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Henry Hackett House (Site)
Big Woods community
Private

c. 1873

This two story frame house was the home of a black landowning family which was descended from free blacks who had owned property in the county during the ante-bellum era. Their descendants continue to live in the communities they helped to found.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Henry Hackett House (site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side of Big Woods Road

CITY, TOWN Dickerson 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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Woods

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME J. J. and M. M. Rast Telephone #: 301-762-5689

STREET & NUMBER 12700 Circle Dr. 270-1466

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

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 2654
Folio #: 189

STREET & NUMBER Montgomery County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

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 Idella Craven, the granddaughter of Henry Hackett, this house burned around 1925. As she remembers it, it was a two story frame house somewhat larger than the other homes of black families in Big Woods. The houses of Henry Onley and John Onley are examples of the type that still remain. According to Ms. Craven, the principal block had two rooms down and two rooms up with the kitchen attached to one gable end. The interior was warmed by wood stoves. Behind the house were the typical outbuildings: meat house, hen house, and privy. There was also a large vegetable garden. She remembers especially the front of the house as having been "lovely." Her grandmother had planted numerous flowers and shrubs such as peonies and lilacs. There were also fruit trees around the house and a large walnut tree, the nuts of which were gathered and used for baking.

Among the "special things" that Ms. Craven remembers was the pie safe in the kitchen with tin panels and the large kitchen stove whose brand name was "Home Comfort." Her grandparents also had large wooden tubs with handles.

The site is now overgrown in woods and nothing remains to be seen.

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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		
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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		
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES *c. 1873* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house stood on the property purchased by Henry Hackett in 1873 from the trustees of the Hempstone estate, as recorded in deed EBP 15/179. This property was therefore purchased in the same year as the tracts bought by Hackett's neighbors, Henry T. Onley and Lewis Brown. The Hackett property was located near the property owned by the Spencer family, an antebellum Black landowning family.

This family is important in the history of black communities in upper western Montgomery County. The Hackett family was related to the Duffins through marriage. See the Duffin family Bible in the possession of Edna Duffin Johnson, White Grounds community, M-18-11-3.

Henry Hackett married Sarah Catherine Spencer, born in 1852, the daughter of Phillip and Ellen Spencer, who were free blacks. The Spencer family founded the Big Woods community in the early 1800's. See the Spencer family tree included with this report for more details.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.
Deed EBP/15/179.
U. S. Census, 1900, Montgomery County, p. 28.

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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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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