

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Silverdale

AND/OR COMMON

McDaniel Silver House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

856 Priestford Road (MD 136)

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William K. Mc Daniel

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Indian Meadow Farm, Box 208 B

CITY, TOWN

Columbus

___ VICINITY OF

New Jersey STATE zip code 08015

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Court House

Liber #: GRG 541

Folio #: 522

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the east side of Priestford Road (MD 136) approximately four miles north of Deer Creek. The house faces south and consists of three sections. It is built into the bank of a slight hill and the south side is lower.

Section 1 is a two story, frame structure, 3 bays by 2. It is located at the west side of the entire house structure. It is built onto stone foundations, approximately 3 feet high, The slate covered, gable flank roof has wide eaves. A corbeled brick chimney is located on the east inside gable end. The main entrance of this section is located on the west bay of the south side. A four light transom is above the moulded panel door. The door has an old box lock. Windows in this section are, on the first floor, 9 lights over 6, and on the second floor, 6 lights over 6. Two attic windows are located on the west end; these are one light over one. A one story, shed roofed porch is located on the south side of the west section. The brick and stone supports indicate that the porch was originally 3 bays long but at present, the porch covers only the west or entrance bay. On the north side of this section, a door, located in the west bay, forms a through hall with the entrance on the south side.

Inside, this section has chair rails in most rooms, and it is evident that in the rooms where chair rails are not present, they have been removed. A stairway is located in the north west corner. It has a plain, wood hand rail and rectangular spokes. A closet is located on the first story beneath the stairway. This section is laid out so that there are two rooms east of the through hall. The wall between these two rooms has been removed. Two fireplaces are located on the east wall. There was, originally, a in each room. The fireplaces are brick with wooden mantles with little ornamental details. Flat jack arches are present over the rectangular openings. Holes have been made in each flue for the insetion of stove pipes.

Upstairs, on the second elevation, a small fireplace is located in the south room. It also has a flat jack arch.. In the attic, the construction of the chimney/flue system is visible. The single chimney divides into two flues, forming an inverted Y. The south flue is wider than the north flue. These serve the two fireplaces on the first floor as well as the second floor fireplace.

Although there is a low (5 feet high) cellar under this section, entrance to this cellar must be made through Section 2.

Section 2 is of uncoursed rubble stone, 3 bays by 2. It is one story high with recently added, shed roofed dormers. There is one dormer on the south side and two on the north. The slate covered, gable flank roof has a box cornice and a corbeled brick chimney on the east inside gable end. Small, 1/1 attic windows flank this chimney. The main entrance is in the center bay of the south side. The wooden door has six moulded panels. Windows at this level are 9 lights over 6. The windows and door have flat arches above them. Steps are necessary to gain entrance on this side but they have been removed. Directly beneath the center door is a 6 light basement window. This is flanked, in the first and third bay, by windows 6 lights over 6. The cellar entrance is at the south east corner of the east side. The north side of this section has been expanded by the fairly recent addition of a small frame addition. The north side also has a center door, flanked by two windows 6 lights over 6.

Inside, the walls of the stone section are stripped and the stone work is visible. The lower half of the inside south wall is stone mixed with an occasional brick. The upper half of the wall is predominantly brick. The wall is approximately 20 inches thick. A brick fireplace in the east wall has a flat jack arch above the rectangular opening. An iron strip is between the arch and the opening. The jack arch and the

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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 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 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 house is in extremely bad shape. Its interior walls have been stripped, windows are broken and the house is slowly disappearing behind dense weeds. This house had, however, been occupied until July, 1976.

Called Silverdale on Ewing's survey of Harford County several years ago, it does not seem possible that this was once a Silver residence. The Silver family were extensive land owners, very active in Harford County. The Martinet Map of 1878 shows that James Silver lived across from the Indian Springs Farm but the description of this house in Col. Benjamin Silver's privately published book on his family does not fit the house in question. It seems more likely that this house was probably the residence of J.C. Nelson as shown on the Martinet Map. This house is located slightly south east of the Silver house.

The house is not beyond hope and could be made into a very attractive home. Built in three sections, the east wing is a newer addition. It is difficult to tell which of the two main sections is the oldest although the middle section may be oldest, having the only entrance to a cellar which lies under both of these sections. The middle section, of rubble stone, is basically square and consists of one room on the first elevation as well as an attic room. It has been extended on the north side and dormers were added. It has an enclosed, winding stair. The two story frame section provides many features which seem to express a family's growing financial success. The simplicity of the stone house compared with the seeming elegance of the frame may, therefore, indicate the age of the stone section. The passage leading from one section to the other is brick enforced as the stone appears to have been too gingerly knocked through to create the passage.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory-1953
Harford County Land Records
Federal Tax List of 1798
Martenet's Map of 1878
Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Publ., Philadelphia.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 360 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The tract is bordered to the north most of all by the Knight Farm, to the south by Deer Creek, and to the east by Maryland Route 136. The entrance is on the western side of this road, 1.5 miles south of Trappe Road.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

December 14, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

858-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

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.

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

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Physical Description

opening liner appears to be replaced bricks. Above the jack arch, there are two rows of headers. A wood strip above this indicates where the mantle had been. A hole has been made for insertion of a stove pipe. In the south side of the fireplace are two built-in shelves.

A circular stairway on the north side of the stone section leads down to the cellar and up to the attic. In the attic there are pegged joints and a tapered chimney. In the cellar, there is a very large stone fireplace; it is partially stuccoed and has a stove pipe opening. Wood work in the cellar is beaded. A door on the south end of the wall dividing the cellar under section 1 from the cellar under section 2. This cellar (under section 1) has a dirt floor and hand hewn, log ceiling rafters. The entire wall of the east side is very thick- approximately 36 inches and there are no fireplace supports.

Section 3 is a small, one story, square addition; it has a shed roof dormer in the center of both the north and south sides. An entrance is located on the north east corner of the east side. Inside, this section is a shell. It apparently was never finished.

A frame, gambrel roofed barn is located east of the dwelling. Entrance is in the north gambrel end. It has a slate covered roof with a long cupola. The barn is 8 bays by 3 and is built onto rubble stone foundations.

A deteriorated, frame shed lies east of the barn.

TITLE SEARCH

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856 Priestford Road
 Darlington, Maryland 21034
 Owner: William McDaniel

GRG	541	522	1959	Grantor: Charles W. Collier Grantee: William K. McDaniel Acreage: 860 acres
GCB	293	173	1946	Grantor: Elsie J. Symington Grantee: Charles Wood Collier Acreage: 536 acres
DGW	195	387	1926	Grantor: Olin H. Hoffman Grantee: Donald and Charles J. Symington Acreage: 536 acres, consisting of parts of the following tracts: Bennett's Prospect, Stump's Prospect, Jonathan's Inheritance, Rich Point, Planter's Paradise, Maiden's Bower, Freeland's Mount, and Addition to Thomas's Beginning.
JAR	130	16	1901	Grantor: B. Howard Hamman Grantee: John D. Worthington
WSF	99	25	1900	Grantor: John L. Dawson Grantee: B. Howard Hamman
WSF	91	374	1897	Grantor: Thomas S. Janney, trustee for Caroline S. Janney Grantee: John L. Dawson
ALJ	50	242	1883	Grantor: John H. Janney, trustee, Grantee: Banker's Telegraph Company
ALJ	37	272	1878	Grantor: John H. Price, trustee Grantee: John H. Janney, trustee Acreage: 549 acres
WG	13	322	1862	Grantor: Herman Stump Grantee: Thomas Symington Acreage: 548 and 1/4 acres
WG	13	321	1862	Grantor: Stevenson Archer, trustee Grantee: Herman Stump
SR	1	241	1819	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of William Stump Grantee: John W. Stump
SR	1	84	1816	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of John Stump Grantee: William Stump
JB	A	179	1812	John Stump patented Stump's Prospect
HD	P	583	1802	Grantor: Josiah Lee Grantee: John Stump Acreage: 217 1/2 acres including Planter's Paradise, 6 3/4 acres of Mountain, 1 1/2 acres Simmon's Choice, and 9 acres, 33 perches of Maiden's Bower.

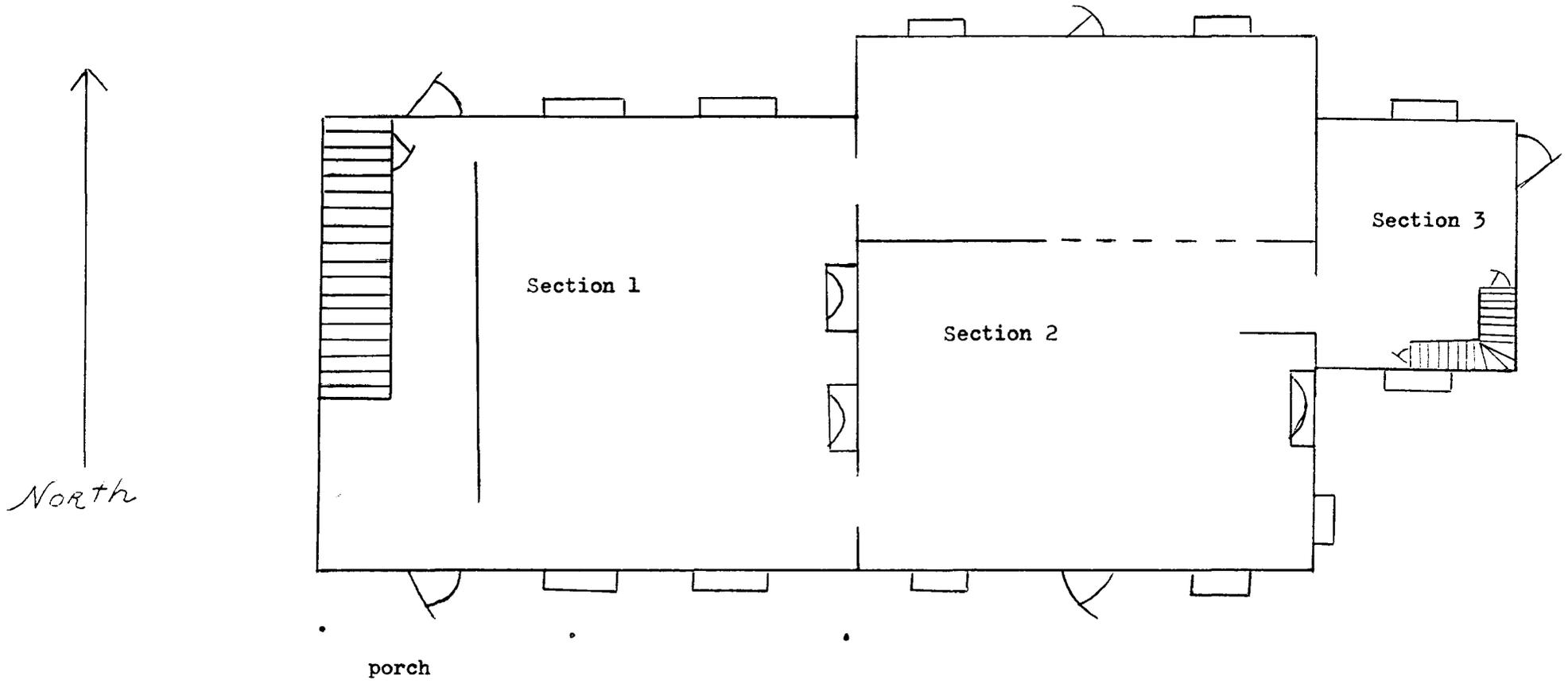
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HD S 43 1805 Grantor: John Bond, sheriff, sold land of John Stump
Grantee: Josiah Lee
Acreage: 200 acres Diamond's Rich Point, 40 acres Maiden's Bower,
80 acres Come By Chance, 25½ acres Bennett's Prospect and
100 acres of Jonathan's Inheritance.

HD P 626 1801 Grantor: Henry Watters, executor of the estate of John C. Jenkins
Grantee: John Stump

An Act of Assembly of 1780 allowed for the confiscation of British property - "December 12, 1781 of the Nottingham Company's lands to the said Josiah Lee, the Nottingham Company's title under the Act of 1719 for condemnation of iron forges, the Court of Chancery records JR 4/96 of 1747."

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South
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