Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)
   historic William H. Bowman Farm
   other

2. Location
   street and number (20531/1) Howard Chapel Drive not for publication
   city, town Damascus vicinity
   county Montgomery

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)
   name Martin Seldeen Trustee, c/o Jonathan Genn, Esq
   street and number Percontee, Inc. 11900 Tech Road
   city, town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20903

4. Location of Legal Description
   courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 3498 folio 595
   city, town Rockville tax map FX 53 tax parcel P400 tax ID # 12-00940530

5. Primary Location of Additional Data
   x Contributing Resource in National Register District
   x Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
   x Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
   x Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
   x Recorded by HABS/HAER
   x Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
   x Other:

6. Classification
   Category district building(s) structure site object
   Ownership public x private both
   Current Function x agriculture commerce/trade defense domestic education
   x medical transportation
   x educational work in progress
   x government unknown
   x health care vacant/not in use
   x industry other:
   Resource Count Contributing Noncontributing
   x buildings sites structures objects total
   Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The William Bowman Farm is located on Howard Chapel Drive. The farmstead is downhill from the public road, with the topography dropping 50 feet in elevation. Facing south toward Scotts Branch, a tributary of the Patuxent River, the house is oriented with its back to Howard Chapel Road and to the driveway approach. Contributing buildings include the dwelling house (c1840s), smoke house, corn crib, tenant house, equipment shed, bank barn, and concrete block cow barn.

The front elevation of the main two-story block is six bays wide and has a full width gallery porch. The main side-gable block has a fieldstone foundation and 6/6 sash windows. Doors are located in the second and fifth bays on both levels. The central chimney was likely an end chimney of what was probably originally a three bay house. The east end of the front façade and the first level of the east gable end are covered with plywood. A pair of square four-pane windows light the attic at each gable end. The porch ceiling is 1 1/4" beaded tongue and groove.

The house has had some alterations. A 1 1/2 story kitchen wing is located on the northwest corner of the main block. An enclosed porch extends across the west façade of this wing. In the mid 20th century (by 1973), asbestos shingle siding was applied. Also during this period, the front porch floor was replaced with concrete block foundation and poured concrete deck. The first level columns were replaced. The earlier columns, judging by a historic photograph, had squared capitals, like those on the existing second level, and had squared piers. After 1973, the balustrade on the second level was replaced with the present balusters, set approximately twice as wide apart as the originals. The earlier railing had an additional element of diamond-patterned balusters in the central bay. Despite these alterations, the present porch retains the character and style of the original gallery porch.\(^1\)

Near the northeast corner of the house stands an early to mid 19th century smokehouse. The timberframe structure has a dirt floor. Clapboard siding has been covered with asbestos. The front-gable roof, covered with corrugated metal, projects out over the entrance façade. Other smokehouses in the county with similar projecting roofs are found at Locust Hill (23/59), Mendelsohn Terrace (10/12), and the Byrne-Warfield Farm (13/24). Each of these date from the early to mid 19th century.

An extension of the driveway west of the house ends in a cluster of agricultural outbuildings. On the west side of the cul de sac stand a spacious double corn crib with board and batten siding that appears to date from the early 20th century, with its poured concrete floor, concrete foundation, and concrete block piers on the north side. A loft-level door is flanked by squared window openings, now boarded up.

Behind and west of the corn crib is a frame structure with brick chimney that appears to have been a dwelling, possibly a tenant house. The two by two bay structure has drop siding and a corrugated metal roof. The original double hung windows have been replaced with sheet glass.

North of the corn crib is an early 20th century equipment shed that has board and batten siding and a standing seam metal roof.

South of the corn crib is the bank barn. The barn has vertical board siding and a standing seam metal roof, punctuated by two metal ventilators. The timberframe building has the major purlin and minor rafter structure used through most of the 19th century. Square louvered windows vent each gable end. Oversize rolling doors on the north and south facades have inverted-V bracing. A wagon ramp leads from the driveway to the north, loft-level, side of the barn. The lower stable side has drop siding and 6/6 sash windows.

Southeast of the dwelling house stands an early 20th century, one-story concrete block cow barn. Its standing seam metal roof has a single metal ventilator.

8. Significance

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Specific dates c1840s

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register  ☑ Maryland Register  ☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

William H. Bowman established a 340-acre farm here by 1850, on land known as Pleasant Plains of Damascus, and Owens Conclusion. The farmstead is an outstanding collection of agricultural and domestic buildings, including bank barn, cow barn, smokehouse and corn crib, that are highly representative of the early to mid 19th century. The dwelling house, with its two-story gallery porch, was once a common house type of this period but is now rare in this area.2

William H. Bowman (1820-1899) acquired 300 acres from Thomas and Cynthia Clagett of Frederick County. In 1841, William, the son of Aden Bowman (b1787) and Keziah Sedgwick (b1792), married Sarah “Sallie” Miller (1819-1910). It was about that time that Aden helped his son purchase the farm, though the deed was not recorded until 1857.3

In the 1850 census, the 340-acre Bowman Farm had 260 acres cultivated land and the remainder uncleared land, valued at $600. Livestock: 2 horses, 3 milch cows, 2 other cattle, 10 sheep, and 7 swine. In 1849, he had raised 10 bushels wheat, 200 bu corn, 300 bu oats and 1800 lbs tobacco. Tax assessments of 1868 list William Bowman with 340 acres of Pleasant Plains of Damascus and Owens Conclusion. Improvements were valued at $800. The Martenet and Bond map of 1865 shows Bowman living at the property in question. Like most tobacco farmers in this era, William Bowman had slaves. The 1850 census lists Bowman with a single slave. In 1868, there were two: Margaret Warfield, 24 yrs, and Isabella Jane Warfield, 7.4

The farm was accessed by a long private road off of Damascus Road, as seen on the Hopkins Atlas of 1879. In response to an 1896 petition by local residents, the public road now known as Howard Chapel Drive was platted.5

The couple had nine children, though only their daughter Emma is known to have survived childhood, and it was she who would inherit the farm. The Bowman children included Keziah E. (b~1843), Marshall W. (b~1847), William A. (b~1849), Mary E. (b~1859) and Emma F. (1862-1936).6

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2The date 1853 appears before Bowman’s name in the tax assessment records listing the property with improvements. 1850 census lists Bowmans. In its list of patrons, the Hopkins Atlas of 1879 lists William H. Bowman with 335 acres of land in Damascus.

3The deed is dated 1857, but the Bowmans were apparently already well established on the farm and the Clagettes were living in Frederick County. Deed JGH 6:497-8 dated Sept 1, 1857. Bowman paid $680 for about 300 acres. Thomas Clagett had obtained the property from Ninian M. Clagett in 1844. (JGH 6:497-8; deed made Sept 1, 1857 and recorded March 22, 1858). The 1910 Death Notice for William Bowman’s widow lists her name as Sallie Bowman. Genealogical Abstracts, p85.


51879 Hopkins Atlas. Plat No 19 Filed Jan 15, 1897. Surveyed October 28, 1896. (Montgomery County Circuit Court MSA S1249-25324)
Sallie filed for divorce by 1872. As part of the settlement, she obtained the 218-acre parcel, the unsold portion of the 300-acre tract that had been conveyed to William H. Bowman by Clagett. In 1879, their daughter Emma Bowman married Rufus Kent King (1850-1916). Apparently the Bowmans reconciled for William and Sallie are listed in one household in 1880. Living with them were Emma and Rufus King and their first child. After William's death in 1899, Sallie continued to live with Emma and Rufus, who in the 1900 census was listed as the head of household.\(^7\)

Rufus King was a constable and a Justice of the Peace for Montgomery County. He was the son of Edward J King (1821-1899) and Mary Jane Burdette. Rufus and Emma operated the farm after the death of Sallie. She died in 1910 at the age of 90. Rufus died six years later. After the death of Emma, in 1936, her estate was settled in Equity Court. For $10,000, the 207.606-acre property was conveyed to Joseph P. Abrahams and George Albert Gude, on December 31, 1940.\(^8\)

Joseph & Pauline Abrahams and George A. & Bessie M. Gude conveyed the farm to John M. & Mabel A. Tregoning in March 24, 1949. The 207.606-acre property was called Sunny Hill Farm. The Tregonings conveyed the property to C. Ellis and Lillian M. Hood in November 3, 1949. The Hoods conveyed the property to Martin Seldeen, Trustee, in 1966.\(^9\)

SOURCES TO CONSULT:
Will for William H. Bowman GCA 9:280, November 23, 1900
-Emma F. King share of her father’s estate. Sarah Bowman share.

Equity Case 9733 12-24-1940 Court Decree

251-1871 Injunction
Aug 2, 1872 Wm H & Sarah Bowman. Source: Equity and Tax Sales Index
(Includes survey plat)

Hurley's Bowman book, p62+ for info on Sallye King Day et al, source of Damascus History CD photos

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6 Hurley, pp59-60.
7 Deed EBP 10:69.
8 Wm Hurley, p60. Equity Case (9733).
Tax Assessments, Hall of Records, Annapolis  

Book 1864-1869  (Series MSA C111-4; Location 1-19-6-11)  

District 2  

NB The year 1853 written in the column before Bowman's name  

William Bowman  
Pleasant Plains of Damascus and Owens Conclusion  

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Nov 28, 1844 (cited in JGH 6:497 of 1857) |
| 1857 | William H. Bowman from Thomas Clagett and Cynthia Clagett of Frederick County   
Approx 300 acres for $680   
Sept 1, 1857 (JGH 6:497) |
| 1872 | Sarah & Emma F. Bowman from William H. Bowman.   
218 acres, one rood and 32 sq perches   
Deed EBP 10:69. Equity Case, Injunction 251-1871 |
| 1872 | Emma married Rufus King in 1879. By the time of William Bowman’s death, in 1899, Rufus operated the farm.  
Sallie continued to live with Emma and her son-in-law Rufus. |
| 1940 | Joseph P. Abrahams and George Albert Gude. From the estate of Emma F. King (nee Bowman), died 1936   
$10,000 for 218 acres, one rood, 32 sq perches   
December 31, 1940 (Deed 813:79) Equity 9733 |
| 1949 | John M & Mabel A Tregoning from Joseph P & Pauline Abrahams; George Albert; and Bessie McGude   
207.606 acres, known as Sunny Hill Farm   
March 24, 1949 (1240:5) |
| 1949 | C Ellis & Lillian M Hood from Tregonings   
192.4484 acres, tract known as Sunny Hill Farm   
11-3-1949 (1314:99) |
| 1966 | Martin Sedeen from Hoods   
238.37 acres   
4-11-1966 (3498:595) |
11-3  William Bowman Farm

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Equity Case 9733, (1939-1940), Hall of Records, Annapolis.


Martenet and Bond, Map of Montgomery County, Maryland, 1865.


Tax Assessment Records, Hall of Records, Annapolis.

Secondary Sources:
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Genealogical Abstracts, Montgomery County Sentinel, 1900-1934 (2 vols), Montgomery County Historical Society.


Malloy, Mary Gordon; Jane C. Sween; and Janet D. Manuel. Abstracts of Wills, Montgomery County, Maryland, 1776-1825.
9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached.

10. Geographical Data

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WILLIAM BOWMAN-HOOD FARM
26221 HOWARD CHAPEL DRIVE

FARM
LOOKING SOUTH

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William Bowman-Hood Farm
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Outbuildings + Bank Barn
Looking West

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for the
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The house is a two story frame house with a two story galleried porch across the main (south) facade. The present central chimney was once the end chimney for a smaller house. The present facade is six bays wide, with two doors at each floor level and windows flanking each door. The windows are 6/6 double hung sash.

A rear, one story wing partially hides the rear facade. The east end, however, which is exposed, has two windows on each floor.

Except for small attic windows, the east end wall is blank. The west end wall has attic windows and one each on the first and second floors. The boxed cornice is not returned; it is, however, carried along the end of the porch roof.

The house sits on a stone foundation.

It has been covered with asbestos siding.
### B. SIGNIFICANCE

**PERIOD** (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- [ ] Pre-Columbian
- [ ] 16th Century
- [ ] 18th Century
- [ ] 20th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S):** (If Applicable and Known)

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE** (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Aboriginal
- Prehistoric
- Historic
- Agriculture
- Architecture
- Art
- Commerce
- Communications
- Conservation
- Education
- Engineering
- Industry
- Invention
- Landscape
- Architecture
- Literature
- Military
- Music
- Political
- Religion/Phil.
- Science
- Sculpture
- Sociology/Human.
- Urban Planning
- Other (Specify)

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**
### 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

**Latitudes and Longitudes Coordinates Defining a Rectangle Locating the Property**

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**Latitudes and Longitudes Coordinates Defining the Center Point of a Property of Less than Ten Acres**

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**Approximate Acreage of Nominated Property:**

**Acreage Justification:**

**List All States and Counties for Properties Overlapping State or County Boundaries**

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**Form Prepared By**

**Name and Title:**

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

**Organization:**

MNCPPC

**Street and Number:**

8787 Georgia Avenue

**City or Town:**

Silver Spring

**State:**

Maryland

**Date:**

23/Oct/73

**State Liaison Officer Review:** (Office Use Only)

**Significance of this Property is:**

National [ ] State [ ] Local [ ]

**Signature**
NAME: William Bowman House (Hood Farm)
LOCATION: Howard Chapel Rd, Damascus, MD
FACADE: S
PHOTO TAKEN: 10/23/73 M. Oyser
NAME: William Bowman House - Barn
LOCATION: Howard Chapel Rd, Damascus, Md.
FACADE: NE
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