis. The house is on 10.5 acres. The bank barn is on 93 acres owned by same family.

While three of the blocks are historic, the east end block is a 1960 attached garage. Of the historic blocks, the earliest section is the easternmost, and smallest. This section is a 1½-story log section with internal stone chimney. The central two-story section, divided by an internal chimney is also log, was built in two sections, east and west. The west end, dating from c1800, was rebuilt in 1840 following a fire. The three-bay front-gable structure has a side-hall plan. Following a 1988 fire, wood siding was installed on most of the house. The Burtons built the rear studio addition in the early 1980s. A trailer was moved to its site west of the house following a 1988 fire.

The Period I block is a one-story-and-loft log building with a large internal stone fireplace and chimneystack. The chimney base is 6 ft deep and 11 feet wide. The dormer windows were recent additions in 1974. A polygonal bay window was built on the south side. The staircase, not original to the structure, came from a c1670 dwelling known as *Thomas' Delight* on the Eastern Shore. The original access to the loft was described as being half staircase and half ladder.

The center 1½ story block is also log construction. This section was built in at least two stages that are divided by a chimney. Period II is probably the three bay portion west of the chimney. Windows are 6/6 sash. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the lower floor became a dining room. The upper floor was said to have had slave quarters that were removed in 1953. Period III has no historic windows on the visible south façade. The lower level has been used as a kitchen.

The west end, Period IV, was built about 1800 and rebuilt following an 1840 fire. It is a front-gable Greek Revival influenced structure. The three bay façade has an entrance in the easternmost bay. An external brick chimney stands on the west eaves side. This block has a side-hall plan with a single room on the west end. The second level has two bedchambers. The main hall features a floating curved staircase with dolphin scrolls, walnut handrails and chestnut balisters. A local artist named LeBlanc painted scenes of the Alps in two niches between the first and second floors.

Clare Kelly Cavitch 5-2004

## HISTORY

According to tradition, the earliest section dates from 1704 and has been described as a hunter's cabin. It is a log section with internal stone chimney. The central section has been said to date from 1720 and 1740. It is also log and was built in two sections. The west end, Period IV, was built about 1800 and rebuilt following an 1840 fire.

In 1798, Harry Woodward Dorsey (1767-1840) acquired 385.5 acres of tracts known as Resurvey on Benjamin Square and Lodowicks Range. He is said to have built a grist mill and log house on Great Seneca Creek, just east of Sycamore Hollow, along the present Davis Mill Road, north of Huntmaster Road. Dorsey would have built the main block of the Sycamore Hollow house. Upon his death in 1840, his property was divided among his children. Resources representing the Dorsey-Blunt family are Woodbourne (14/51 MP, with log section c1805), and Avalon (14/55 MP). Dorsey deeded the mill property to Washington D. Waters to hold in trust for his daughter Harriet, wife of Samuel Blunt.

Harry's daughter Mary Dorsey Williams Waters inherited the Sycamore Hollow property. One of her sons Elisha Owen Williams then owned the property before it was acquired by another son Dr. Washington Waters. On the Martenet and Bond map of Montgomery County of 1865, Dr. Washington Waters is shown as the owner of the Sycamore Hollow house and mill. In 1854, residents petitioned to have established the road now known as Davis Mill Road.<sup>1</sup>

Dr. Washington Waters (d. 1882) served in the Maryland House of Delegates (1854). He was one of five County representatives on the Reform State Convention of 1850 and 1851.<sup>2</sup> He had a daughter Harriet A. who married Nathan Cooke. Their 1863 wedding took place "at the home of Dr. Washington Waters, father of the bride".<sup>3</sup> His wife was West Virginia native and a daughter of Thomas Briscoe. Dr. Waters died in 1882, two years after his wife.

The property was conveyed to Dr. Waters' son, Washington D. Waters. In 1879, Washington D. Waters is shown as the owner, with a Professor TMA Sipe residing in the house. Waters owned 235 acres in Goshen, including the grist and saw mill that was occupied by JS Davis (John Samuel Davis). In 1895, Washington D. Waters placed a sales notice for a frame dwelling, log dwelling and mill.<sup>4</sup> In 1897, upon the marriage of his daughter Hattie Ann to Percy Willson, Washington D. Waters was living in Rockville.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Ardith Boggs, *Goshen, Maryland: A History and Its People* (1994), p5.

<sup>2</sup> MacMaster and Hiebert, *A Grateful Remembrance*, p404. Death notice in *Montgomery County Sentinel* stated that Waters served two terms in the Maryland Senate (March 3, 1882). *Genealogical Abstracts*, pp385-6. *Boyd's History of Montgomery County Maryland* (1879), p68.

<sup>3</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Dec 18, 1863. *Genealogical Abstracts*, Montgomery County Historical Society, p91.

<sup>4</sup> February 1, 1895 notice, in Anne W. Cissel, *Abstracts of Buildings and Real Estate in Montgomery County, from Newspapers, 1855-1910*. Ardith Boggs, *History of Goshen*, p5.

<sup>5</sup> *Sentinel*, March 19, 1897, *Abstracts*, p406.

The present owners, the Burtons, purchased the property in 1952.

SUCCESSION OF OWNERS

Charles Greenbury Griffith

Harry Woodward Dorsey

Mary Dorsey Williams Waters

Elisha Owen Williams

Dr. Washington Waters

Washington D. Waters

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<p>The house was built in four sections over a period of about 100 years. The earliest section is the <sup>east</sup> west end. It is one story and loft, log building, with a very large internal stone fireplace and stack. The present dormer windows, two on each facade, were added recently. There is a single, modern bay window on the main facade. The present staircase comes from "Thomas's Delight" on the Eastern Shore.</p> <p>The second and third sections are also log. They are 1-1/2 stories with a chimney stack rising between them. The third section has a single dormer window, which is original to the house. It has a three bay facade with a central entrance. The second section has a single window on the main facade.</p> <p>The <sup>west</sup> <del>east</del> end was built about 1800 and rebuilt in 1840 after a fire. It is the one part of the house built in a recognizable style. It has an end-gable, three bay facade with a double doorway in the west bay. It is two stories with the original details drawn from Greek Revival motifs. The south wall is the fireplace wall, with an external brick chimney. In plan, there is an end hall with a single room to the <sup>west</sup> <del>east</del>. The south end of the hall has a curved wall, and at the turning of the stairs, there are niches.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreeage Justification:**

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
**Christopher Owens, Park Historian**

ORGANIZATION: **M-NCPPC** DATE: **28 Mar 74**

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

1783  
Sycamore Hollow of  
SYCAMORE HOLLOW ON WILD CAT CREEK

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

1973

Robert Brooke came to St. Mary's County, Maryland in 1650. To make the trip, he purchased his own boat and with the help of his family and servants, set sail from England eventually to settle "Della Brooke" a crown grant of enormous proportion. Three generations later James Brooke came to what is now Montgomery County in 1723. His Son, Roger Brooke received a land grant of 15,000 acres which extended from Sandy Spring to Germantown. This portion known as Sycamore Hollow, was sold by Gerard Brooke to Harry Woodward Dorsey about 1814-1816. Sycamore Hollow has stood in St. Mary's, Prince Georges, Frederick and finally Montgomery Counties.

Prior to the land grant given to James Brooke this area was settled by squatters and hunters built a one room balcony log cabin. This information passed from generation to generation and finally through Mrs. Lillie Warfield, who died about fifteen years ago while in her upper nineties. The huge fireplace in this first house continues to bring warmth with its burning of five foot logs. The stair case you see in this room was removed piece by piece, numbered, and reassembled here in 1960. It had originally been a part of "Thomas's Delight," a 1670 Thomas Dashiell property on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. It is hand-carved by an indentured craftsman.

In 1720, an addition was made, which included the area of the modern kitchen, second floor bed chamber, and a third floor bed chamber. In 1740, another addition was made, which now includes the present dining room, bed chamber, and slave quarters for house slaves. The slave cubicles were removed in 1953. About the year 1800, the fourth addition was made to the house. This is the largest and tallest portion of the house. The hall opens to all three floors, the great room, two second floor bed chambers, and the third floor bed chamber completes this structure. Lightening is purported to have struck this section, which burned, and was rebuilt about 1840. The stairs in this section are unsupported, and boast walnut handrails, and chessnut ballisters. Dolphin scrolls grace the side of each riser. Fine moldings and a curved window and curved door lend individuality. On the curve of the stair between the first and second floors are two niches painted with scenes of the French Alps. The artist - a primitive painter - was homesick for his beloved mountains. He painted the identical scenes in other homes as far away as Brunswick, Maryland. His name was LeBlanc.

After the fire previously mentioned, only one candleabra remained. It may be seen hanging in the lower hall. It has seventy-two parts and is hand-

threaded. Each part had to be numbered when removed for cleaning. The paneling in the great room is of Honduras Mahogany and the floors are made of walnut an inch and a half thick. Medallions in the ceiling lend character to both the great room and the lower hall. The candleabra for the great room must have been destroyed by the fire and was never replaced. Lightening again took its toll in 1968 when the entire third floor of this section was devastated by fire, smoke, and water. Great smoke damage was done to the hall. In 1960, the lines of the early one room deep Maryland telecope house were altered as unobstrusively as possible. A rear wing was added to give utility to the twentieth century way of life. This wing contains a glassed porch, powder room, laundry, work room, storage area, and garage. The house is 105 feet long, three stories high, and - between two separate attics and one third floor room on the upper level, and two basement rooms on the lower -- there are seventeen different levels. All this proves split level houses are no new innovation!

In tracing the history of this home from 1704 approximately to 1973 -- a total of 269 years,---we feel a lot of water has flowed beneath the hill through peaceful Wild Cat Creek. On occassion --- about once every twenty months or so, the Wild Cat rages and does overflow it banks. The flood plains have always absorbed this run off except for three severe storms in the past one hundred years.

It is the desire of the Maryland Capitol Park and Planning Commission to build a high dam. This would put Sycamore Hollow and six other historic sites under water. Five early homes in excellent condition will go beneath water if this dam is built to present Park and Planning recommendations. In addition to this great loss which cannot be retrieved historically, there are a total of thirty-two homes also to go beneath a lake of tremendous depth.

A petition requesting your signature has been prepared. Its purpose is to join with "Citizens United To Save The Valleys Of Wild Cat, Seneca, and Goshen" Site 6.

Your efforts will be of great aid in saving these beautiful valleys and their historic spots for posterity. The land is our number one resource. The wildlife in this very watershed is beautifully established and the ecology should not be disturbed. Which reminds me of what the preacher seems always to say to the bride and groom -- "What God hath put together - let no man put asunder."

We hope you have enjoyed sharing these moments with us and we thank each of you for being the guest of the Forest Oak Chapter. As you tour these valleys, follow the big Q symbols. They will lead you to places of historic interest. All historic sites will be wearing a bright red ribbon - all homes slated to go beneath water or land take a big black ribbon.

Enjoy your tour through Wild Cat, Seneca, and Goshen Valleys - remembering - that Goshen is the land of milk and honey. If you are so inclined to agree that the area should be spared, please write to Governor Marvin Mandel or our County Council Members NOW and ask that SITE 6 on the Seneca Watershed be further studied as to other alternatives.

HAPPY QUESTING!!!

Mary Sheppard Burton

C1973

ADDRESSES:

Governor Marvin Mandel  
Executive Office  
State Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland

County Council Members:  
Mr. William Sher, President  
County Office Building  
100 South Perry Street  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Ida Mae Garrott  
Elizabeth Scull  
Norman Christeller  
Neil Potter  
Sidney Kramer  
Dickran Hovsepian

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

no

1. Name: Davis Mill and Miller's House

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L-10

4. Address: House - Huntmaster Lane, Germantown  
Mill - Davis Mill Road, Germantown

5. Classification Summary

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Ownership <u>private</u>	Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of Historical Sites
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Present use <u>abandoned</u>	

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11. Researcher and date researched: Barbara Knapp -10/79  
Margaret M. Coleman

12. Compiler: Gail C. Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation Approval     

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 14/54

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Davis Mill and Miller's House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER House - Huntmaster Lane  
Mill - Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

VICINITY OF

Goshen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Abandoned

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Helene H. Morse

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1400 Geary Blvd.

CITY, TOWN

San Francisco

VICINITY OF

California

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 844

Folio #: 417

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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The frame part is unpainted clapboard, with an interior brick chimney. There is a closed string stairway and the walls are plaster over lath. There is a panelled door on the front (west) facade, and there was another door on the rear (north).



Miller's House at Davis Mill  
Huntmaster Lane, Germantown  
Facade: West

Original photograph owned by Mrs. Harold Burdette,  
Germantown, Maryland.

Date: c. 1920

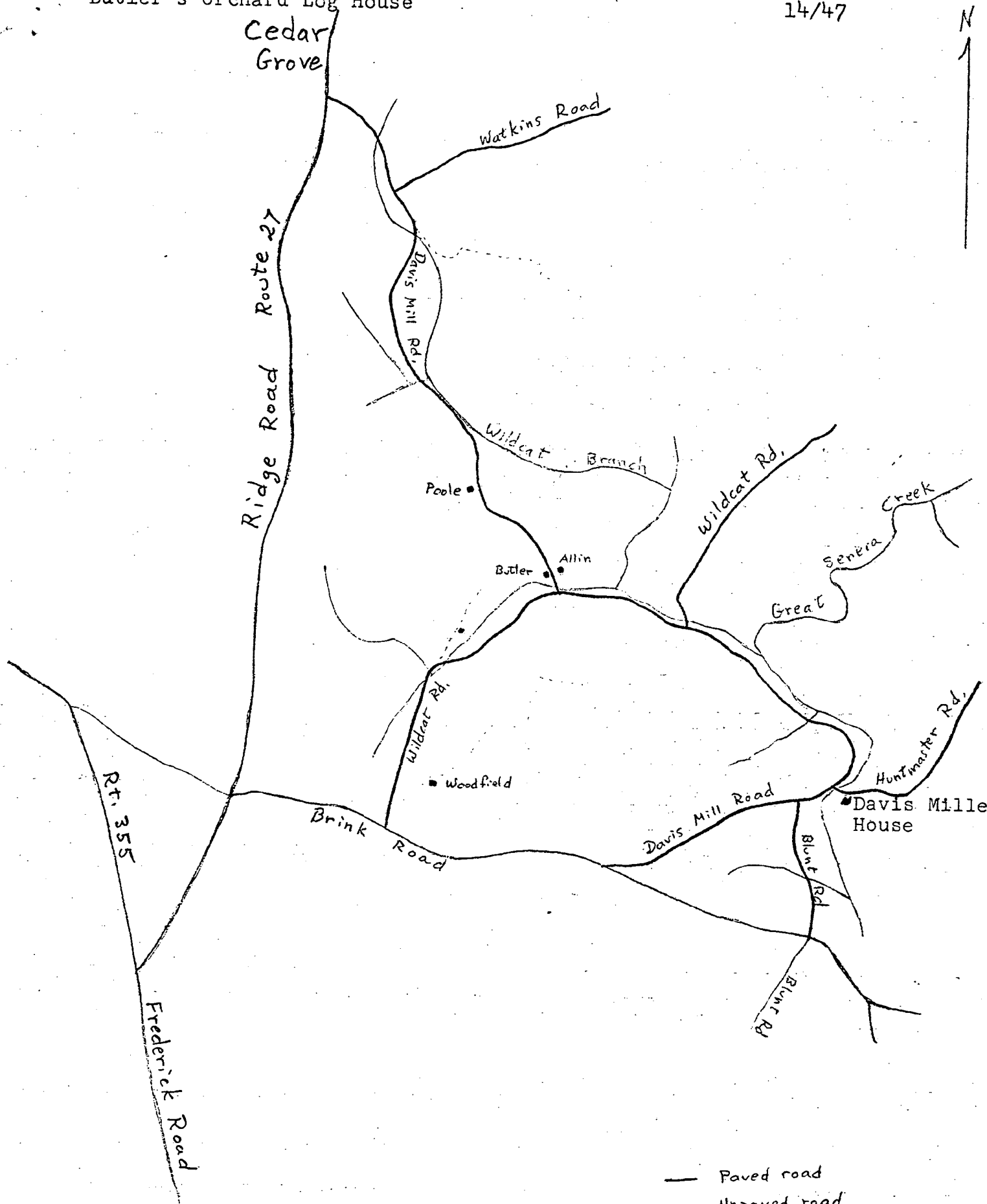
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Davis Mill and Miller's House

FOOTNOTES:

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4. Ibid., BS 10/106 (March 24, 1840).
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8. Elmira Davis Harper Deitrich, unpublished manuscript, Davis, 1969; p. 4.

→ Nathan Cooke's wife was  
Harnet "Hattie" A waters daughter of Dr Washington waters  
They were married at Sycamore Hollow 1863



- Paved road
- Unpaved road
- Streams

Scale 1" = 2000'  
1 mile = approx. 2.6 inches

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES by 1854 - mill

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harry W. Dorsey?

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Davis Mill and the accompanying miller's house were one of several mill complexes near Goshen.

In 1854 the residents of what is now called Davis Mill Road petitioned a road to be laid out, and sketched the desired route, including a mill drawn at this site.<sup>1</sup> Called "Dr. Water's Mill" or "Water's Mill", the property is on the tracts Benjamin's Square and Lodewick's Range. Harry W. Dorsey may have built the mill and the house although his first purchase of these tracts in 1798 included buildings and improvements.<sup>2</sup> Dorsey continued buying for a total of twelve farms, mostly tracts in this Goshen area -- Benjamin's Square, Lodewick's Range, Thomas' Hog Pasture, Mill Pond and Brooke Plain.

In 1840 Dorsey deeded property to Washington D. Waters to hold in trust for Dorsey's daughter, Harriet, the wife of Samuel Blunt. Blunt had earlier sold his father-in-law all his household goods, including "one stone kitchen and one tin kitchen" and his crops of tobacco, corn, wheat and rye.<sup>3</sup> Dorsey deeded the goods, 18 slaves and land to Waters to hold for his daughter "as if she were unmarried".<sup>4</sup>

However, a mill was on the property by 1854. John Samuel Davis (1838-1922) was living at the mill in 1879.<sup>5</sup> In 1855 he bought 138 1/2 acres including the mill from Washington and Virginia Waters.<sup>6</sup> He took out a mortgage for \$3,000 from Harriet A. Cooke, wife of Nathan Cooke.<sup>7</sup> Buildings and improvements are included in the purchase. It is assumed that he moved into the miller's house before 1879, and rented the property until 1885 when he bought it.

Davis had lived with his uncle, Washington Poole, at Monrovia and learned how to operate a mill from him. He married Mary Ellen Phoebus of New Market. They moved to the subject mill, and probably built the frame part of the house to accommodate their family of eleven children, all girls. The mill burned down shortly after his death.<sup>8</sup>

The present owners bought the property with 46 acres from the Davis children in 1922. They lived in Washington and used this place for week-ends and summer vacations until about fifteen years ago. At the present time the mill is in ruins and the house abandoned and dilapidated.

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 41.75 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

The mill was located on Great Seneca Creek, just below its confluence with Wildcat Branch. The house is across the creek, on the crest of a hill.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

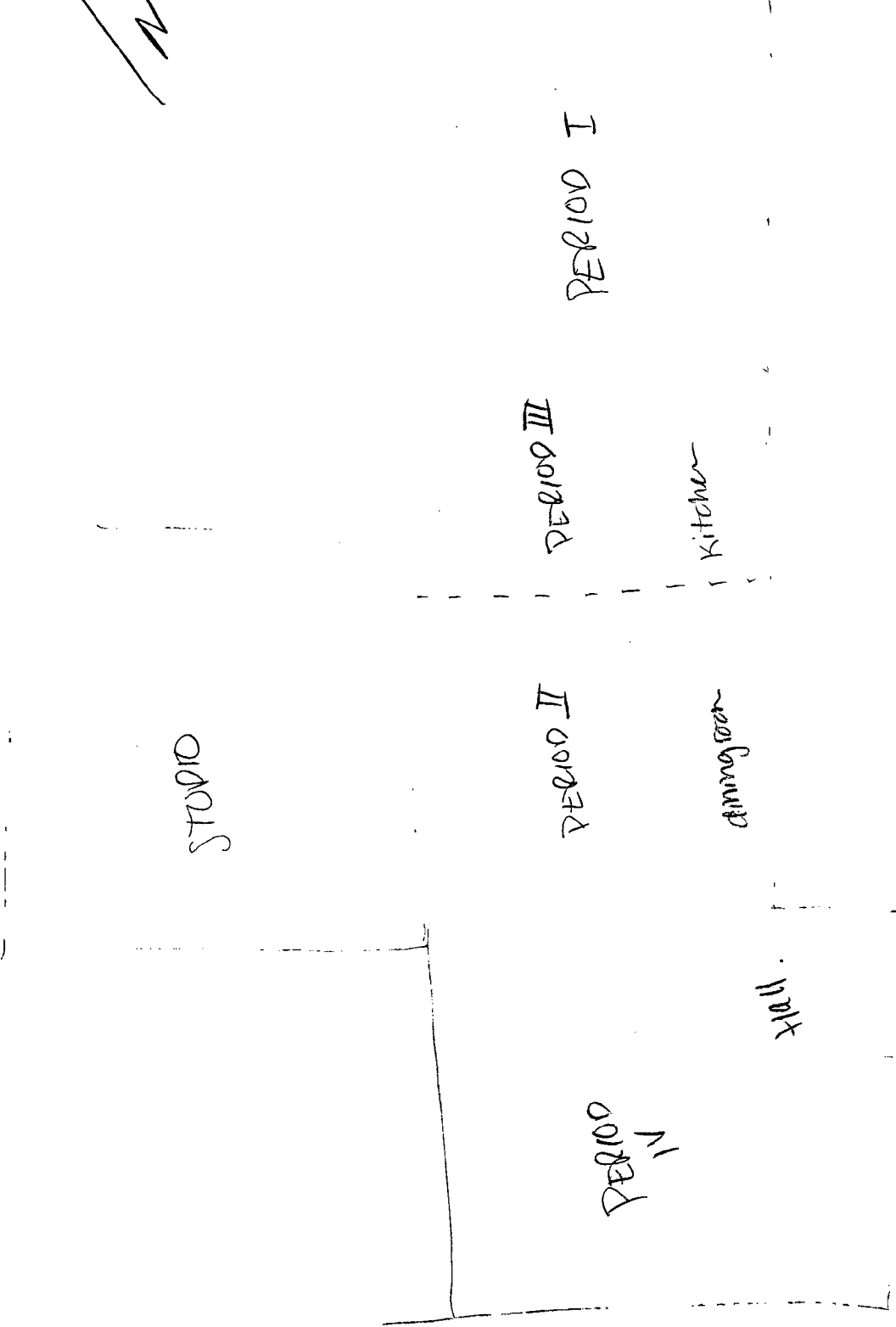
**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Barbara Knapp	Margaret M. Coleman
	Margaret M. Coleman	Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE
		October 1979
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	TELEPHONE
		926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE
		Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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



14-52



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

FILE

April 24, 2007

**Reggie Jetter**  
Department of Permitting Services  
255 Rockville Pike  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

RE: Permit # 445923  
Demolition and/or construction of buildings on the property located at  
21600 Davis Mill Road, Germantown  
*Locational Atlas* Resource #14/52, **Dr. Washington Waters House**

Mr. Jetter:

I am writing you this letter in response to the Montgomery County Planning Board's decision regarding the designation of the above-mentioned *Locational Atlas* resource. On January 6, 2005, the Planning Board voted to support the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to remove the subject resource from the *Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites*. Therefore, according to the Historic Preservation Ordinance, Section 24A-10, this property does not need any further regulatory review by the Historic Preservation Commission and may proceed with obtaining demolition and/or construction permits for the buildings on the subject property.

Please accept this letter as **formal approval** from the Historic Preservation Commission to issue a demolition and/or construction permit for any building on the subject property. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much for your continued support of our program and your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michele Oaks  
Planner Coordinator  
Historic Preservation Section

Cc: Gwen Wright, Acting Planning Director  
Ralph Mobley, Agent



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## PLEASANT FIELDS: THE WATERS HOUSE

by Eleanor M. V. Cook

The Waters House, in what is now Germantown, was home to five generations of the Waters family. The house was on a tract that one of the Waters named "Pleasant Fields," which must have been descriptive of the beauty of the land in those early days. In 1755, twenty years before the Revolutionary War, a Waters purchased the 150 acres that became "Pleasant Fields" and later generations added acreage until the family owned nearly a thousand acres in Montgomery County, only to lose all but half an acre in 1932. Fortunately for us, the owners who followed preserved the house.

The Waters came to Maryland early in its history and did well. John Waters of the West River Hundred, Anne Arundel County, born about 1648, was transported into the Province of Maryland some time before April 1669 by Richard Wells, a Puritan leader. In 1673 John married Susanna, widow of James White, and three years later he was issued a warrant for "The Forke," a 90-acre tract in Anne Arundel County at the head of the West River in the woods, adjoining the land of John Cumber and the late James White. Susanna had one child before she died, Samuel Waters, born about 1674.<sup>1</sup>

In 1684 John married Elizabeth Giles, daughter of John Giles, a Quaker of the West River Meeting. John was a carpenter, according to a 1686 deed, and his appointment to appraise several estates indicates his high standing in the community. He and Elizabeth had five children who lived to maturity and in his will and codicil, probated in 1704, John left "The Forke" and other land to his wife and their young children.<sup>2</sup>

Samuel Waters, oldest son of John, was about 22 when his father assigned a warrant to him in 1696. Samuel used the warrant to have 700 acres on the west side of the north branch of the Patuxent River in Prince George's County patented as "Jericho"

Joseph, born Jan. 27, 1711/12, died 1744  
 Deborah, born, Mar. 4, 1713/14  
 Richard, born, Mar. 2, 1714/15, married Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_  
 \*William, born May 7, 1716, married Mary Harris  
 Margaret, born Mar. 14, 1718/19, married \_\_\_\_\_ Mullican  
 Rachel, born Mar. 16, 1720/1

Mordecai, born Mar. 7, 1722/3, married Mary \_\_\_\_\_  
 The son William Waters acquired land in Prince Georges County (now Montgomery County) where the town of Brookeville is today, near Olney. He became very prosperous and over the years bought much more land, with several land patents, in what is now Montgomery County. He built a lovely mansion on his estate, which was called "Belmont." In 1747 he married Mary Harris, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Offutt Harris of St. Mary's County.

William and Mary Waters had eight children at Belmont:  
 Zachariah, married Anna Baker

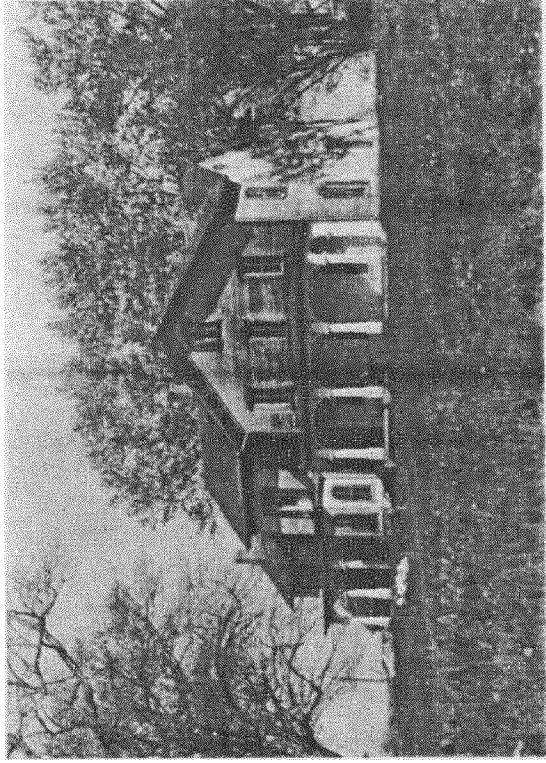
\*William, married Susannah Magruder  
 Sarah, married Arnold Holland  
 Anna

\*Basil, married Anne Pottinger *MS of 1748*  
 Nancy, married Samuel White and William Wilson  
 Eleanor, spinster

Ignatius, married Elizabeth Dorsey  
 The sons Basil and William were both given land by their father in what is now Germantown.

### Basil Waters Family

Basil was given acreage including the land known by the patent name of "Conclusion." This land lies to the west of Rt. 355, north of Rt. 118, and south of Old Baltimore Road. Basil resurveyed the land in 1788 and renamed it "Pleasant Fields." On March 19, 1799 Basil married Anne Pottenger Magruder whose father, Colonel Zaddock Magruder, had been the com-



*Basil Waters House — "Pleasant Fields"*

mander of the Home Defense Battalion of lower Frederick County (now Montgomery County). They built a small house at Pleasant Fields, just two rooms downstairs and two rooms upstairs, and proceeded to farm the land and raise their children. Those who survived into adult years were:

1. William Waters, born Dec. 28, 1799
2. Zaddock Magruder Waters, born c1804, married Ann E. Hand
3. Zachariah Waters

The nearest town to Pleasant Fields was Clarksburg; here the Waters shopped and attended the Methodist Church. The year 1824 was a black one for the Waters family, for Anne and their son Robert, age 9, and daughter, Susannah, age 18, all died of a fever.

Basil died in 1844, leaving 22 slaves and three sons, Zachariah, William, and Zaddock Magruder Waters. Zaddock inherited Pleasant Fields and sold it to his <sup>only</sup> cousin, William Alexander Waters in 1883.

*only  
 nephew*

"F C C 1834." An undershot water wheel used water from the Great Seneca Creek to turn the millstone. Business at the mill declined after the steam-powered Bowman Brothers Mill opened in 1888, in Germantown. Clopper's Mill was heavily damaged by fire in 1947. The ruins consist of stone and brick walls with no roof. Local fieldstone on the basement and first floor levels has corner quoins and heavy stone lintels.

PLEASANT FIELDS/BASIL WATERS HOUSE  
(c1790s-early 1800s; 1890s)  
21200 Waters Road/Milestone Manor Lane

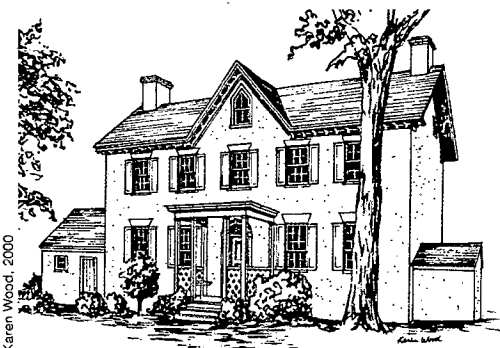
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The Waters family inhabited Pleasant Fields for more than a century. About 1790, Basil Waters established a large tobacco plantation, supported by as many as 22 slaves. The brick sections (center and left) are the earliest, dating from the late 1700s or early 1800s. In the late 1800s, Basil's nephew Dr. William A. Waters, a general practitioner, had a doctor's office in the house. The house gained its present Italianate appearance under ownership of Charles Waters, son of

Pleasant Fields/Basil Waters House 19/1

William. Charles built or expanded the frame section (right) and compatibly redesigned the existing house. The new large central hall was outfitted with an elegant curved staircase. Charles Waters was a successful breeder of racehorses, one of whom set the east coast trotting record (1898). The property, which remained in the Waters family until 1932, includes a bank barn and double corncrib. A small Waters family burial plot is on Hawk's Nest Lane. The restored house and barn, owned by M-NCPPC, are scheduled to be open for community events, run in part by the Montgomery County Historical Society.



William Waters Jr. House Site 19/3  
(Late 1700s-Early 1800s)

WILLIAM WATERS JR. HOUSE SITE (Late 1700s-Early 1800s) 19/3  
Between 20511 & 20553 Shadyside Way

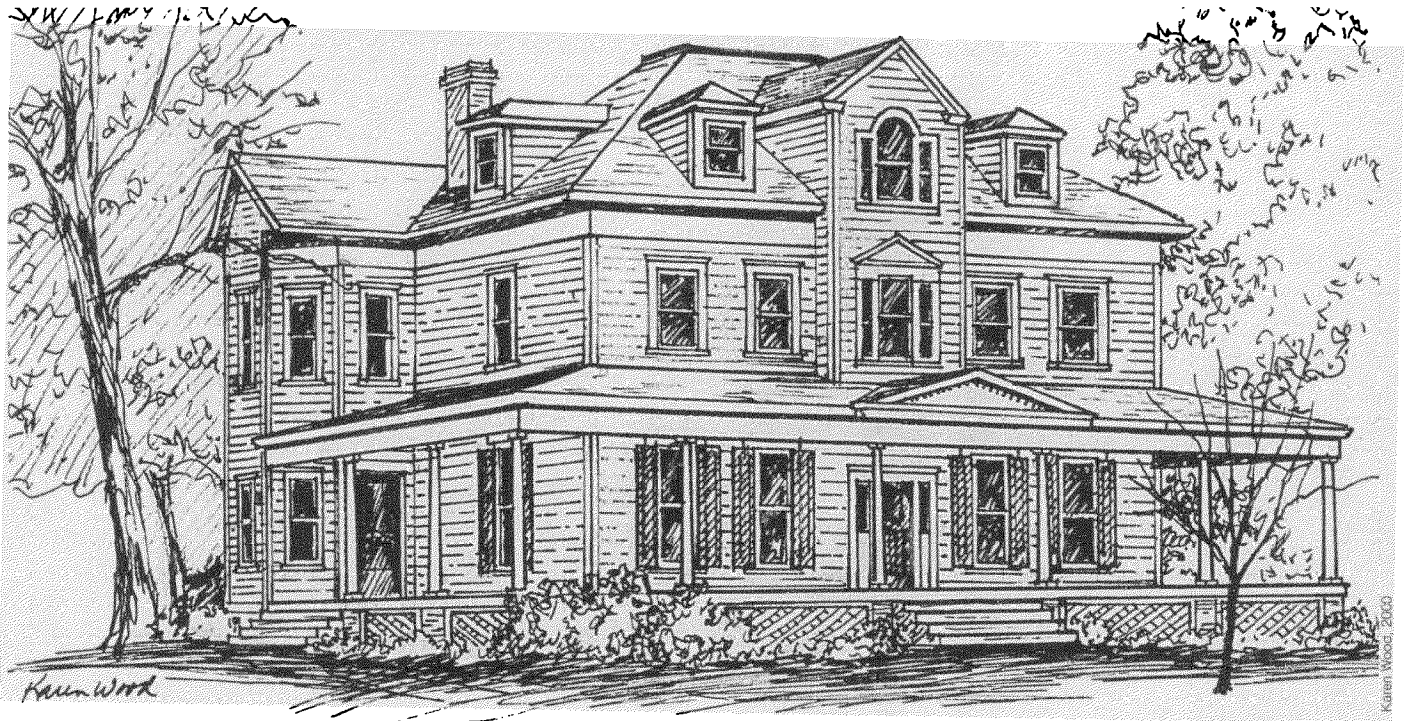
A designated historic site since 1979, the William Waters House no longer stands. The five-bay dwelling was one of the earliest substantial brick residences in the Germantown area. The one-room deep, center-passage house featured recessed 9/6 sash windows with jack arches, a round-arched doorframe with keystone and cornerblocks, and fanlight transom. According to tradition, William Waters, Jr. (1751-1817) built the house after acquiring the property from his father in 1785. William was the brother of Basil Waters who built Pleasant Fields. In the late 1800s, the house was updated with a Gothic-inspired center cross gable, a pointed-arch window and shingle siding. The property, also known as the Horace Waters House, remained in the family until 1962. Foundations of the house are evident in a park on this site.

12900 Wisteria Drive

A linear park along Wisteria Drive, at Rt. 118, commemorates the Madeline Waters House that was destroyed by arson in 1986. Built in 1899-1902, this roomy frame Colonial Revival house belonged to the owner of Germantown's general store, Horace D. Waters. His stepson Lloyd Dorsey built the house, which was the long-time dwelling of

Madeline V. Waters House  
(1899-1902)

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Madeline Waters, daughter of Horace. The residence was the most elaborate house in Germantown, featuring a three-story projecting pavilion with palladian windows, a broad hipped roof with dormers, cornice with dentil molding, and pedimented wrap-around porch with classical columns.



Upton Bowman House (c1901) 19/13-6

UPTON BOWMAN HOUSE (c1901) 19/13-6  
19219 Liberty Mill Road

Located near the **Germantown Historic District**, this frame residence was the home of Upton Bowman, who helped establish the Bowman Brothers Mill, later known as Liberty Mill. In 1888, Upton and his brothers Charles and Eldridge opened the steam-powered gristmill, which flourished with its location adjacent to the railroad station. The success of the milling operation led to an economic boom in the Germantown community and the obsolescence of local water-powered

mills. The Upton Bowman House was probably built about 1901 when the family purchased the property. The frame house, now covered with stucco, has decorative bargeboards with cross bracing, a two-story polygonal bay on the east side, and a wraparound porch.



J. A. BELT BUILDING (1903) NR  
227 E. Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg

William A. Waters (1826-1907), known as Dr. Bill, married Mary Willson Neel, daughter of William Willson of Clarksburg and widow of Thomas Neel of Neelsville. They had one son, Charles Clarke Waters. When Mary died, Dr. Bill married her sister-in-law, Maria Harris Willson, widow of Leonidas Willson. Dr. Bill shared an office in Clarksburg with his brother, Dr. Washington Waters, and his little black buggy was a well-known sight in the area as he visited the sick. He built a large addition to the house at Pleasant Fields. He died at 81 years of age.

Charles Clarke Waters married Maude Getzendanner, and they had three children – William, Maria, and Joseph Thomas. Charles built the third and largest section to the house and made many improvements to the grounds. He built several large barns and a racetrack. He owned a line of trotters and pacers, the most famous being "Kinster," who was the top winner on the east coast in 1898. Charles bought more land, bringing the estate to almost 1,000 acres.

Pleasant Fields was sold out of the family in 1932 and is now owned by a large corporation. The house still stands, the last of the grand Waters family houses in Germantown. The house is being lived in but is in much disrepair.

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### *Kinster*

Fabulous Kinster – "King of the East Coast" he was acclaimed at the turn of the century – was a beautiful bay Standardbred stallion who belonged to Charles C. Waters of Germantown.

Charles Waters bought the horse as a yearling from J.A. Smith, U.S.N. for \$24 and trained Kinster on his farm, Pleasant Retreat. Charles Waters ran a profitable stud business on his farm and had a half-mile track on the property for training and showing, as well as numerous barns and outbuildings.

Charles Waters bought the yearling, no doubt, not just for his good looks but also for his breeding. Kinster's dam, Cress, was a second generation mare out of Hambletonian 10, the magnificent stallion that is in the background of every Standardbred



*Kinster*

courtesy Marian Waters Jacobs

horse. Kinster's sire, Kinsman, was third generation out of Hambletonian 10. Kinsman was the sire of the famous pacer Dan Patch who broke the record of under 2 minutes for the mile.

Kinster turned out to be a very good buy, for in his first season, as a four-year-old he was in the money in every race that he ran. In Baltimore on October 6, 1889 he ran his record race at 2:14 3/4 minutes. This record made history on the east coast for it was extremely unusual at that time for a horse to trot the mile under 2:20 (although now they almost always come in under 2 minutes).

In an article about the momentous event the Montgomery County Sentinel said: "Kinster...has fairly dazzled the light harness horse world...Kinster is the fastest trotter ever bred in this county, or in all this section of country, and may be truly said to be one of the phenomenons of this phenomenal season of trotting and pacing."

## *Arnold Boggs: Goshen Md: A History + Its People (1994)*

Goshen: From the Beginning

Because one of the Goshen mills was built of brick it survived. No doubt there was extensive damage and much had to be rebuilt. This great mill was said to have a turbine wheel and 42" stones all bound in iron. It needed two streams to furnish enough water to make it operate.

Sometime in the early 1880's, John Davis either leased or began to purchase his own mill from Washington D. Waters. This deed for sale was executed in 1885 for \$4000.00: 136 and 1/2 acres of Benjamin Square, Brook Grove, Mill Pond, Thomas Hog Pasture, and Dublin, in the area of what is now called Davis Mill Road. The ownership of this mill and property can be traced back from W. D. Waters to his father Dr. Washington Waters, to Elisha Owen Williams who inherited it from his mother Mary Dorsey Williams Waters. Elisha was a half brother to Washington Waters. Mary in turn inherited the mill and property from her father, Harry (sometimes listed as Henry) W. Dorsey, who purchased it from the family of Charles Greenbury Griffith. At the time of the Griffith ownership, a 1783 Maryland tax assessment record gave considerable detail of the improvements to this property. It consisted of 364 acres with a dwelling consisting of two rooms and an entry on the lower floor, a charnel, log kitchen, corn house, stables and barn, and a grist mill on a good stream of water. There were many out buildings as well. Before the Griffith ownership, Lodowick Davis, a carpenter, owned part of this property after purchasing it from Benjamin Wollingsford in 1754.

Davis built a home on the hill across from the mill on Blunt Road. His wife's name was Mary Ellen, and together they had fourteen children.

In 1880, Charles T. Edmonston was also one of the millers at the Goshen Mills complex. On August 27, 1890, a sudden and mysterious fire destroyed the mills and the miller's house. Passing neighbors awoke the family which saved their lives. G. W. Moxley was miller at the time of the fire. The loss was estimated at \$5000.00. By the late 1800's there was much competition between mills, as newer and more modern mills were operational in Gaithersburg and other towns. Some of the new mills were steam-powered. It is not surprising that some of these were thought to have been purposely set on fire. By this time the Goshen mills, now referred to as the Riggs mills, were becoming shabby and worn. They would have probably closed down even if the fire had not occurred.

No community is complete without a church, and Goshen is no exception. Ignatius Pigman sold a plot of land for 5 shillings to the local Methodists who built a little log church on the site sometime before 1788. The deed was formalized in 1790. The little log church was often referred to as Pigman's Chapel and later as Goshen Chapel. However, in later years it has been lovingly called "Old Goshen." A very complete history of "Old Goshen" was written by Ella Plummer and published by the Montgomery County Historical Society in November of

Goshen: From the Beginning

Gladys King History, Goshen Homemakers Club

Gladys King Oral History

Harrison King Oral History

Mary Burton, Sycamore Hollow and Wildcat Creek

History of Goshen Mills and Immediate Area by The Goshen Mills Chapter, National Society DAR

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Riggs Family Oral Histories

Maryland Journal, January 1, 1795, MCHS

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## SYCAMORE HOLLOW on WILDCAT CREEK

In 1650, Robert Brooke came to St. Mary's County. He sailed from England in his own ship to settle a royal land grant titled "Della Brooke", bringing with him his family and servants. This land grant was of enormous proportions. Three generations later, James Brooke came to what is now Montgomery County in 1723. His son received a land grant of 15,000 acres which extended from Sandy Spring to Germantown. This portion, including what we know today as "Sycamore Hollow," was later sold by Gerard Brooke to a Dorsey, perhaps Patuxent John, his son (Sam?), or Grandson Henry (sometimes referred to as Harry) Woodward Dorsey of Anne Arundel County, about 1814-1816. Earlier in 1798, Henry (Harry) Woodward Dorsey of Anne Arundel County purchased 385 and 1/2 acres of Resurvey on Benjamin Square and Lodowicks Range from Richard Ridgely. The Dorsey line is Henry (Harry) Woodward Dorsey who also inherited "Dorsey's Search," "Sam's Lot," and "Pleasant Valley," from his father (or Grandfather) known as "Patuxent John", Captain of Militia in 1742 in Maryland. Patuxent John was married to Eleanor Woodward. Prior to him there was an Edward Dorsey, then Capt. John Dorsey of Baltimore County, who was a Justice for Anne Arundel County, 1694-1697. Edward Dorsey who settled in Anne Arundel County probably came from "Hockley in the Hole" in Warwickshire, England about 1650 or earlier. Parts of these land grants have stood in St. Mary's, Prince Georges, Frederick, and finally Montgomery County.

Henry Woodward Dorsey's first wife was Mary Macubbin whom he married on February 21, 1786. She was the daughter of Zachariah Macubbin. After her death, Henry married Rachel Magruder Cooke. Henry and Rachel had a son named Harry Woodward Dorsey who married Sarah Ann Waters in 1829. She was the daughter of Ignatius and Elizabeth Dorsey Waters. When she died, he married her sister Susan Maria Waters in 1844. Susan's half sister-in-law Harriet Woodward Dorsey, married Sam Blunt in 1818. In 1852 Susan and Harriet worked together on a quilt which is called the "Woodbourne" quilt. This quilt has been displayed at various museums, including the DAR Constitution Hall in Washington D.C. "Woodbourne" is the name of the historical home built by Sam Blunt.

Prior to James Brooke's arrival in 1723, there were a few squatter's and hunter's cabins scattered in the area. On the property which was to become "Sycamore Hollow" sat a log cabin with a balcony. A huge fireplace, large enough to burn logs up to five feet long, dominated the lower level. In 1720, an addition was built on to the small cabin which included the area of the modern kitchen, a second floor bed chamber, and a third floor bed chamber. In 1740 another addition was built which included an area for a dining room,



## Sycamore Hollow on Wildcat Creek

a bed chamber, and slave quarters for the house slaves. The slave cubicles were removed in 1953. About 1800, the next addition was built that was the largest and tallest portion of the house. The hall opens to all three floors; the great room, two second floor bed chambers, and a third floor bed chamber. Lightning was said to have struck this section, which burned, and was rebuilt around 1840. "The stairs in this section are unsupported and boast walnut handrails and chestnut ballisters. Dolphin scrolls grace the side of each riser. Fine moldings, a curved window, and a curved door lend individuality."\* On the curve of the stairs, between the first and second floors, were two curved niches painted with scenes of the French Alps by a primitive painter named LeBlanc. It was said that he was homesick for his beloved mountains and painted the identical scenes in other homes as far away as Brunswick, Maryland.

After the lightning fire occurred, only one candelabrum remained. This was made up of seventy two parts and was hand threaded. Each part had to be numbered when removed for cleaning. The paneling in the great room was of Honduras Mahogany and the floors of walnut, one and one half inches thick. Medallions in the ceiling lent elegance to both the great room and the lower hall.

Before Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burton purchased this property in the 1950's, Mrs. Burton said it was referred to as "Long Meadows" and was owned by a man named Hinkly.

"In 1960, the lines of the early, one room deep, Maryland telescope house were altered as unobtrusively as possible. A rear wing was added to give utility to the twentieth century way of life."\* This wing included a glassed porch, powder room, laundry, work room, storage area, and garage. A staircase that had originally been part of "Thomas Delight," a 1670 Thomas Dashiell property on Maryland's Eastern Shore, was removed and numbered piece by piece. It was transported to "Sycamore Hollow", reassembled and put in place as the staircase leading to the balcony in the original part of the house, the hunter's cabin. It was hand carved by an indentured craftsman.

Lightning again took its toll in 1968 when the entire third floor of the tallest addition was devastated by fire, smoke, and water.

In the early 1980's a large addition was added as a wing to the back of the house. It is one great room with a fireplace and open ceiling, two stories high with a large skylight.

It was a sad day for the Goshen community and present owners the Burtons, when the home fell victim once again to fire. This time it was in 1988 and caused by faulty wiring in a kitchen range overhead fan. The destruction was devastating, heavily damaging much of this home, including the fine antiques lovingly collected over the years. Mrs. Burton is a world renowned rug hooker and designer. Many of her priceless rugs were also badly damaged or destroyed. Through sheer

Sycamore Hollow on Wildcat Creek

determination and large support given the Burtons by neighbors, family, and friends, they were able to restore their home, and remaining antiques. To do this they moved a large mobile home onto the property so they could oversee the restoration. The paintings in the curved niches on the staircase were restored by a local painter, Joan Leydon. Two years later, the Burtons were once again entertaining friends and family at Sycamore Hollow. The house is 105 feet long and has seventeen different levels, including the two attics and basement.

This home today is magnificent, and stands as a proud reminder of the rich history of Goshen and its people.



*Photo by Richard F. Boggs*

*Sycamore Hollow*

circ. 1973

Sycamore Hollow on Wildcat Creek

Waters Family History, MCHS

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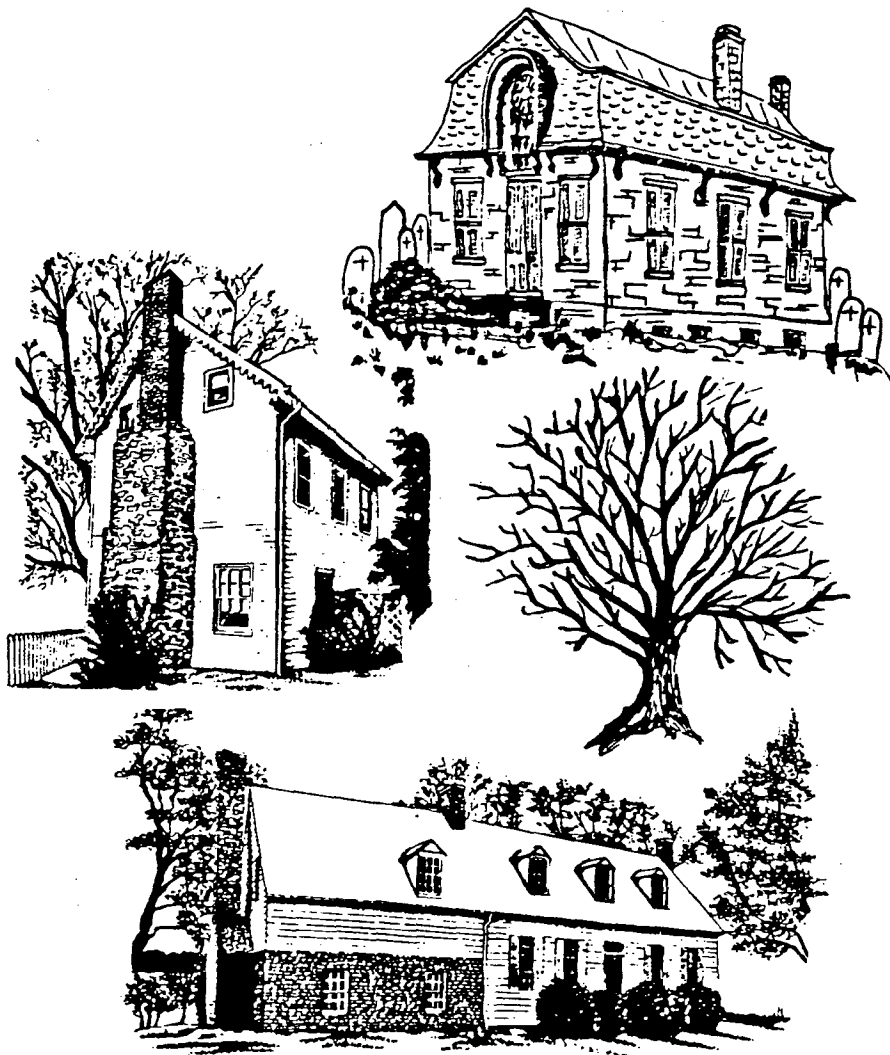
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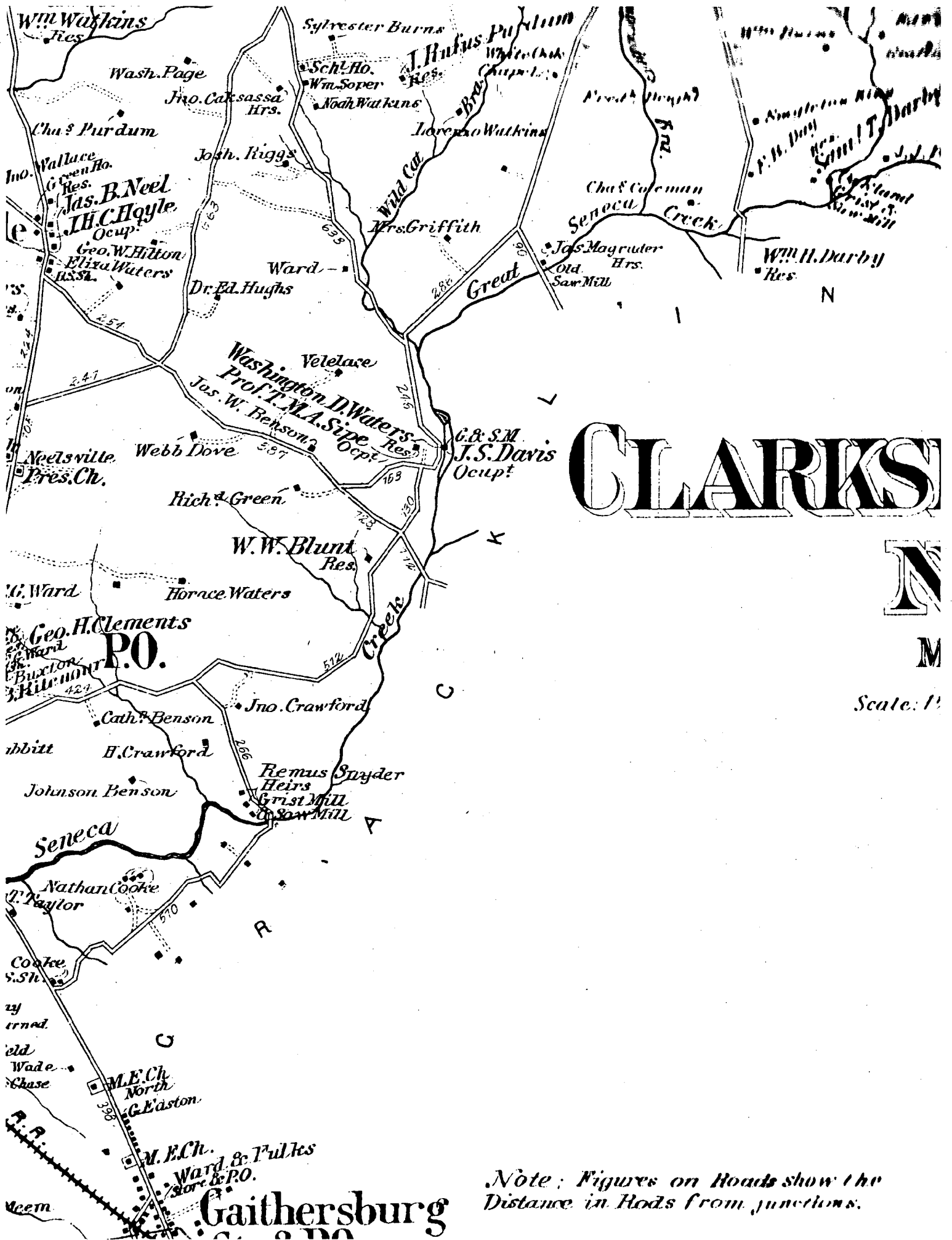
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# CLARKS



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**Owner Information**

Owner Name: BURTON, MARY S Use: AGRICULTURAL  
Principal Residence: YES  
Mailing Address: 21600 DAVIS MILL RD Deed Reference: 1) / 9308/ 505  
GERMANTOWN MD 20876-4418 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

Premises Address Zoning Legal Description  
21600 DAVIS MILL RD RE2 BROOK PLAIN  
GERMANTOWN 20876-4418

Map	Grid	Parcel	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
FV42		P750	1				80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
	42

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1704	4,441 SF	10.50 AC	812

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments As Of	As Of	PREFERENTIAL LAND VALUE INCLUDED IN LAND VALUE
Land:	76,780	86,780	07/01/2001	07/01/2002	
Improvements:	194,680	217,440			
Total:	271,460	304,220	282,380	293,300	
Preferential Land:	1,780	1,780	1,780	1,780	

**Transfer Information**

Seller:	Date:	Price:
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Type:		

**Exemption Information**

# LIST OF PATRONS.

## COUNTY.

No. 1.	NATIVITY.	Date of Settlement.
Montgomery Co.	1814	
Virginia	1870	
Montgomery Co.	1843	
"	1816	
Frederick Co.	1849	
Montgomery Co.	1856	
Howard Co.	1851	
Montgomery Co.	1832	
Anne Arundel Co.	1837	
Howard Co.	1857	
Montgomery Co.	1849	
Washington City	1875	
Howard Co.	1873	
Montgomery Co.	1815	
"	1827	
"	1840	
"	1838	
Howard Co.	1867	
"	1862	
Montgomery Co.	1829	
"	1854	
"	1824	
Frederick Co.	1866	
Baltimore, Md.	1874	
Georgetown	1815	
Montgomery Co.	1828	
"	1826	
"	1817	
"	1839	
"	1845	
Prussia	1850	
Montgomery Co.	1838	
"	1847	
Prince George Co.	1863	
Montgomery Co.	1834	
Howard Co.	1818	

### ST No. 2.

Undertaker	Montgomery Co.	1847
"	"	1851
Blacksmith	"	1828
"	"	1828
"	"	1820
"	"	1825
"	"	1840
raess M'Pr	"	1837
"	"	1847
"	"	1843
Frederick Co.	1849	
Montgomery Co.	1842	
"	1835	
Philadelphia	1816	
Montgomery Co.	1814	
emaker	Frederick Co.	1867
"	Montgomery Co.	1828
"	"	1876
mer	Montgomery Co.	1848
ice of Peace	"	1816
"	"	1836
"	"	1851
"	"	1808
Frederick Co.	1859	
Virginia	1850	
Frederick Co.	1870	
Montgomery Co.	1838	
"	1818	
Virginia	1835	
Undertaker	Montgomery Co.	1845
"	"	1815
"	"	1866
Ireland	1860	
Calvert Co.	1860	
Montgomery Co.	1836	
Virginia	1847	
manufacturer	Carroll Co.	1878
ommissioner	"	1878
r	Kentucky	1862
r	Montgomery Co.	1823
nd Farmer	Virginia	1857
"	Kentucky	1862
"	Montgomery Co.	1829
"	"	1833
"	"	1835
er	District of Columbia	1862
"	Howard Co.	1857
"	Montgomery Co.	1825
"	"	1852

## CLARKSBURG, DISTRICT No. 2—CONTINUED.

NAME.	No. of Acres.	P. O. ADDRESS.	OCCUPATION.	NATIVITY.	Date of Settlement.
Waters W. D.	235	Goshen.	Farmer.	Montgomery Co.	1836
Waters Wm. A.	400	Germanstown.	Physician.	"	"
Waters Washington	70	Clarksburg.	Farmer.	Montgomery Co.	1804
Watkins Wm.	188	"	"	"	1832
Walker N. I.	400	Gaithersburg.	"	"	1824
Ward H. C.	2 1/2	"	Merchant.	"	1834
Welsh W. W.	"	Haytstown.	"	"	1846
Worthington F. C.	8	Clarksburg.	Physician.	Baltimore Co.	1877
Woodfield Z.	125 1/2	Damascus.	Farmer.	Montgomery Co.	1854
Young & King.	"	"	Merchant.	"	1852
Young Nathan E.	300	Cedar Grove.	Farmer.	"	1834
Zeigler Dd. H.	300	Hyattstown.	Miller.	"	1828
Zeigler L. C.	"	"	Sewing Machine Agent.	"	1836

## MEDLEY, DISTRICT No. 3.

Allnutt H. C.	.....	Dawsonville.	Merchant.	Montgomery Co.	1855
Allnutt Benoni.	1000	"	Farmer.	"	1835
Allnutt N. W.	1000	"	"	"	1826
Allnutt James N.	322	"	"	"	1847
Allnutt K. H. C.	400	Poolesville.	"	"	1848
Allnutt Benj. W.	700	Dawsonville.	"	"	1840
Astin R. B.	273	Poolesville.	"	"	1809
Brewer N., M. D.	350	Dawsonville.	Retired Physician.	"	1818
Boyd James A.	500	Boyd's Station.	Contractor.	Scotland.	1866
Birch Rev. Jos. S.	.....	Barnesville.	Priest.	Washington	1869
Beall James H.	17 1/2	Boyd's Station.	Farmer.	Montgomery Co.	1829
Brewer William G.	400	Beallsville.	"	"	1850
Brewer George.	605	"	"	"	1822
Crown J.	.....	Dawsonville.	Boot and Shoe Manufr.	Washington City.	1876
Carr William H.	27	Barnesville.	Hotel and Butcher.	Montgomery Co.	1866
Chiswell E. J.	359	Dickerson Station	Farmer.	"	1836
Darby Upton.	150	Darnestown.	Miller.	Maryland.	1855
Dawson Jas. M.	600	Dawsonville.	Farmer.	Montgomery Co.	1812
Dyson Samuel.	678	"	"	"	1811
Dyson Josiah.	417	"	"	"	1819
Darby L. A.	520	"	"	"	1829
Darby Thomas D.	400	"	"	"	1821
Dade Robert.	132	Boyd's.	"	"	1817
Dade John H.	212	Darnestown.	"	"	1819
Dawson Nicholas.	400	Darnestown.	"	"	1802
Dawson Fred. A.	500	Dawsonville.	"	"	1038
Eastham C. F.	.....	"	Teacher.	Virginia.	1875
Flethall J. T.	40 1/2	Poolesville.	Farmer.	Maryland.	1824
Fisher George C.	140 1/2	"	"	Montgomery Co.	1838
Gati B. C.	850	Boyd's.	"	"	1814
Grady John D.	.....	Sandy Spring.	Surveyor.	"	1855
Griffith H.	465	Beallsville.	Farmer.	"	1821
Hersherger A. B.	51 1/2	Poolesville.	"	Frederick Co.	1871
Holland John W.	95	Dickerson Station	"	Montgomery Co.	1840
Hempstone A. T.	297	Beallsville.	"	"	1850
Hempstone H. S.	.....	Tusearora.	Railroad Agent.	"	"
Jones Mercer.	50	Dickerson Station	Farmer.	"	1847
Jones John A.	504	"	"	"	1821
Jones W. T.	420	Poolesville.	"	Georgetown.	1848
Kendall George.	.....	Dawsonville.	Farmer.	Virginia.	1868
Milford Thomas.	100	Poolesville.	Miller.	Ireland.	1850
Porter M. E.	17	"	Female Seminary, Briar-Hall.	Montgomery Co.	1816
Pyles Edwin.	310	Dawsonville.	Farmer.	"	1850
Pyles M. Thomas.	450	Poolesville.	"	"	1843
Rice William H.	40	Darnestown.	"	Virginia.	1849
Reid Thomas.	174	Boyd.	"	Frederick Co.	1811
Story Thomas.	.....	Barnesville.	Teacher.	Frederick Co.	1869
Vinson William B.	.....	Darnestown.	Farmer.	Maryland.	1812
White Benj.	500	Poolesville.	"	Montgomery Co.	1825
Williams J. H.	260	"	"	"	1842
Webster George.	793	Dickerson Station	Miller and Farmer.	Frederick Co.	1838
White B. F.	600	"	Farmer.	Montgomery Co.	1826
White Thomas H.	550	Poolesville.	"	"	1831
Wootton E.	.....	"	Physician.	"	"
White R. G.	.....	Dickerson Station	Farmer.	"	1826
White R. T.	503	Boyd's Station.	"	"	1819
White N. Smith., M. D.	.....	Dawsonville.	Physician.	"	1840
Young Jacob.	.....	Boyd's Station.	Farmer.	"	1854

## ROCKVILLE, DISTRICT No. 4,

Amis Edmund L.	.....	Gaithersbury.	School Teacher.	Virginia.	1874
Anthony Mary A.	119	Rockville.	Hotel.	Baltimore Co.	1832
Allen James A.	.....	"	Clerk.	Montgomery Co.	1819
Anderson James.	.....	"	Exm. Public School.	Rockville.	1821
Ansley Henry.	26 1/2	"	Jeweler.	Canada.	1873
Anderson James.	.....	"	Secretary of Schools.	"	"
Bradley George G.	.....	Offutt's Cross R'ds	Farmer.	Washington City.	1869
Bonic David H.	.....	Rockville.	Merchant.	Montgomery Co., Md.	1831
Biays James P.	166	"	Merchant and Farmer.	Maryland.	1867
Bowie Richard J.	485	"	Asso. Judge Ct. Appeals	"	"
Bradley Henry.	912	Offutt's Cross R'ds	Farmer.	Montgomery Co.	1846
Bulley J. N.	100	Rockville.	"	"	1845

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cut down the load on outgoing trips. Farmers have told me that from 1914 to the coming of motor trucks (about 1920) many of them hauled their grain to Germantown or Monrovia.

They could still make one trip a day but transport more tonnage on the down grades by either of these routes. Because of the time involved in these trips much of the little profit in a grain crop was wiped out. Also for this reason, milk production in the area was out of the question. Hard roads and motor trucks brought dairying to the community in the mid-1920's. By the mid-1930's, it was the major source of farmer income in the Damascus area.

### ELECTION DISTRICT NUMBER 12

For the first hundred years of its existence, Montgomery County got along with five election districts and one polling place per district. Early in its second century, the county began increasing the number of polling places in an effort to get out a greater percentage of eligible voters.

The original five districts were: 1.) Cracklinton, later and still called Laytonsville; 2.) Clarksburg; 3.) Medley's, now Poolesville; 4.) Rockville, much reduced at present, and 5.) Berry's, now Colesville, but formerly including much of Wheaton.

Division of these and realignments made 11 districts before Damascus came in as District Number 12. The Laws of Maryland, 1884, included Chapter 125, adopted on March 31, 1884:

"AN ACT to create a new election district in Montgomery county, to be known as 'Damascus district number 12,' or 'the twelfth election district of Montgomery county,' and to designate the voting place thereof, and to provide for the appointing of Justices of the Peace, an Officer of Registration of Voters and Constables therefor, and to designate the voting place thereof, and to provide the number of Justices of the Peace and Constables for the second election district of Montgomery county.

"SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND. That a new election district be formed and laid out in Montgomery county, composed of a portion of the second election district of said county, to be known as Damascus district number 12, or the twelfth election district of said county, the metes and bounds of which shall be as follows:

"Beginning for the same at the head of the Patuxent River, and running thence down and with said river to where the same is crossed by the public road at John J. Millinix's (sic) grist and saw mill, thence with said public road in a westerly direction until the same is intersected by the road leading from Damascus to Laytonsville near the residence of Aden M. Bowman; thence with a straight line to the spring, the headwaters of the Great Seneca Creek, near the residence of Maureen Duvall; whence down and with Great Seneca Creek to its confluence with Wild-Cat Branch; thence up and with Wild-Cat Branch until the same is crossed by the public road leading from Washington D. Water's grist and saw mill to Cedar Grove post office; thence with said last-mentioned road to Cedar Grove post office; thence with road leading from Cedar Grove post office to Damascus until said road is crossed by the new-cut road at Ellimore N. Poole's blacksmith shop; thence with said new-cut road through the lands of William Williams and others until said new-cut road is intersected by the road leading from Damascus to Clarksburg; thence with said road leading from Damascus to Clarksburg in

the direction of Damascus, until the same is intersected by the road leading from Luther N. King's store to Luther G. King's distillery; thence with the road leading from Luther G. King's distillery to the Hyattstown and Damascus road until the same is intersected by said Damascus and Hyattstown road, near John M. King's gate; thence with said Damascus and Hvattstown road, in the direction of Hyattstown, until the same is intersected by the public road leading to Price's distillery, in Frederick county; thence with said last-mentioned road to the Frederick and Montgomery county line; thence with said line to the place of beginning.

"SECTION 2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the voting place or polls in said district shall be held at Damascus...

"SECTION 4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the officer of registration for the second election district of said Montgomery county shall, on the first day of his sitting in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, strike from his book of registration the names of all persons residing within the limits of said new district, and shall certify said names, together with the entries attached to each, to the officer of registration of said new district, who shall record said names with said entries attached, on the book of registration for said new district, as qualified voters thereof."

## First election: a celebration

### Chapter 3

Compiled from the stories of old-timers, the first election in Damascus was quite a celebration. Word was spread that the party would be an open house. The polls were set up in the Odd Fellows Hall, which was where the fire house stands today. This was before the days of paper ballots.

The election judges sat behind a table with tally sheets before them. Each voter stepped up and audibly announced his vote. As he stepped off the end of the line he was offered a tin cup filled with the product of King's distillery.

This factory was located in the King's Valley area between Damascus and Clarksburg. The owners had agreed to help out the gala occasion by bringing up a barrel of their best distillate. This was laid across a pair of saw horses with a spigot inserted in one end. The brew was drawn off into one of many tin cups, loaned for the purpose by the local merchant who then occupied the building on the corner in front of the present Shell gas station.

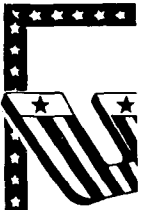
The refreshment was so well received that about mid-morning one of the voters decided to go through the line again, now that the early rush of voting had ended. His action was soon copied by others. The judges had, of course, been well served with refreshment. The activity went along very pleasantly until about noon when the barrel was emptied.

The hosts announced that a re-supply was on the way up the hill by cart, still the usual means of transportation in that day and place.

Afterward lunch was served at the various homes of the village, all of which were sharing in the community celebration. When the cart arrived it held more than one barrel, as even then Damascus citizens tried to prepare for eventualities. Voting resumed at a lively rate as several visitors had appeared to observe the festive affair.

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Abstracts of Bldgs + Real Estate in Mont Co  
from Newspapers 1855-1910.  
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14153 The home of William Thompson of Rockville,  
near Gaithersburg, destroyed by fire on Feb 19  
February 25, 1876.

14152 Washington, D. C. - For Sale -  
Frame dwelling, log dwelling and mill.  
Feb. 1, 1895

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land Senate—BENJAMIN S. FORREST and WILLIAM LINGAN GAITHER.

The members from this County of the Reform State Convention of 1850 and 1851, were Dr. WASHINGTON WATERS, JAMES W. ANDERSON, JOHN BREWER, ALLEN BOWIE DAVIS, and JOHN MORTIMER KILGOUR. Of the State Convention of 1864, Dr. EDMOND P. DUVALL, THOMAS LANSDALE and GEORGE PETER; and of the Convention of 1867, Dr. NICHOLAS BREWER, Dr. WASHINGTON DUVALL, SAMUEL RIGGS of R. and GREENBURY M. WATKINS.

THOMAS DAVIS was Surveyor of the County in 1790, and besides being a good practical surveyor, was frequently elected to represent his native County in the Legislature, the Electoral College for electing the State Senators, under the old Constitution, and as a member of the Governor's Council. He served as a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Board of Tax Commissioners, Judge of the Levy and Orphans' Courts, and also was one of the Associate Judges of the County Court, before the change of the system requiring all three of the Judges to be taken from the legal profession. Besides these public duties, he was frequently called upon to draw deeds, wills and contracts, and to act as umpire or arbitrator in settling disputes between neighbors and other citizens of the County. He was also one of the founders and leading trustees of the Brookville Academy, and of St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church, in whose Vestry and Communion he died in 1833, in the sixty-fifth year of his age, deeply lamented and mourned by a wide circle of friends and relatives,—a life worthy of record and imitation.

An Act for the encouragement of learning and erecting schools in the several Counties of the State, passed in 1723, enacted that one school should be established in each County, with seven visitors appointed for each, with power to hold lands to the value of one hundred pounds sterling per annum, and were required to purchase one hundred acres of land for the use of the school, and erect necessary buildings for master and school, and certain moneys were appropriated, and directed to be equally divided between the Counties.

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 1826—Edward Hughes, Willey Janes, John P. C. Peter, John W. Lansdale  
 1827-1828—Archibald Lee, John P. C. Peter, Edward Hughes, John W. Lansdale  
 1829—Thomas Gittings, Ephraim Gaither, Edward Hughes, Archibald Lee  
 1830—Henry Harding, Thomas Gittings, Horace Willson, Archibald Lee  
 1831-1832—Henry Harding, Horace Willson, Thomas Gittings, Stephen N. C. White  
 1833—Otho Wilson, John A. Carter, Stephen N. C. White, Henry C. Gaither  
 1834—Henry C. Gaither, Henry Harding, Thomas Gittings, David Trundle  
 1835—Robert M. Beam, Thomas Gittings, John W. Darby, David Trundle  
 1836—Henry Harding, John W. Darby, Samuel D. Waters, George W. Dawson  
 1837—Robert M. Beam, Stephen N. C. White, Henry Griffith, Lawrence A. Dawson  
 1838—Richard R. Waters, Robert T. Dade, William M. Stewart, William C. Wilson  
 1839—William Lingan Gaither, Richard R. Waters, Robert T. Dade, John G. England  
 1840—John G. England, Thomas Gittings, William L. Gaither, John C. Ott  
 1841—John W. Darby, John Braddock, Jr., John C. Gott, Thomas Gittings  
 1842—Lyde Griffith, Robert T. Dade, Alexander Kilgour, Zachariah H. Worthington  
 1843—David Trundle, Alexander Kilgour, Lyde Griffith, Samuel D. Waters  
 1844—William B. Howard, Samuel D. Waters, George C. Patterson, Alexander Kilgour  
 1845—Nathan Holland, James N. Allnut, George C. Patterson, Lloyd Dorsey  
 1846—Lyde Griffith, Nathan Holland, Washington Bonifant, James N. Allnut  
 1847—Thomas Neel, Alexander Kilgour, Washington Bonifant, James N. Allnut  
 1849—Washington Bonifant, William T. Glaze, Stephen N. C. White, Alexander Kilgour  
 1852-1853—Robert T. Dade, Alexander Kilgour  
 1854—Washington Bonifant, Washington Waters  
 1856—Charles A. Harding, Howard Duvall  
 1858—Washington Duvall, Nicholas Worthington  
 1860—Howard Griffith, Charles A. Harding  
 1861—(December session) Robert P. Dunlap, Allen B. Davis, (April session) Howard Griffith  
 1862—Allen Bowie Davis, Robert P. Dunlap  
 1864—Isaac Young, Benjamin F. Fawcett  
 1865—Benjamin F. Fawcett, Greenbury M. Watkins  
 1867—Enoch B. Hutton, Raymond W. Burche  
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 1876—Somerset  
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 1915—Charles  
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 1917—Josiah  
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Rebecca Hoyle, and 2nd, to a Miss Leather of Frederick. Buried  
- Neelsville Cemetery. Aug. 27, 1897

WATERS, LEMUEL C. (REV.)  
age 75, a native of Montgomery Co., died in Parsons City, Kans.  
at the home of his daughter, Belle Waters Smith, on Nov. 22,  
1893. He was the son of the late Richard R. Waters and brother  
of Dr. S. R. Waters of Carroll Co. and George T. Waters. He  
also leaves a sister, Mrs. M. R. Higgins of Baltimore, a daugh-  
ter, Belle W. Smith, and a son, Jesse H. Waters of Aspen, Colo.  
Dec. 8, 1893

WATERS, LILLIE (LILLIAN)  
about 22, 2nd daughter of Washington D. Waters, died at the resi-  
dence of her father near Goshen on Aug. 26, 1889. Aug. 30, 1889  
in her 22nd yr., is the daughter of Jennie Waters. Sep. 13, 1889

WATERS, MABEL  
age 2 yrs. 10 mos. 21 dys., youngest daughter of Horace D. and  
Valeria Waters, died on Apr. 19, 1889. Apr. 26, 1889

WATERS, MARY  
wife of Dr. William A. Waters and daughter of the late William  
Willson, died Tues. at her home, Pleasant Fields, near Clarks-  
burg, leaving children: Mrs. S. Belle Sellman, Mrs. Algernon-  
Poole and C. C. Waters. Sep. 25, 1891

WATERS, NATHANIEL  
son of Mr. William Waters, married Eva Metz, eldest daughter of  
Mr. George Metz of Washington and granddaughter of Jacob F.  
Snyder of Germantown, by Rev. T. D. Richards at Neelsville pres-  
byterian Church on Wed. of last week. Sep. 25, 1896

WATERS, PIERCE E.  
a young merchant of Germantown, married Miss Ella T. Harris of  
Germantown on Wed. last by Rev. J. L. French in Washington.  
Nov. 30, 1888

WATERS, RALPH  
son of Mr. and Mrs. Perrie E. Waters of Germantown, died Jul. 17  
1895, age 9 mos. Jul. 26, 1895

WATERS, RICHARD  
a veteran of the War of 1812, in his 91st yr., died at the home  
of his son, George Waters, on Mon. last. He served as Sheriff  
of Montgomery Co. and was later elected to the State Legislature  
Jan. 9, 1885

WATERS, RICHARD R.  
celebrated his 91st birthday on a recent visit to his son-in-law  
Jesse T. Higgins, in Baltimore. He was one of the "Old Defen-  
ders" of Baltimore. Dec. 21, 1883

WATERS, SAMUEL D.  
of Takoma, D. C. married Mrs. Ida Greer of Washington on Wed. by  
Rev. Dr. Charles Stavelay at the home of his brother, Dr. Charles  
Waters, at Fair View Seminary, Gaithersburg. He has a son,  
Robert Waters, and she has a son, Howard Greer. Sep. 9, 1898

WATERS, SAMUEL I.  
of Burtonsville and Catherine V. Waters of Laurel obtained a mar-  
riage license in Washington recently. Oct. 15, 1897

WATERS, WASHINGTON (DR.)  
died at his home in Clarksburg District Fri. last. He served 2

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terms in the Md. Senate-  
WATERS, WASHINGTON (MRS. DR.)  
about 60, died at her home in Montgomery Co. on Tues. last. She  
was a native of Charlestown, W. Va. and a daughter of Thomas  
Briscoe. Sep. 24, 1880

WATERS, WILLIAM  
died Sat. last at his home near Germantown, in his 75th yr.  
Aug. 4, 1893

WATERS, WILLIAM A. (DR.)  
married Mrs. M. E. L. Willson, widow of Leonidas Willson, on  
Thurs. of last week in Clarksburg by Rev. Mr. Saunders. Sep. 25, 1896

WATERS, WM. H.  
and Alice E. Turner, both of Montgomery Co., obtained a marriage  
license in Washington on Mon. last. Dec. 5, 1884

WATERS, WILLIAM H.  
a native of Montgomery Co., died near Milford, Ohio on Apr. 2,  
1891, about 70, leaving a widow, who was a sister of the late  
Alfred Gaither, 4 sons and 2 daughters. Two of his sons are:  
Harry G. Waters and W. H. Waters, Jr. He came West in 1855.  
(From the Cincinnati Enquirer) Apr. 10, 1891

WATERS, WILLIAM H.  
married Mamie Hoyle on Wed. of last week at the home of the  
bride. Feb. 21, 1896

WATERS, Z. McCUBBIN  
married Susie A. Davis, sister of Estelle Davis of Washington,  
on Oct. 28, 1897 by Rev. J. W. Floyd at Mt. Carmel M. P. Church,  
Unity. Nov. 5, 1897  
Nov. 12, 1897

WATERS, ZACHARIAH McC.  
married Sarah Virginia Magruder, both of Montgomery Co., on the  
30th ult. by Rev. Samuel Regester. Jun. 11, 1858

WATERS, ZADOK MAGRUDER (REV.)  
was buried on the 20th inst. from his home in Sykesville, Car-  
roll Co. He was born in 1803 at Pleasant Fields, 2nd son of  
Basil Waters and Anne Pottinger Magruder, daughter of Col. Zadok  
Magruder. He married Elizabeth Hood, daughter of the late Gen.  
Thomas Hood of Howard Co. After her death in 1850, he married  
Mary Adeline Hood, daughter of the late Joshua Hood. She sur-  
vives him. He was a brother of the late Dr. William Waters of  
Frederick and Zachariah Waters of Clarksburg. He leaves 4  
daughters: Virginia, wife of Washington D. Waters of Goshen;  
Eliza A.; Mary E.; Laura Waters; and 1 son, Hood Waters of  
Sykesville. Jul. 29, 1892

WATKINS, A. (MRS.)  
died on Mon. at her home in Cedar Grove, leaving 12 children.  
May 20, 1881

WATKINS, BRADLEY C.  
son of Frank Watkins, died Fri. last at Middlebrooke, age 22.  
Dec. 1, 1899

WATKINS, EDWARD  
died Nov. 24, 1899, age 22 yrs. 7 mos. 20 dys. Dec. 15, 1899

WATKINS, EDWARD  
married Lou Bachelor on Wed. last. Apr. 26, 1878

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Mon. He was born Nov. 27, 1896 married Katie St. Clair Cooper on Jan. 17 near Rockville by Rev. J. C. Dice. Jan. 25, 1878

Thurs. of last e's aunt in Gaithersburg, Jun. 9, 1893 married Hattie A. Waters Dec. 15, 1863 at the home of Dr. Washington Waters, father of the bride. Dec. 18, 1863

son, Wm. J. Cook, May 24, 1878 died Wed. last at his home in Gaithersburg, in his 72nd yr. Apr. 20, 1894

k. Jul. 24, 1891 son of Catharine Platt and William J. Cooke, died near Gaithersburg on May 25, 1880. May 28, 1880

d Mrs. A. Hanfmann 26 by Rev. M. J. Nov. 5, 1897 married Sarah Maude Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Griffith living near Goshen, on Tues. last by Rev. T. J. Nevitt at the Goshen M. E. Church South. Dec. 20, 1895

s. and a former resident of Rockville depot, Mar. 28, 1890 COOLEY, BENJAMIN a native of Montgomery Co., died Thurs. of last week at his home in Washington, about 70 yrs., leaving 1 daughter. For some years he lived in Rockville, where he had a livery business. Feb. 5, 1892

e, died Sat. last. May 7, 1880 COOLEY, BROWN died May 27, 1893 in Washington, in his 39th yr. Buried - Beallsville Cemetery. Jun. 2, 1893 Jun. 16, 1893

on Wed. Feb. 15, 1895 COOLEY, ELIZABETH ANN (MRS.) age 60, wife of Benjamin Cooley, former resident of Rockville, died at her home in Washington on Sun. last. Aug. 2, 1889

ges Co., died Mar. Miss Mary Dalrymple Rawlings of the Rockville. Apr. 1, 1892 COOLEY, ESTELLE about 8 yrs., daughter of John Cooley of Barnesville, died Mon. last. Aug. 18, 1882

Aug. 21, 1891 COOLEY, HENRY of Barnesville District died Mon. last, age 85. Jun. 3, 1892

Jan. 13, 1893 COOLEY, IRVIN eldest son of Benjamin Cooley, formerly of Rockville, died in Washington last week. May 21, 1880

died Dec. 2, and Leah Cooper and, only daughter of F. Cooper, Frank Cooper. Buried and. Dec. 8, 1897 COOLEY, JAMES N. formerly a resident of Rockville, died Jan. 30 in Washington, in his 89th yr. Feb. 6, 1891

only child of Mr. y Rev. W. H. Aug. 7, 1897 COOLEY, JEFFERSON a track hand of the B&O RR at Dickerson, died last Sat. as a result of a train accident, leaving a widow and 3 small children. Mar. 26, 1897

Oct. 25, 1897 COOLEY, JOHN W. married Miss Marrian Burriss, both of Montgomery Co., on Feb. 22, 1882 by Rev. E. B. Prettyman. Mar. 3, 1882

.. Cooke, died on Mar. 10, 1878 COOLEY, LUCY daughter of Eugene and Nannie Cooley, died May 8, 1896 near Martinsburg, age 7 yrs. 19 dys. May 22, 1896

COOLEY, M. T. married Esty Stephens in Washington a few days ago. Aug. 25, 1893

COOLEY, MAGGIE E. age 3 yrs. 11 mos., daughter of William H. and Maria E. Cooley near Beallsville, died Jan. 3, 1876. Jan. 21, 1876

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Oct. 1, 1892. WILLSON, CHARLES G.  
 Feb. 28, 1896 married Miss Lizzie Herbert, both of Rockville, on Thurs. of  
 last week at Christ Church, Rockville by Rev. R. T. Brown.  
 Feb. 23, 1894 Dec. 8, 1882

WILLSON, GILPIN  
 formerly of Rockville, married Mrs. Anne Bell Liggett of Staun-  
 ton, Va. Wed. last in Staunton. Apr. 23, 1897

WILLSON, LEONIDAS  
 died the 23rd inst. at his home in Clarksburg, leaving a widow.  
 Dec. 30, 1892

WILLSON, OSBORN S.  
 died on the 1st inst. at his home in Montgomery Co., in his 82nd  
 yr. May 9, 1882

WILLSON, PERCY H.  
 of Staunton, Va., son of John E. Willson of Montgomery Co., mar-  
 ried Hattie Ann Waters, daughter of Washington D. Waters of Rock-  
 ville, Tues. last by Rev. L. L. Lloyd at M. E. Church South  
 Rockville. Mar. 13, 1887

WILLSON, RICHARD THOMAS  
 of Berry's District died on Nov. 30, 1881, leaving a wife and  
 family. Mrs. Willson was a granddaughter of Dr. Washington  
 Duvall and lived with him at Newport Mill until her marriage.  
 Dec. 9, 1881

in his 65th yr., husband of Laura Canby Wilson and son of Thomas  
 Noble and Sarah Wilson (sic), was born Aug., 1817. Buried -  
 Episcopal Cemetery, Silver Spring. Dec. 16, 1881

WILLSON, SAMUEL  
 married Anna Gilpin, daughter of Joshua C. Gilpin, all of Mont-  
 gomery Co., on the 1st inst. by Rev. W. G. Eggleston.  
 Jan. 9, 1857

WILLSON, SAMUEL  
 about 45, died on Nov. 26 at his residence about 2 miles from  
 Rockville. Nov. 22, 1872

in his 44th yr., leaves a wife and 5 children. Dec. 6, 1872

WILLSON, SAMUEL  
 son of Osborn S. Willson, died Jan. 28, 1887 at the home of his  
 father near Montrose, age 27. Feb. 4, 1887

WILLSON, THOMAS N.  
 residing on Washington and Brookeville Turnpike near the toll-  
 gate was murdered by a soldier in the 22nd Mass. Regiment on Fri.  
 of last week. Sep. 26, 1862

WILLSON, WILLIAM MONTGOMERY  
 of Prince Georges Co. married Miss Nannie E. Dawson, 2nd daugh-  
 ter of the late Lawrence A. Dawson of Montgomery Co., on Wed. at  
 the Protestant Episcopal Church, Rockville by Rev. Harry Chesley.  
 Nov. 29, 1889

WILMOTH, LEONARD J.  
 of Baltimore married Mamie M. Iglehart on Wed. of last week by  
 Rev. T. J. Cross at the Upper Seneca Baptist Church.  
 Jan. 22, 1897

WILSON, ALFRED  
 married Minnie W. Poole, daughter of Benjamin R. Poole, on Wed.  
 of last week by Rev. W. P. Griggs at St. Peter's Church, Pooles-  
 ville. Miss Maud Poole is a sister of the bride. Jul. 1, 1892



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# Burtons 'blessed' despite loss of home

by Joyce Kille

Mary and Charles Burton of when have no doubt they are big as the head of milk and key.

Their home, Sycamore Hill, in the heart of Goshen near meeting of Blunt and Davis roads. But on the morning of the 25, flames could be seen throughout the rolling countryside.

The house was burning from a fire that started in the kitchen, the oldest part of the old house, and it has been built as early as 1704. The response from a fire department and Goshen neighbors so impressed the Burtons that they feel they have a "blessed" —blessed with the goodness of people and the help of firefighters who saved the old house.

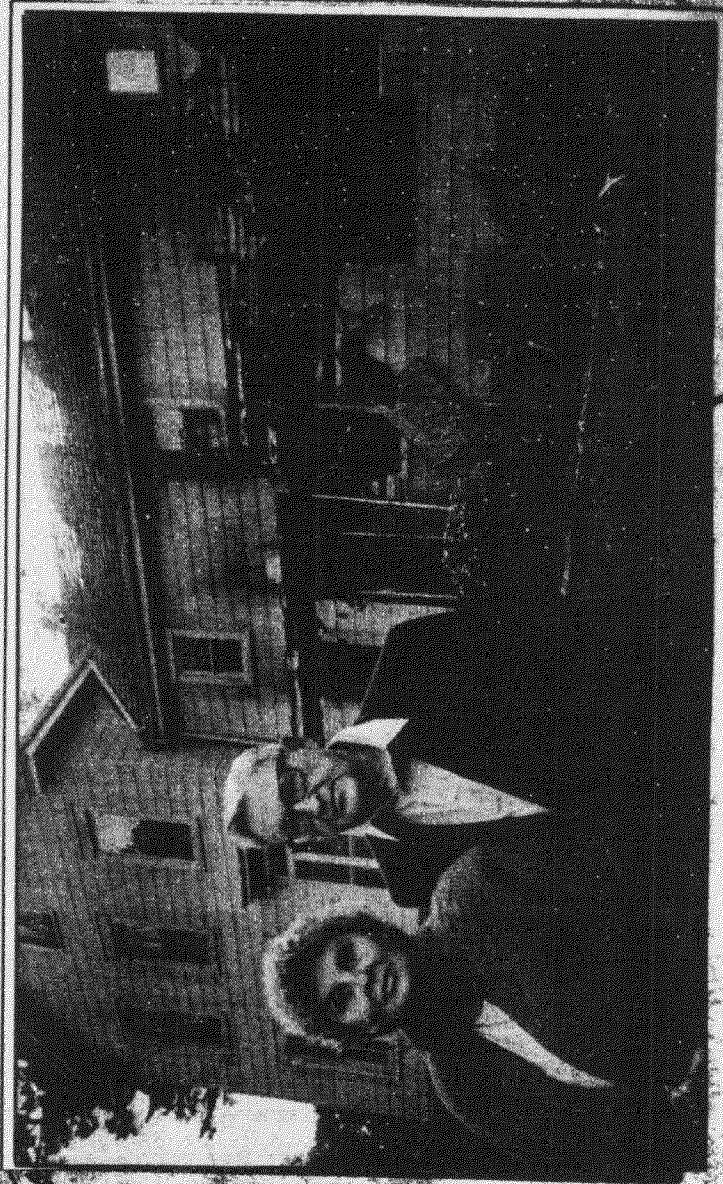
"I heard the smoke detectors scream and then heard the kitchen window blow right out of the house," says Mary. "The very next thing I knew was the fire department. I had always said 'I'll have a fire in my house like mine got up like under boxes.'"

Running from the house with her dogs after calling the fire department, she almost at once heard the sound of sirens. She waited on the hill with her husband was out of town. She saw her sprawling house, its interior carefully restored, turn to ashes.

"As if by magic, precious loving people began to appear out of nowhere," she said. "And the big red goliaths with their crews—so many of them volunteer—came rolling up the lane and set to work."

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Mary and Charles Burton of Goshen stand by their fire-damaged home. The Burtons found things to be thankful for as neighbors and firefighters came to their aid.

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# 'Loving people': neighbors help Burtons survive disaster

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Work they did, skilled and fast, the crews from seven stations. The incredible job they did is evident from looking at the blackened kitchen and seeing the wood floors in the next rooms and some of the wood paneling nearly untouched by damage.

A corner cabinet remains the only piece of furniture that stood in the adjacent room. It is entirely charred. Yet the walls are all standing, the doors on their hinges. The original logs of the old part of the home need some replacing but some will still be usable.

Because fire tends to rise, the upstairs is badly damaged but some of the downstairs rooms seem to need only a cleaning. Strangely, Mary Burton's craft studio, an addition in the back of the house, has a ceiling that looks like the top of an oven. Yet a box of fireplace matches on a table in the room never caught fire.

"I was told 40,000 gallons of water were pumped into the flames," said Mary Burton. "Some tankers ran between the water tanks on Route 27 and the fire. Police closed off all the roads. No ballet was ever choreographed with greater precision."

The fire departments answering the call, some using equipment from two of their stations, included Laytonsville, which directed the efforts, Gaithersburg-Washington Grove, Hyattstown, Damascus, Kensington and Sandy Spring.

The firefighters worked in heat "as hot as Hades," said Mary Burton. Soon the neighbors came. Without a word, they too went to work. Young people of neighboring families began to take out furniture and put it into storage. Children "carried a thousand books."

The young people who first came included Joe Quick, Patty Dickerson, and others the Burtons did not even know. They made countless trips from the house. At least 30 people came to help before the fire was out and

more kept on helping.

"I never cooked one meal for five and a half weeks," said Mary Burton. "One family even provided chicken soup for her four purebred dogs."

Mary Burton hesitates to list those who helped, many whom she did not know. Of those foremost in her mind were Kathie Huffnagel, food organizer, Charles and Joyce Hawkins, and Bob and Shelly Suddeth, who "bore the brunt."

*"I never cooked one meal for five and a half weeks."*

Mary Burton

Others were Frank and Janet McMurtrey and Raymond and Dot Murphy. Aris Mardiroasian and Bob Powell strung up emergency phone lines when the phone company refused to come out on a Saturday. Other workers included James Johnson, the Don Bohrer family, Lois Erb, Mike and Marilyn Hevner and Cathy Quinn. Parker and Mildred Poole brought linens and blankets and toiletries. Residents from the black communities of Prather-town and Stewartown helped in many ways.

The help continued as people stored furniture, packed 1,000 pieces of glassware, cleaned and stored books, and washed and packed the bolts of wool Mary Burton uses for hooking rugs.

A trailer was moved onto the property where the Burtons now live while the insurance company and builders discuss the reconstruction of the house. This time, the Burtons say they will put authentic wood siding on the house. The section that was built in 1840 had an asbestos-type shingle siding which will be replaced.

A few people asked the Burtons why they didn't just knock

the whole thing down and start again.

"We aren't going to sell this property and build a new house. We are planning to rebuild here in the house we were raised in and raise our four children," said Mary Burton. "We lived here 34 years. We've raised sheep and horses and dogs here. Three of the volunteer firemen remember coming here as school children to see an old working farm."

Three of the grown children live far away, but one still lives on the farm. All four want their parents to restore the house, even though it will be a most involved job. The farm acreage is leased out for planting.

"The late Miss Elise Warfield who came to Goshen as a 15-year-old bride shed some light on the house. She told us the log cabin had been a hunter's cabin with an earth floor. They used the huge fireplace [still functioning] and holed up there after checking their traps," said Mary Burton.

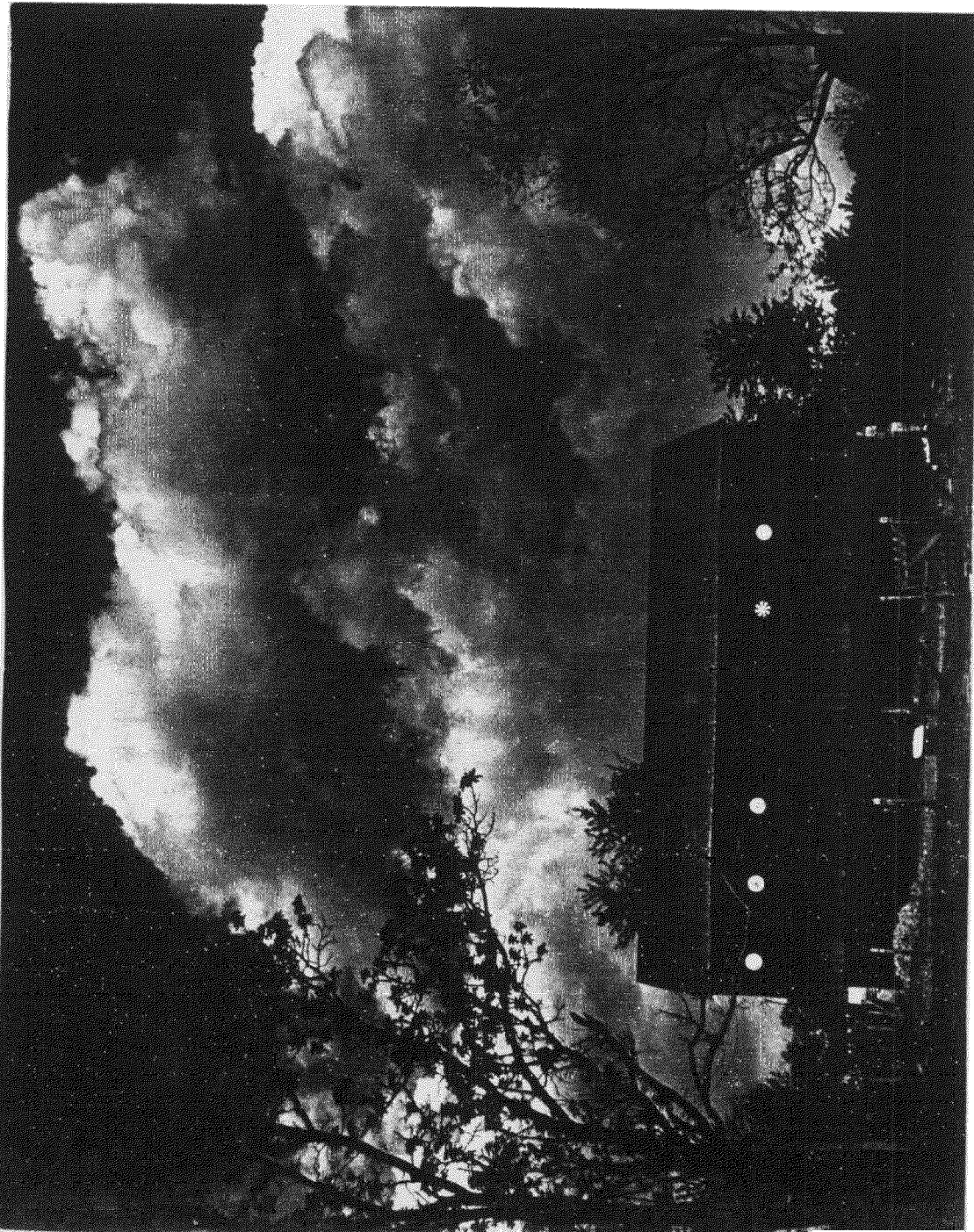
Some of Mary Burton's fine rugs were lost in the fire. She had laid them out for a photo story by *Early American Life* magazine. Fortunately, some of the rugs were on display at Strathmore Hall and the Renwick Gallery. She has taught rug hooking for 15 years. Charles Burton is a tax attorney.

"Charles and I are incredibly blessed. I have learned a lot. There was no time for tears. You can't sit and cry when the neighbors have drawn around. You can't be down when you have so much love and support and strength from friends."

"Goshen has always been like that," said Mary Burton. "I never had an honest need that I wasn't helped by someone. I try to help too. But people here are incredibly good. It really is the land of milk and honey."

It appears that the "milk of human kindness" flows here too along with Great Seneca Creek which meanders below the hill on which the old burned house still firmly stands.

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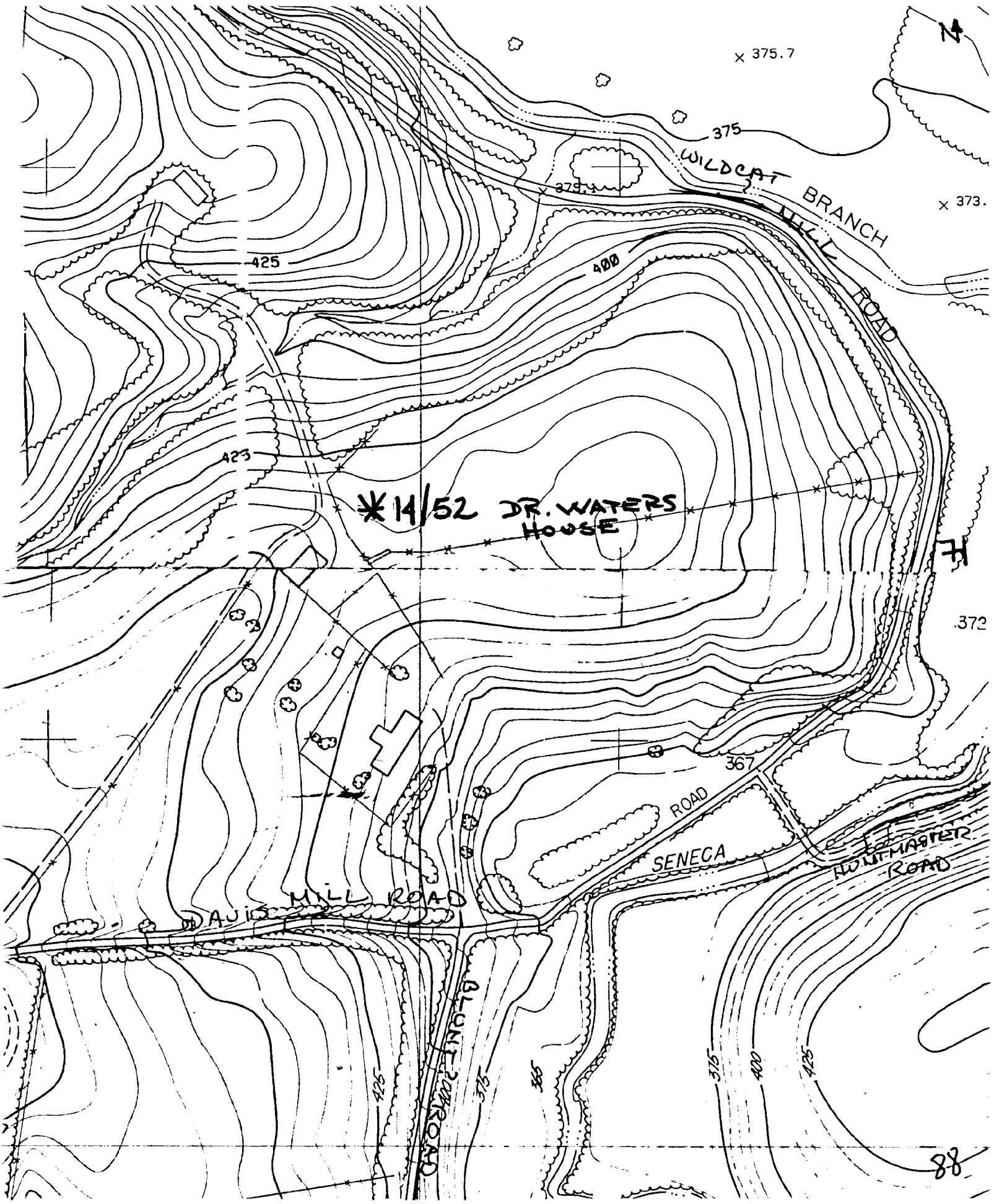




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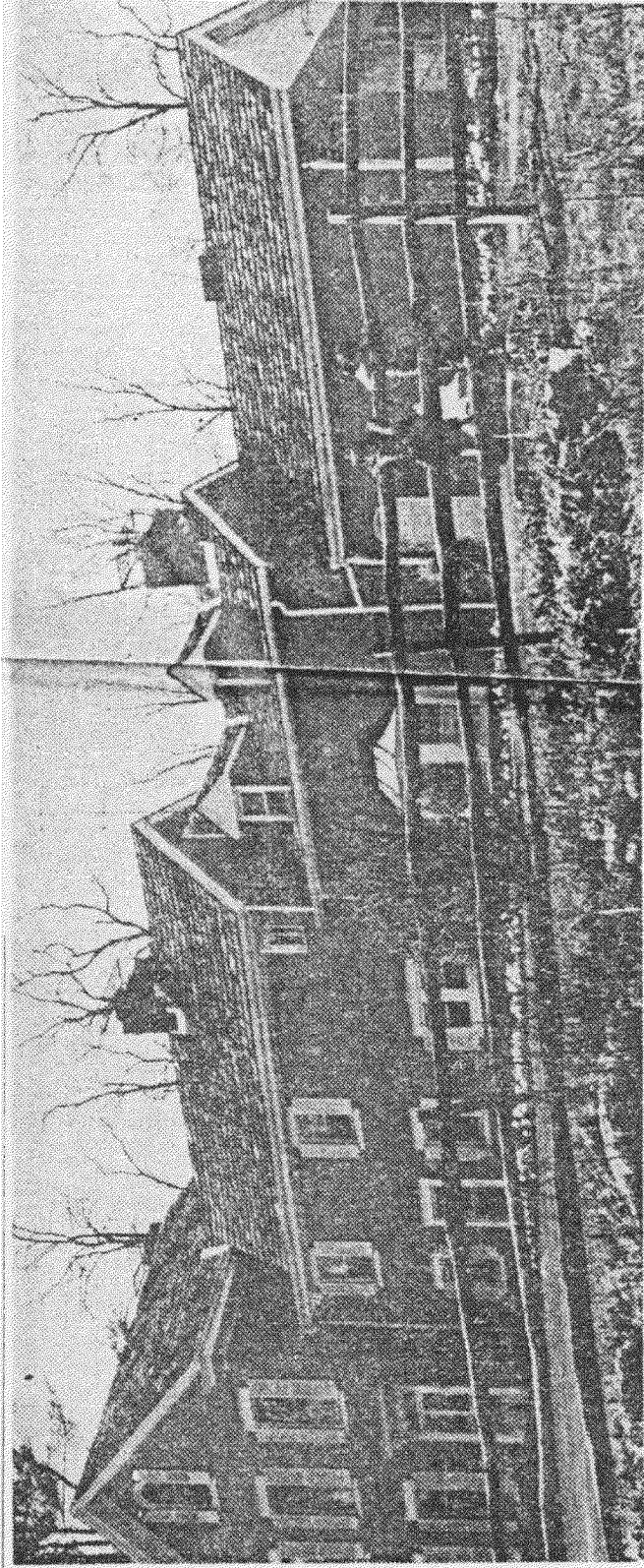
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This "telescope" house is a series of structures rebuilt after a fire in 1840; the second part is in 1720. The lowest section on the right was added on. The main section on the left was believed built in 1740; the third from the left hunter's cabin that dates from 1704.

Photo by Laurence Cohen

### In Montgomery County

# Action May Preserve 'Telescoped' House

By Jo Cohen

When the Montgomery County Council strongly recommended last week that a proposed dam site in the Goshen, Wildcat and Seneca valleys area be deleted it may have helped save one of the upper county's most interesting, and historic, houses—a "telescope" structure whose various added-on sections and 17 levels date from the early 18th century. This house, "Sycamore Hollow," set in 180 lush acres of the Goshen Valley

10 miles north of Rockville, as well as 31 others, lies in an area part of a 28-square-mile that the federal Soil Conservation Service and the county are studying for possible dam sites. This Seneca Watershed, an area badly hit by flooding in recent years, is in need of flood, sedimentation and erosion control "in the face of accelerating urbanization," officials have stated. A number of residents of

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# Dam Site Opposed

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the area, including Sycamore Hollow's owners, Charles and Mary Burton, had fought to save many of the historic homes threatened by the project. Both County Council Executive James Gleason and the County Council agreed that the historic values of the area would have to be closely studied before any further plans were drawn.

Burton, an attorney, and his wife have been restoring Sycamore Hollow for 20 years. It is a house that reflects the increasing affluence of its owners. The first and lowest section is believed to have been a hunter's cabin, built around 1704. The kitchen was added about 16 years later, the dining room, rebuilt after a fire, in 1740, the living room 100 years later and the family room in 1958.

The sections, except for the modern addition, are thought to have been built as separate entities, joined by a common doorway with steps added as needed between the houses, thus accounting for the many levels.

As a consequence of this, there are three separate third floors and two separate basements. On these levels, it is impossible to walk through the entire house without going up and down two or three different stairways.

Still in use are six fireplaces with almost as many styles, the fireplace in the hunter's cabin being the most unusual. Six feet deep and 11 feet wide at the base, its fieldstone chimney continues up two stories, narrowing to six feet at the top. Bulging into the small, log

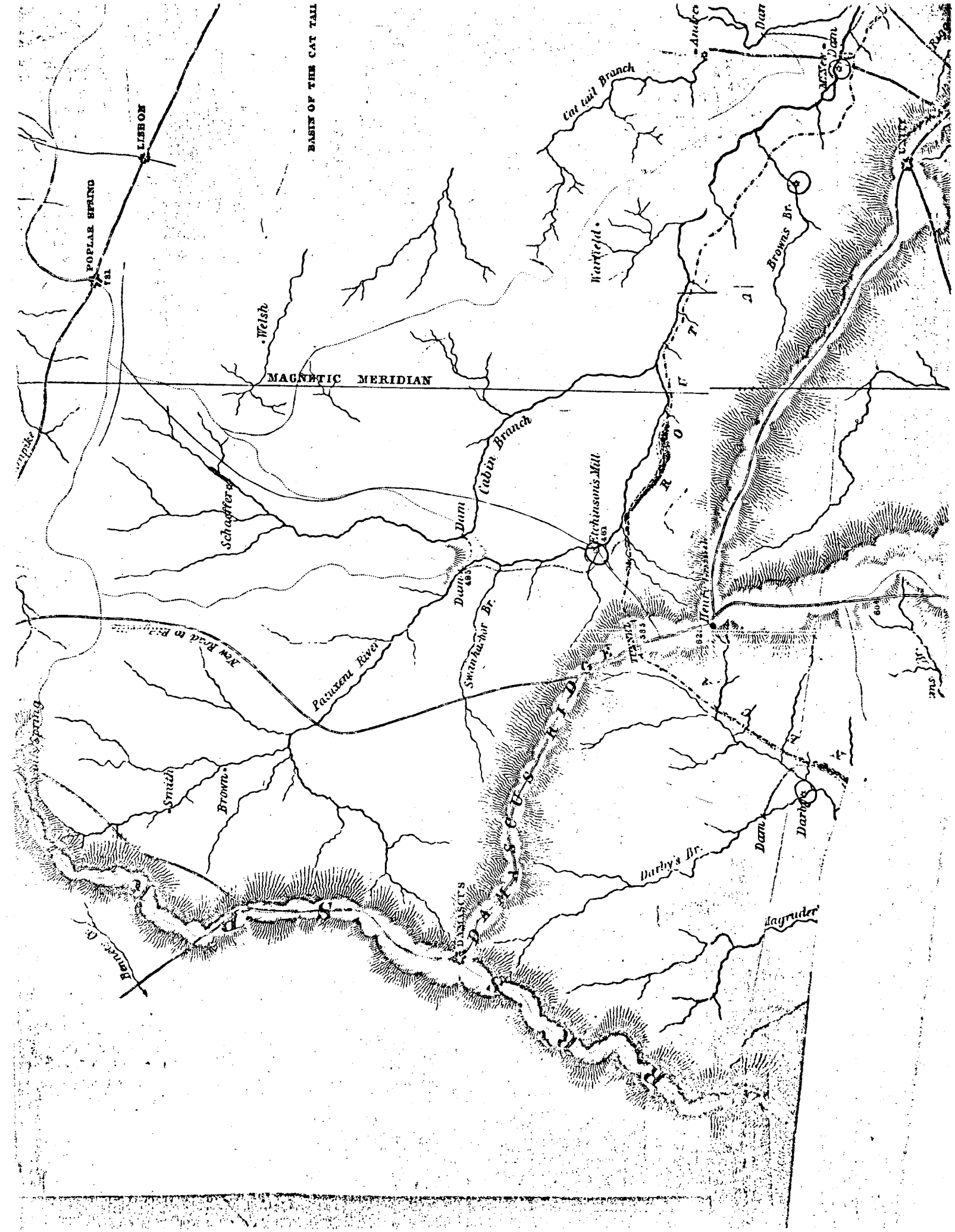
room, it must have added warmth to the balcony, which is thought to have been the sleep area.

The stairway to this balcony was brought to the home by the present owners. Taken from "Thomas' Delight," an ancestral home on the Eastern shore of Maryland, it dates from 1670 and replaced the half stairway and ladder previously used. The balcony has panelling held in place with 10,000 hand-ground nails.

Low and high ceilings, log and mortise walls, brick floors, original random width, hand pegged floors, hand made paneling, a marble hearth, remains of a "Ha Ha" or walled garden, and a circular, unsupported staircase with 119 chestnut balusters, and dolphin scrolls on the riser ends, are but some of the details lovingly preserved in this 105-foot-long, one-room-deep house.

The Burtons have carefully salvaged every piece of original, usable brick or wood in restoring this ancient home. Where replacements were necessary, construction and design followed early techniques as closely as possible.

It took the Burtons three years, for example, to have the floor of the grand room in the 1840 section of the house replaced. The random-width boards were made from walnut trees on their property, cooked in a kiln for six months and aged in their century-old pegged barn, for two years before they were finally ready to be installed. The tongue-and-groove method of connecting the boards was used; woods screws covered with pegs secured it to the sub-flooring.



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By Linda Gregory, Family Section Editor



Says Mary S. Burton

# Rug hooking renews the spirit of life.

By LINDA GREGORY  
Family Section Editor

There is something so special in the art of making a rug that has spirit of life. I constantly renew, believes Mary S. Burton, instructor of rug hooking. "It unleashes the mind and brings out the creativity that is in us."  
Mary S. Burton, of Germantown, joined Max U. Beck and Linda Ann, also an avid rug hooker, to bring the traditional art to the attention of Frederick County residents last week at Frederick County Square. As a special guest of Becky Higdon, Mrs. Burton will demonstrate her art again April 18 and 21.  
This art that dates as far back as 4,000 years ago enjoys a rich heritage today, but too frequently is overshadowed by more contemporary crafts. "Actually," commented Mrs. Burton, "this craft can be geared to anyone's cup of tea — modern, early American, or whatever."

Mary Burton first began hooking rugs in 1969. As her inner creativity increased, so did her collection of original works. She explains, as told in a recent edition of "The Rug Hooker," "I purchased an ancient Maryland table-top home. As the family grew, so did the house. This old home (Sycamore Hollow) was a true, early American house, just waiting for a dreamer to come along — me. I studied and learned about foundations, bearing walls, fireplaces,

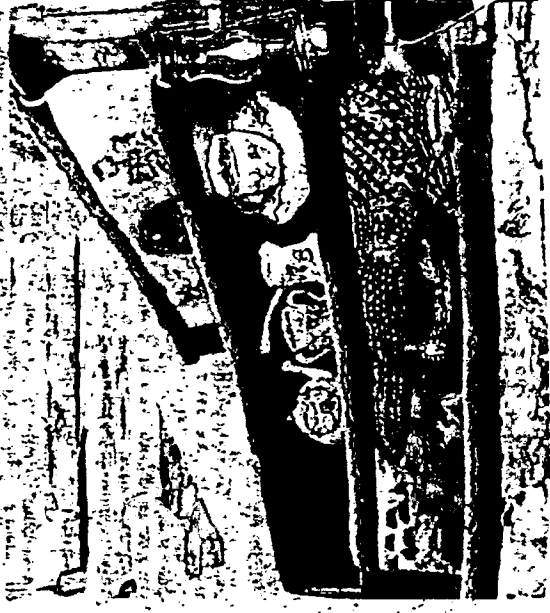
terminals, horrible plumbing, staircases, interior of the period. I scraped paint from ancient marbles, put mud between logs, painting, and floors. By this time, I needed refinishing too."  
My needs were so great that I realized hooking stair treads — each one a little picture story of our early American history — improves with our early family history. After eleven sail ruses, with complicated, other little pieces were done.

By 1963 everything I saw took on the proportions of another hooked rug. My inner creativity was reaching the boiling point where it coagulates, even today, to a matter."  
Mary Burton has gone on to create original works that have captured the highest honors possible in their field. Her 1964 home has provided an unlimited backdrop to showcase works that have won top awards in state and local fairs, New England competitions, and Potomac Craftsmen shows. Most recently, she has won the American Mothers Competition which took place in national competition.

The woman whose personality is as vivid and colorful as the masterpieces she creates, uses her humble talents to open up the world of rug hooking to others. Disclaiming the fact that her talent is inherent, she calls attention to the "Pantasia" butterfly rug that has been praised by craftsmen and entomologists alike. "God's hand was on mine when it happened," she said. "I'm not an artist. I have to labour over my work."

color," she says, "and when I envision the finished rug, my imagination runs wild. I dream up more ideas than dog tags. I am concerned about leaving something for posterity." She says, "I'd rather have a few really good students in my lifetime than hundreds who are not really interested in it. I often students don't have the reward of doing the craft completely out of their own inner resources, but I believe in teaching them how to do the job and create their own works. One without the other is like my glasses with no eyes."

Mary Burton speaks of her dream in enthusiasm. "I dream in you're hooked!" she says, "is the desire to make the known and to help others find the creativity I have been able to find myself. If they do, they'll never [from] boredom. Once you've hooked."

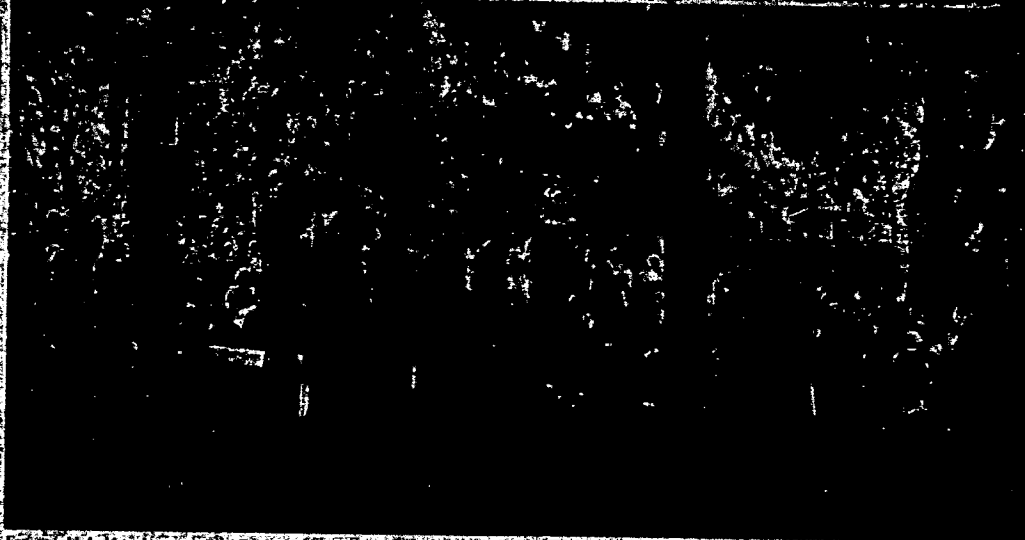


Mary S. Burton

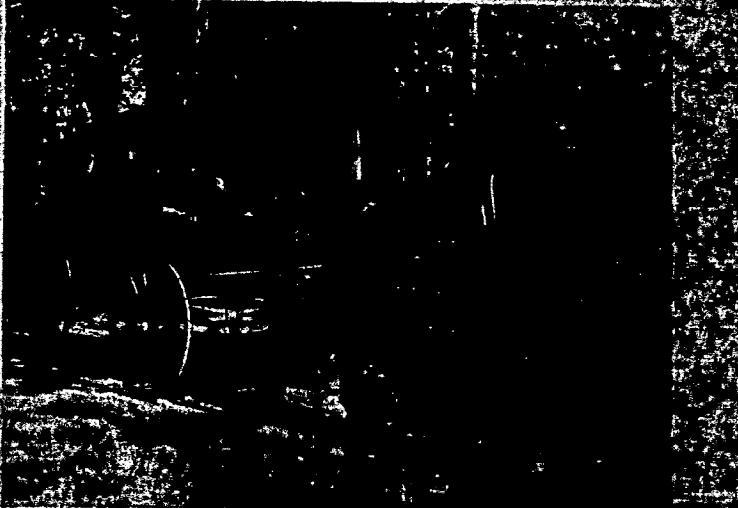
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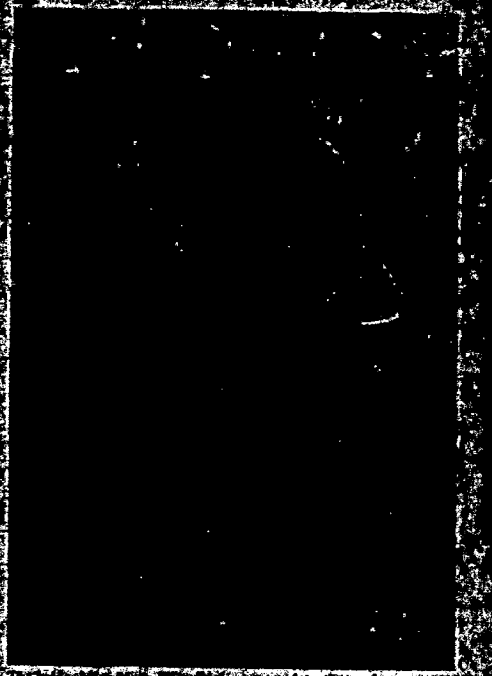
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Mr. Richard C. Harrison, groom, Bruce Wilbur and his wife, Mary Ellen  
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## A Country Wedding

Mary Ellen Burton and Bruce Wilbur were married June 30 at Sycamore Hollow Farm on Davis Mill Road near Germantown. The ceremony was held under the trees in the garden of the 18th century telescope house of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Burton.

The groom, his best man and the minister were driven to the farm in the

picture hat and carried an antique lace fan and two handbags. The bride's attendants wore dresses, and the bridesmaids carried bouquets and carried baskets of flowers.

The food served at a champagne buffet supper was the sort that was served at some country weddings and the music was provided by a pump organ and a violin.



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the four county hospitals with OB services will enable equitable distribution of these patients according to the bed complement and staffing of each facility.

And with liability and compensation issues achieving resolution, there is more assurance that doctors will support the program.

Montgomery General Hospital has been caring for patients, regardless of their ability to pay, for 68 years. I felt it important to clarify that this issue, in fact existed long before Feb. 1.

Linda M. Janzik

Assistant to the President, Communications  
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## Gun-control issue no church matter

Editor:

I was baptized a Catholic in Thermopolis, Wyo., in 1939. I have been a practicing Catholic ever since. But I must say I have never felt more ill at ease with the Catholic Church than when I heard a priest speak in favor of the so-called Saturday night special gun-ban law.

The priest's homily concerned a holy monk who served the poor. The thrust was that the monk — who could have waited for praise, but chose instead to help the poor — would have been for the gun-ban law.

This type of argument is very effective, since the monk is alleged to be for an issue when, of course, he cannot be questioned about his real position.

Notwithstanding this difficulty, I take exception.

Recently, I saw an extraordinary movie, "Stand Alone," starring Charles Durning, where a World War II veteran witnessed a gangland killing. This hero — America's answer to a holy monk — was kind and generous: a quiet man, slow to anger. He stood up to the death threats and fought back just as he fought for our freedoms as a World War II commando.

He stood alone for our way of life, against the court system which bends over backward for the worst in our society and penalizes the best. He stood up for the right to bear arms and fight for our rights.

No, Father, my monk would not agree with the gun ban. And I think the Catholic Church should stay out of issues in which it appears to be a willing dupe for positions that are too complex for easy black-or-white, yes-or-no solutions.

Michael J. Davis  
Essex, Md.



Mary Burton near the kitchen window where the fire started in an electric fan.

## An outpouring of love

### Community rallies as fire ravages log house

Three months ago, fire swept through Sycamore Hollow in Germantown, causing \$1 million in damages to one of the oldest houses in the county. The 17-level house was based on three sections made of log. It was home for 36 years to tax attorney Charles H. Burton, 72, and his wife Mary, 65, who teaches traditional rug hooking. The Burtons are rebuilding. This is her account of what followed the flames.

By MARY SHEPPARD BURTON  
Sentinel Correspondent

As I settle down to write, my mind is a maze of intertwining thoughts of all the good, kind and unselfish endeavors and love which we have been given — the essence of "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

My husband and I have been the recipients of this incredible outpouring from those who truly cared. On June 25 at 11 a.m., our beloved home, Sycamore Hollow, burst into flames. Smoke detectors screamed at fever pitch.

A telephone operator stayed at her station, transferring messages from me to the fire department. Other calls were made from passersby and nearby friends.

I had just completed my personal tour of the rooms I loved so dearly. They were built between 1704 and 1840, and completed in 1980. We had painstakingly restored every inch. The time had come, after 36 years, to enjoy the labors of our love.

But this was not to be. I knew instantly, as the kitchen windows blew right out of the frames, that this was the devastating moment I had always dreaded. Old log houses go up like tinder boxes.

The dogs followed me out of the house. The fire sirens began to wail in the distance. People began to appear. I knew I was not alone.

Seven fire companies from nine locations gave all their expertise. The majority of these men and women were highly trained, highly skilled volunteers. Forty pieces of equipment — fully staffed — arrived. No ballet was ever choreographed with greater precision and sense of heart.

Radio crackled the news. Police moved in to keep the roads open for emergency vehicles. Some fire companies ran ferry service from water towers two miles away and kept the bellies of huge tankers filled with water. As fast as water flowed into the tankers, it was pumped into the flames — 40,000 gallons, I'm told.

Three firefighters told me that afternoon that they had taken a tour back into history when their elementary-school classes had spent a day here to learn firsthand how it was to live on a farm in the 18th and 19th centuries.

What does one do when a home burns before your eyes? Well, let me tell you

that my husband, Charles, and I were never alone.

Goshen, a colonial community before the Revolutionary War, took its name from the Bible. "Goshen" means "Land of Milk and Honey," and so it is today.

A grave emergency here in Old Goshen is a time when neighbors rush to the aid of those in trouble. They came to us in force with 20 trucks, grabbing supplies to suit the emergency. They enlisted the help of others along the way, and set up an office to direct the operation of support.

Entire families descended here in the Hollow, bringing water and personal necessities and organizing a work team. These neighbors hauled glass, china, silver and furniture out of a hulk of blackened rubble.

They had one goal in mind — to help the Burtons. Some loaded furniture into trucks after others had carried it out of the house. Others unpacked the trucks into nearby storage areas. Still others set up emergency stations and prepared and delivered meals for all those who worked through that first overwhelming month.

I never cooked a meal for five and a half weeks.

Neighbors arrived constantly to swell the work force. By evening, we had an emergency phone line from our barn to our front yard.

Neighbors did this for us after unsuccessfully begging for emergency service from C & P Telephone Company. Our wonderful Laytonsville fire chief had said such service was essential because we were to alert the fire department in case of a rekindling of the fire.

Neighbors made electrical connections and provided us with a hook-up to our well and a small trailer, which a neighbor wheeled in the very next day. I dubbed that little 25-foot trailer "Doil Baby," and it became our haven for the next five and a half weeks.

As I reminisce, hundreds of other blessings flash through my mind.

Charles and I are rich in the love of friends and a caring, responsive community. Compassion reigned in the hearts of men, women and young people as they eagerly gave the very best of themselves.

We are thankful, we thank God deeply, for all the caring firefighters who laid their own safety on the line to help an old home come alive again. It will, but it will take time!

We are eternally grateful for the incredible love and support of friends. I have never felt the need to cry. Thank you, each and every one. We love you.

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## Residents launch fight over planning powers

By WENDY PARKER  
Sentinel Staff Writer

Even the name resonates with import: the Coalition to Preserve the Charter.

Using that moniker, a new band of self-styled good government crusaders this week alerted county voters to the dangers of runaway development and political power.

The coalition of four civic groups announced formation of a political action committee to defeat two questions on the ballot Nov. 8. The ballot questions, they argued, could destroy a delicate balance between executive and legislative control of the county's land use planning and zoning process.

"It is the emasculation of the county charter. The effect will give the county executive more authority than he has

now," said Gene Lynch, president of the Allied Civic Group, at a Tuesday conference. "He already exercises enough authority."

Lynch and other coalition members warned that a ballot question asking for a change in the County Constitution — would give County Executive Sidney Kramer and his staff free rein to take over planning that guide development here.

The major ballot item at issue will appear as Question B, would change the charter to state that county and planning powers "shall be as prescribed by state law." No County Council nor the executive mentioned.

The other ballot question of the coalition, Question D, would give the executive more authority than he has. See COALITION

## Landmark health plan set

By WENDY PARKER  
Sentinel Staff Writer

After two years of negotiations, county officials this week announced what is believed to be the first program of its kind in the nation to provide insurance against catastrophic illness for a modest premium.

The plan, offered by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of the National Capital Area, allows up to \$1 million in catastrophic health benefits to persons living or working in the county.

"We truly have won a gold [medal]

with this one," County Council member William E. Hanna Jr. said at a news conference. "It is within reach of almost everybody."

Hanna sponsored the 1986 legislation directing the county executive to begin negotiations with a private insurer to cover catastrophic medical conditions, such as accident injuries, debilitating illnesses, that rapidly incapacitate and traditional

Individuals would pay \$53 per family per year. The plan would cover a \$1 million in catastrophic health benefits to persons living or working in the county.



Sentinel Staff Photo by Lars D. Gefran

## Love among the ruins

Mary and Charles Burton inside the burned-out husk of their Germantown home, which community spirit is helping them rebuild. See page 9.

## Cathy Hobbs' long campaign to be heard

Second in a series

By RON WICK  
Sentinel Staff Writer

**E**xcuse me... Those words are written all over Cathy Hobbs' face. Perhaps she doesn't use them all that frequently, perhaps it's just her wide-eyed stare and determined tone that seem to speak them.

But it's easy to imagine those words beginning Hobbs' tireless pleas for someone, anyone, in the county school system to listen to her.

Excuse me, I don't mean to bother you, but I've got these figures that show the school dropout problem in Montgomery County is on the rise, and I was wondering what the school system is doing about it.

Her mannerisms, more suggestive of perseverance than of power, must have misled an overworked bureaucrat or two into thinking they could appease Hobbs with a flippant response. Chances are that few people ever have been frightened by Hobbs' words, but sometimes words have

## Campaign '88

### SCHOOL BOARD

a way of taking a back seat to actions.

Excuse me, but I'm concerned about the school system and I've been going to Board of Education meetings to get some answers, and I don't like what I'm seeing so I've decided to run for the board myself.

So, it goes.

At 43, Cathy Hobbs, with a political resume that reads like a who's who, is running for a seat on the Board of Education. One is more surprised that she would be the one to do so.

"I would not be surprised if she would be the one to do so," says Hobbs. "I'm concerned about the fiscal condition of the county and the school system. I want to do something about it."

On the November ballot, voters will decide whether or not to elect a new school board. Hobbs is one of the candidates. She is running for the board of education in the 1st district.

So, it goes.

Advertisement for a business listing service. The ad is tilted and contains the following text:

- Options: Crossword, Horoscope, Legals, Money, Leisure, Kids Page, Police Log, Opinion
- Price: \$21 per sq. yd.
- Installation: Installed with this ad only. Offer Expires 10/12/88
- Location: Aithersburg, Maryland (next to High's)



Book 1841-1857 (Series MSA C111-2; Location 1-19-6-8)  
District 1

“A Certificate of the Amount of Real Property assessed in the  
1<sup>st</sup> District of Montgomery County”

	Acres	Price/Acre	Amount	Total
1841 & 1842				
Washington Waters				
Pt Charles & Benjamin	265	10		
Pt Dorseys Meadows	182	12		5520

14-52

Charles Burton

4-29-2003

only historic thing is inside  
fireplace

Fire damage

Smoke damage through house  
blow through

~~F~~

walls refinished

New electrical

Windows replaced

V

Artificial siding

only historic material of importance is inside the  
Burton Ymks oldest section. Magnificent fireplace  
steps in hall. But that's all.

Becky Bauerfeld  
986-8600 her father  
Pahomac  
old homes  
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open house

## 14/52 Sycamore Hollow/Dr. Washington Waters House

The house has a telescope plan with four main blocks aligned along an east-west axis. The house is on 10.5 acres. The bank barn is on 93 acres owned by same family.

While three of the blocks are historic, the east end block is a 1960 attached garage. Of the historic blocks, the earliest section is the easternmost, and smallest. This section is a 1½-story log section with internal stone chimney. The central two-story section, divided by an internal chimney is also log, was built in two sections, east and west. The west end, dating from c1800, was rebuilt in 1840 following a fire. The three-bay front-gable structure has a side-hall plan. Following a 1988 fire, wood siding was installed on most of the house. The Burtons built the rear studio addition in the early 1980s. A trailer was moved to its site west of the house following a 1988 fire.

The Period I block is a one-story-and-loft log building with a large internal stone fireplace and chimneystack. The chimney base is 6 ft deep and 11 feet wide. The dormer windows were recent additions in 1974. A polygonal bay window was built on the south side. The staircase, not original to the structure, came from a c1670 dwelling known as *Thomas' Delight* on the Eastern Shore. The original access to the loft was described as being half staircase and half ladder.

The center 1½ story block is also log construction. This section was built in at least two stages that are divided by a chimney. Period II is probably the three bay portion west of the chimney. Windows are 6/6 sash. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the lower floor became a dining room. The upper floor was said to have had slave quarters that were removed in 1953. Period III has no historic windows on the visible south façade. The lower level has been used as a kitchen.

The west end, Period IV, was built about 1800 and rebuilt following an 1840 fire. It is a front-gable Greek Revival influenced structure. The three bay façade has an entrance in the easternmost bay. An external brick chimney stands on the west eaves side. This block has a side-hall plan with a single room on the west end. The second level has two bedchambers. The main hall features a floating curved staircase with dolphin scrolls, walnut handrails and chestnut balisters. A local artist named LeBlanc painted scenes of the Alps in two niches between the first and second floors.



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Mary S. Burton  
21600 Davis Mill Road  
Germantown Maryland 20876-4418

April 28, 2003

Dear Ms. Burton,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and my colleague, Anne Fothergill, last Thursday. I'm glad we were able to talk about what historic designation means and to dispel some of the myths that you have encountered. As I promised, I am enclosing some information about the preservation program and the designation process.

The page "Historic Preservation Designation Process" shows a flow chart. We are expecting the first review, by the HPC, to take place this summer. In order to be designated, a site must have either architectural or historical significance. The criteria for this review is in the Preservation Ordinance (enclosed).

You shared with me your interest in educating the public about historic sites. Enclosed is a sample of information about our preservation education outreach program. The program is managed by Susan Soderberg, our Education and Outreach Planner.

In addition, there is material about the book that I have written called *Places from the Past: The Tradition of Gardez Bien in Montgomery County, Maryland*. You may order it through the mail, or if you wish to order through me, I could deliver the book since I make frequent trips to the Germantown-Damascus area.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns about historic designation.

Sincerely,

Clare Lise Cavicchi  
Historic Preservation Planner.  
301-563-3402



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Charles Burton  
7101 Wisconsin Avenue  
Bethesda Maryland 20814

April 28, 2003

Dear Mr. Burton,

At your request, I am enclosing information about the county preservation program. Your property was identified on the 1976 Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites. I am researching all the sites in Planning Areas 11 (Damascus and Vicinity) and 14 (Goshen, Woodfield, Cedar Grove and Vicinity) to take them through the evaluation process. The result for each property will be to either remove it from the Locational Atlas or add it to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

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As we had discussed, I visited the house last week, on Thursday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. At that time I spoke with your wife, Mary who also requested written material, which I am sending out today as well.

I would be happy to talk with you after you have reviewed the material and answer any questions you might have. You can reach me at 301-563-3402.

Thank you for your assistance in our evaluation effort.

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8-28-2002

14-52 Washington waters

1988 permit to restore to original condition

1704 Hunter Lodge

He's a tax attorney. Can't take time off to meet with us. Doesn't appear to see advantage to destruction - already restored house after fire. Thought house already renewed + not eligible. Has owned since 1952 and wasn't aware of evaluation.

Don't remember reading letter from us re: survey. I reminded him that he had called us July 19. Offered to send him mfo again, then he remembered he had letter + mfo in his briefcase.

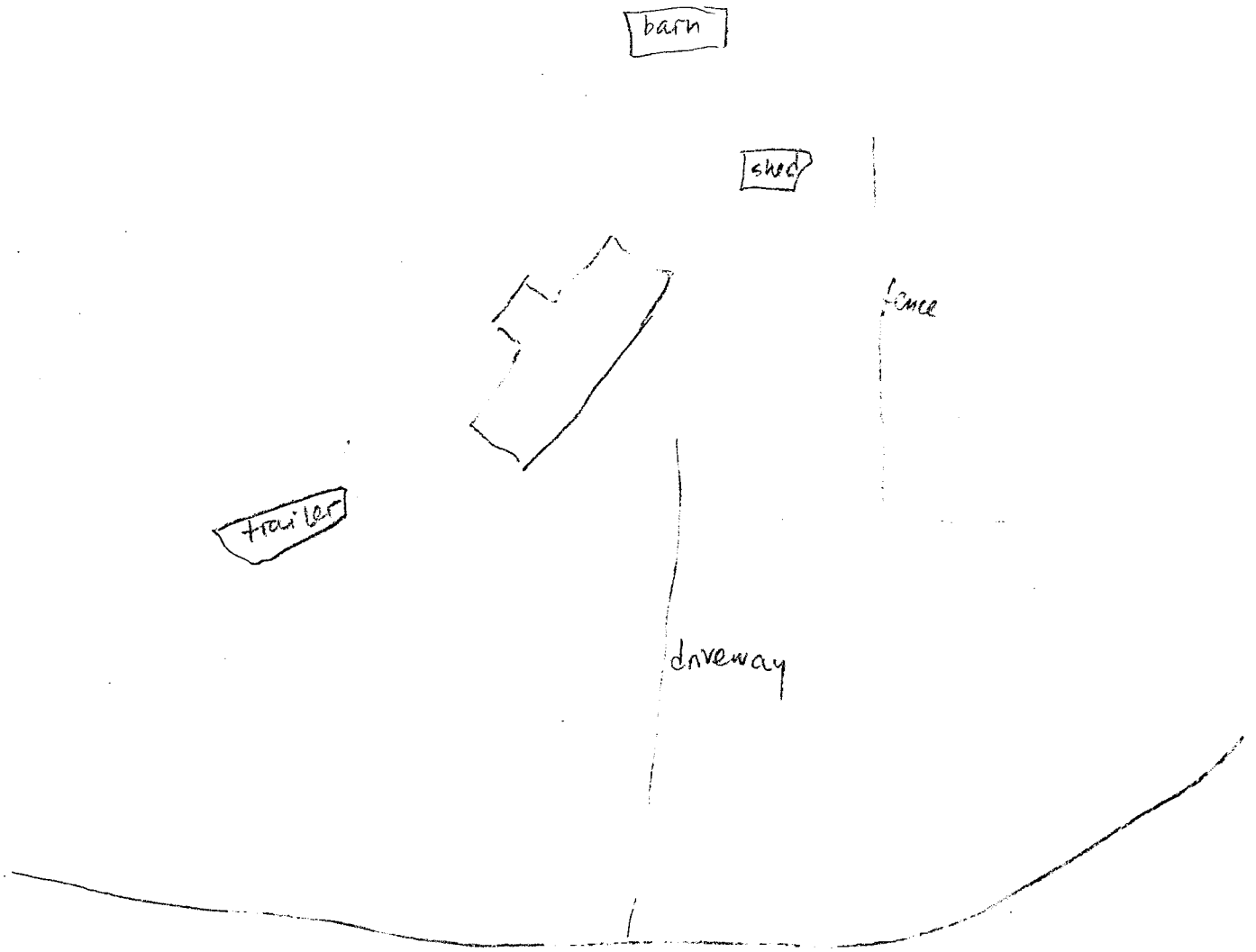
His wife is writing book on rughooking - don't disturb her.

OK to visit site to take outside pictures

Carol Ann

4-24-2003

SITE VISIT





Charles Burton Dr. Wainwright House

4-22-2003

- Have been thru design 3-4 times already
- 1988 fire, replaced interior
- to get permit <sup>contractor</sup> couldn't get it

1950s or 1960s a study for design - NR design?

Charles Burton

7101 Wisconsin Ave

Bethesda 20814

Mary Burton will be home  
Interviewed MARY BURTON

Mrs Burton site visit

986-8100 man who knows site visits

Pamphlet - remanent CNT was  
photo of Sycamore houses used - objects

has had students from local elem school

Objects - paint clear  
- open house  
- control over sale of house

Public education -



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7/19

1:15

Clare -

Mr. Burton called  
re: "Washington Water's  
house (# 15152)

21600 Davis Mill Rd.

office # 301-986-8600  
on vacation until July 29<sup>th</sup> due

July 19, 2002

Clare:

Mr. Burton of 21600 Davis Mill Road called regarding the Dr. Washington Waters house (#14/52) located at 21600 Davis Mill Road which is on Atlas . He would like to speak with you. He said there was a fire in 1988 which destroyed the inside; however they have restored it, including the electricity and plumbing!

Mr. Burton will be on vacation in Ireland next week, but will call you when he returns.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aue".

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 Washington Waters Farm, at 21600 Davis Mill Road (Resource #14/52). 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 are 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,

Clare Lise Cavicchi, Historic Preservation Planner

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

PRINCIPAL BUILDING

OUTBUILDINGS:

HISTORIC NAME: Dr. Washington Waters House \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO  
 (Could not verify)

COMMON NAME: Sycamore Hollow Farm \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: 21600 Davis Mill Road \_\_\_\_\_

SITE NUMBER: 14/52 ATLAS MAP: 7 ATLAS COORDINATES: K-9 TAX MAP: FV342

	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: The gate to this property was locked. The house was under construction at the time of the survey and we could not get a close look. If access can be gained at a future date, the property should be re-evaluated based on the changes currently being made to it.

\*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.**

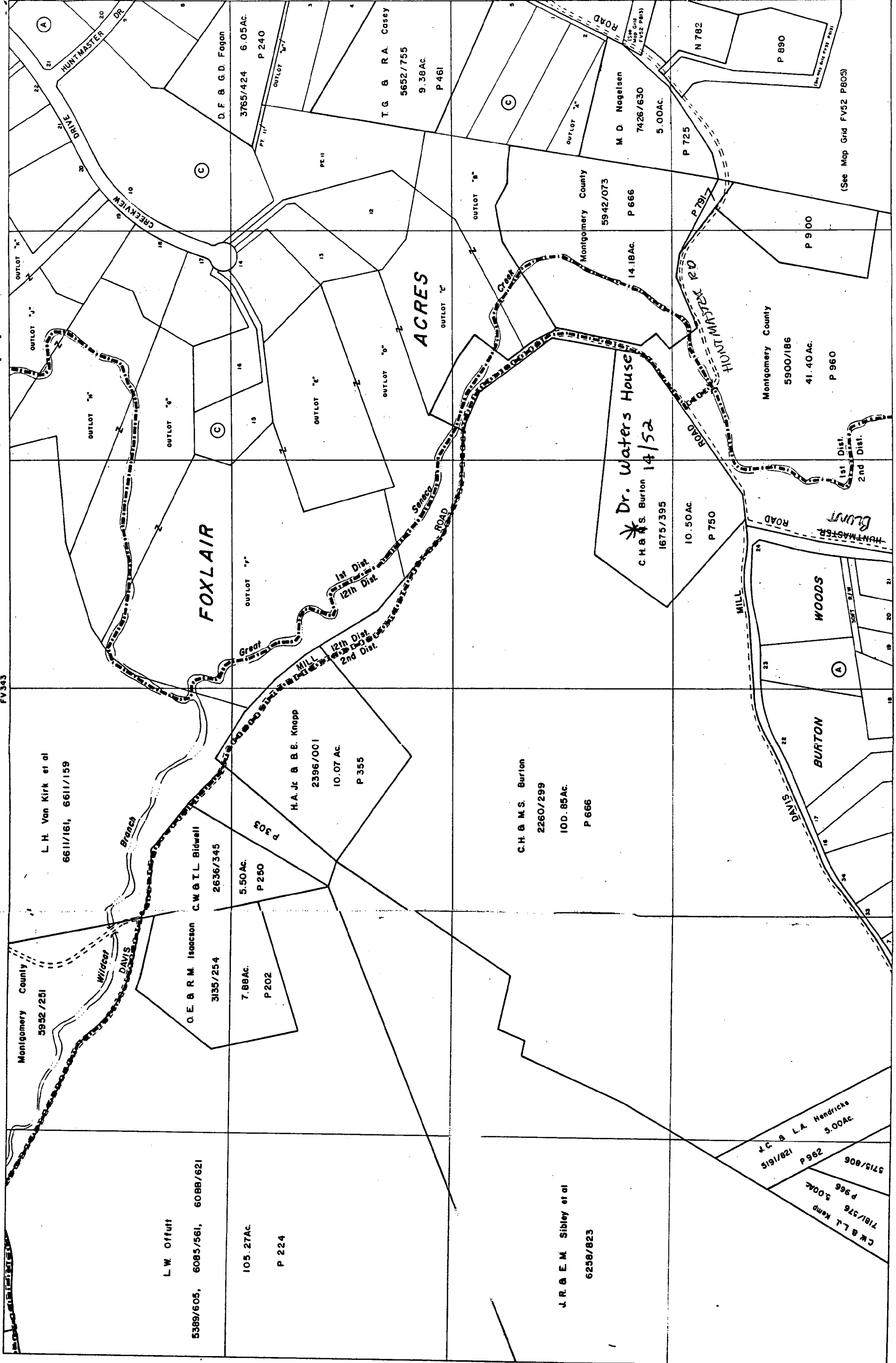
**II. Very good resource architecturally and/or historically. Most resources in Category II maintain their basic integrity. Should be evaluated promptly for Master Plan designation.**

**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.**



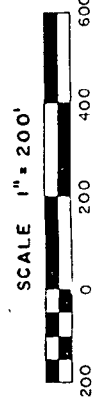
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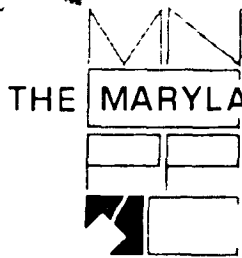
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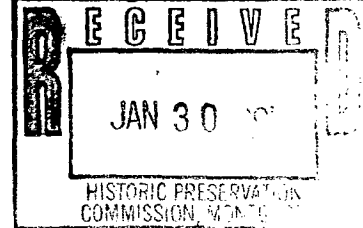




THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

January 28, 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

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

- #7-90025 Callow Property
- #7-90054 Hillandale
- #7-90055 Springwood
- #7-91002 Boswell Knoll
- #7-91003 Cider and Ginger (Adjacent to Master Plan Site #16/26, the Nathan Dickerson Poole House. No direct impact on this site is expected.)
- #7-91004 Cabin John Settlement (In the vicinity of Master Plan Site #35/20, Lock and Lockhouse #10. No impact on this site is expected.)
- #7-91005 Bradford's Rest
- #7-91006 Avery Village
- #7-91008 Chadwick Property (Across Bucklodge Road from Master Plan Site #18/13, the White/Turner Farm. These home sites are in a wooded area back from the road, and should not impact the rural character of the area.)
- #1-90224 Calvin Williams Sub.
- #1-90225 Olney Acres
- #1-90226 Capital View
- #1-90227 Damascus - Poole's Add.
- #1-90228 Watkins Property
- #1-90230 Perryman Property (In the vicinity of Locational Atlas Resource #24/20, the James Purdum Farm. No impact.)
- #1-90231 Brighton Farms (Adjacent to Locational Atlas Resource #23/80, the Brown House and Cemetery. No impact.)

- #1-90232 Maydale (Across Briggs Chaney Road from Locational Atlas Resource #28/30, the Richard Leishear House. There is no direct impact.)
- #1-90233 Mass. Ave. Highlands
- #1-90234 Glen Echo
- #1-90235 Ancient Oak
- #1-90236 Miner Property
- #1-91001 North Germantown
- #1-91002 Kramer-Pittle Property
- #1-91003 Apple Ridge Road
- #1-91004 Lankler Property
- #1-91005 Kusterer Property
- #1-91006 Banner Country
- #1-91007 Burton Property (In the vicinity of Locational Atlas Resource #14/52, the Dr. Wash Waters House. Impact should be limited.)
- #1-91008 Brighton-McKeever
- #1-91010 Ward Property (In the vicinity of Locational Atlas Resources #24/07, the Charles Higdon House, and #24/08, the McAtee House. No impact on either resource is expected.)
- #1-91011 Sunridge South (In the vicinity of Locational Atlas Resource #10/68, the John P. Sellman House. No impact.)
- #1-90223, Willson Property, is adjacent to Locational Atlas Resource #23/120, the Thomas Moore House, and across from Master Plan Site #28/13, Norwood. Lot 4 is highly visible from both historic resources and from Norwood Road. The rest of the development does not appear to impact the adjacent historic sites. The HPC may wish to review this subdivision, with written comments sent to M-NCPPC within 30 days.
- #1-90229, Silver Spring Plaza, is within the proposed Silver Spring Historic District, Locational Atlas Resource #36/07. It should be reviewed by HPC and written comments should be sent to M-NCPPC within 30 days.
- #7-91001, Lion Landscaping, is in the vicinity of Locational Atlas Resource #14/12, Hawkins Creamery/Yesteryear Farms. The HPC may wish to review this plan, with written comments sent to M-NCPPC within 30 days.
- #7-91007, Robey Property, has a direct impact on Master Plan Site #28/19, Pleasant View Farm. This subdivision should be reviewed by the HPC and written comments returned to M-NCPPC within 30 days.

#1-91009, Willett Estates, involves Master Plan Site #23/19,  
Retirement, and Locational Atlas Resource #23/18,  
Abandoned Log Cabin. This plan should be reviewed by HPC  
and written comments sent to M-NCPPC within 30 days.

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