

1. Name: Clark/Waters House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 13/10/5 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 7  
Clarksburg H.D. A-4

4. Address: 23346 Frederick Road, Clarksburg

## 5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Accessible	<u>no</u>		
Present use	<u>private residence</u>		

6. Date: c. 1797

7. Original Owner: John Clark

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This five bay by two bay, two-and-a-half story L-shaped house faces northeast. It has white novelty siding on the northeast section and white aluminum siding on the southwest ell. The northeast (front) porch is supported by two pairs of chamfered and bracketed wooden posts. Northeast door has oval wooden panels, is flanked by two-light side lights and is surmounted by a three-light transom. Northeast section has two-over-two windows; southwest ell has six-over-six windows. Southeast and northwest gable ends have two-over-two round headed windows. Gable roof has bracketed boxed, and returned cornice.

10. Significance: Between 1796 and 1810 both John Clark and his son-in-law William Willson accumulated several lots on Frederick Road. Upon John Clark's death in 1803, all his property, including Clark's trading post, went to his daughter and son-in-law.

Though it is difficult to precisely date the beginning of Clark-Willson ownership, the Waters house appears to have been in existence by the end of the 18th century. The present structure hides a log building underneath, and during renovation documents dating from the 1790's were discovered hidden in the walls. The 1804 tax assessment records William Willson as owning "4 houses and lots" in Clarksburg. It is probable that one of these houses was the Waters residence.

The property remained in the Willson family for 120 years. William Willson probably rented it to different tenants and on his death c. 1851 the property was divided among his three children, William C. buying out Mary Willson Waters and Leonidas in 1870. Mary next owned it, willing it to her daughter Sarah I. Sellman. It was sold out of the Sellman family in 1923. It has changed hands six times in the 20th c.

1. Researcher and date researched: Kevin J. Parker-9/79 Candy Reed  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation  
Approval

15. Acreage: 23,017.16 sq. ft.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Clark/Waters

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 23346 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN Clarksburg 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 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	<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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Dr. George A. Thompson Telephone #: 428-3183

STREET & NUMBER 23346 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN Clarksburg VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20734

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4477

Folio #: 593

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay by two bay, two-and-a-half story, L-shaped house faces northeast on Frederick Road.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has white novelty siding, with white aluminum siding on the southwest ell. The northeast (front) porch has a flat roof supported by two pairs of chamfered and bracketed wooden posts. The northeast (front) door has oval wooden panels and is flanked by two light sidelights and is surmounted by a three light transom. On the southeast elevation there is a shed roofed porch, glassed-in at the southwest end and screened-in at the northeast end.

The house has combination of two-over-two double-hung windows on the northeast section of the house and six-over-six double hung-windows in the southwest ell. There are also two roundheaded two-over-two double-hung windows in the southeast and northwest gable ends. The four first level windows on the northeast elevation have wooden panels below them. All windows are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters.

The gable roof has a bracketed, boxed and returned cornice line. There are two interior chimneys at the southeast and northwest gable ends. There is a massive exterior fieldstone chimney on the southwest gable end of the southwest ell.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1797 BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Clark

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Clark/Waters house in Clarksburg is a significant example of early 19th century residential architecture. Its size, appearance and connection with the Clark and Willson families make it especially worthy of attention.

It is difficult to ascertain when either John Clark or his son-in-law William Willson acquired the property on which the house now sits. Between 1796 and 1810 both men accumulated bits and pieces of lots 4, 5, and 6, on the west side of the Frederick Road.<sup>1</sup> Upon John Clark's death in the early 1800's, all his property, including Clark's trading post, went to his daughter and son-in-law.<sup>2</sup>

Though it is difficult to precisely date the beginning of Clark-Willson ownership, the Waters house appears to have been in existence by the end of the 18th century. The present structure hides a log building underneath,<sup>3</sup> and during renovation documents dating from the 1790's were discovered hidden in the walls.<sup>4</sup> The 1804 tax assessment records William Willson as owning "4 houses and lots" in Clarksburg. It is probable that one of these houses was the Waters residence.

The property remained in the Willson family for 120 years. William Willson seems to have rented the house to different tenants -- for the 1865 map of Clarksburg shows "B.T. Silance, shoemaker" occupying the house. Upon William Willson's death, however, his property was divided between his two sons, William C. and Leonidas, and his daughter Mary Willson Waters.<sup>5</sup> In 1870, Mary Waters and Leonidas Willson sold their share of the house ("an improved lot now in the occupation of Baker T. Silance")<sup>6</sup> to their brother. At William's death in the 1870's, it returned to Mary Willson Waters.<sup>7</sup>

Mary Willson Waters willed the property to her daughter Sarah I. Sellman<sup>8</sup> who in turn left it to her son, William A. Sellman.<sup>9</sup> It was not until 1923 that William Sellman finally sold the house,<sup>10</sup> thus ending over 120 years of Willson family ownership.

The new owner, Margaret Halvosa, lived in the house for 14 years before selling it to Georgie C. Darby.<sup>11</sup> The house changed hands three more times before it finally came to its present owner in 1973.<sup>12</sup>

The house is a log structure underneath which was enlarged and surrounded by a more "modern" structure during the early 19th century. It appears from the assessment records that this "improvement" occurred somewhere between 1840 and 1845. The assessed value for lots 4 and 5 jumps from \$783.00 and \$615.00 to \$1,000.00 for each in 1845.<sup>13</sup>

The house today stands as a beautiful example of an early 19th century residence.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, Tax and Will Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
 Martenet & Bond Map of 1865.  
 Whalen, Mrs. Rita, Interview, June, 1979.  
 Williams, Bob, Interview, June 1979.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 23,017.16 Sq. Ft.

**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

Kevin J. Parker

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

9/20/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

Clark/Waters

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., H/25 (12/28/1797); H/409 (2/12/1799); O/425 (1/24/1810).
2. Will of John Clark, VMB 1/530 (2/9/1803).
3. Telephone interview with Bob Williams Employee at Mollsworth Funeral Home, June 1979.
4. Interview with Mrs. Rita Whalen, former occupant, June 1979
5. Will of William Willson of John, JWS-1/46 (10/18/1851).
6. Land Records, op. cit., EPB 7/301 (5/10/1870).
7. Wills, JSW 1/303 (10/5/1869).
8. Ibid., RWC 15/414
9. Ibid., HCA 19/231 (1/12/1917).
10. Land Records, op. cit., PBR 340/55 (10/5/1923).
11. Ibid., 689/76 (12/8/1937).
12. Ibid., 278/393 (5/24/1960); 4024/593 (12/8/1970).
13. Montgomery County Tax Assessments, 1840 & 1845.

**NOTICES.**

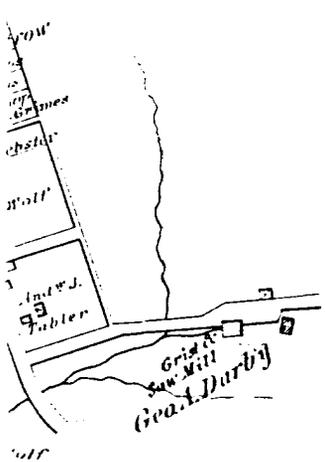
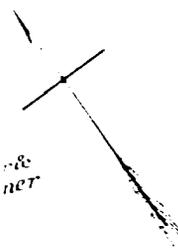
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**BUSINESS NOTICES.**

**J. H. Gibson.**  
Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries,  
Hardware, Boots, Shoes, Bats, Drugs,  
and Medicines, Kitchens etc.

**Luther G. King.**  
Manufacturer and Dealer in Pure Rye  
and Common Whiskey.  
Near Clarkshurgh

**CLARKSBURGH P.O.**  
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*Howard Young*  
*John Hurley*  
*C. Tho: Anderson*  
*W. Workshop*  
*Elizabeth Hurley*  
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*Shoe Shop*  
*Jan. S. Leuman*  
*M: 13-10-10*  
*Mary Miles*  
*Lee Wilson.*  
*M: 13-10-12*  
*F.C. Worthington M.D.*  
*ceptl. Office*  
*Wm. J. Bronenbury*  
*John Fisher*  
*How at*  
*Hilton & Kemp*  
*Owners*  
*U.S. Shop*  
*Mary Miles*  
*J.H. Gibson*  
*M: 13-10-2 Res.*  
*M: 13-10-7*  
*Elizabeth Powers*  
*Mary Waters*  
*M: 13-10-5*  
*Lee Wilson*  
*M: 13-10-6*  
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*Mary Miles*  
*Office*  
*Mary Waters M: 13-10-3*  
*Geo. W. Hilton*  
*Res.*  
*C. Richd. Murphy*  
*Res.*  
*Odd Fellows*  
*Had.*  
*Columbus Woodward*  
*M: 13-10-9*  
*Jonathan Sibley*  
*To Damascus*  
*Geo. W. Hilton*  
*To Jacksville*

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*Frank Ball*  
*Rebecca Morrison*  
*Peter Duffy*  
*W. Magruder*  
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QUAD, 1953

Clark/Waters



Facade: east  
Taken by Kevin Parker, 1979