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Orlando Sutton House
121 West Main Street, Galena
c. 1846

The Orlando Sutton House is the last one-and-a-half story house surviving from Galena's early 19th century past. Although it has been enlarged, altered and remodeled through the years, its form is still in evidence.

John Medders, a blacksmith, purchased two 10 acre parcels of Mount Airy from George William Wilson in 1811 and 1818 respectively.¹ In the 1822 Tax Assessment he was listed with the following properties:

Geo Tn Rds – 1/2 acres – \$125 yrly rent

Mount Airy – 12 1/2 acres – \$60 Assessment

Chance – 9 acres – \$118 Assessment

In 1846, John and Rebecca Medders sold one acre to Orlando Sutton for \$150.00, hardly enough to cover the cost of constructing a six room frame house. Sutton was probably responsible for erecting the house soon after he purchased the lot. Certainly the existing millwork is evidence of this period.

In 1873 the one acre parcel was in his estate and it was sold to Alice R. Nowland for \$880.00, a considerable jump over Sutton's purchase price. In that deed, Shrewsbury Academy is mentioned as bordering on the south and James Wilson on the north.³

The house that Sutton built was like the Stephens House on the Chestertown Road. It consisted of a hall-parlor plan with kitchen attached to the parlor end and the entire structure covered by a continuous 'A' roof. Original trim remains at the front door and around the interior doors – all of which have corner blocks. The front door, composed of raised panels with applied moldings, is original, as is the parlor mantel. The latter is nearly identical to the one in Fair View Farm at Lambson's Station.

Many changes have occurred in the house, but the basic form and foot print remain the same.

1. Land Records, Lib. WS 2, fol. 161.
2. Land Records, Lib. JNG 11, fol. 26.
3. Land Records, Lib. JKH 12, fol. 496.

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. K -150

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Airey

and/or common Orlando Sutton House

2. Location

street & number 121 West Main Street ___ not for publication

city, town Galena ___ vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Kent

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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Catherine Vansant LeCates

street & number 121 West Main Street telephone no.: 410-648-5629

city, town Galena state and zip code MD 21635

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Kent County Courthouse liber EHP 149

street & number Cross Street folio 272

city, town Chestertown state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust Windshield Survey

date 1970 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

~~Orlando Sutton~~
~~John Modders~~

The ~~John Modders~~ House is the last surviving 1½ story house surviving from Galens's early Nineteenth Century past. Although it has been altered, remodeled and enlarged through the years, it's form is still evident.

It began life as a three bay long structure with chimneys within the gables. Perhaps contemporary therewith was a one bay extension said to be built of plank, serving as the kitchen. It's plan and form would have been nearly identical to the Chesterville Hotel, a building which pre-dated this one by about twenty years and Long Meadow, a larger scale brick house near Massey.

In its present form, the bays are not as easy to distinguish, however, its central door is still in the same location and the windows flanking it have been enlarged to double windows as was the kitchen window. A large shed dormer replaced smaller dormers in the 'A' roof. Chimneys have been removed and a shed porch with wood floor has been constructed across its facade. The house sits so close to the ground that the foundation is invisible. Its walls are covered with asbestos. The single early feature of the facade is the front door which has six panels with applied molding around the raised panels. The top four panels are all the same size. It appears to have been made in the second quarter of the 19th Century.

On the west side of the building is a leanto extending three quarters of the length of the house from the south end. The north end of the leanto is two full stories and houses a bath on both stories. A shed dormer, like the east side, extends on each side of the bath room.

Inside, the division of rooms is as it was originally, hall-parlor plan with kitchen. The east front door opens into the hall, where nothing remains from the first period. The stair is located opposite the front door and ascends in a straight run to the second floor. its open string balustrade is typical of houses built circa 1910, with large square paneled newel and bold square balusters. A chimney which was once on the north gable was removed. Probably there was an enclosed corner stair adjacent the chimney.

The parlor or dining room retains a fireplace and some second quarter 19th Century doors with corner block trim. The mantel has fluted convex pilasters and cushion frieze, similar to the mantel at the Lambson Farm. A doorway leads to the west leanto and another to the kitchen in the south wall. The old kitchen has been fit with new cabinets, fixtures and appliances, however, it does retain a winder stair in its northwest corner enclosed with board and batten doors.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1846 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

George William Wilson owned the 360 plus acre plantation call "Mount Airey" which he had purchase from Henry Tilghman in the early 19th Century. It was located in the northwest corner of Georgetown Cross Roads and bordered the lands of James Pearce. In 1818 he sold ten acres along the road to Georgetown to John Medders, a blacksmith, for \$554.00. Medders lived, in 1809, on a lot on the south side of the Chestertown Road which he enlarged with another purchase in 1810. His business must have been thriving because he purchased the first ten acre parcel of Mount Airy in 1811. The 10 acre parcel he purchased in 1818, however, was to be the site of this house. In the 1822 Tax Assessment he was listed with the following properties:

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The next longest owner of the property was William A. Hyland, who purchase it in 1884. In 1914 it was sold due to a Chancery case. Between 1914 and the present there have been seven owners.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

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E

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H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historical Society of Kent County date March 1995

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city or town Chestertown state MD

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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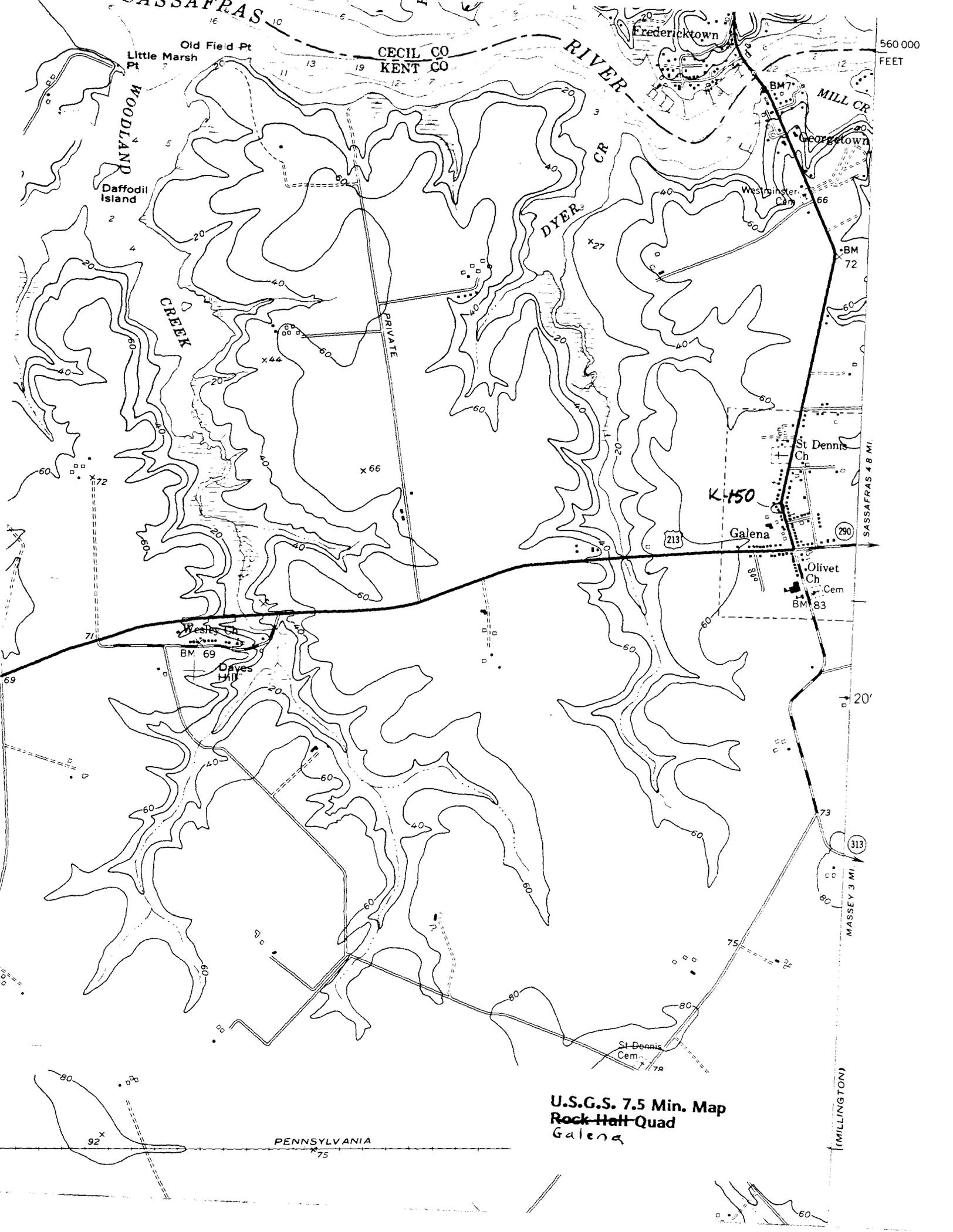
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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Kent TOWN Galena VICINITY STREET NO. Rt. 213, 9th building north of intersection (west) ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE dwelling PRESENT OWNER A.W. Duhamell PRESENT USE dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION frame NO. OF STORIES 1½	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY K- 150
	2. NAME DATE OR PERIOD late 18th century STYLE colonial ARCHITECT BUILDER
	3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <div style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC no</div>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior good	
 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne Maryland Historical Trust DATE OF RECORD Feb. 24, 1969

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Duhamell House in Galena appears to have the lines and chimneys of an 18th century house. In its present condition, it appears to have been stripped of all its original detail. It is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ story frame building, built close to the ground. The entire structure is covered with green ~~as~~ asbestos siding and the "A" roof has a huge shed dormer the length of the house on each side. There is an enclosed leanto on the west side and an open porch on the east side. It was probably three bays long and is now four irregular bays long.



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CECIL CO
KENT CO

POTOMAC RIVER

WOODLAND CREEK

DYER CR

MILL CR

Daffodil Island

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Galena

St Dennis Ch

Olivet Ch

Wesley Ch

Daves Hill

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SASSAFRAS 4.8 MI.

(MILLINGTON)

PENNSYLVANIA

U.S.G.S. 7.5 Min. Map
Rock-Hall Quad
Galena



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