

BOYD HOUSE 20600 PRATHERTOWN RD  
20-35 Demolished

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. 20-35

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

historic The Wesley Boyd House

other

## 2. Location

street and number 20600 Prathertown Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879-1261 \_\_ vicinity

county Montgomery County

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

name Ken W. Wilson

street and number C/O Cecile Avery 7748 West Autumn Drive telephone

city, town Homosassa state Florida zip code 34446

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County liber 17502 folio 368

city, town Rockville tax map FU53 tax parcel p 271 tax ID number00768047

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

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

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> building
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				<b>Number of Contributing Resource previously listed in the Inventory</b>
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

### SUMMARY

The Wesley Boyd House site at 20600 Prathertown Road faces east onto Prathertown Road on a two-acre rectangular lot. It has a complex massing of a historic main block with several additions. The historic main block consists of a frame vernacular farmhouse-style dwelling house with two, two-story concrete block additions, an attached concrete block one-story garage, and an outdoor privy house in the rear yard. The historic main section is a side-gabled rectangular, two-story, frame dwelling constructed about 1925. The main block has a patterned tin roof, a central brick chimney, and 1/1 and 2/2 double hung sash windows used singly in an irregular fenestration pattern of three bays on the front and rear by one or two bays on the side. The exterior front door is in the central first story bay. The main block has evidence of a former full-width front porch on the front façade. The original exterior cladding has been covered with concrete and asbestos wood-grained shingles and the foundation is of timber wood. A concrete block two addition was added to the south façade about 1945. It consists of a side-gabled rectangular two-story three bay by two bay colonial revival house with an attached one story sunroom wing. On the west rear façade of the main block, another two-story rectangular concrete wing probably replaces an original kitchen wing. A one story flat-roofed concrete block garage is attached to the front north façade. The entire structure could be considered to be two separate houses joined together into a single dwelling.

The Colonial revival addition is constructed in a similar style as the original house but has an asphalt shingled roof and a front gabled portico-type porch at the front entrance. The dwelling has a right side porch which was used as a sun room. An exterior brick chimney is on the south façade of the house.

### DESCRIPTION

#### Environmental Setting

The Wesley Boyd House site at 20600 Prathertown Road faces east onto Prathertown Road on a two-acre rectangular lot. Prathertown Road is the remnant of a one-lane rural road, now paved with asphalt, but without curbs and gutters. The house is set well back from the road, separated by a deep lawn dotted with mature trees. The size of the lot and the generous side and front setbacks preserve the sense of a once-rural environmental setting. The Wesley Boyd house is larger and older than the other houses on Prathertown Road. These houses are a mix of twentieth century vernacular wood frame and twentieth century one-story brick and frame rambles. It is

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the second oldest remaining structure on Prathertown Road. The older dwelling was built by Wesley Boyd but looks like it could have been built in the late 1800s. The house has an extensive front yard with black walnut trees and a Kentucky Coffee Bean tree in the back yard. The lot totals two acres. Currently, the house is being used to store furniture and is unoccupied. The structures are in poor condition.

The house is located at the end of a cul-de-sac. A rectangular shed-roofed building with narrow lap siding is located on the southwest corner on the lot line. The small building was a former privy. The older structure is a 2-1/2 story frame three-by-three bay six room house with an attached garage.

In the historic main block, there is an interior brick chimney with an arched top at the center front. The older house is clad with asphalt siding. The three-bay east front façade has regular fenestration with a small square attic window in the gable. According to Sharon Prather, the interior structure has on the first story, "a living room in the front, a kitchen and bathroom in the rear. Upstairs are two bedrooms and one bath."<sup>1</sup>

The newer structure is a 2-1/2 story frame two-bay-by-three bay five room house which is two rooms deep with an attached wing on the rear. In the rear, there is a three bay extension used as a breakfast nook. The newer building has a composition shingled cross-gable roof. The original exterior sheathing has been covered with asphalt wood-grain shingles. The foundation is rough-coursed fieldstone parged with cement. The brick chimney is at the south side of the structure. A shed-roofed addition is attached to the south side. According to an interview with Sharon Prather, "On the first floor is a family room and kitchen. On the second floor, are two bedrooms and a bath."<sup>2</sup>

See photographs, Attachments 7-3-7.7

The house has a simple side-gabled roof and no decorative fascias or trim is evident.

The Boyd House was an African American cultural center in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century and perhaps earlier. Tina Clark remembers friends coming out from Washington D.C. on Sunday afternoons. This elder resident was related by marriage to the Prathers. She remembers Sunday afternoon tea parties with tables in front of the house and ladies in long white dresses.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Sharon Prather interviewed by Joanne Atay

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<sup>3</sup> Sarah Mae Mitchell, *My Upper Montgomery History*, 2002, p. 6

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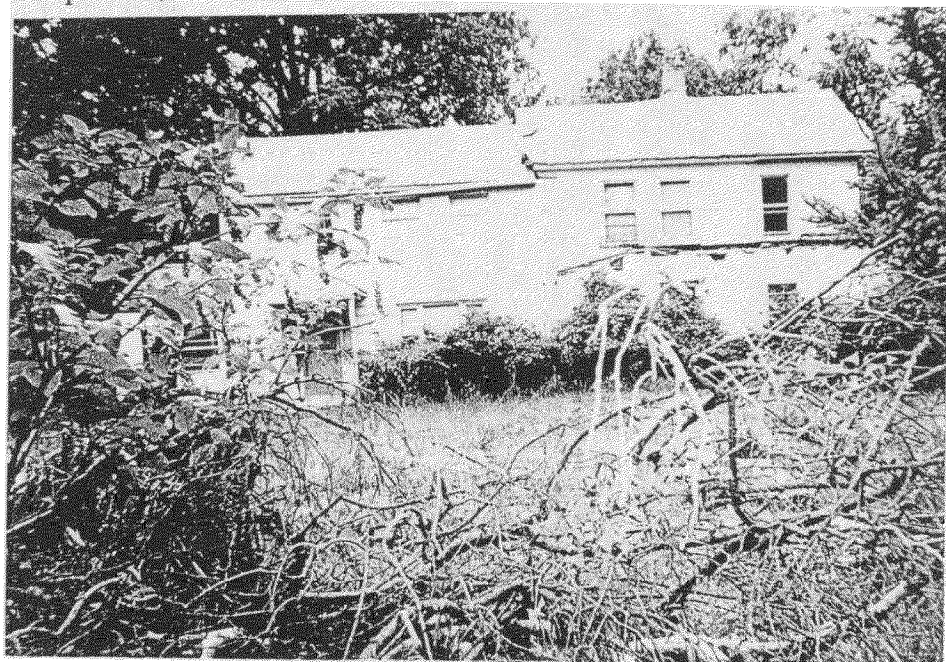
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The Boyd House is a 2 story frame house of a vernacular style probably typical of Maryland farm houses at the turn of the century.



The older dwelling has a center chimney, indicating the fireplace is in the center of the house.

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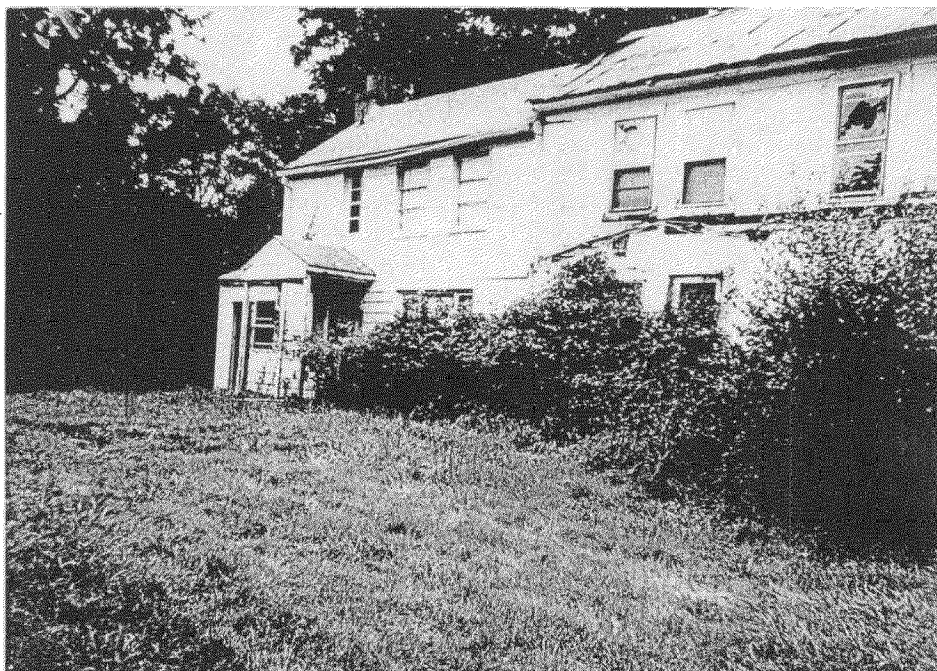
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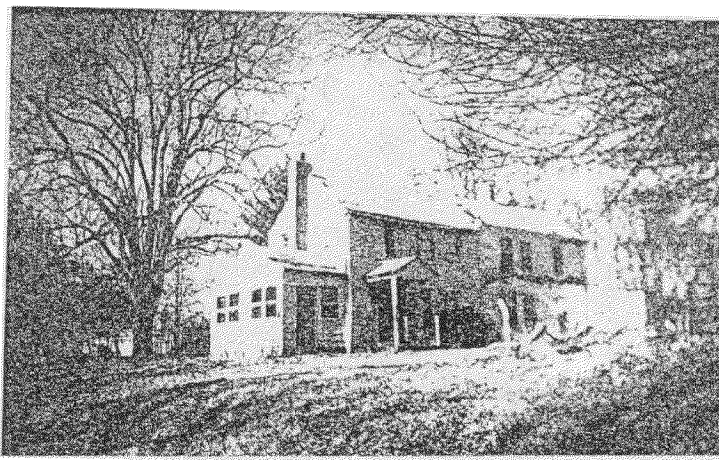
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Boyd House

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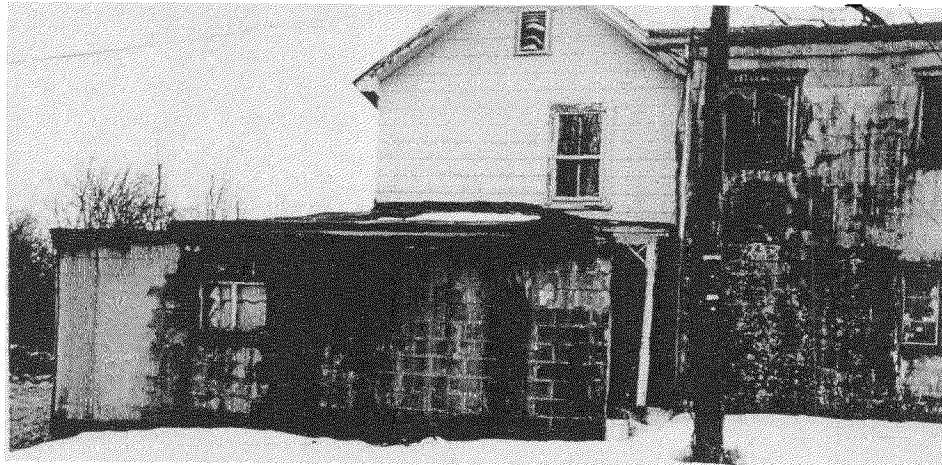
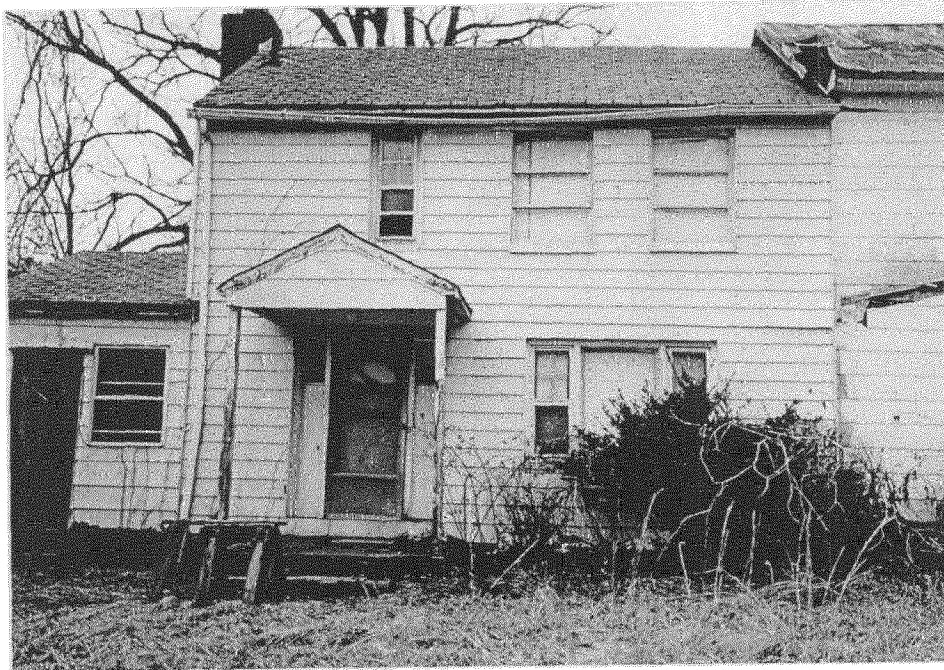


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Probably during the 1940's or 1950's, there were 2 story additions added to both sides of the house, including a garage structure. This doubled the size of the house. Both additions have a concrete block foundation and the walls are complete constructed of concrete block with roll lock brick for window sills.

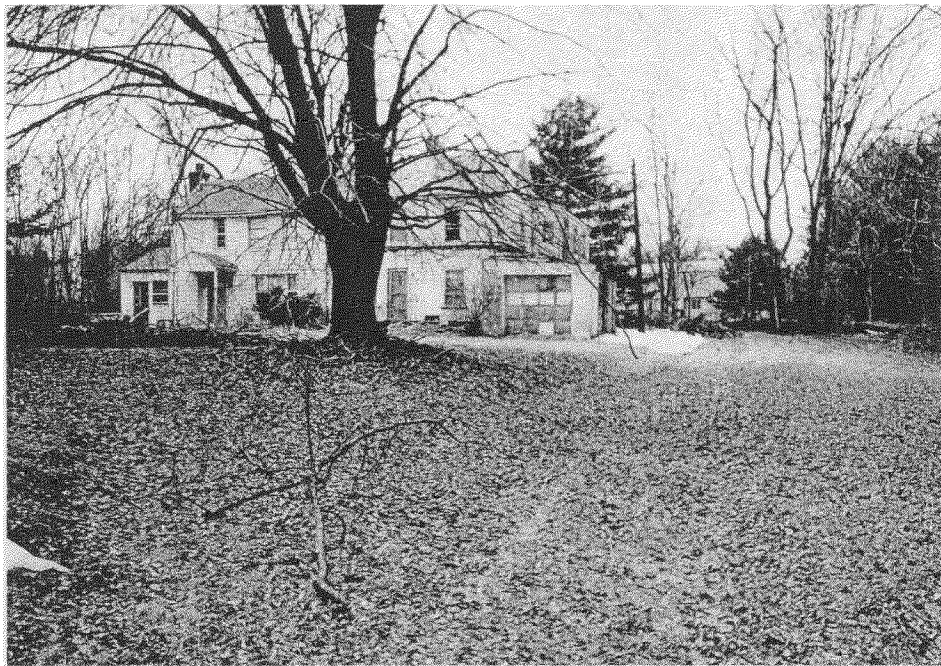
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There is evidence of a wrap around porch on the front and side of the house although very little exists. One of the posts indicate that the original style may have been Victorian. It is difficult to tell what the original finish was because of the asbestos siding.



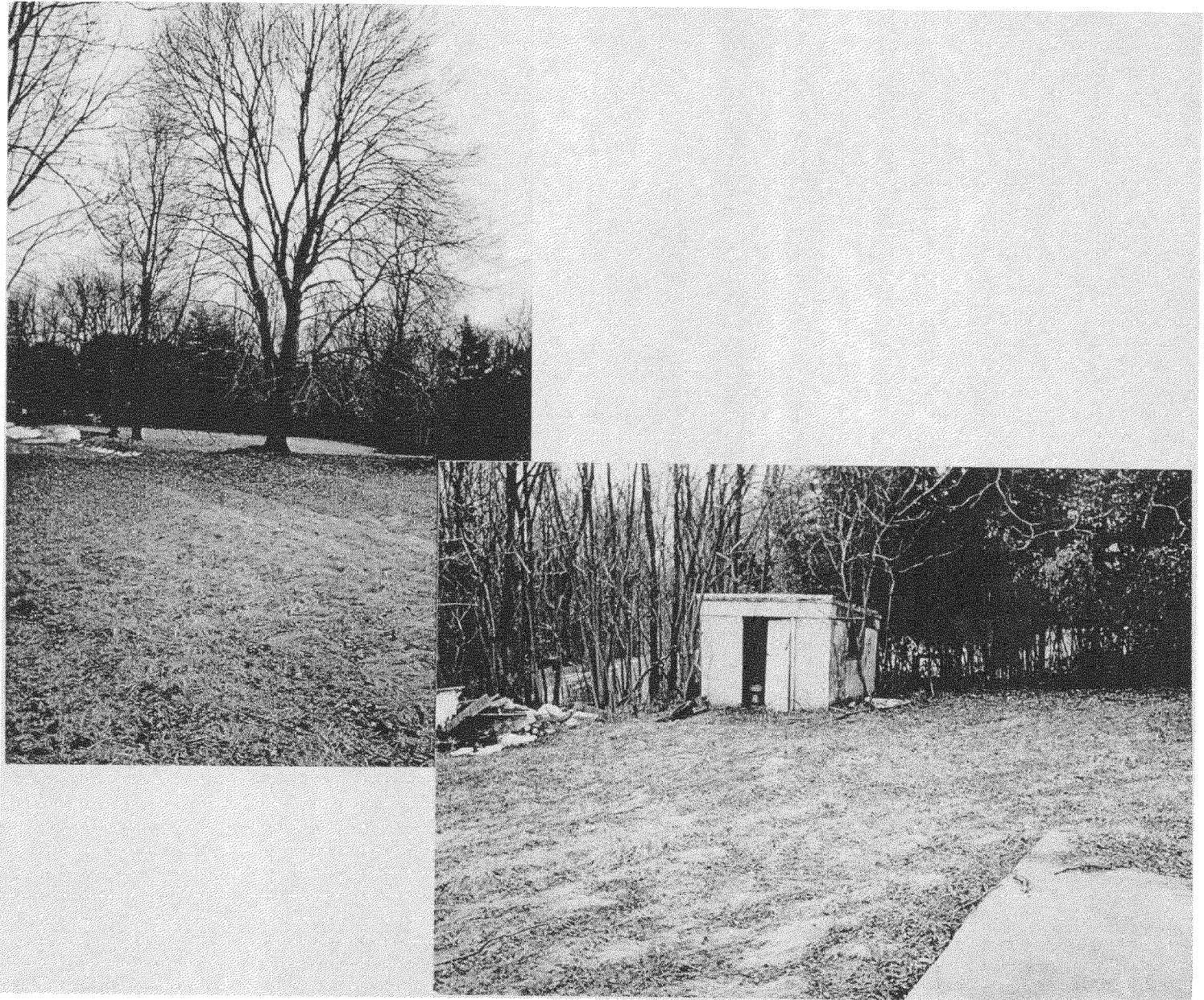
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The privy located in the back yard, south side of the house.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

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

### SIGNIFICANCE

The Wesley Boyd House was owned by members of the Boyd family from 1883 to 1980. The Boyd family was one of the pioneer families in Prathertown, one of the oldest African American communities in Montgomery County. The family is allied by marriage and family to the Posey, Prather, and Frazier families, among others. Their story illustrates the strong family ties of this community and its kinship development. The generous law of the Boyd house served as a fathering place for family and for community events in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Prathertown is one of only a few historical communities left in Montgomery County with living descendants of the founders still residing in the community.<sup>4</sup>

The Boyd House was originally built in a magnificent manor style. Although the original historic main block is not dated, it should be presumed to have been built after 1883 and before the family had 9 children in 1900. It received additions as the family grew and the next generation needed living space. The house is the second oldest remaining home in Prathertown.<sup>5</sup>

The Reverend James Edwin Prather in an interview with Alice Stewart in 1978 referred to the Boyd House as "the big house on the hill."<sup>6</sup> The house was a cultural center for African Americans living in Montgomery County and from the District of Columbia on Sunday afternoons to attend afternoon teas and concerts at the Boyd House. According to Tina Clark who is now in a liaison position of Minority Affairs in the County Executive's Office, the young ladies of the community who attended the teas and concerts wore long white dresses and white gloves. The house is now in disrepair and needs total renovation. The older section of the house appears to be in good condition but the addition may need to be rebuilt or removed.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Booklet published by the Goshen Historic Preservation Society, A History of Prathertown, 2002.

<sup>5</sup> Interview with Sharon Prather by Joanne Atay, information based on The Prather Family, unpublished manuscript.

<sup>6</sup> Interview with Reverend James Edwin Prather by Alice Stevens, copy at the Montgomery County Historical Society.

<sup>7</sup> Sarah Mae Mitchell, My Upper Montgomery History, 2002, p.

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### HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Wesley Boyd purchased one acre of land from William H. Benson and his wife Jane Benson, September 27, 1883. The price was \$60 "in hand paid" (in cash rather than by promissory note or mortgage) for a parcel of land that was part of the tract called Dorsey's Meadows. The lot began at a stone planted on the south side of a private road for the use of said lots of land and running with said road north 88 degrees, west 8 10/25 to a stone planted in the division line between said lot and the land of Moses Wilson.<sup>8</sup> Wesley purchased another acre of land from Rezin Prather April 1, 1889. He paid \$60 "in hand paid." The deed describes the land as being part of a tract called Dorsey's Meadows beginning at a stone planted on the south side of said lot that Wesley Boyd first purchased, then division line south 3 degrees west past a stone on to the division of said land and the land of Moses Wilson's. Then with a straight line to the beginning containing one acre of land more or less in fee simple. It being the same land which was deeded to Rezin Prather by W. H. Benson and wife the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December.<sup>9</sup>

Wesley Boyd, born in February of 1859, was 24 years old when he purchased his one-acre lot of land from William H. Benson in 1883. He was married and had one son, George who was about 4 years old. Wesley was a farm laborer. His wife, Malinda, was also 24 (born January of 1859) and was described as a mulatto in the 1880 census. His mother was probably 47-year-old Rachel Boyd, a washerwoman. Rachel and her son Joseph Boyd, a farm hand age 25, lived nearby with John Posey and his wife, Sarah (Boyd) Posey. Sarah was Rachel's daughter.<sup>10</sup>

By 1900, Wesley and Malinda had been married 21 years and had a total of nine children, five girls and four boys. George was born in 1879, Walter in 1881, Rachel E. in 1883, Charles in 1885, Sarah in 1888, Olivia in 1891, Mabel in 1895, Mary in 1889, and Wesley Jr. was born in 1900. Wesley and Malinda and most of their adult children were listed as literate. Wesley's occupation was farmer with a note behind which appears to be "merchant." ( This could explain why one of the additions to his house was described as housing a cottage industry). His older children were employed as farm laborers or were in school.<sup>11</sup>

A number of other persons with the surname "Boyd" were listed in the 1900 Census, but their relationship with Wesley and Malinda are not known. Anne M. Boyd, a widow, age 53 and a nurse was listed as head of a household in Washington D.C. All persons in her household were

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<sup>8</sup> Montgomery County Land Record Liber/folio EBP 32/410.

<sup>9</sup> Montgomery County Land Record Liber/folio JA 34/131.

<sup>10</sup> U.S. Census 1880.

<sup>11</sup> U.S. Census 1900.

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noted as "Mulatto." Her son-in-law Edward Contee, 26, was a hotel waiter; her daughter Lucy Contee, was a seamstress and mother of two Contee grandsons, ages 1 and 4. Also sharing living space were three more of Ann's children: Catherine, 19 and a domestic servant, Martha R., 9 years old, and Benjamin F., 23, a laborer. Another individual, 52 year old widow Amanda Buckner from Virginia was also living at the house and working as a domestic servant.

Another Boyd, Elizabeth Boyd, a mulatto widow age 30 from Maryland, lived in Georgetown but came from Maryland. Her occupation was listed as "servant."<sup>12</sup>

It is likely that these Washington D.C. Boyds were related and returned to Prathertown for family and community events. The Boyd house was referred to as the big house on the hill. The house was a cultural center for African Americans living in Montgomery County and Washington, D.D. People would come from all over Montgomery County and from the District of Columbia on Sunday afternoons to attend afternoon teas and concerts at the Boyd House. The older section of the house appears to be in good condition but the addition may need to be rebuilt or removed.<sup>13</sup>

Prathertown was founded in 1883 by emancipated slaves, Moses, Marshall, Resin, and John and his wife Annie Prather. They paid \$60 cash for each acre or as the land record states, "in hand paid." They purchased nearly 7 acres of land from William Benson, a local white farmer, for a total of \$390. The land was part of an area called Dorsey's Meadows. The deed was recorded August 25, 1893.<sup>14</sup> Later, adjacent lands were purchased by James and Moses Wilson, Wesley Boyd and Basil Frazier. These families were allied by blood and marriage. Prathertown is one of the oldest African American communities in Montgomery County.<sup>15</sup>

According to the Reverend James Edwin Prather, Moses Prather was a slave at the Woodbourne Manor House or the Blunt-Dorsey House. Reverend Prather in his interview described the slave quarter on the Woodbourne estate as having iron bars at the window.<sup>16</sup> The Woodbourne estate was home to five generations of the Blunt family. The lovely brick-clad manor home was built in the 1800's.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> U.S. Census 1900.

<sup>13</sup> Pamphlet published by the Greater Goshen Civic Association, 2002.

<sup>14</sup> Montgomery County Land Record Liber/folio JA 40/29.

<sup>15</sup> Joanne E. Atay, Goshen and the Bridge over Great Seneca Creek, Editor Eleanor M.V. Cook, The Montgomery County Story, The Montgomery County Historical Society, Vol. 46, No. 1, February 2003.

<sup>16</sup> Booklet published by the Goshen Historic Preservation Society, A History of Prathertown, 2002

<sup>17</sup> Clare Cavicchi, The Tradition of Gardez Bien in Montgomery County, Maryland, The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning, 2001.

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Most of the people living in Prathertown today are the direct descendants of the founders. They built the original house, the Prather homestead, out of logs cut from the nearby woods. The original house was a two-story, four room, log cabin where family members tried to survive in the early days after emancipation. Marshall had two rooms upstairs and Moses two rooms downstairs. The house provided cramped quarters and the children had to sleep on the bed "crossway." Eventually, Marshall and Moses were able to build separate homes. The original homestead was torn down in the 1930s but some of the logs still remain on the lot where the homestead stood.<sup>18</sup> Prathertown will have a historic marker dedicated to the town in 2003. This is a grant providing funds by the Montgomery County Park and Planning, Historic Section. The grant was sponsored by Montgomery Preservation, Inc.

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## Goshen finds its identity through the area's history

by Kristen Milton  
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But the methodical research and passage through three public hearings — before the Historic Preserva-



Members of the Goshen Historic Preservation Society stand in front of the Boyd House on Prathertown Road in Goshen: (front row, from left) Peggy Saunders, Ida Nallman, the Rev. Sandra Prather, Joanne Atay, Bonnie Bell, (back row, from left) Barbara Knapp, Kathleen Sentkowski, Phillis Copeland and Rosemary Arkoian.

Lawrence Jackson Jr./The Gazette

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Knapp has a special interest in the John Davis Mill on her street, although she never saw it standing. The mill burned in the 1940s, she said.

"When we first came here it was very apparent where the mill was, or had been," Knapp said. "Plenty of foundation and cellar hole and

mill race. ... [Now] it looks like a huge overgrown piece of woods. It'll take some clippers and saws to cut back and find the foundations again."

She hopes volunteers from the new organization can bring that about.

Knapp is one of those who enjoy history for its own sake. Soon after moving to the area she scoured the courthouse for deeds and other records of her land, she said, and is now organizing papers and letters left to her by her father.

"It's basic for us to realize where we all came from," said Knapp. "It's an important connection to the community. There's so many people who've moved here from other parts of the country who don't know where they are or what was here and I just think it's so important to save the remnants because we've already lost so much."

Atay, who is a member of the Goshen Mills chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolu-

### Preservation list

Goshen area sites included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

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- Fertile Meadows (c1790-1805), 9000 Brink Road
- Goshen Methodist Episcopal Church, 8410 Brink Road
- Goshen Store (late 1700s, added to 1850s), 21121 Goshen Road
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tion and the Greater Goshen Citizens Association, said between conducting DAR tours and contributing to the civic association's recent work on a booklet on Prathertown. "I was just overwhelmed by the history."

Prathertown, one of the oldest African-American communities in Montgomery County, was founded in 1853 by five emancipated slaves Moses, Marshall, Joh, Rezin and Annie Prather. One of the original Prathertown homes, Posey House still stands and is being considered for the master plan list.

Atay hopes the new society can monitor the many historic sites as higher density development and wider roads begin to transform Goshen.

"Once something is gone, it's hard to bring it back," she said.

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"When we first came here it was very apparent where the mill was, or had been," Knapp said. "Plenty of foundation and cellar hole and mill race. [Now] it looks like a huge overgrown piece of woods. It'll take some clippers and saws to cut back and find the foundations

again."

She hopes volunteers from the new organization can bring that about.

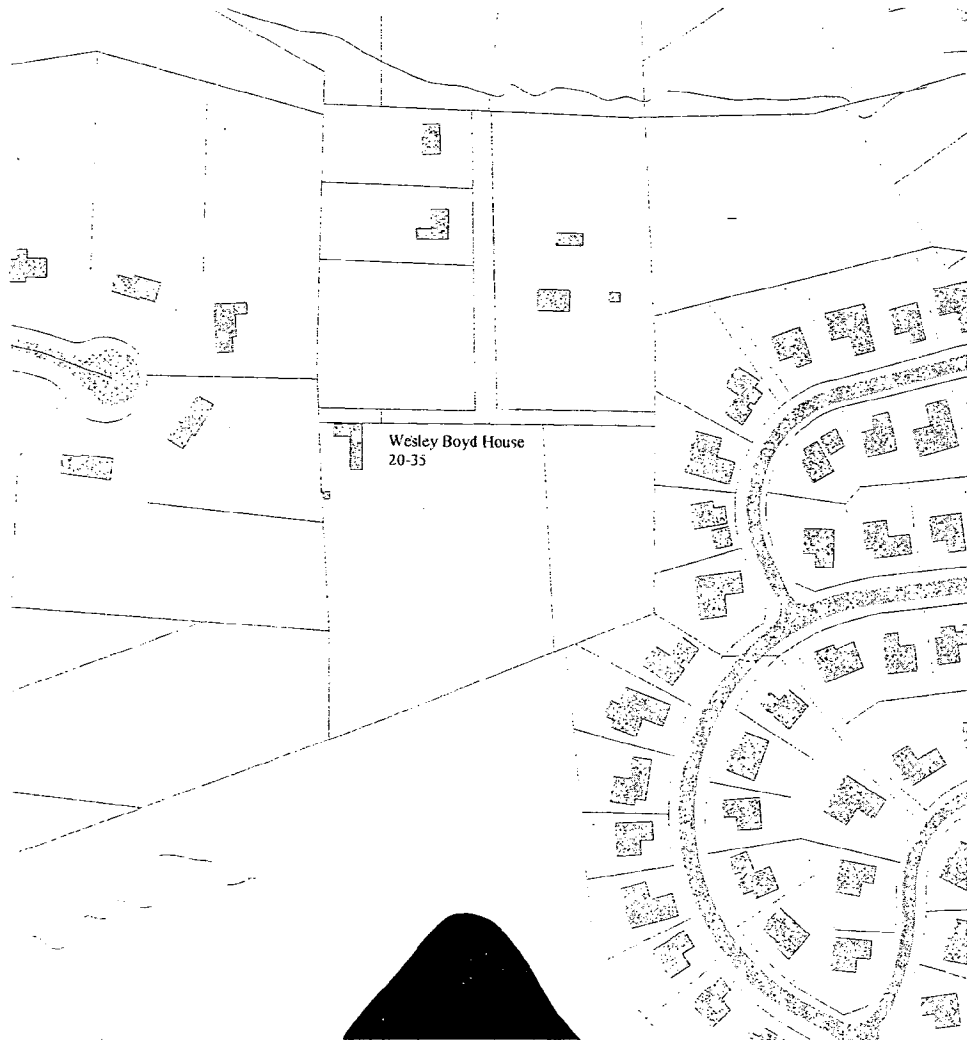
Knapp is one of those who enjoy history for its own sake. Soon after moving to the area she scoured the courthouse for deeds and other records of her land, she said, and is now organizing papers and letters left to her by her father.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. M:20-35

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## 20-35 BOYD HOUSE, 20600 PRATHERTOWN ROAD



### Casual User Application

**Name:**  
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THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM



### Legend

- Street
- Building
- Lot
- Parcel
- Property Line
- Water
- Road
- Rail
- Utility
- Other

Scale: 1" = 200'





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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

Geographic Organization: III.) Piedmont, Montgomery County

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern:1930-1999

Historic Period Themes: 2) Architecture/ Landscape Architecture, Religion

Resource Type: Building/ single dwelling, residence

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function and Use: Residence

Known Design Source: None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Inventory No. 20-35

Montgomery County, Maryland Land records and tax records. United States Census files. Interviews with Prathertown residents and members of the Prather family. Montgomery County Historical Society collection of family histories, maps and records of ex-slave census.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 87,120.00 SF \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Land deeds EBP 32/410 and JA 34/131. and Prathertown JA 40/29. Montgomery County Topographical Map

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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title Joanne Atay background descriptions, Judith Christiansen, Peerless Rockville, Architectural Description and Historical information

organization Goshen Historical Preservation Society,

date April 1, 2002

street & number 21109 Kaul Lane

telephone (301) 443-4862

city or town Germantown

state Maryland 20876

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600

# Prathertown: 109 years of close community life

by Brenda Greenberg  
Gazette Correspondent

Ask Rev. Edwin Prather what has held the tiny community of Prathertown together and he will tell you "it's the working with one another and the love that we share."

"We have the ability to get out and work with one another," says Prather of the closely-knit black community he was born into 80 years ago.

Located just north of Gaithersburg, Prathertown became a community in 1883 when Prather's grandfather, Marshall, and great uncles, Moses, John, and Reason purchased 6.5 acres of land from a farmer who sold it to them for \$60 an acre, land which is now worth 10 times as much.

"Where they got the money I don't know. They may have been given fifty cents when they were freed and then they invested it. Moses was held in slavery at the Blunt's right up over the hill.

He had gone up there after I began to work on the farm. He showed me many a day where the old quarters were. Matter of fact, those old iron bars are still up at the windows."

Prather, whose great-grandparents were also held in slavery, believes that it is important for the younger generation to know "how those who came be-



Photo by Bill Ryan

Rev. Edwin Prather points to a maple tree that he planted for his grandmother in 1933 when he was 21 years old. At that time the house in which he was born stood on this lot in Prathertown and the maple tree was no wider than a half dollar coin.

fore made it possible for them to be where they are." Consequently, he would like the young people to know the shared history of the 12 "mostly elderly folk" who remain in Prathertown.

As he told the parishioners at the Poplar Grove Baptist Church, "Black, yellow, or white. That's not the point. It's not about black history. It's about human history."

The human history that Rev. Prather carries with him is one in which there was "joy amidst the sorrow and sorrow amidst the joy."

It is a history that includes be-

ing the first black to be appointed by the Board of Education to serve on the advisory board for integration of public schools, receiving threatening phone calls urging him to resign, being invited by the President of the United States to a meeting at the White House, and receiving word that his son Jimmy had been killed in Vietnam.



**KIRKMAN**  
**INSURANCE AGENCY**  
**670-0500**

## Cavicchi, Clare

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**From:** Joanne Atay [JAtay@samhsa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 01, 2003 3:59 PM  
**To:** Cavicchi, Clare  
**Subject:** The Boyd House

Clare, did you receive the forms and material on the Boyd House? Judy did all of the work and she is now working on the Benson House. We have only the Frazier House left. Bonnie Bell walked past the Boyd House and noticed the door was opened. She went in to see if she could sketch the floor plans but as she reached the top of the stairs she heard footsteps in the attic. She ran down the stairs and out the door as fast as she could. I may try to go over there this week end but I am not going alone. I am afraid something is going to happen to that house. We were hoping to contact some philanthropic organizations that restore African American sites but so far have only a list of a few that might help.

## Cavicchi, Clare

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**From:** Joanne Atay [JAtay@samhsa.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2003 1:51 PM  
**To:** Cavicchi, Clare  
**Subject:** The Boyd House

Clare, Judy provided the architectural description and the historical data on the Boyd House and family. I mailed the forms this morning so you should receive them by Wednesday. I will start working on the Benson forms. Judy said that she would help. Actually, she is related to the Bensons so she has a lot of information on them. The Prather family is wanting us to also send in the Frazier House but I would like to wait until the summer. Can we send the house in at that time? Thank you very much.

March 30, 2003

Clare,

Enclosed are the forms for the Bayard House. Judy wrote the architectural description and most of the historic background.

We have only the Benson house but there is much more information on that house and family. Peggy Prather Saunders wants us to include the Frazier House on Wightman Road but would like to leave that one until late summer. Is this ok - to turn in forms later this year?



Thank you so much we will hopefully have the Prather town Historic Dedication the end of May or first of June. I hope you & Susan can be there. Joanne Ott





part of part of a tract of land called "Dorsey's Meadow" or by what other names it may be called, Beginning for the same at a stone planted on the North edge of a private road; and in the first line of said tract then with the first line N 3° E 25 1/2 ps to a stone in said line, N. 88° W. 25 1/2 ps across said land to a stone; W. 3° N. 25 1/2 ins. to a stone on the edge of said private Road then with Road to the Beginning stone containing Four Acres of land more or less in fee simple. And we do also grant a Rightway of Road from said lot, to the County Road.

Witness our hands and seals.

Test: John F. Warfield } William H. Benson or   
 J. D. Warfield } Jane <sup>her</sup> Benson   
 mark

State of Maryland, Baltimore County, Not:

I hereby certify that on this 27th day of December 1883, before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared William H. Benson Sr. and Jane Benson his wife, and did acknowledge this Deed to be their acts.

John F. Warfield, J.P.

Ed & Mili  
 is granted  
 Oct. 14. 1893  
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At the request of Brainerd H. Warner, the following Deed was recorded this August 25th 1893. To wit:  
**This Indenture**, Made this Fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety three, by and between Annie H. Elliott, unmarried of the District of Columbia, party of the first part and Brainerd H. Warner of the same place party of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of Ten Dollars, lawful money, in hand paid to the second part the receipt of

execute such other deed or deeds as may be requisite to effectually convey the property hereby intended to be conveyed.

Witness our hands and seals

Test:

Mordecai Morgan

Abraham H. Rose

seal

Violetta Rose

seal

State of Maryland, Montgomery County, to wit:

I hereby certify, that on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year 1884, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of said State, in and for said County, personally appeared Abraham H. Rose and Violetta Rose, his wife, the granters named in the foregoing and annexed deed to Lloyd N. Gibbs, jr and Elizabeth Gibbs, and did each acknowledge said deed to be their respective act.

Mordecai Morgan J. P.

Exm. & Del. 16<sup>th</sup> June 1885

**At** the request of Wesley Boyd, the following Deed was recorded the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, A. D. 1884, To wit:

This Deed made this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1883 by us William H. Benson sr. and Jane Benson his wife of Montgomery County in the State of Maryland Witnesseth that in consideration of the sum of sixty Dollars in hand paid we do grant bargain and sell unto Wesley Boyd of the County and State aforesaid all the following Described piece or parcel of land it being part of a tract of land, called "Dorsey's Meadows;" or by what other names it may be known by; Beginning for the same at a stone planted on the South side of a private Road for the use of said lots of land; and running with said Road N. 88° W. 8 1/2<sup>5</sup> per. to a stone then S. 3° W. 20 per. to a stone planted in the division line between said lot and the land of James & Moses Wilson, then N. 67° E. 8 1/2<sup>5</sup> per. with said line to a stone; planted in said line then with a straight line to the place of Beginning, containing one Acre of land more or less, in fee simple We also do grant a Right way to the Road from said land;

Witness our Hands and seals

Test:

J. J. Warfield

William H. Benson

Jane Benson



11 17502.368

NO TITLE EXAMINATION  
NO CONSIDERATION

File no 9-1-768047  
Deed-short form MD  
Tax account no./parcel identifier

This deed made this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1999, by and between Jean Alond an unmarried male, also known as Jean Alond, party of the first part, and Ken W. Wilson, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the sum of NO DOLLARS and 00/100 (\$00.00), the party of the First part does hereby grant unto the party of the second part, in fee simple, as sole owner, all that piece of land, together with the improvements, rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, situated in the Montgomery County, State of Maryland, described as follows, to wit:

PARTS OF A TRACT OF LAND CALLED "DORSEY'S MEADOWS"

PARCEL ONE: ONE (1) ACRE OF LAND DESCRIBED IN A DEED FROM WILLIAM H. BENSON AND JANE BENSON, HIS WIFE, TO WESLEY BOYD DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1883 RECORDED IN LIBER EBP FOLIO 410, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.

PARCEL TWO: ONE (1) ACRE OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED FROM REZIN PRATHER TO WESLEY BOYD DATED APRIL 1, 1889 AND RECORDS IN LIBER JA 34 AT FOLIO 121, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.

WHICH HAS AN ADDRESS OF 20600 PRATHERTOWN ROAD, GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND 20879

SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD SAID LAND AND PREMISES ABOVE DESCRIBED OR MENTIONED AND HEREBY INTENDED TO BE CONVEYED, TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREUPON ERECTED, MADE OR BEING, AND ALL AND EVERY TITLE, RIGHT, PRIVILEGES, APPURTENANCES AND ADVANTAGES THEREUNTO BELONGING, OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING, UNTO AND FOR THE PROPER USE ONLY, BENEFIT AND BEHALF FOREVER OF SAID PARTY OF THE SECOND PART IN FEE SIMPLE, BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN, AMONG THE SAID LAND RECORDS.

AND THE SAID PARTY OF THE FIRST PART COVENANT THAT HE WILL WARRANT SPECIALLY THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED AND THAT HE WILL EXECUTE SUCH FURTHER ASSURANCES OF SAID LAND AS MAY BE REQUISITE OR NECESSARY

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, THE SAID PARTY OF THE FIRST PART HAS SET HIS HANDS AND SEALS THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.

IN PRESENCE OF  
Jean Alond  
JEAN ALOND

Ken W. Wilson  
KEN W. WILSON  
C/O Cecile E. Avery  
7748 west Autumn Drive, Homosassa Spring, FL  
34446-1723

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in my presence, this  
17 day of Sept 1999, a Notary Public  
in and for the State of Maryland

205  
MARCIA PEREIRA MENDOZA  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND  
My Comm. expires October 11, 2001

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SEP 17 1999

9-1-968247-

All taxes on assessments certified to the Collector of Taxes for Montgomery County, Md. by ~~the~~ *the* Finance Dept. of Finance Montgomery County, Md. This statement is for the purpose of permitting recordation and is not assurance against further taxation even for prior periods, nor does it guarantee satisfaction of outstanding tax sales.

TRANSFER WITHOUT CONSIDERATION

*Bluma*

Prepared by JEAN ALOND  
*Jean Alond*

GRANTEE'S ADDRESS:

99 MAR 15 P 3:54 B  
FILED  
MOLLY D. RUHL  
CLERKS OFFICE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY MD

**THIS DEED**

9-1-788047  
Tax Account No./Parcel Identifier

Made this 4th day of February, 1999, by and between ALMA F. FELDER and ARNOLD BOYD and JOSEPH L. FORD and ROGER W. FORD, parties of the first part, and JEAN ALOND, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the sum of \$85,000.00, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and which parties of the first part certify under the penalties of perjury as the actual consideration paid or to be paid, including the amount of any mortgage or deed of trust outstanding, the said parties of the first part do grant and convey unto the party of the second part in fee simple as sole owner, all that property situate in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, State of Maryland, described as:

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which has an address of 20800 PRATHERTOWN ROAD, GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND 20879.

SUBJECT to covenants, essements and restrictions of record.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said land and premises above described or mentioned and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being, and all and every title, right, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, unto and for the proper use only, benefit and behalf forever of said party of the second part in fee simple. Being the same property described in , among the said Land Records.

AND the said parties of the first part covenant that they will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed and that they will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite or necessary.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Alma F. Felder (SEAL)  
ALMA F. FELDER

Arnold Boyd by Alma Felder (SEAL)  
ARNOLD BOYD Attorney in fact

Joseph L. Ford (SEAL)  
JOSEPH L. FORD

Roger W. Ford (SEAL)  
ROGER W. FORD

IMP FD SURE \$ 5.00  
RECORDING FEE 20.00  
RECORDATION T 374.00  
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STATE OF MARYLAND  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT;

I Hereby Certify, That on this 4th day of February, 1999, before me, the subscriber, did personally appear ALMA F. FELDER and ARNOLD BOYD and JOSEPH L. FORD and ROGER W. FORD, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the persons whose names la/are set forth in the within deed, and did further acknowledge that they executed the foregoing deed for the purposes therein contained.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL.

My Commission Expires:

Yaely E. Pierce  
NOTARY PUBLIC

YAELY E. PIERCE  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND  
My Commission Expires March 27, 2002

I certify that this instrument was prepared under the supervision of R. Elizabeth Evers, an attorney admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland.

R. Elizabeth Evers  
R. Elizabeth Evers

GRANTOR'S ADDRESS:

TITLE INSURER: STEWART TITLE

CASE # M-980731

AFTER RECORDING, RETURN TO:

MBS TITLE AND ESCROW, INC.  
1751 ELTON RD., #100  
SILVER SPRING, MD 20903

MAR 12 1999

9-1-968047

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\$ 850.00 TRANSFER TAX PAID  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY [Signature]

[Signature]

State of Maryland Land Instrument Intake Sheet  
 Baltimore City  County: MONTGOMERY

LF 16979.303

Information provided is for the use of the Clerk's Office, State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and County Finance Office only.

(Type or Print in Black Ink Only - All Copies Must Be Legible)

Check Box if Addendum Intake Form is Attached.

1 Type(s) of Instruments  
 Deed CASH DEAL  Mortgage  Other  Other PCA 300  
 Deed of Trust  Lease  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

2 Conveyance Type Check Box  
 Improved Sale  Unimproved Sale  Multiple Accounts  Not an Arms-Length Sale [9]  
 Arms-Length [1] Arms-Length [2] Arms-Length [3]

3 Tax Exemptions (If Applicable)  
 Recordation  State Transfer  County Transfer  
 Cite or Explain Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

M-480731

4 Consideration and Tax Calculations	Consideration Amount		Finance Office Use Only	
			Transfer and Recordation Tax Consideration	
Purchase Price/Consideration	\$	85,000.00	Transfer Tax Consideration	\$
Any New Mortgage	\$	0	X ( ) % =	\$
Balance of Existing Mortgage	\$	0	Less Exemption Amount	- \$
Other:	\$		Total Transfer Tax	= \$
Other:	\$		Recordation Tax Consideration	\$
Full Cash Value	\$		X ( ) per \$500 =	\$
			TOTAL DUE	\$

5 Fees	Amount of Fees		Agent:
	Doc. 1	Doc. 2	
Recording Charge	\$ 20.00	\$	Tax Bill:
Surcharge	\$ 5.00	\$	C.B. Credit:
State Recordation Tax	\$	\$	Ag. Tax/Other:
State Transfer Tax	\$	\$	
County Transfer Tax	\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$	

6 Description of Property  
 SDAT requires submission of all applicable information. A maximum of 40 characters will be indexed in accordance with the priority cited in Real Property Article Section 3-104(g)(3)(i).

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Tax ID No. (1): 9-1-768047 Grantor Liber/Folio: \_\_\_\_\_ Map: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Var. LOG:  (5)

Subdivision Name: DISEN'S MEADOWS Lot (3a): \_\_\_\_\_ Block (3b): \_\_\_\_\_ Sec/AR(3c): \_\_\_\_\_ Plat Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ SqFt/Acreage (4): \_\_\_\_\_

Location/Address of Property Being Conveyed (2): 20600 Prather town rd faithensburg md 20879

Other Property Identifiers (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Water Meter Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential  or Non-Residential  Fee Simple  or Grant Rent  Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Partial Conveyance:  Yes  No Description/Am. of SqFt/Acreage Transferred: \_\_\_\_\_

If Partial Conveyance, List Improvements Conveyed: \_\_\_\_\_

7 Transferred From

Doc. 1 - Grantor(s) Name(s): ALMA F. FELDES  
ARNOLD BOND

Doc. 2 - Grantor(s) Name(s): JOSEPH L. FORD  
ROGER W. FORD

Doc. 1 - Owner(s) of Record, if Different from Grantor(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Doc. 2 - Owner(s) of Record, if Different from Grantor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

8 Transferred To

Doc. 1 - Grantee(s) Name(s): JEAN ALOND

Doc. 2 - Grantee(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

New Owner's (Grantee) Mailing Address: PROPERTY

9 Other Names to Be Indexed

Doc. 1 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Doc. 2 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

10 Contact/Mail Information

Name: IMPOSTER  Return to Contact Person  
 Address: 1751 ELTON RD. #100  
SILVER SPRING, MD. 20903  
TEL. 301-445-0144  Hold for Pickup  
 Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  Return Address Provided

11 IMPORTANT: BOTH THE ORIGINAL DEED AND A PHOTOCOPY MUST ACCOMPANY EACH TRANSFER

Assessment Information  
 Yes  No Will the property being conveyed be the grantee's principal residence?  
 Yes  No Does transfer include personal property? If yes, identify: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Yes  No Was property surveyed? If yes, attach copy of survey (if recorded, no copy required).

Assessment Use Only - Do Not Write Below This Line

Transfer Number	Date Received	Deed Reference	Assigned Property No.
Year: <u>19</u>	Month: <u>19</u>	Geo. Map	Sub Block
Land Zoning	Use	Plat	Lot
Building Use	Town Cd.	Section	Orig. Cd.
Total	Ex. St.	Ex. Cd.	

REMARKS:

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Baltimore City & County: Montgomery

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1 Type(s) of Instruments  
 Deed  Mortgage  Other  
 Deed of Trust  Lease

2 Conveyance Type: Check Box  
 Improved Sale Arms-Length (1)  Unimproved Sale Arms-Length (2)  Multiple Accounts Arms-Length (3)  Not an Arms-Length Sale (9)

3 Tax Exemptions (If Applicable)  
Recording State Transfer  Father to son Transfer  
County Transfer

4 Consideration and Tax Calculations

Consideration Amount		Finance Office Use Only	
Purchase Price/Consideration	\$	Transfer and Recordation Tax Consideration	
Any New Mortgage	\$	Transfer Tax Consideration	\$
Balance of Existing Mortgage	\$	X ( ) % =	\$
Other:	\$	Less Exemption Amount	\$
		Total Transfer Tax	\$
Other:	\$	Recordation Tax Consideration	\$
		X ( ) per \$500 =	\$
Full Cash Value	\$	TOTAL DUE	\$

5 Fees

Amount of Fees	Doc. 1	Doc. 2	Agent:
Recording Charge	\$	\$	
Surcharge	\$	\$	Tax Bill:
State Recordation Tax	\$	\$	
State Transfer Tax	\$	\$	C.B. Credit:
County Transfer Tax	\$	\$	
Other	\$	\$	Ag. Tax/Other:
Other	\$	\$	

6 Description of Property  
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District: 11-78847 Property Tax ID No. (1) Grantor Liber/Folio: DESEY, JAMES Map: Parcel No.: Var. LOG (5)  
Subdivision Name: Lot (3a) Block (3b) Sect/AR(Jc): Plat Ref.: SqFt/Acreage (4)  
Location/Address of Property Being Conveyed (2): 20600 BRANTTOWN RD, GAITHERSBURG, MD  
Other Property Identifiers (if applicable): Water Meter Account No.:  
Residential  or Non-Residential  Fee Simple  or Ground Rent  Amount:  
Partial Conveyance? Yes  No  Description/Amt. of SqFt/Acreage Transferred:

7 Transferred From  
Doc. 1 - Grantor(s) Name(s): JEAN ELVIS Doc. 2 - Grantor(s) Name(s):  
Doc. 1 - Owner(s) of Record, if Different from Grantor(s) Doc. 2 - Owner(s) of Record, if Different from Grantor(s)

8 Transferred To  
Doc. 1 - Grantee(s) Name(s): REN W WILSON Doc. 2 - Grantee(s) Name(s):  
New Owner's (Grantee) Mailing Address:

9 Other Names to Be Indexed  
Doc. 1 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional) Doc. 2 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional)

10 Contact/Mail Information  
Instrument Submitted By or Contact Person:  Return to Contact Person  
Name: SAME AS ABOVE Firm: JEAN ELVIS Hold for Pickup  
Address: 20600 BRANTTOWN RD, GAITHERSBURG, MD 20879 Phone: (301) 20789 Return Address Provided

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Assessment Information: Yes  No  Will the property being conveyed be the grantee's principal residence?  
Yes  No  Does transfer include personal property? If yes, identify:  
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AOC-CC-300 (6/95)

This Deed, made this 25th day of September, 1980, by and between

WYNN L. BOYD

party of the first part, and ARNOLD BOYD, ALMA F. FELDER, JOSEPH L. FORD  
and ROGER W. FORD

parties of the second part:

That whereas, that in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) the said party of the first part does grant and convey unto Arnold Boyd an undivided one-half (1/2) interest; unto Alma F. Felder an undivided one-sixth (1/6) interest; unto Joseph L. Ford an undivided one-sixth (1/6) interest; and unto Robert W. Ford an undivided one-sixth (1/6) interest of the interest which Wynn L. Boyd received by a certain deed dated 6/26/78 from Mary Jane Graves, recorded 6/20/79, parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, in fee simple all piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Montgomery County, State of Maryland, described as follows to wit:

Parts of a tract of land called "DORSEY'S MEADOWS"

Parcel One: One (1) acre of land described in a deed from William H. Benson and Jane Benson, his wife, to Wesley Boyd dated 9/27/1883 recorded in Liber EBP Folio 410 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Parcel Two: One (1) acre of land described in a Deed from Rezin Prather to Wesley Boyd dated 4/1/1889 and recorded in Liber JA 34 Folio 121 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

This conveyance has no consideration. *This is an intra-family transaction.*

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And the said party of the first part covenants that he will warrant specially ~~and~~ the property hereby conveyed;

and that he will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite.

In witness my hand and seal

WIT:

*Kathleen Haggie* ..... *Wynn L. Boyd* ..... (SEAL)  
WYNN L. BOYD ..... (SEAL)

STATE OF MARYLAND } To Wit:  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY }

On this 25th day of September, 1980, before me, KATHLEEN HAGGIE the undersigned officer, personally appeared WYNN L. BOYD

known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:  
July 1, 1982

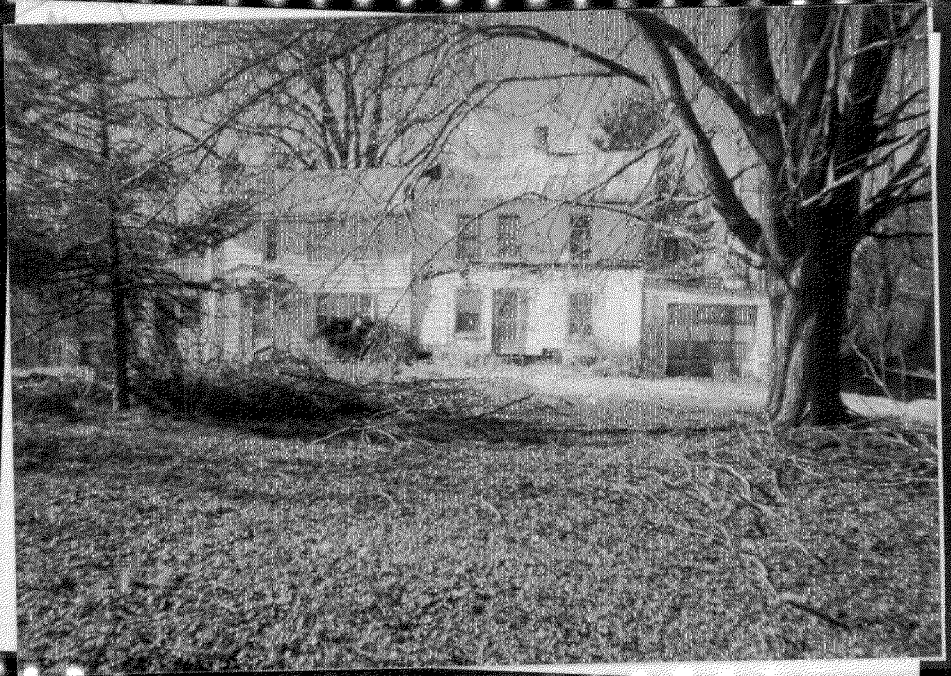
*Kathleen Haggie*  
KATHLEEN HAGGIE  
Notary Public



THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within instrument was prepared by or under the supervision of the undersigned, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

*Stephen E. Moss*  
STEPHEN E. MOSS, Attorney

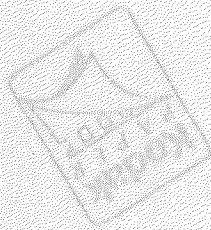




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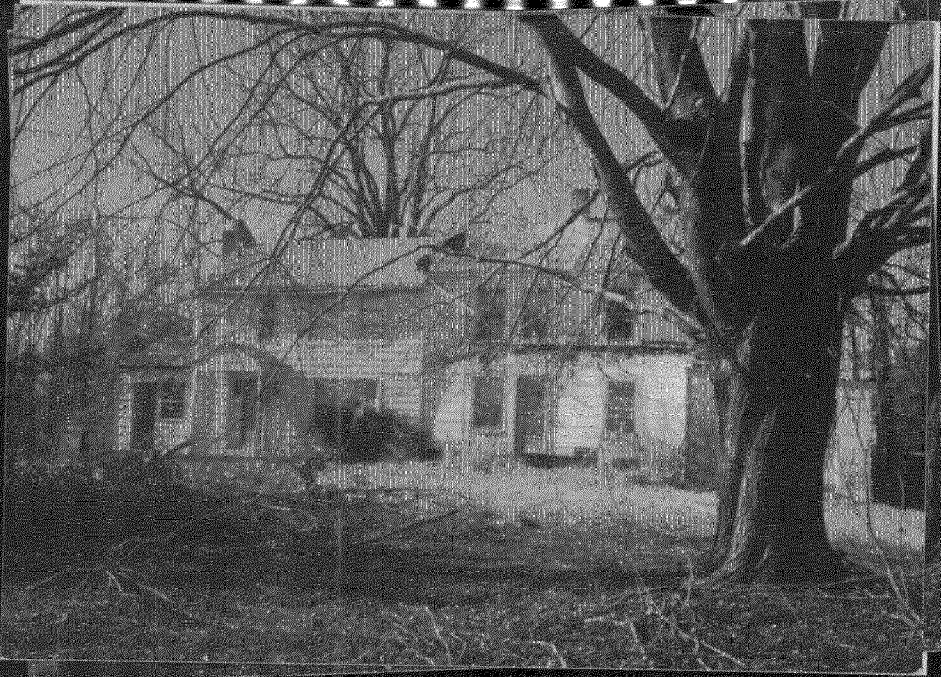
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*Wesley Boyd House*

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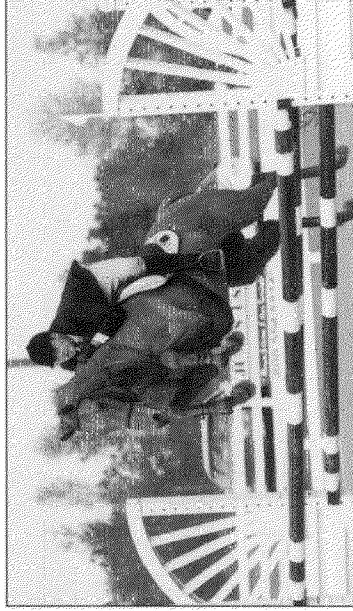
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## GREAT SENECA CREEK BRIDGE During The Civil War

From September 5th through 7th, 1862, when General Lee with 35,000 troops crossed the Potomac River and moved toward Frederick, there was concern among Union leadership that the Baltimore Road would be used by the Confederates to invade Washington. On September 6, 1862, a squadron of the 1st New York Cavalry was sent to the Great Seneca Creek Bridge. Two days later, General Reno's Corps were given orders to hold the Great Seneca Creek Bridge. On September 10, Major General George B. McClellan wrote to Major General Halleck, "General Brunsdine has 5,000 men at Goshen and Seneca Bridge." (ref. Official Records of Union and Confederate Armies. Prepared by the Secretary of War, 1887. Charles T. Jacobs, Civil War Guide to Montgomery County, Maryland 1996).

In more recent times, the Reverend James Edwin Prather, a descendant of the African American founder of Pratherstown, baptized his parishioners from his church in Damstown in the Great Seneca Creek. The church members wanted to be cleansed in the river just like in the bible.



*Sycamore Hollow Farm where the annual Goshen Hunt Ball is held.*

Susan Soderberg, Education and Outreach Planner (301) 563-3405

Author, *A History of Germantown, Maryland*, 1988

Clare Cavicchi, Historic Preservation Planner

Author, *Places from the Past: The Tradition of Gardez Bien in*

Montgomery County, Maryland, 2001

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Greater Goshen Civic Association

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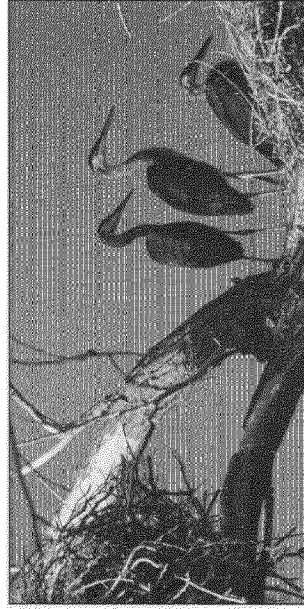
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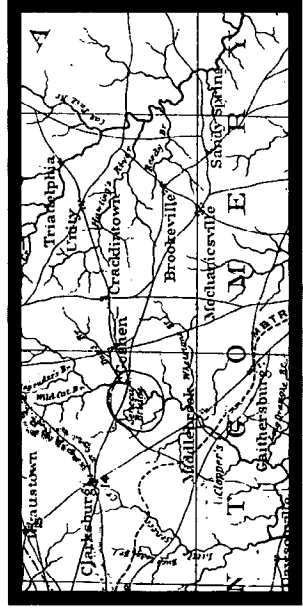
Valie Aghamalian, Erin Nisson, and James D. Rogers.

## THE STORY OF PRATHERTOWN

Pratherstown was founded in 1883 by emancipated slaves, Moses, Marshall, Joh, Rezin, and Annie Prather. They purchased a total of nearly 7 acres of land that was part of Dorsey's Meadows from William Benson for a total of \$390 dollars in cash. Later adjacent land was purchased by James and Moses Wilson, Wesley Boyd and Basel Frazier. Pratherstown is one of the oldest African American communities in Montgomery County (ref. Sharon Prather). Most of the people living in Pratherstown today are the direct descendants of the people above. Pratherstown has managed to survive even though many African American historic communities have disappeared. Between 40 to 60 communities survive in the county today. With the exception of Pratherstown most have lost their identity.



*The section of the historic Seneca Greenway Trail which stretches from the Potomac River to Goshen has opened.*



*Compiled by the Topographical Engineering War Department, July, 1861.*

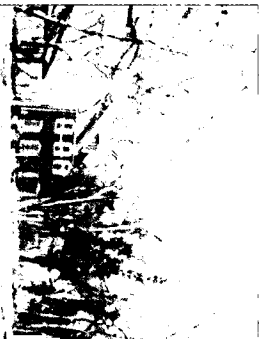
## GREAT SENECA CREEK BRIDGE — a landmark in history —

5,000 Union troops were stationed at the Great Seneca Creek Bridge on September 1862, before the Battle of Antietam to prevent a Confederate surprise attack on Washington.



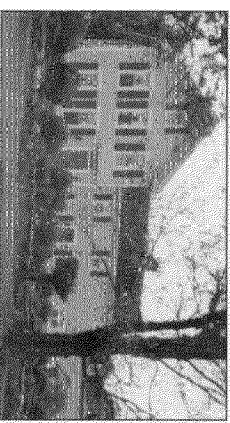
## THE HOMES of Seneca Creek

**Woodbourne Estate** (Blunt-Dorsey House), is home to five generations of the Blunt family. A brick clad manor home built in the 1800s. The Prather family were slaves on this plantation which was a self-contained manor home. Reverend James Edwin Prather describes the old slave quarters which still had iron bars at the windows.



## GREAT SENECA CREEK BRIDGE a historic landmark

The Great Seneca Creek Bridge played an important role in the Civil War, only during the Antietam Campaign because it was on one of the most important routes to Washington. President Lincoln feared that the Confederate armies would launch a surprise attack on Washington through Brink, Goshen, Laytonville to Route 108 and Georgia Avenue into Washington.



Nicholas Dorsey and his wife, Rachel Warfield, left Annapolis and moved to the "Big Seneca" in Montgomery County in the mid-1700s." During the American Revolutionary War, their son Nicholas Jr., and other residents of the Seneca Creek area were in the Flying Camp, the 4th Maryland Regiment that was engaged in the Battle of Brandywine, 1777, and the Battle of Monmouth, 1776.

In 1812, Nicholas Dorsey, Sr. was appointed commissioner to keep the Great Seneca Creek Bridge in repair for seven years. The Bridge was on the Old Baltimore Road.

The Great Seneca Creek Bridge played an important role in the Civil War

## THE HISTORIC STORY of Seneca Creek

Seneca is named after the Seneca Indians of New York State, part of the Algonquian Nation, who lived in small hunting bands in Montgomery County (ref. Susan Soderberg, Upcounty Remembered).

In 1730, Seneca Creek became a major area for Methodist conversion. John Wesley, the English theologian, evangelist, and founder of the Methodist Church, sent his representatives to establish the Methodist Church in the Seneca Creek area and Poolesville. The Goshen Methodist Church was founded in 1790.

In 1737, Joshua Pigman established the Goshen Mills, located on the headwaters of the Seneca between Laytonville and Clarksburg, which were described as being impressive in appearance and situated on the Great Seneca Creek. These mills along with many others became the backbone of the early farming community of Goshen, an area with gentle rolling hills and fertile valleys described as the land of milk and honey.

These mills on the Seneca Creek created towns and the roads to the mills provided the connecting link between the towns and cities in Montgomery County. Goshen Mills on the Seneca was described as being "situated on the great roads leading from the Mouth of the monocracy to Baltimore, and within three miles of the State road leading from Frederick Town to the Federal City." (ref. Ardith Boggs, *Goshen, Its History and People*) (Rt. 355).

John Davis owned a mill located on Wildcat Creek. His home was on Blunt Road, on top of a hill overlooking the mill. During the Civil War, John Davis and his family ground flour and baked bread all night for the troops who were passing through.



**The Posey House**, built at the turn of the century, is the last remaining example of folk architecture of Pratherstown.

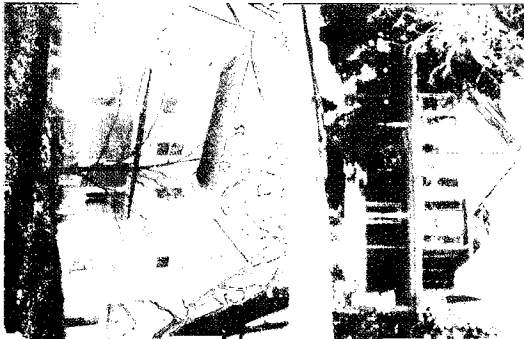


**The Boyd House**, a manor home built by the original owner Wesley Boyd, is located on Pratherstown Road. This house was a cultural center for Pratherstown.

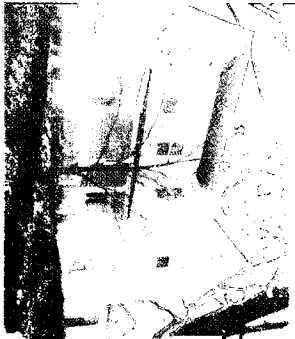
On Sunday afternoons, there would be teas and concerts and people would come from all over Montgomery County and Washington, D.C.

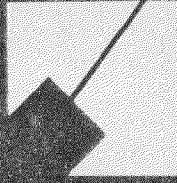


**The Thompson-Wightman House**, on Wightman Road was built in the late 1800s. It is said the house has a ghost, the elder Mr. Wightman has been seen walking around the house. The house is indexed as a historical site by the Historical Preservation Committee.



**The Benson House**, is a frame house built in the 1800s. The Benson family sold a tract of land that was part of Dorsey Meadows to the Prather family in 1883, after members of the Prather family received their independence.





The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Montgomery County Planning Department

From the Desk of: *Clare Cavicchi*

7-17-02

Dear Dianne,

Here are some possible leads  
for the owner of the Boyd's Hse.  
I found them on Netscape.com  
website.

The Protection booklet sounds like  
a good project. Susan + I  
would be happy to look at  
a draft

Best wishes,  
Clare



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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33351

Phone: 954-749-8257

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Phone: 352-799-1064

East of Citrus County:  
Ken Wilson  
2250 SE 14th St  
Ocala, FL 34471

Phone: 352-622-2089

July 14, 2002

Dear Clare:

Enclosed are two photographs of homes that appear similar to the Boyd House, ie a two story colonel. The Boyd House consists of two dwellings and I am not sure if it was being used as a duplex or if the newer section is just an extension of the older home. Mr. Wilson may not be aware of the appreciation in the value of houses in the County. Even the smaller houses in this area are being sold for \$500,000 or more. With the completion of the assisted living complex on Prathertown Road, the sewer will be available to all of the homes in Prathertown. His house is setting on a beautiful lot with some very lovely old trees and can still be saved with some renovations. We called the number you gave us but the lady who answered the phone said that she and her husband had just moved there. We had called this number several months ago and I remembered the previous conversation when she answered the phone. I believe Mr. Wilson is living in Citrus County. ???

I could contact Social Security but I had no luck with them in the past. During World War II, my cousin was a navigator on a B-17 that crashed in Yugoslavia. About 5 years ago, the Croatian Embassy called and wanted to set up a reunion with the survivors and the partisans who saved them. Well, I asked Social Security to forward the letters to the survivors. Three years passed and they did not give me any information, not even if they had forward the letters. Finally, we put an ad in a Veterans Newsletters and within the year the last survivor contacted us. During that time, one of the other survivors had passed away and the two remaining partisans had died also. The remaining survivor was gravely ill and could not travel. He did send a copy of a marvelous book he had written that detailed all the things that had happened in the plane before it crashed. So much for locating people through Social Security. Although there have been many successes.

I talked with Rosemary Arkoian and Bonnie Bell who were with me when we asked Angelina Carpenter in the Posey House and Mr. D'Arco in the Benson House if we could send in information on their homes to the Preservation Committee for a historic nomination. We are positive that we identified ourselves as being members of the Goshen Civic Association. We expressed concern over the building of a highway through here and the increase in high density developments. I asked Mr. D'Arco three times if we could send in his house. He didn't answer. Finally, I said that, "there is a good chance that none of these houses will be accepted by the Historic Preservation Committee because they have stringent guidelines. Can we send in your house anyway?" At that point, I think he said "yes." He was doing some modification in the interior part of his home and did not want any interference. I asked permission to take photographs for this brochure I was working on. Andrea Mitchell and her children had joined us since they were putting together a book on the houses in Wightman-Brink Area and they, too, asked permission to take photographs of his house. He may have gotten things confused since I got the impression that his thoughts were elsewhere. Afterall, we did interrupt his work at the time. *recommended*

We are working on a booklet on Prathertown based on the interviews with the Reverend Prather. It will be about 20 pages with only about 10 pages of text. The book would be providing information and not a detailed scholarly piece of work. We did find some rather interesting information. One of the developers tried to get approval to build a dam on Seneca Creek for flood control in Montgomery Village. According to Reverend Prather, the developer would have flooded the entire area, including all of Prathertown. I wanted you and Susan to look at the draft which should be ready in about four weeks.

Tell Susan we did find some information on the copper mines on Seneca Creek. We are waiting for the Maryland Historic Society to send the articles to us.

I should have all of the deeds for the Benson House which I will send within the next two weeks.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Atay". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and phone number.

Joanne Atay  
(301)443-4862

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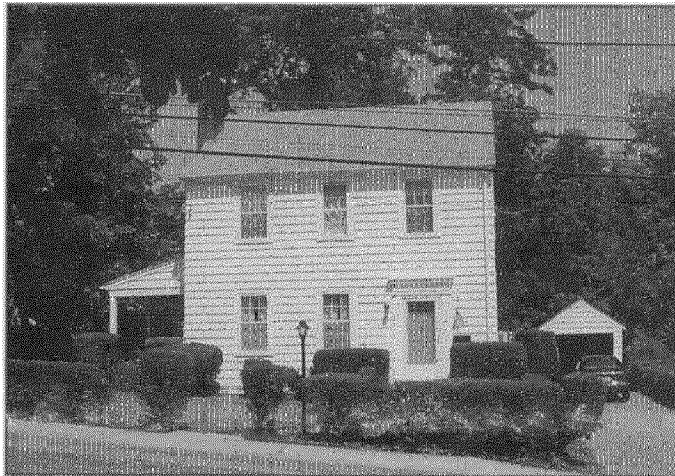
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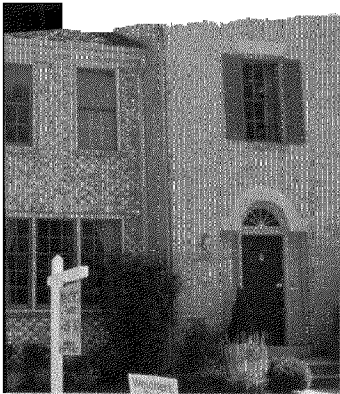
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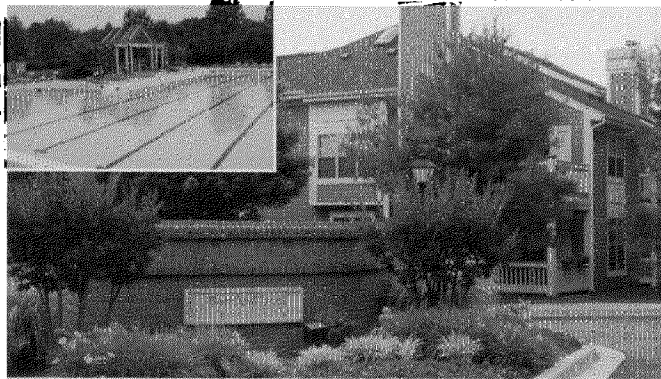
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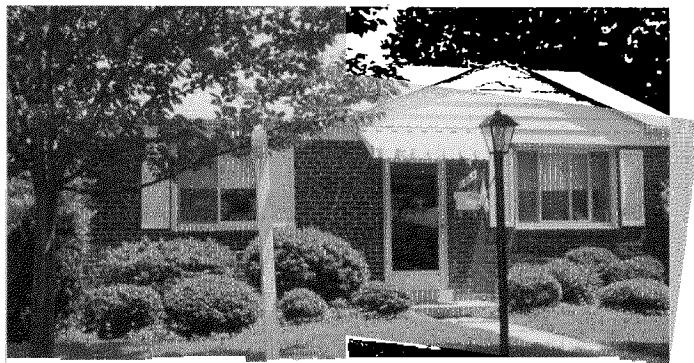
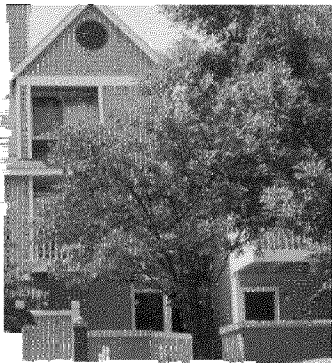
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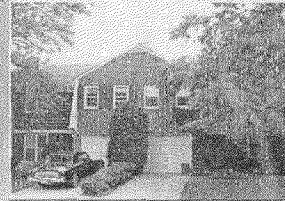
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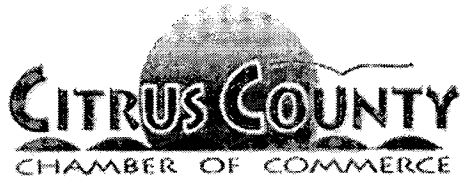


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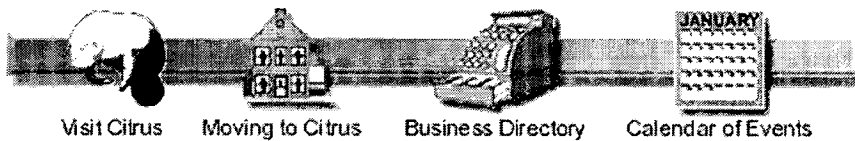
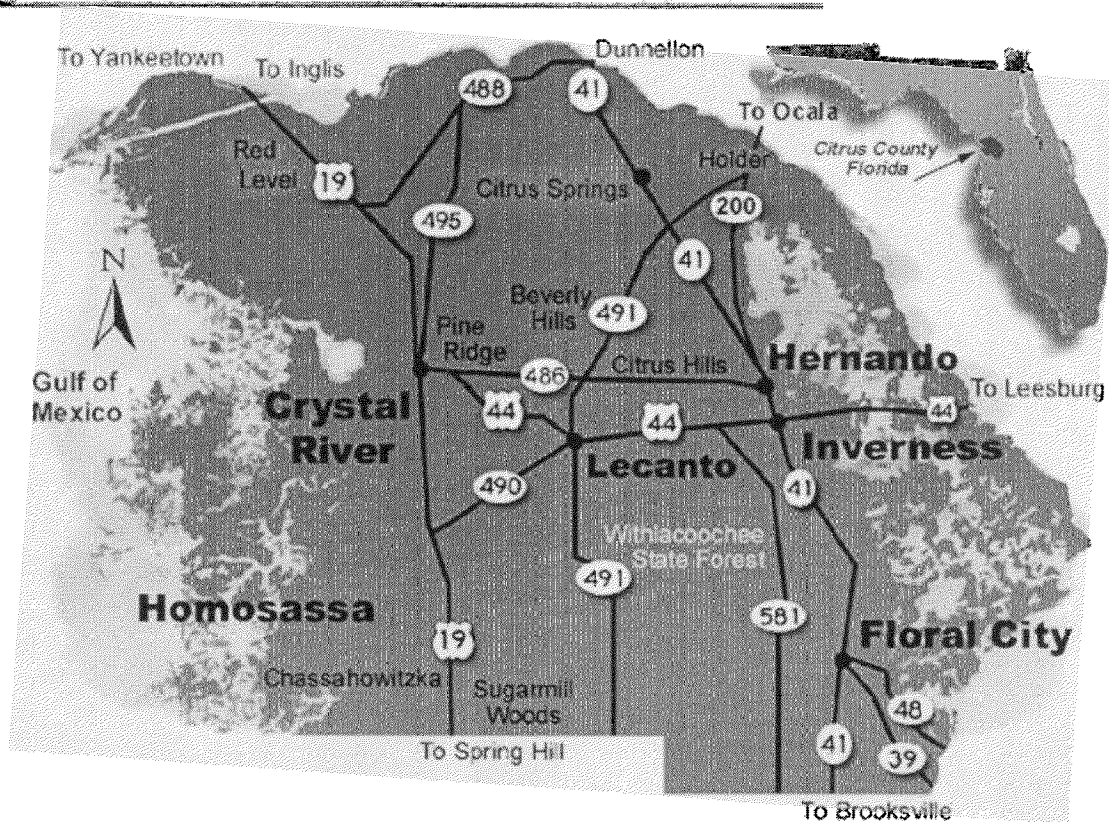


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<b>Owner Information</b>
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<b>Owner Name:</b> WILSON, KEN W  <b>Mailing Address:</b> C/O CECILE E AVERY 7748 WEST AUTUMN DR HOMOSSASSA SPRING FL 34446-1723	<b>Use:</b> RESIDENTIAL <b>Principal Residence:</b> NO <b>Deed Reference:</b> 1) /17502/ 368 2)
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<b>Location &amp; Structure Information</b>
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<b>Premises Address</b> 20600 PRATHERTOWN RD GAITHERSBURG 20879-1261	<b>Zoning</b> R200	<b>Legal Description</b> DORSEYS MEADOW
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Map	Grid	Parcel	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	Plat Ref:
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Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
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Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1925		87,120.00 SF	910

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

<b>Value Information</b>
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<b>Improvements:</b>	0	0		
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<b>Transfer Information</b>
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<b>Seller:</b> ALOND, JEAN <b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Date:</b> 09/17/1999 <b>Deed1:</b> /16879/ 301	<b>Price:</b> \$0 <b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b> WESTLEY BOYD ET AL <b>Type:</b> UNIMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Date:</b> 03/15/1999 <b>Deed1:</b> / 5663/ 374	<b>Price:</b> \$85,000 <b>Deed2:</b>
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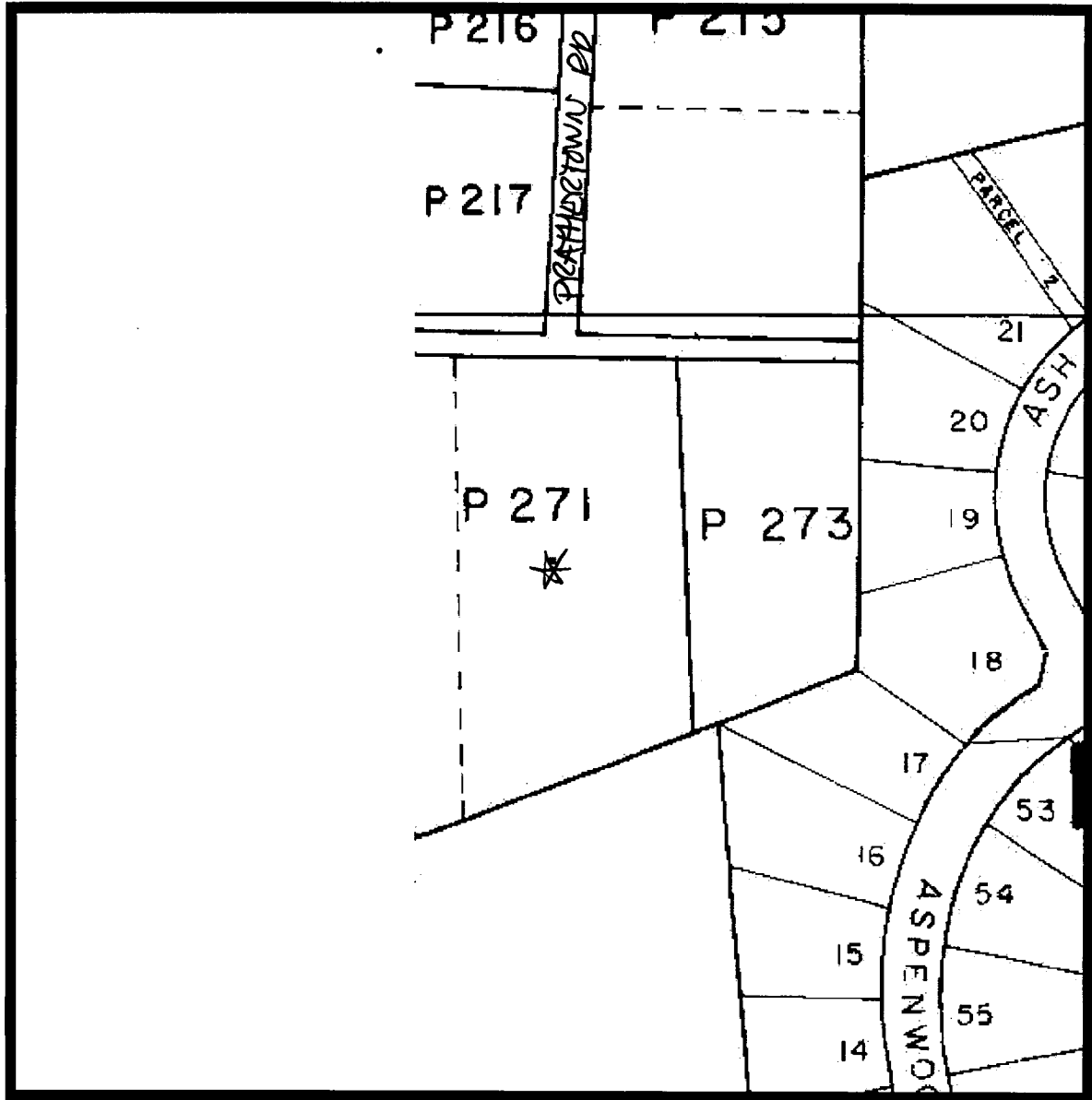
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July 10, 2002

Dear Clare,

Enclosed are the Boyd House deeds going back to Wesley Boyd. I could not find very much documentation on the house but I am enclosing the material that I currently have. I will continue to search.

I have not been able to reach Mr. Wilson who is the owner of the Boyd House. He is living in Florida but has an unlisted number. Since there is a lot of vandalism occurring around his house, I called the Montgomery County Police but they were not very encouraging. I also called the Gaithersburg Police but their jurisdiction stops at the Montgomery Village line. I guess we can make our own signs and place around the house. A sign that states a \$75,000 fine for vandalism or "vandals will be prosecuted" might be a deterrent.

The telephone operator gave me the telephone number of the Sheriff in Mr. Wilson's county but I don't want to appear to be harassing him. He should be notified. He has beautiful furniture being stored in there, including an antique grandfather clock. Actually, the house is nearly a 100 years old and there should be some responsibility on his part to do at least some minimum repairs and upkeep. It is sad to see that lovely old home just falling to the ground.

I would appreciate it if you have any ideas on how to find his address.

Judy Christensen said that she would have the Inventory form for the Posey House filled in by the end of this week. She has been very busy. I will give her the Boyd house inventory form and continue to search for more information.

The older part of the house seems to be in better repair than the new addition. From the photographs you can see two houses connected, the old and the new. According to Sharon Prather, the Boyd House was a cultural center for Prathertown. Teas and concerts were held on Sunday afternoons and people from all over the county and from Washington, D.C. would attend.

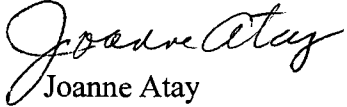
I have only one more house and that is the Bensen House. The family living there are keeping it beautifully maintained. They are the owners and they said that their house could be put on the historic register.

The owner of the Posey House, Mr. McGee, sold the house and the new owner informed Angelina Carpenter that she and her husband could purchase the house at the end of the year. I hope they got that in writing. The Carpenters have lived in the Posey house for 10 years and have kept it nicely maintained. They have been trying to purchase that house for the last three years. They are first time buyers so there is a lot of assistance there and they have minority

status being Native Americans.

Clare thank you very much. We will try to uncover as much information as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Atay".

Joanne Atay  
21109 Kaul Lane  
Germantown, Maryland 20876

(301) 443-4862 day phone

(301) 330-4901 evening phone



Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation  
**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**  
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Account Identifier: District - 09 Account Number - 00768047

**Owner Information**

Owner Name: WILSON, KEN W *non published* Use: RESIDENTIAL  
 Principal Residence: NO  
 Mailing Address: C/O CECILE E AVERY Deed Reference: 1) /17502/ 368 BOOK PAGE  
 7748 WEST AUTUMN DR 2) (Liber) (folio)  
 HOMOSASSA SPRING FL 34446-1723

**Location & Structure Information**

Premises Address: 20600 PRATHERTOWN RD Zoning: R200 Legal Description: DORSEYS MEADOW  
 GAITHERSBURG 20879-1261

Map	Grid	Parcel	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	
FU53		P271	1				82	Plat Ref:	
Special Tax Areas			Town						
			Ad Valorem						
			Tax Class	42					
Primary Structure Built		Enclosed Area		Property Land Area		County Use			
1925				87,120.00 SF		910			
Stories	Basement		Type		Exterior				
2	NO		STANDARD UNIT		FRAME				

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2000	As Of	As Of
			07/01/2001	07/01/2002
Land:	82,600	82,600		
Improvements:	0	0		
Total:	82,600	82,600	82,600	82,600
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

Seller: ALOND, JEAN	Date: 09/17/1999	Price: \$0
Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: /16879/ 301	Deed2:
Seller: WESTLEY BOYD ET AL	Date: 03/15/1999	Price: \$85,000
Type: UNIMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 5663/ 374	Deed2:
Seller:	Date: 02/27/1981	Price: \$0
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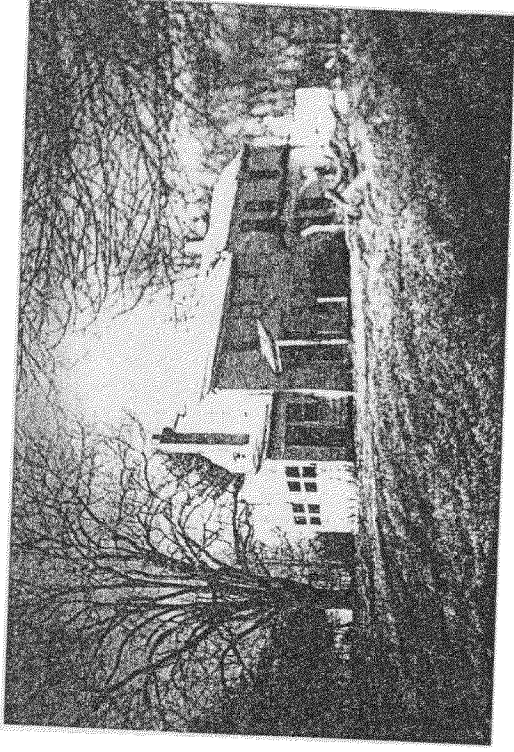
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*3277*

*JA 34 121*

### Boyd House

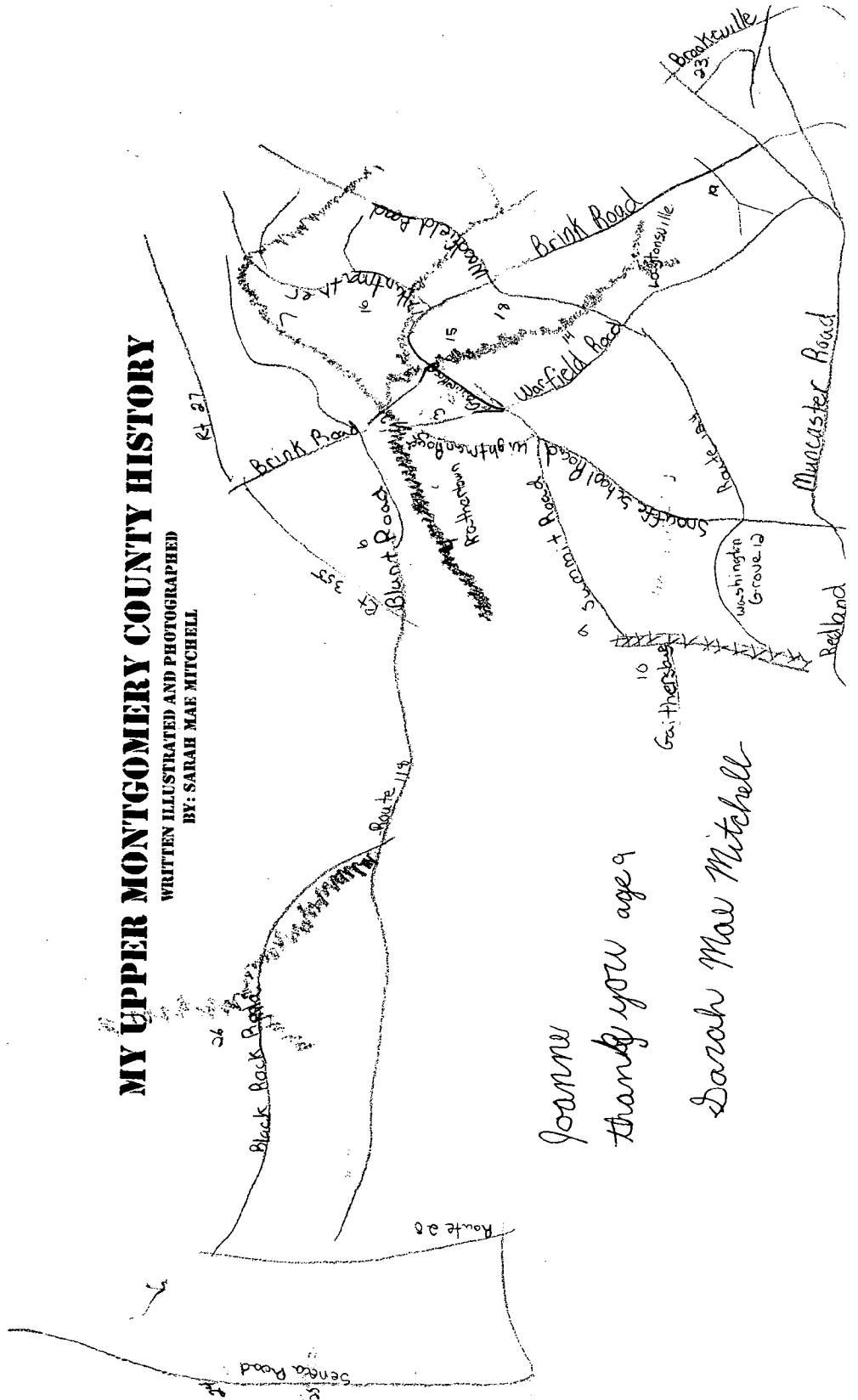
This is a house that was an African American Cultural Center in the early 1900's and maybe in the late 1800's. Tina Clark remembers friends coming out from Washington D.C. on Sunday afternoons. This elder resident was related by marriage to the Prathers. She remembers Sunday afternoon tea parties with tables in front of the house and ladies in long white dresses. Although this house is falling apart we are hopeful that someone could buy it and bring it back as Mrs. Clark remembers it.



# MY UPPER MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORY

WRITTEN ILLUSTRATED AND PHOTOGRAPHED

BY: SARAH MAE MITCHELL



Joann  
thank you age 9  
Sarah Mae Mitchell

Interview with Reverend Prather  
March 9, 1974

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daddy is the church?" I said "Jay, he's in a better church than we'll ever find on this old earth." I told him, that's right! And so, but he: really . . . he always talks about that. That's all his talking. I'm kind of inclined to feel that one of these days that he will take to that. Because I actually feel that if his daddy had lived, that it would have been the same, that he'd have been in the ministry. Because the General told us when he gave us the Purple Heart, he said James had only been in Vietnam for thirty days but already the men in his company had begun to call his <sup>M</sup> "Reverend" he said. He said that he would lead that company every morning in prayer.

Stevens: He must have been pretty active in the church then.

Prather: My son?

Stevens: Yes.

Prather: Started at six, the age of six. He started at the age of six. And his picture's up there when I was officiating in one of the biggest churches in Washington, and he sang a solo that Sunday morning at eleven o'clock and I tell you there wasn't a dry eye in that church. It's a mystery to see a young fellow like that (telephone interrupts).

Stevens: In the land records they mention other people's names. You know how they used to describe the land, running from the rock under the tree in the south corner, but a couple of names: Wesley Boyd, James and Moses Wilson, are these people still around?

Prather: Their property, yes. Now, Wesley Boyd's property is this big white house right up here, at the top of the hill. And he only has one son living now, and he's up there.

Stevens: Is he black?

Prather: That's right, yeah. And Moses Wilson's property, that is the

property that Kettler had bought. That's Moses Wilson's property, joined Wesley Boyd's property, and that was the old Moses Wilson property. So Kettler got that. Well, another black boy bought it before, his name was James Johnson, and James Johnson sold it to Kettler Brothers.

Stevens: What about Basil Frazier?

Prather: Yeah, yeah. That's Basil's old property right out there, well, used to be his property. His granddaughter, great granddaughter lives up there now.

Stevens: But they were considered part of Prathertown?

Prather: Yeah, yeah, uh huh. Now the Fraziers were all connected up with the Prathers, too, somewhere, I don't know, I can't untangle it. But I do know that (laughs).

Stevens: I read where this Edward Johnson, the fellow who bought up the Emory Grove campground and ran the ballpark, they said Satchel Paige used to play there.

Prather: Yeah.

Stevens: So they were like the major league black ball teams that came down.

Prather: Yeah, we had some major league teams used to come up there, the Homes, <sup>thead</sup> the Grays, used to come out there.

Stevens: Did they play only at night, or Saturday afternoons?

Prather: Nights and Saturday afternoons, yeah, they used to have--the blacks used to have a horse show down there. But that didn't last but a couple of years because Johnson was the first black, or white, that had a night ballpark around here, and so right away. . .

Stevens: Did everybody come, or was it just the blacks.

Prather: Well, no everybody came. But then wasn't long before the Agriculture Department out here in Gaithersburg got together and put

liberal.



themselves, put this one up.

Stevens: Oh, the ballpark out here.

Prather: Yeah, yeah. But Johnson was actually, he was the first guy out here that had a nice park, night park.

Stevens: He must have been a real entrepreneur.

Prather: Oh, he was. Johnson, really, he was. Because he used to have, he started with a little old taxi cab, 29 taxicabs. And something happened he got some blood poisoning got into his arm then I think and his arm had to be amputated and I understand that they used some needle, something or other unsterilized thing and that's how he got started.

Stevens: Sounds like that how he ended! But that's how he got started in the business?

Prather: Yeah.

Stevens: He owned a beer hall, or something?

Prather: Yeah, old beer garden. This man was, and Johnson owned a lot of property, in Rockville and in Emory Grove. He owned a lot of property.

Stevens: Did people used to go to parties at this beer garden?

Prather: Yeah. They used to go to parties there. I went there several times. I mean, when it first opened up. People might say, well Reverend why do you want to go to a beer garden. Well, listen, if I'm going to be a light for somebody, help somebody, I can't keep my light under a bushel. I've got to be out there. You can be with a thing, you don't have to be of it. Now people might say, Oh I saw Reverend. . . He's just as much anything, I mean people are going to say that. I tell you, see. I mean, you have to go where the happenings are if you want to be of help to them.

Stevens: Well, when you were younger, and weren't quite so pure (laughs) did you used to go out to parties?

GRANTEE'S ADDRESS:

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MOLLY Q. RUHL  
CLERK'S OFFICE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY MD  
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**THIS DEED**

9-1-768047  
Tax Account No./Parcel Identifier

Made this 4th day of February, 1999, by and between ALMA F. FELDER and ARNOLD BOYD and JOSEPH L. FORD and ROGER W. FORD, parties of the first part, and JEAN ALOND, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the sum of \$85,000.00, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and which parties of the first part certify under the penalties of perjury as the actual consideration paid or to be paid, including the amount of any mortgage or deed of trust outstanding, the said parties of the first part do grant and convey unto the party of the second part in fee simple as sole owner, all that property situate in MONTGOMERY COUNTY, State of Maryland, described as:

**PARTS OF A TRACT OF LAND CALLED "DORSEY'S MEADOWS"**

**PARCEL ONE: ONE (1) ACRE OF LAND DESCRIBED IN A DEED FROM WILLIAM H. BENSON AND JANE BENSON, HIS WIFE, TO WESLEY BOYD DATED SEPTEMBER 27, 1883 RECORDED IN LIBER EBP FOLIO 410, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.**

**PARCEL TWO: ONE (1) ACRE OF LAND DESCRIBED IN DEED FROM REZIN PRATHER TO WESLEY BOYD DATED APRIL 1, 1889 AND RECORDS IN LIBER JA 34 AT FOLIO 121, AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND.**

which has an address of 20600 PRATHERTOWN ROAD, GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND 20879.

SUBJECT to covenants, easements and restrictions of record.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD said land and premises above described or mentioned and hereby intended to be conveyed, together with the buildings and improvements thereupon erected, made or being, and all and every title, right, privileges, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, unto and for the proper use only, benefit and behalf forever of said party of the second part in fee simple. Being the same property described in , among the said Land Records.

AND the said parties of the first part covenant that they will warrant specially the property hereby conveyed and that they will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite or necessary.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Alma F. Felder (SEAL)  
ALMA F. FELDER

Arnold Boyd by Alma Felder  
ARNOLD BOYD Attorney in fact

Joseph L. Ford (SEAL)  
JOSEPH L. FORD

Roger W. Ford (SEAL)  
ROGER W. FORD

IMP FD SURE \$ 5.00  
RECORDING FEE 20.00  
RECORDATION T 374.00  
TR TAX STATE 425.00  
TOTAL 824.00  
Rec# MOB? Rec# \$ 85465  
MOR MAD BIL# \$ 3868  
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STATE OF MARYLAND  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TO WIT;

I Hereby Certify, That on this 4th day of February, 1999, before me, the subscriber, did personally appear ALMA F. FELDER and ARNOLD BOYD and JOSEPH L. FORD and ROGER W. FORD, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the persons whose names is/are set forth in the within deed, and did further acknowledge that they executed the foregoing deed for the purposes therein contained.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL.

My Commission Expires:

Yoely E Pierce  
NOTARY PUBLIC

YAELY E. PIERCE  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND  
My Commission Expires: March 27, 2002

I certify that this instrument was prepared under the supervision of R. Elizabeth Evers, an attorney admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of the State of Maryland.

R. Elizabeth Evers  
R. Elizabeth Evers

GRANTOR'S ADDRESS:

TITLE INSURER: STEWART TITLE

CASE # M-980731

AFTER RECORDING, RETURN TO:

MBS TITLE AND ESCROW, INC.  
1751 ELTON RD., #100  
SILVER SPRING, MD 20903

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9-1-768047

All taxes on assessments certified to the Collector of Taxes for Montgomery County Md. by 2/12/99 have been paid Dept. of Finance Montgomery County Md. This statement is for the purpose of permitting recordation and is not insurance against further taxation even for prior periods, nor does it guarantee satisfaction of outstanding tax sales.

\$ 850.00 TRANSFER TAX PAID  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND  
BY [Signature]

[Signature]

**State of Maryland Land Instrument Intake Sheet**  
**Baltimore City**  **County: MONTGOMERY**

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1 Type(s) of Instruments  Check Box if Addendum Intake Form is Attached

Deed CASH DEAL  Mortgage  Other \_\_\_\_\_  Other PCA 200

Deed of Trust  Lease

2 Conveyance Type Check Box  Improved Sale  Unimproved Sale  Multiple Accounts  Not an Arms-Length Sale

Arms-Length [1] Arms-Length [2] Arms-Length [3] Length Sale [9]

3 Tax Exemptions (if Applicable)  Recordation  State Transfer  County Transfer

Cite or Explain Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

m-980731

4 Consideration and Tax Calculations	Consideration Amount		Finance Office Use Only	
	Purchase Price/Consideration	Any New Mortgage	Transfer Tax Consideration	Recordation Tax Consideration
	\$85,000.00	\$ 0	\$	\$
	\$ 0	\$ 0	X ( ) % = \$	Less Exemption Amount = \$
	\$	\$	Total Transfer Tax = \$	Recordation Tax Consideration \$
	\$	\$	X ( ) per \$500 = \$	TOTAL DUE \$
	Full Cash Value \$			

5 Fees	Amount of Fees		Agent:
	Doc. 1	Doc. 2	
	Recording Charge \$ 20.00	\$	Tax Bill:
	Surcharge \$ 5.00	\$	C.B. Credit:
	State Recordation Tax \$	\$	Ag. Tax/Other:
	State Transfer Tax \$	\$	
	County Transfer Tax \$	\$	
	Other \$	\$	
	Other \$	\$	

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District: \_\_\_\_\_ Property Tax ID No. (1): 9-1-768047 Grantor Liber/Folio: \_\_\_\_\_ Map: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Var. LOG  (5)

Subdivision Name: DORSEY'S MEADOWS Lot (3a): \_\_\_\_\_ Block (3b)/Sect/AR(3c): \_\_\_\_\_ Plat Ref.: \_\_\_\_\_ SqFt/Acreage (4): \_\_\_\_\_

Location/Address of Property Being Conveyed (2): 20600 Prather town Rd Gaithersburg MD 20879

Other Property Identifiers (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Water Meter Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential  or Non-Residential  Fee Simple  or Ground Rent  Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Partial Conveyance?  Yes  No Description/Amnt. of SqFt/Acreage Transferred: \_\_\_\_\_

If Partial Conveyance, List Improvements Conveyed: \_\_\_\_\_

7 Transferred From

Doc. 1 - Grantor(s) Name(s): ALMA F. FELDER ARNOLD BOYD

Doc. 2 - Grantor(s) Name(s): JOSEPH L. FORD ROGER W. FORD

Doc. 1 - Owner(s) of Record, if Different from Grantor(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Doc. 2 - Owner(s) of Record, if Different from Grantor(s): \_\_\_\_\_

8 Transferred To

Doc. 1 - Grantee(s) Name(s): JEAN ALOND

Doc. 2 - Grantee(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

New Owner's (Grantee) Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

9 Other Names to Be Indexed

Doc. 1 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_ Doc. 2 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

10 Contact/Mail Information

IMB TITLE

Name: 1751.ELTON RD. #100

City: SILVER SPRING, MD 20903

Address: TEL.301-445-0144

Phone: ( )

Return to Contact Person  Hold for Pickup  Return Address Provided

11 IMPORTANT: BOTH THE ORIGINAL DEED AND A PHOTOCOPY MUST ACCOMPANY EACH TRANSFER

Assessment Information  Yes  No Will the property being conveyed be the grantee's principal residence?

Yes  No Does transfer include personal property? If yes, identify: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes  No Was property surveyed? If yes, attach copy of survey (if recorded, no copy required).

Assessment Use Only - Do Not Write Below This Line

Transfer Number:	Date Received:	Deed Reference:	Assigned Property No.:
Year: 19	19	Geo. Map	Sub Block
Land		Zoning	Grid Plat
Buildings		Use Parcel	Section
Total		Town Cd. Ex. St.	Qrs. Cd.

REMARKS:

Distribution: White - Clerk's Office  
 Canary - SDAT  
 Pink - Office of Finance  
 Goldenrod - Preparer  
 AOC-CC-300 (6/95)

17502.368

NO TITLE EXAMINATION  
NO CONSIDERATION

File no 9-1-768047  
Deed-short form MD  
Tax account no./parcel identifier

This deed made this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 1999, by and between Jean Alond an unmarried male, also known as Jean Alond, party of the first part, and Ken W. Wilson, party of the second part.

WITNESSETH, that in consideration of the sum of NO DOLLARS and 00/100 (\$00.00), the party of the First part does hereby grant unto the party of the second part, in fee simple, as sole owner, all that piece of land, together with the improvements, rights, privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging, situated in the Montgomery County, State of Maryland, described as follows, to wit

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**WHICH HAS AN ADDRESS OF 20600 PRATHERTOWN ROAD, GAITHERSBURG, MARYLAND 20879**

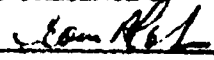

**SUBJECT TO COVENANTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD.**


**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD SAID LAND AND PREMISES ABOVE DESCRIBED OR MENTIONED AND HEREBY INTENDED TO BE CONVEYED, TOGETHER WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREUPON ERECTED, MADE OR BEING, AND ALL AND EVERY TITLE, RIGHT, PRIVILEGES, APPURTENANCES AND ADVANTAGES THEREUNTO BELONGING, OR IN ANYWISE APPERTAINING, UNTO AND FOR THE PROPER USE ONLY, BENEFIT AND BEHALF FOREVER OF SAID PARTY OF THE SECOND PART IN FEE SIMPLE, BEING THE SAME PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN, AMONG THE SAID LAND RECORDS.**

**AND THE SAID PARTY OF THE FIRST PART COVENANT THAT HE WILL WARRANT SPECIALLY THE PROPERTY HEREBY CONVEYED AND THAT HE WILL EXECUTE SUCH FURTHER ASSURANCES OF SAID LAND AS MAY BE REQUISITE OR NECESSARY**

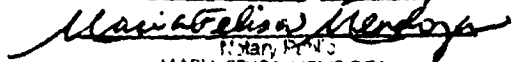
**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, THE SAID PARTY OF THE FIRST PART HAS SET HIS HANDS AND SEALS THE DAY AND YEAR FIRST ABOVE WRITTEN.**

IN PRESENCE OF

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JEAN ALOND  


  
\_\_\_\_\_  
KEN W. WILSON  
C/O Cecile E. Avery  
7748 west Autumn Drive, Homosassa Spring, FL  
34446-1723

Subscribed and sworn to before me, in my presence, this  
18 day of Sept 1999, a Notary Public  
in and for the State of Maryland

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
MARIA PIZARRA MENDOZA  
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF MARYLAND  
My Commission Expires October 17, 2001

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State of Maryland Land Instrument Intake Sheet  
Baltimore City & County: Montgomery

Information provided is for the use of the Clerk's Office, State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and County Finance Office only.

(Type or Print in Black Ink Only—All Copies Must Be Legible)  
(Check Box if Addendum Intake Form is Attached.)

1 Type(s) of Instruments:  Deed  Mortgage  Other  Other

2 Conveyance Type:  Improved Sale  Unimproved Sale  Multiple Accounts  Not an Arms-Length Sale (9)

Check Box:  Arms-Length (1)  Arms-Length (2)  Arms-Length (3)  Arms-Length (4)

3 Tax Exemptions (If Applicable):  Recordation  State Transfer  County Transfer

Cite or Explain Authority: Father to son transaction

4 Consideration and Tax Calculations	Consideration Amount		Finance Office Use Only	
			Transfer and Recordation Tax Consideration	
Purchase Price/Consideration	\$		Transfer Tax Consideration	\$
Any New Mortgage	\$		X ( ) % =	\$
Balance of Existing Mortgage	\$		Less Exemption Amount =	\$
Other:	\$		Total Transfer Tax =	\$
Other:	\$		Recordation Tax Consideration	\$
Other:	\$		X ( ) per \$500 =	\$
Full Cash Value	\$		TOTAL DUE	\$

5 Fees	Amount of Fees		Doc. 1	Doc. 2	Agent:
Recording Charge	\$		\$	\$	Tax Bill:
Surcharge	\$		\$	\$	C.B. Credit:
State Recordation Tax	\$		\$	\$	Ag. Tax/Other:
State Transfer Tax	\$		\$	\$	
County Transfer Tax	\$		\$	\$	
Other	\$		\$	\$	
Other	\$		\$	\$	

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District: 11-70047 Property Tax ID No. (1): 11-70047 Grantor Liber/Folio: 11-70047 Map: 11-70047 Parcel No.: 11-70047 Var. LOG (5): 11-70047

Subdivision Name: DISTRICT OF MONTGOMERY Lot (3a): 11-70047 Block (3b): 11-70047 Sect/AR/3c): 11-70047 Plat Ref.: 11-70047 SqFt/Acreage (4): 11-70047

Location/Address of Property Being Conveyed (2): 20600 PRATTYTOWN RD. GAITHERSBURG, MD

Other Property Identifiers (If applicable): Water Meter Account No.

Residential  or Non-Residential  Fee Simple  or Great Rent  Amount: 11-70047

Partial Conveyance? Yes  No  Description/Amt. of SqFt/Acreage Transferred: 11-70047

If Partial Conveyance, List Improvements Conveyed: 11-70047

7 Transferred From: Doc. 1 - Grantor(s) Name(s): JEAN ALOND Doc. 2 - Grantor(s) Name(s): 11-70047

Doc. 1 - Owner(s) of Record, if Different from Grantor(s): 11-70047 Doc. 2 - Owner(s) of Record, if Different from Grantor(s): 11-70047

8 Transferred To: Doc. 1 - Grantee(s) Name(s): KEVIN W. ALOND Doc. 2 - Grantee(s) Name(s): 11-70047

New Owner's (Grantee) Mailing Address: 11-70047

9 Other Names to Be Indexed: Doc. 1 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional): 11-70047 Doc. 2 - Additional Names to be Indexed (Optional): 11-70047

10 Contact/Mail Information: Instrument Submitted By or Contact Person:  Return to Contact Person

Name: SAMUEL J. ALOND Firm: JEAN ALOND Address: 20600 PRATTYTOWN RD. GAITHERSBURG, MD 20879 Phone: 11-70047

Hold for Pickup  Return Address Provided

11 IMPORTANT: BOTH THE ORIGINAL DEED AND A PHOTOCOPY MUST ACCOMPANY EACH TRANSFER

Assessment Information: Yes  No  Will the property being conveyed be the grantee's principal residence? Yes  No  Does transfer include personal property? If yes, identify: 11-70047

Yes  No  Was property surveyed? If yes, attach copy of survey (if recorded, no copy required).

Assessment Use Only - Do Not Write Below This Line

Transfer Number:	Terminal Verification	Agricultural Verification	Whole	Part	Tran. Process Verification
Year: <u>19</u>	Date Received: <u>19</u>	Dead Reference:	Assigned Property No.:		
Land:	Geo.:	Zoning:	Grid:	Block:	
Buildings:	Use:	Parcel:	Plat:	Lot:	
Total:	Town Cd.:	Ex. B1:	Section:	Occ. Cd.:	

REMARKS:

Distribution: White - Clerk's Office  
 Canary - SDAT  
 Pink - Office of Finance  
 Goldenrod - Registrar  
 AOC-CC-300 (6/85)

This Deed, made this 25th day of September, 1980, by and between

WYNN L. BOYD

party of the first part, and ARNOLD BOYD, ALMA F. FELDER, JOSEPH L. FORD  
and ROGER W. FORD

parties of the second part:

Whereas, that in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) the said party of the first part does grant and convey unto Arnold Boyd an undivided one-half (1/2) interest; unto Alma F. Felder an undivided one-sixth (1/6) interest; unto Joseph L. Ford an undivided one-sixth (1/6) interest; and unto Robert W. Ford an undivided one-sixth (1/6) interest of the interest which Wynn L. Boyd received by a certain deed dated 6/26/78 from Mary Jane Graves, recorded 6/20/79, parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, in fee simple all piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Montgomery County, State of Maryland, described as follows to wit:

Parts of a tract of land called "DORSEY'S MEADOWS"

Parcel One: One (1) acre of land described in a deed from William H. Benson and Jane Benson, his wife, to Wesley Boyd dated 9/27/1883 recorded in Liber EBP Folio 410 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Parcel Two: One (1) acre of land described in a Deed from Rezin Prather to Wesley Boyd dated 4/1/1889 and recorded in Liber JA 34 Folio 121 among the Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

This conveyance has no consideration. This is an intra-family transaction.

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CLERK'S OFFICE  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

And the said party of the first part covenants that he will warrant specially next generally the property hereby conveyed;

and that he will execute such further assurances of said land as may be requisite.

Witness my hand and seal.

WITNESSES:

*Kathleen Haggie*

*Wynn L. Boyd* (SEAL)  
WYNN L. BOYD

STATE OF MARYLAND  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

To Wit:

On this 25th day of September, 1980, before me, KATHLEEN HAGGIE

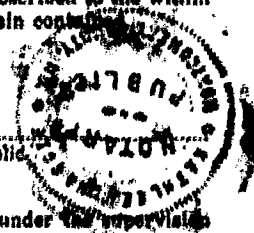
the undersigned officer, personally appeared WYNN L. BOYD

known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My commission expires:  
July 1, 1982

*Kathleen Haggie*  
KATHLEEN HAGGIE  
Notary Public



THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the within instrument was prepared by or under the supervision of the undersigned, an attorney duly admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

*Stephen E. Moss*  
STEPHEN E. MOSS, Attorney



FEB 27 1988

All Taxes on property certified to the Ch. Tax Assessor, Montgomery County, Md. by the Assessor, State Dept. of Finance and Tax Administration, Md. This statement is for the purpose of providing information and is not intended to provide further details and for other purposes, nor does it guarantee the inclusion of outstanding tax bills.

- 1.  FARM
- 2.  TRANSPORT TAX PAID
- 3.  FARM DEVELOPMENT TAX PAID
- 4.  CONDOMINIUM TRANSFER TAX PAID
- 5.  EXEMPT FROM CONDOMINIUM TRANSFER TAX
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of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_, Md. and recorded in  
 at \_\_\_\_\_, Md. and recorded in  
 the Land Records for \_\_\_\_\_, one of  
 County, State of Maryland.

ONE


Delivered to  
 Stephen MOSS  
 4550 Montgomery Avenue  
 Bethesda, MD.

The Secretary of the State  
 Department of Finance and Tax Administration

the place of beginning, containing thirty five (35) acres of land, more or less. Witness my hand and seal the day and year first here-  
inbefore written

Test:

Allan Farquhar.

Robert H. Miller 

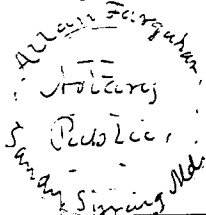
Administrator with the will annexed of  
Edward Lea deceased

State of Maryland, Montgomery County, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this 23rd day of August in the year eighteen hun-  
dred and ninety two, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the  
State of Maryland, in and for Montgomery County duly commis-  
sioned and qualified, personally appeared Robert H. Miller, ad-  
ministrator with the will annexed of Edward Lea, deceased,  
and acknowledged the foregoing deed to be his act.

Given under my hand and Notarial seal this  
23rd day of August A. D. 1892.

Allan Farquhar  
Notary Public.



575 + 500  
p. 110  
Wilson  
Feb. 8. 1894.


At the request of Wesley Boyd, the following Deed was recorded  
this 26th day of August, 1892. To wit:

**This Deed** made this 1st day of April 1889, by me Rezin  
Praither of Montgomery County in the State of Maryland, Witnesseth  
that in consideration of sixty dollars in hand Paid I do grant  
convey and sell unto Wesley Boyd of the county and State afore-  
said all of the following described piece or parcel of land, it  
being part of Part of a tract of land called "Dorsey's Meadows"  
or by what other names it may be called: Beginning for the same  
at a stone planted on the South side of a private Road, for the use  
of said land and running with said Road Edge N. 88 W. 8 1/2 feet  
to a stone the division stone of said lot and of the said Wesley Boyd's  
first purchase then with said division line S. 30 W. 19 feet or to  
the division line of said land and the land of Moses Wilson  
land then with said land N. 68 1/4 E. 8 1/2 feet to a stone in said  
line then with a straight line to the Beginning containing  
one Acre of land more or less in fee simple. It being the same  
land which was Deeded unto the said Rezin Praither by W. H. Bonson  
& wife the 27th day of December 1883.

Test.

J. T. Warfield

Witness my hand and seal.

Rezin Praither 

State of Maryland, Montgomery County, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this 1st day of April 1889, before me the  
subscriber a Justice of the peace, in and for said County and  
State personally appeared Rezin Praither and did acknowledge

edge this to be his act and Deed.

John T. Warfield J.P.

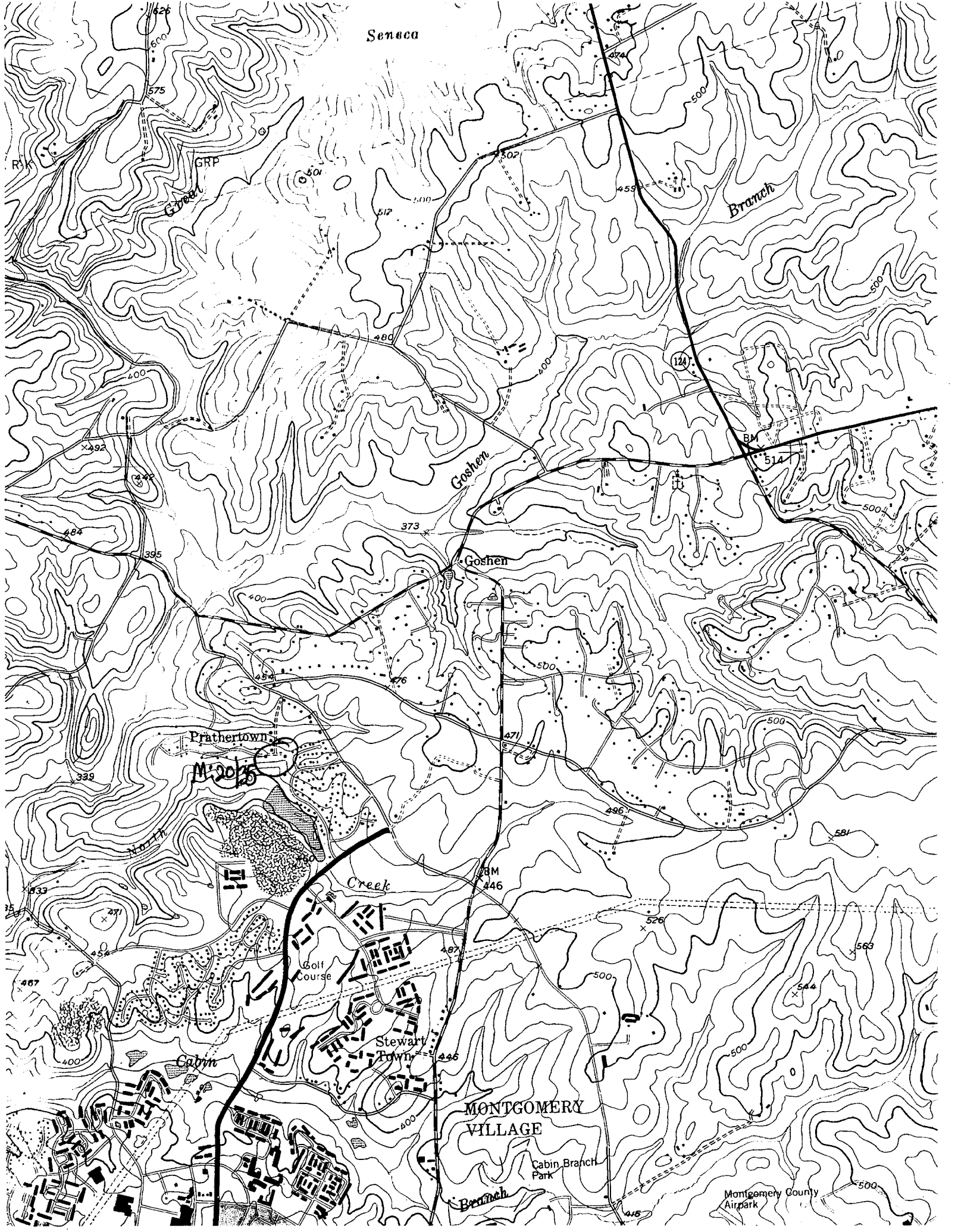
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W. B. H. Warner

Sept. 2, 1892.

At the request of Frank Muller, the following Deed was recorded this 26th day of August, 1892, To wit:

**This Indenture**, Made this 5th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, by Brainard H. Warner and Mary H. Warner, his wife, of Montgomery County, Maryland, but now in Washington, District of Columbia, Witnesseth, That in consideration of the sum of Ten (<sup>10</sup> \$) Dollars, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and the further consideration of certain covenants of the grantee which are to run with the title, the same being attached hereto made a part hereof, and signed by the grantee herein, we, the said Brainard H. Warner and Mary H. Warner, do grant, bargain, sell, and convey unto Frank Muller of Washington City, D.C. his heirs and assigns forever, the following described real estate, situate in the county of Montgomery and State of Maryland, to wit: All that certain piece or parcel of land and premises known and distinguished as being Lot numbered Eight (8) in Block numbered Three (3) of the subdivision known as "Kensington Park" as surveyed and described in the plat on file and of record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said Montgomery County. Together with all and singular the improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, easements, privileges, advantages, and appurtenances therewith belonging or in anywise therewith appertaining. To have and to hold the said above described lot of ground, hereditaments and premises hereby granted or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the grantee his heirs and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the grantee his heirs and assigns, forever in fee under and subject to the covenants and restrictions hereinafter contained. ... And the said Frank Muller for himself and for his heirs and assigns, owners or occupiers, of the said above-described lot of ground, doth hereby covenant and agree to and with the grantors their heirs and assigns, that he the said Frank Muller, his heirs and assigns, shall at all times hereafter forever leave unobstructed, except by steps, cellar doors, fences, trees, or shrubbery thereupon, the Fifteen (15) feet of the hereby granted lot fronting on the Prince Georges Avenue, and, further, that neither he nor



Seneca

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Stewart Town

MONTGOMERY VILLAGE

Cabin Branch Park

Montgomery County Airpark

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JAN 2002  
JOANNE ATAY

List of historical houses on Wightman Road and Prathertown Roads

1. Boyd House on 20600 Prathertown Road – at the end of Prathertown Road. Sharon Prather described it as a cultural center for Prathertown, i.e. there were concerts and teas on Sunday afternoons. People from all over Montgomery County and even as far away as Washington D.C. would attend these events. The house is beautiful but needs restoration and repairs. It appears to have been built in the late 1800s or early 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is stately and could be classified as being a mansion. The house has two main parts, the one section looks like it was built earlier than the other section. You can see the differences. The stones from the creek provide the foundation or support on the older section. The chimney or fireplace is in the center of the room and it has a tin roof. Sharon said that the Boyd family built this house and it was called the Boyd house after that. The house is empty or vacant and we feel that this house should be urgently looked at because of vandalism. There is still furniture inside including a grandfather clock. It is lovely and the question is could the county restore the house or perhaps find someone to restore it? The house should be considered for historical preservation. It is one of the last historic homes of Prathertown. Since the Prathertown homestead is gone, this house would be a source of pride for Prathertown and could even be on the map of African American historical trails. The house sets on a beautiful lot with trees that are centuries old. PLEASE HELP SAVE THIS HOUSE
2. The Benson House at 9710 Wightman Road. We talked to the owner Mr. D'arcos and he said it was alright with him to have the house considered for historic preservation. He has a lot of restoration to do inside. The house is nearly 100 years old and still has the original interior. The Bensons were always on good terms with the Prather family. I believe they sold Dorsey Meadows to the Prather family when the Prathers received their freedom from Woodbourne Manor on Blunt Road. The house is a white frame house and has been impeccably maintained. Please save this house.
3. The Posey House on 9631 Wightman Road. This is a country style hone built at the turn of the century and is considered to be one of the most beautiful houses in the area. It has the original tin roof. It was built by the Wightman Family for their workers. According to Mrs. Angelina Carpenter who lives there now it still has the original interior. She still uses the old lantern and other antique items that originally were in the house. This house sits between Wightman and Warfield Roads. It is blue and has a porch with an American flag in the front. She said most definitely put this house on the historic preservation list. This house is also endangered because there is a buyer who has a lot of heavy duty equipment that he wants to store in the yard. We call it the "Posey House" because Sharon Prather said that was the original name of the first residents of the house. The house is considered to be part of Prathertown. The architecture style reflects the old Prathertown. Please save this house
4. The Wightman or the Thomas House is at 9831 Wightman Road. This was part of the Wightman Farm and according to a rumor it may have been on the "Underground Railroad" but there has been no proof of this. There are some secret compartments or rooms and there is supposed to be a ghost in the house. The elder Mr. Wightman has been seen walking around and through the house. It is also one of the most beautiful houses in the area. It too is blue and I believe it was built in the 1800s, Someone said 1893 and of course this would take it out of the Underground Railroad era. The house is also blue with white trim and porch and overlooks the wetlands and Seneca Creek. I believe that this house is being considered for the historic preservation list. The owner is Kathleen Sentkowski. Sharon Prather and her sisters worked here for the Wightmans when they were young. This is their favorite house. Please save this house

January 28, 2002

Dear Mr. Cavicchi,

My computer is broken so I am  
having to use long hand. Enclosed are  
some photographs and descriptions of  
homes on Wightman and Pothentown  
Roads that are at least over a  
century old.

Please consider them for  
historic preservation.

Thank you for writing and  
pulling together the book, "Places  
from the Past." - Excellent book.

If you need more information  
please call Joanne O'Leary  
(301) 443-4862

Antie

Thank you

36-55 WATSON HOUSE  
9206 WATSON RD

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