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Richard Lee House (Site)  
Big Woods Community  
Private

c. 1868

This one and a half story log house was probably one of the first built by Black families after emancipation. Like those of other Black landowners in the postbellum decades, it stood one and a half stories in height, contained two rooms down and two up, and was warmed by wood burning stoves, instead of open fireplaces as was common in comparable houses of Blacks in Southern Maryland.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Richard Lee House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER South side of Big Woods Road

CITY, TOWN Barnesville    VICINITY OF Big Woods 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 type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 K.L. Hackett Telephone #: not listed

STREET & NUMBER Big Woods Road

CITY, TOWN Dickerson    VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Land Records

Liber #: Case 4418  
Folio #: Tax map: CV 31, P-964

STREET & NUMBER Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Rockville, Md. STATE

**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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Florence Hallman of the Big Woods community, this log house stood one and a half stories or two stories in height and contained two rooms down and two up. In general, its design and construction resembled those of the log houses of Lewis Brown, Isaac Owens, and Fred Hamilton which remain standing in the community. Refer to those sites for more details. Mrs. Hallman does recall that there was a meathouse behind this house and presumes that other common outbuildings were present, too.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
 Deeds: EBP5/244.  
 Equity Case: #4418.

Oral interviews with Florence Hallman, July-August 1978 (not taped)  
 George McDaniel, Big Woods Community.  
 CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

8/78

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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