

SUMMARY

HA-1308

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Norrisville Road
Madonna, Maryland 21084

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAGI #131508E11

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Madonna General Store
AND/OR COMMON
Bus's Store

2 LOCATION (Northeast corner of intersection of old Md. Rte. 23 & Md. Rte 146, Madonna.)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Madonna

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Goldie Gross; F. Upton Almony

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
3911 Madonna Rd.

CITY, TOWN
Jarrettsville, MD

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21084

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input 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

This two-story, el-shaped house with a gable roof is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Norrisville Road (Old Md. Rte. 23) and Fallston Rd. (Md. Rte. 146).

The structure faces south: the west section (the store) is two bays wide and two bays deep with a gable front roof; and the east section with a gable flank roof is set back so the north facades of the two sections are flush. On the north side, and filling in the ell, are one-story shed-roofed additions. Windows generally have 1/1 sash and plain wide trim with molded entablatures.

Spanned by an aluminum awning, the first story of the south side contains plate glass display windows and a central entrance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The land, part of "Briarly's Dividend," had belonged to Jarrett Nelson from 1818 until 1850, when it was purchased by Lewis King.² Prior to that, Robert Nelson, and then his son James Nelson, had owned 160 acres of "Briarly's Dividend" (patented to Thomas Briarly in 1800)³ as well as another 600 acres of other tracts.

1. Liber ALJ 54, Folio 274
2. Liber HDG 37, Folio 488
3. Liber JLG P, Folio 195

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will, & equity records of Harford County

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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
Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE
10/79

STREET & NUMBER
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

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.

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

MADONNA GENERAL STORE

Title Search

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1. 1095/604 June 12, 1979 Grantor: Goldie A. Gross & Upton F. Almony,
Rep. of Estate of Bertha A. Crowl, Dec.
Grantee: Goldie A. Gross & Upton F. Almony,
Heirs of Bertha Crowl
Acreage: 3.83 Acres
2. DGW 195/209 Nov. 5, 1925 Grantor: D. Ford & Martha E. Cathcart
Grantee: Upton & Bertha M. Almony
Acreage: Store Property & 8 1/2 Acres
3. Will Records 1911 Devisor: B. Franklin Cathcart
HTB 14/324
4. ALJ 54/274 July 10, 1885 Grantor: Lewis King
Grantee: Benjamin F. Cathcart of Baltimore Co.
Sum: \$400
Acreage: part of "Briarly's Delight" = 141 1/4 Acres
5. HDG 37/488 Jan. 31, 1850 Grantor: James Nelson, Trustee
(Sale of property of Jarrett Nelson, dec.)
Grantee: Lewis King, Sr.
Sum: \$1057
Acreage: "Briarly's Dividend" = 137 1/2 Acres
6. HD 1/317 April 9, 1818 Grantor: James Nelson
Grantee: Jarrett Nelson
Sum: \$1500
Acreage: "the residue of Briarly's Dividend
devised to James by father, Robert
Nelson" = 141 1/2 Acres
7. Will Records May 15, 1816 Will of Robert Nelson - "To son, James - residue
SR 1/141 of Briarly's Dividend known by the name of the
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Sum: \$600 pounds
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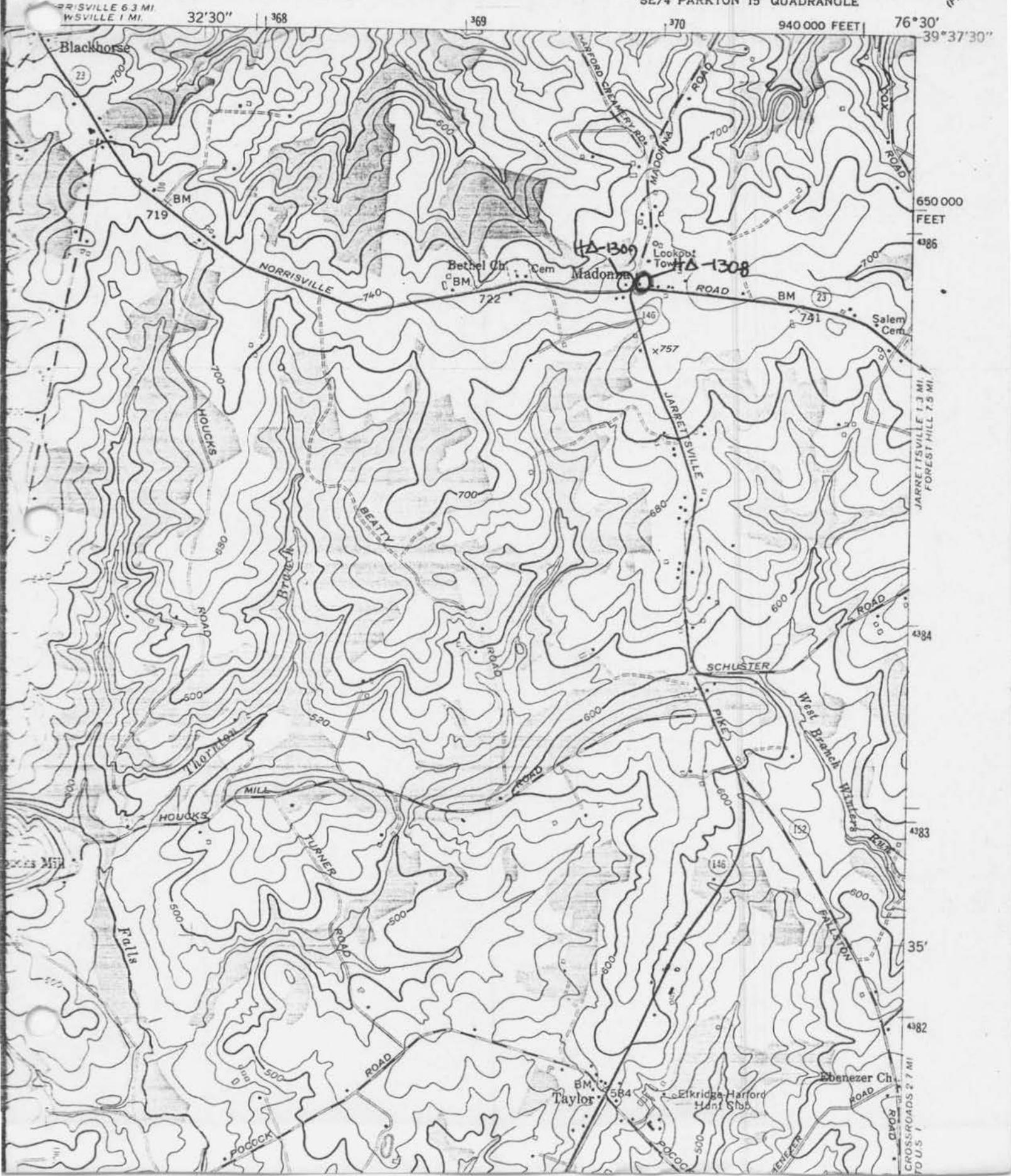
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PHOENIX QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 PARKTON 15' QUADRANGLE

5103 III NW
IFAWN GROV



32'30"

368

369

370

940 000 FEET

76°30'

39°37'30"

650 000
FEET

JARRETTVILLE 1.3 MI.
FOREST HILL 7.5 MI.

4384

4383

35'

4382

CROSSROADS 2.7 MI.
TO U.S.



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Natalie Shivers 9/79
Southwest