

## SUMMARY

HA-1563

Gover-Garono Barn  
Noble's Mill Rd.  
Darlington, Md. 21034

This frame and stone bank barn and corn crib, originally belonging to the same farm as the Gover-Curry House (HA-338), was probably built in the third quarter of the 19th century when Gerard and Cassandra Gover owned the farm. In 1891 the farm, part of the tracts "New Stead", "Smiths Mill", "Henley's Enlargment", and "Bachelors Good Luck", was purchased by William S. Noble, who owned Noble's grist mill at that time. The barn is a particularly good example of a mid-19th century bank barn and the whimsy of the ornamental eaves and gable bargeboard relates the building stylistically to other buildings constructed for the Govers, particularly the Miller's House (HA-337).

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Gover-Garono Barn

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest side of Nobles Mill Road, northwest of intersection with East Nobles Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

nr. Darlington

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21034

COUNTY

Harford

**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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Margaret E. Garono

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

3201 Deths Ford Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland, 21034

**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 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

78-563

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2-story frame and stone bank barn and frame corn crib are located on the south-west side of Nobles Mill Road, north of the intersection with East Nobles Mill road.

The corn crib, located between the road and the barn, has a gable roof with an east-west ridge line and is set on stone posts. The sills of the structure appear to be hewn, while the other structural members are sawn.

The barn, 5 bays wide and 3 bays deep and oriented on the same axis as the corn crib, is banked on the south side, where there is one story above grade; there are 2 stories above grade on the north side. Set on a rubblestone foundation with massive quoins, the structure measures approximately 50'3" by 62" and has board-and-batten siding and exposed decoratively carved eaves. The gables are ornamented with a simple stick design supported on carved brackets. A louvered, hip-roofed ventilator is located in the center of the ridgeline. All window openings are louvered.

The south side has a large central entrance flanked by 2 windows on each side. The north side has a large central opening flanked by Dutch doors in the lower story and, in the upper story, 2 openings with one-leaf, vertical board shutters in the center bays flanked on each side by 2 louvered openings.

The west end has 3 windows with vertical board shutters in the ground story, 2 louvered openings in the upper story, and 2 in the gable. The east end is similar with the exception of a door in the center bay of the ground story.

On the interior, the upper level contains 2 hay mows and has a standard pegged frame with straight-sawn members. The lower level contains the stalls along the ends and has a hewn summer beam.

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**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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This frame and stone bank barn and corn crib, originally belonging to the same farm as the Gover-Curry House (HA-338), was probably built in the third quarter of the 19th century when Gerard and Cassandra Gover owned the farm. After the Govers defaulted on their mortgage in 1875, Mary and Robert Wilson owned the farm which also had a sawmill on it, until 1891, and then William S. Noble, who owned the grist mill known as Noble's Mill, purchased the farm. <sup>1</sup> The farm comprises parts of the tracts "New Stead", "Smith's Mill", "Henley's Enlargement:", and "Bachelors Good Luck".

The barn and corn crib are both of fairly typical construction. The barn in particular is a good example of a mid-19th. century bank barn, and the whimsy of the ornamental eaves and gable bargeboard relates the structure stylistically to other structures in the immediate vicinity, especially the Noble's Mill Miller's House (HA-337).

1. ER WSF Liber 79, Folio 209

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, will and equity records of Harford County  
1858 Jennings & Herrick Map  
1878 Martenet's Map

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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 Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

8/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## Gover - Garono Barn

## Title Search

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|----------------|----------------------|---|
| 1. 663/119     | Nov. 25, 1964        | Grantor: Harry and Margaret Hopkins<br>Grantee: Margaret E. Garono<br>Acreage: 86.44 A.   |
| 2. GRG 437/300 | June 15, 1955        | Grantor: Margaret C. Schuermann, widow<br>Grantee: Harry G. and Margaret N. Hopkins<br>Acreage: 3 parcels 99.30 A. near Nobles Mill   |
| 3. GRG 329/232 | April 16, 1949       | Grantor: Janet E. Pyle<br>Grantee: Margaret C. Schuermann<br>Acreage: 84 A  |
| 4. GRG 329/227 | April 16, 1949       | Grantor: Margaret C. Schuermann et al<br>Grantee: Janet E. Pyle<br>Acreage: 84 A.<br>"Noble's Mill Property" and "Sugar Hill Farm"  |
| 5. GCB 267/313 | Aug. 15, 1941        | Grantor: Wm. S. Noble, unmarried<br>Grantee: Wm. and Margaret Schuermann<br>Karl Joseph Schwing<br>Acreage: "Nobles Mill Property" = 117 A.   |
| 6. WSF 108/315 | Dec. 15, 1903        | Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams, Trust.<br>(Stevenson Archer vs. Gerard Gover)<br>2nd part: Robert Wilson, husb. of Mary A. Wilson<br>Sum: \$3800<br>3rd part: Wm. S. Noble<br>Sum: \$2000<br>Acreage: farm and mill seat on both sides of Deer Creek = 90 A.<br>"New Stead", "Smith's Mill", "Henley's Enlargement", "Bachelors Good Luck". |
| 7. WHD 18/308  | Feb. 12, 1867(Mort.) | Mortgagor: Gerard and Cassandra Gover<br>Mortgagee: Stevenson Archer<br>Sum: \$4510<br>Acreage: tract formerly known as Smiths Mill now Govers Mills = 40 A.<br>also "New Stead" = 44 A.<br>also 4 A 1R 25 p  |
| 8A. WHD 16/324 | Dec. 2, 1865         | Grantor: M. Priscilla Gover<br>Grantee: Cassandra Gover<br>Sum: \$660.93<br>Acreage: 4 A 1R 25 p  |

(see continuation sheet #1)

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9A.	WHD 16/52	May 14, 1964	Grantor: Henry C. Stump Wm. Hopkins of Joseph Grantee: M. Priscilla Gover Sum: \$660.93 Acreage: 4 A 1R 25p
10A.	HD 29/278	March 22, 1844	Grantor: Henry W. Archer and John H. Price, trustees Grantee: Henry C. Stump, Wm. Hopkins (Joseph Cowden vs. Herman Stump et al) Sum: \$260 Acreage: devised by John Forwood to Jacob Forwood to Herman Stump et al = 147 A.
8B.	WHD 16/305	Feb. 9, 1867	Grantor: Stevenson Archer, trustee Grantee: Cassandra Gover (Chas. W. Lee vs. Gerard Gover & Stevenson Archer) Sum: \$2140 Acreage: "New Stead" = 44 A.
9B.	ER ALJ 12/51	Feb. 12, 1872	Mort. 3/20/1851 Mortgagor: Gerard Gover of Balto. City Mortgagee: Chas. W. Lee Sum: \$2000 Acreage: "New Stead" 44 A. 102 p
10B	HDG 37/36	March 17, 1851	Grantor: James Lee and Amanda Hopkins et al Grantee: Gerard Gover Sum: payment of mort. to Chas. Lee = \$3018.75 Acreage: "New Stadt" = 43 A 20 p part of farm whereon the late Jos. Hopkins resided at the time of his death
8C	WHD 18/306	Feb. 9, 1867	Grantor: Stevenson Archer and M. Priscilla Gover Grantee: Cassandra Gover (M. Priscilla Gover and Ann E. Gover vs. Stevenson Archer, trustee) Sum: \$8250 Acreage: now known as the Gover Mill and was formerly known as Smiths Mill = 40A.
9C	HD 35/443	Aug. 22, 1849	Grantor: Philip Gover Grantee: Mary Priscilla Gover Sum: \$275 Acreage: Philip Gover's share of "Smith's Mills" now occ. by Robert Gover, his father. = 40 A.

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100. Will records AJ 2/251

Will of Priscilla Gover 1789  
left estate to nephews Benjamin Kidd Wilson  
and Henry Wilson, sons of Benjamin Kidd Wilson  
and to Samuel, Eliza, Gerard, Robert, Philip,  
Mary, Priscilla Gover.

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(DELTA)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Aberdeen Quadrangle

76°15'  
39°37'30"

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EAST 100000 7 30

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Northeast



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Southwest & south facade of Gover-Curry House  
(HA-338)



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Gable ornament on barn