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Lawrence Hamilton House
Barnesville Vicinity
Private

c. 1927

This two story frame dwelling was constructed as the replacement for the older log dwelling. As with many log houses, the timbers were re-used, in this case to build some of the outbuildings, including the hen house which is still in use. The owner himself continues to raise most of his own food and uses traditions that he learned from his ancestors in doing so.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Lawrence Hamilton House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Southeast corner of the junction of Peachtree Rd. and Moore Rd.

CITY, TOWN Barnesville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Lawrence Hamilton

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Moore Road

CITY, TOWN Barnesville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 2242

Folio #: 236

STREET & NUMBER Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story frame house stands at the corner of Moore Road and Peachtree Road. Its principal facade is located in the gable end that faces Peachtree Road (west). The house is the center of a working home-stead, complete with a full range of outbuildings and animal places since the owner, Lawrence Hamilton, continues to raise and preserve much of his own food.

The exterior of the house is covered with green composition siding. The front of the house is sheltered by a screened-in, one story porch. A brick stove flue is located outside of this gable end. On the opposite side of the house (east) is another screened porch. Just outside of it is the water pump, where water is drawn into buckets usually kept there for the purpose.

In plan, the house contains two rooms down and two up, with the front room serving as living room, and the back room as kitchen and dining room. Below the house is a large cellar, in which Hamilton keeps the potatoes he raises in a bin, along with canned vegetables on shelves that he has put up.

Behind the house is a large vegetable garden and a meat house with overhanging gable roof. Hamilton built the meathouse himself, along with the other outbuildings. At the back of the lot is a fenced yard for chickens and ducks, enclosing a small house made from the logs of the old log dwelling that used to stand on the site of the main house. Also in the back yard are small houses for his dogs, and a long rack on which Hamilton sets out his onions to dry them in the sun. Near the road are large fifty gallon drums used in hog butcherings, and a scaffold of poles from which the carcasses of hogs are hung for butchering. Across Moore Road is the fenced hog yard where Hamilton still raises a half dozen or more hogs that he butchers out himself with the aid of friends each fall. In his meathouse today hang the hams, shoulders, and side meat that he has cured himself.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Black History Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1927

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Lawrence Hamilton, a small log house once stood on the site of the house. Like other log dwellings, it contained two rooms down and two up with a porch along the south side. It had double hung sash windows with small panes (6 x 6), since they were less expensive than the larger ones according to Hamilton. It had been the home of a white family, named Watkins. In 1927 ("when I was about 23 years old") the old log house was torn down, Hamilton says, and this frame structure built.

Lawrence Hamilton is related to old families in the Big Woods and Jerusalem communities. His father was James Edward Hamilton, who was the brother of Dennis Hamilton, one of the founders of the Jerusalem community and whose log house has been surveyed. His mother was Mary Harper (Hamilton), perhaps related to the Harper family of Jonesville. His sister, Nannie Hamilton, married William Thomas Onley of Big Woods, whose ancestors helped to found that community after the Civil War. The importance of these family connections is that they show how separate Black communities were in upper Montgomery County were linked by the ties of kinship.

Hamilton recalls that he was born and raised in a five room log tenant house on the Coolridge farm near Poolesville (or perhaps the wooden place, they may be same, my notes are not clear). The house had a fire-place and small windows, and the hewn logs were exposed. The logs of the old-time houses were made of pine, oak, or anything "that they could get", Hamilton recalls. His father, James Edward Hamilton, had been born during slavery, he says, and had belonged to either "Mr. Woolard" or "Tom White" in Barnesville (my notes were not clear as to which). For all of his life Lawrence Hamilton has raised farm animals and worked the land.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md. Deed:
2242/236.

Oral interviews with Lawrence Hamilton, Florence Hallman, and Ida
Hallman, not taped, by George McDaniel, Barnesville,
Maryland, August, 1979.

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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

George McDaniel, Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

DATE

7/79

TELEPHONE

926-4510

STATE

Maryland 20753

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Lawrence Hamilton house

West gable end: facade

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Barnesville vicinity



Lawrence Hamilton house

↳ East gable end

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Lawrence Hamilton in
front of meat house he
built

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