

AL-V-B-077  
Ford Main House  
Ford's Crossing  
1904.

This building is a two-story, three bay wide, rectangular shaped frame structure with novelty siding. It features decorative bargeboard in the central gable with all gables having decorative circular ventilators. Fancy architrave trim surrounds the exterior of the windows. Retaining most of its original appearance this building is a present and continual reminder of a way of life enjoyed in some rural areas of Allegany County at the turn of the twentieth century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ford Main House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Ford's Crossing

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Raymond Butts

Telephone #: 777-3745

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Corriganville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland,

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 490

Folio #: 602

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Ford Main House is located on the south side of Ford's Crossing at Corriganville, Allegany County.

The building basically consists of a two story, three bay wide rectangular shaped frame structure. Wall construction is of novelty siding. Wall features are plain. The building is supported by a low, stone foundation and includes a plain wooden water table. The roof of the house is gable flank including a central gable at the front. The roof has been replaced with asphalt and mounted with snow birds. In the peak of each gable is a circular decorated ventilator. Eaves of the roof exhibit original boxed cornices with return ends and wide soffit and a decorative bargeboard in the peak of the front central gable. Windows in the house are nailed, double hung, wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights with decorative exterior trim on the head of each window. There are two brick chimneys in the house, both with corbeled caps. One is inside end, the other is central. The main entrance is located on the north side. The doorway is four paneled, verticle boards, featuring a rectangular transom and sidelights. The building contains two porches, both with shed roofs. The back porch is supported by two plain rectangular wooden posts and two wooden chamfered posts featuring a decorative wooden railing. The front porch is wooden and supported by six round columns.

The house is structurally sound and retains most of its original appearance.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1904

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Jim Matthews

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Ford Main House was built in 1904 by Jim Matthews of Cash Valley who sold it shortly thereafter to Henry W. Ford. Mr. Ford supplemented the original one acre lot with land purchases that accumulated to 32 acres. Two other structures, a saw and grist mill and a house for his father, (See AL-V-B-078 and AL-V-B-079) were built on this property by Mr. Ford in 1910 and 1918 respectively. A railroad stop in front of this house, on the C&P Railroad, was established in 1926. For a dime people from Corriganville area rode into Cumberland until World War II, when this stop was discontinued. <sup>1</sup>

The Ford Main House is a frame structure with walls of novelty siding. The gabled flank roof has eaves with original boxed cornices with return and a wide soffit, decorative circular ventilators are located in the peaks of the gables. The front of the house includes several uncommon architectural features located in the central gable. Ornamental bargeboard with a pendant and a decorative circular ventilator are located in the peak of this central gable. Decorative architrave trim surrounds the exterior of the windows. Two original brick chimneys have corbeled caps. The wooden front porch, including six wooden columns, is original. <sup>2</sup>

Still retaining its original appearance the Ford Main House is a present and continual reminder of a way of life enjoyed in Allegany County at the turn of the twentieth century.

1. Interview with Mr. Leo P. Ford, L.P. Ford Drilling supply, Rt. 36, Corriganville, Maryland, 16 August, 1977.
2. Ibid

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502  
Ford, P., Leo. L.P. Drilling Supply, Rt. 36, Corriganville, Maryland.  
Interview, 16 August, 1977.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.256

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and William Pratt , Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/14/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

STATE

Maryland

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

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

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-077

DATE: 6/14/77  
490/602  
1. 256 A.

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Ford Main House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Ford's Crossing

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Raymond Butts 777-3745

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Corriganville, Maryland

STORIES: 1( ) 2(X) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) DAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(X) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

Novelty

- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Plain

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(X) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed(X) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North with cornice  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
4 Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Bargeboard  
original(X) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # \_\_\_\_\_  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced(X)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(X) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick(X) Stone( ) Corbeled(X) original( ) replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end(X) Outside end( ) Central(X) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence  
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1904  
CONDITION: Good

I N T E R I O R

FLOOR PLAN:

- ( ) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- ( ) SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- ( ) IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- ( ) ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- ( ) OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- ( ) DOG-LEG
- ( ) DOG-LEG WITH WINDERS

WALL FINISH:

- ( ) PLASTER
- ( ) paneled: original; replaced
- ( ) BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal  
MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- ( ) PLAIN
- ( ) ARCHITRAVE
- ( ) SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) FLUTED
- ( ) FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- ( ) ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

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Ford's Crossing, Corriganville  
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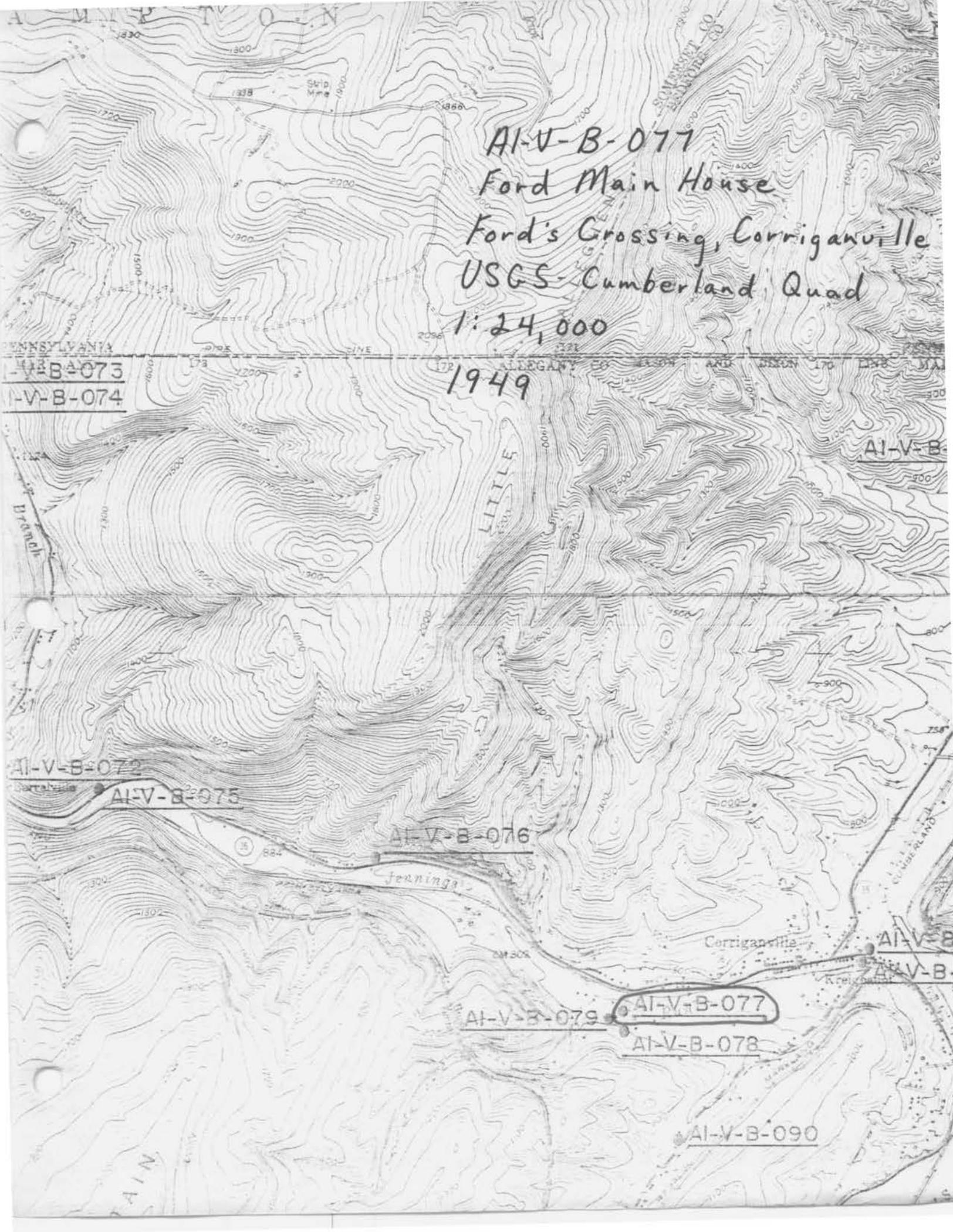
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Ford Main House

Ford's Crossing, Corriganville

John E. Nelson

6/14/77

Northwest



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FORD MAIN HOUSE

Ford's Crossing, Corriganville

JOHN E. NELSON

6/14/77

SOUTHEAST