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ca. 1860

John B. Davis House
Loch Lynn
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY ^G

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John B. Davis House

AND/OR COMMON

F. Earl Henderson House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Bethlehem Rd., SE side, .8 mi. SW of Taskers Corners

CITY, TOWN

Loch Lynn

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- OTHER: rental property

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

F. Earl Henderson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Damascus

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 265

Folio #: 140

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Its coursed, dressed stone foundation, with full basement is continuous between the main block and the rear wing. The sills are square hewn timbers, and the basement joists are logs, hewn on their top faces only. Weatherboard siding, with an additional layer of asphalt shingles, covers the vertical plank support system.

The facade (NW elevation) has a symmetrical, three bay, center door arrangement that is sheltered by a shed-roofed porch. Its raised four-panel door is surrounded by a nine light transom and three-pane sidelights over single, raised panels. The window in the second floor, center bay has a similar effect, it being a 3/6 sash with three-pane sidelights and an eleven light transom. 6/6 sash windows, with their original panes, occupy the other four facade openings. The porch, a later addition, has a poured concrete foundation with turned posts supporting its roof.

The northeast endwall contains an exterior stone chimney that is flanked by 6/6 sash windows on the first floor and 1/1 sash replacements on the second floor. The chimney is a finely shaped, shouldered stack made of chiseled ashlar.

The southwest endwall is punctuated by four 6/6 sash windows, two per floor, and a recently added exterior, cinderblock chimney.

At the rear, the shed-roofed wing occupies the northern half of the wall, and a bay of 6/6 sash windows occupies the southern end.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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	ca. 1860	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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John B. Davis, a black man¹, bought this 200 acre tract called "Triumph", in 1859 for \$400.00.² In 1887, when the property was next sold, it contained close to 300 acres and commanded a \$2,301.00 price.³ This large rise in value suggests that Davis probably bought the land undeveloped, and then improved it substantially during his ownership. The 1887 deed refers to the property as the "Home Farm of the late John B. Davis".

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- ¹ The Glades Star. "Gen. Jones Raid of 1863 Through Garrett County, Maryland", Vol. 1, p. 15, September 30, 1944, p. 122-123.
- ² Allegany County Land Records, Allegany County Courthouse, liber 18, folio 278.
- ³ Garrett County Land Records, Garrett County Courthouse, liber 13, folio 39.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

January 1982

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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

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

Chain of Title

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John B. Davis House

Garrett County Land Records:

19 June 1965

liber 265, folio 140

Grantees: F. Earl Henderson and Ella M. Henderson
Grantor: Ada Mae Welch
Consideration: \$10.00 "as well as other good and valueable consideration"
Acreage: 118, more or less
Notes: "... known and designated as part of the 'Old Jack or John B. Davis Farm' containing 218 acres, more or less, excepting 100.93 acres, conveyed to Mike Tasker" on October 20, 1952, liber 175, folio 95, Garrett County Land Records.

18 May 1963

liber 248, folio 60

Grantee: Ada Mae Welch
Grantors: May Welch and William H. Welch
Consideration: \$10.00 "as well as other good and valueable consideration"
Notes: Conveyed to May Welch by two deeds:
Charles F. White, et ux - 22 June 1942, liber 129, folio 540
Virginia Ray, et vir - 31 March 1959, liber 219, folio 536

22 June 1942

liber 129, folio 540

Grantee: May Welch
Grantors: Charles F. White and Estella V. White
Consideration: \$700.00
Acreage: 218, more or less
Notes: "Old Jack or John B. Davis Farm"

6 May 1937

liber 129, folio 19

Grantee: Charles F. White
Grantors: G. Clifford Welch and Emily
Consideration: \$5.00 and a mortgage
Acreage: 28, more or less
Notes: "... being part of the 'old Jack or John B. Davis Farm'
.... This farm originally contained 361 acres."

10 March 1933

liber 105, folio 397

Grantee: G. Clifford Welch
Grantors: Annie M. Biggs and Albert L. Biggs
Consideration: \$5.00 and \$1,000.00 mortgage

16 March 1932

liber 104, folio 416

Grantee: Annie M. Biggs
Grantor: William R. Offutt, mortgagee
Acreage: 218, more or less

Notes: Sarah Davis et al defaulted on mortgage dated 9 April 1923. Property sold to William R. Offutt for \$975.00, Annie M. Biggs then substituted as purchaser (Equity 2860).
"... interest of the said Walter S. Davis and James William Davis having descended to them as heirs at law of William and Rebecca Davis."

10 November 1887

liber 13, folio 39

Grantee: William Davis
Grantor: Gilmore S. Hamill
Consideration: \$2,301.00

Notes: "... by a decree of the Circuit Court, sitting in Equity, dated 21 July 1887 and passed in a cause in said court, between Mary Martha Wilson and husband, Complainants, and Phoebe Davis and others Defendants, the above named trustees were appointed with authority to sell the real estate in the proceedings.... did sell unto the said William Davis (Colored).... All that tract of land called 'Triumph' (200 acres more or less) more particularly described in a deed from Mary Irons to John B. Davis, 23 July 1859 (liber 18, folio 278, Allegany County Land Records)." Also Military Lot No. 311, which is the same property as conveyed to John B. Davis by Samuel J. Donaldson and others dated 31 May 1855 (liber 12, folio 772, Allegany County Land Records.) Also Military Lots Nos. 438 and 441, containing 40 acres each. "The above lands being situate in what is known as Ryan's Glade, and compose the Home Farm of the late John B. Davis."

Allegany County Land Records:

23 July 1859

liber 18, folio 278

Grantee: John B. Davis, of Allegany County
Grantor: Mary Irons, of Allegany County
Consideration: \$400.00
Acreage: 200, more or less

Notes: An undivided half of a tract called "Triumph" conveyed to Mary Irons by George Smith, executor of John Hoyer, late of Allegany County, 30 June 1859.

DEER PARK

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CONNECTION 74

OF THE WESTERN BANK TERRITORY

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SECOND PART FOWLERS W.C.

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Triumph

418 441 31

RESURVEY ON ARNOS VALE

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CONNECTION

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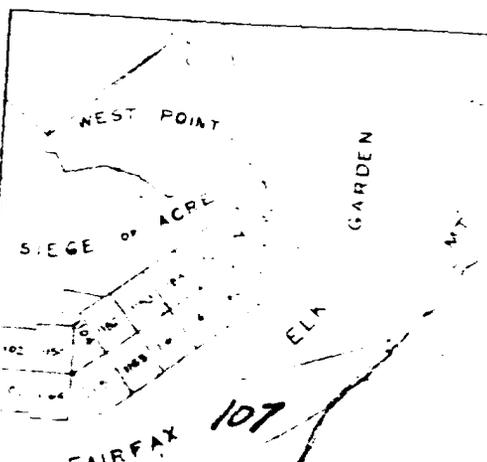
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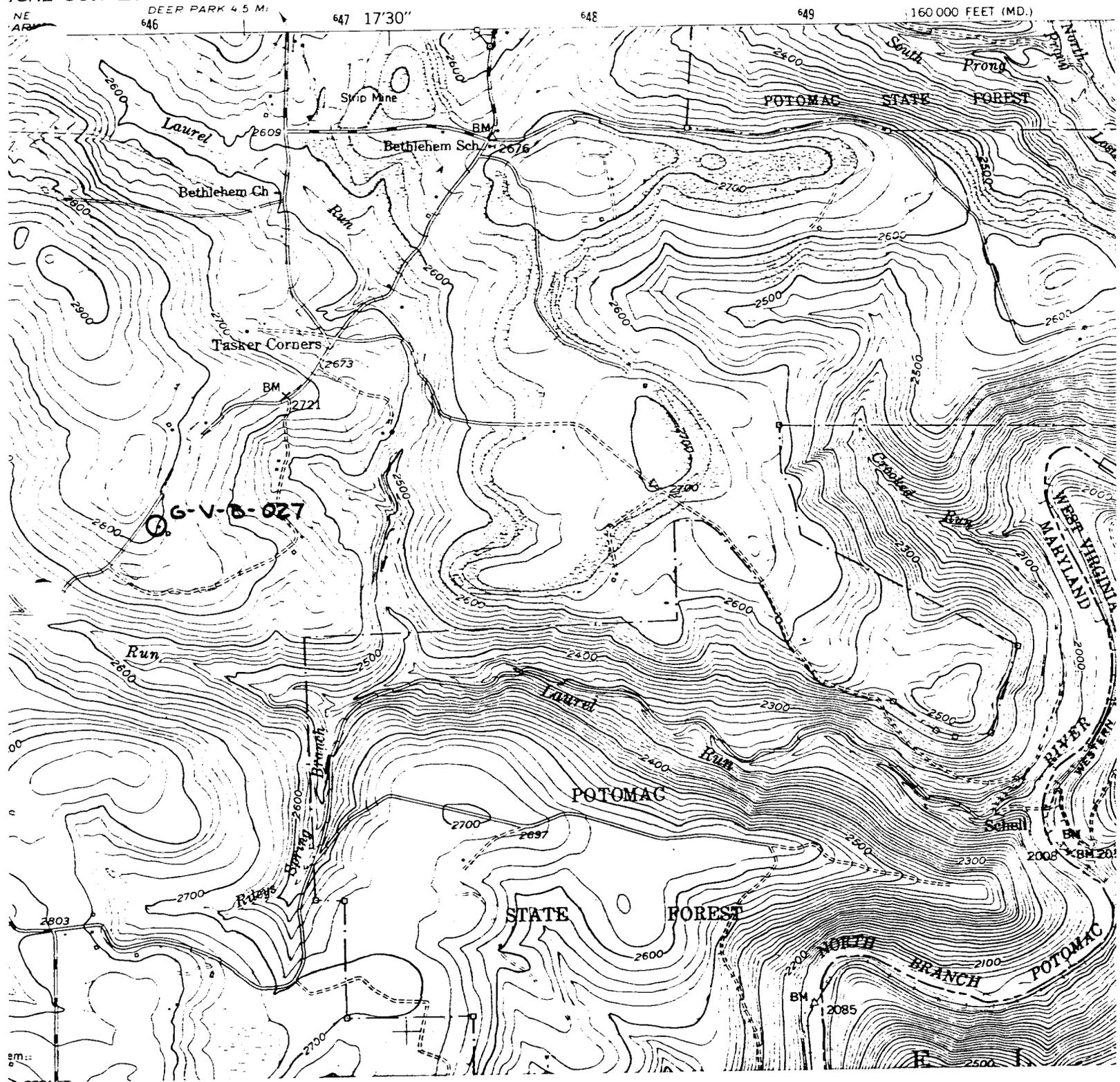


Map of Military Lots, Tracts, Ejectments, &c.
in Garrett County, Md.

prepared under act of 1874 Chapter 322 + c.

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RYLAND
ICAL SURVEY



Gorman; MD:WV
7.5 Minute Series
Scale 1:24,000
1949; photorevised 1974

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John B. Davis House
Bethlehem Road, SE side,
.8 mile SW of Taskers
Corners



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John B. DAVIS House

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 5/20/81

Facade: NW elev.



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John B. Davis House

Garrett Co., MD

Valerie Cesna 5/20/81

Rear: SE elev.