

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:13-10-8  
(date entered 5-4-86)

1. Name: William Hurley House and Shoe Shop
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 13/10/8 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 7  
A-4
4. Address: 23421 Frederick Road, Clarksburg

## 5. Classification Summary

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

6. Date: possibly c. 1800 (back section); Arnold Warfield -- 7. Owner  
c. 1872 (front section); William Hurley
8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This two bay by one bay two story rectangular house was built on a solid stone base (no basement). It has two brick chimneys, one exterior off-center on the east side and one in the center of the structure. A possible log cabin is concealed by a mixture of wall finishes -- drop siding, wood siding, and asphalt shingles. The house has a porch on the south side. The gable roof has asphalt shingles. There are shed dormers on the north and south sides of the east section. The doors are wood paneled with plain wood frames. The windows are six-over-six double hung and six-or-nine light casement. The house is set back 50' from the Frederick Road. A tannery shop is set on the southwest corner. It is one bay by one bay, rectangular, 1½ story frame structure with a basement and a tin gable roof. Doors are made of wooden vertical boards and windows are six-over-six double-hung at the first floor and four light casement at the loft level.

10. Significance: The William Hurley house and shoe shop are a well preserved remnant of the work-a-day world of 19th C. Montgomery County and a center of activity in Clarksburg. The house may have served as the scene of balloting for the Clarksburg district during the "first election". The shoe-making business began about 1842. In the mid-century, the Clarksburg band practiced in the house until it ceased activity in the 1870s. In the first decades of the 20th C. a milliner's shop was operated in the front room.

The first section of the house may have been built by 1802 by Arnold Warfield. It was sold twice before 1835 when Obed Hurley bought it. He sold it to William Hurley, the shoemaker, in 1842. William Hurley was Clarksburg's leading shoemaker from 1842 until his death in the 1870s. Because of the location of a tannery down the road, Clarksburg boasted three shoemakers in 1860 and other leather trade workers. John Hurley, William's son, formed the Clarksburg band which became widely known for its musical expertise. In the 20th C. Helen Hurley operated the milliner's shop. She sold the property out of the family in 1942. It has had a number of owners since. Its present owner is rehabilitating the building.

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

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: 20,338 sq. ft.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The William Hurley House and Shoe Shop

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 23421 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN Clarksburg

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8  
 VICINITY OF

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 Mrs. Rosalie Willis

Telephone #: 972-1191

STREET & NUMBER 23421 Frederick Road

CITY, TOWN Clarksburg

STATE, zip code Maryland 20734

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 5203  
 Folio #: 503

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 20855

**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

The two bay by one bay (32' x 20') two story, rectangular house was built 180 years ago on a solid stone base (no basement). A possible log cabin is concealed by 1940 pine panelling inside and a mixture of wall finishes outside -- drop siding on the west, 6" and 8" reveal, wood siding on the north and south, and asphalt shingles on the east.

There is an 8' x 16' porch on the east half of the south side, with two 4" x 4" posts, and a 6" thick concrete floor. The door on the north side has a small concrete stoop.

There are two brick chimneys, one exterior off-center on the east side, and one in the center of the structure.

The doors are all wood paneled, with very plain wood frames. The windows are six-over-six double-hung wood at the first floor level and in the dormers, and six or nine light casement at the second floor level.

The gable roof has asphalt shingles. There are shed dormers on the north and south sides of the east section.

The west half of the front (south) facade has one window on the first floor, and a casement at floor level on the second floor. The east half has one window and a door under the porch roof, and a shed dormer above. The east side shows a door, window and a very small two light casement at the lower level and two casements above, as well as the small brick chimney. The north side has a window below and shed dormer above in the east half, and a door and window below and casement above on the west half. The west side has two windows below and one above, facing Frederick Road.

The house is set 50' back from Frederick Road, and faces south toward its side yard. The tannery shop is set on the southwest corner.

The one bay by one bay (12' x 14') rectangular, 1½ story shoe shop is built of wood, with post and beam construction, on a stone foundation (with basement). It has 6" reveal, rough wood siding. There are two wooden stoops, 12" high, one on the east and one on the west. The doors are made of vertical wooden boards. The windows are six-over-six double-hung wood at the first floor level, and four light wood casements at the loft level. The ridge of the tin gable roof runs north-south. There are one door and one window on the east and west sides. The north side has one window below and one serving the loft above. The south side has only a casement into the loft.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES Possibly c. 1800 (back section); Arnold Warfield  
c. 1872 (front section); William Hurley

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Few reminders are left today of the work-a-day world of 19th century Montgomery County. The William Hurley house and shoe shop, however, well preserve a remnant of that world.

The house, built in sections during the early and mid-19th century, served as the home of William Hurley, Clarksburg's leading shoemaker from 1842 until his death in the 1870's.<sup>1</sup> Because of the location of a tannery down the road,<sup>2</sup> Clarksburg boasted three shoemakers in 1860<sup>3</sup> and a number of other workers in leather trades. The shoestore which stands directly in front of the house provided a place where generations of Clarksburg residents could purchase finished leather products.

It is difficult to assign a precise date of construction to the house. The back section is built of log covered with weatherboards and is said to be "very old".<sup>4</sup> An 1802 deed<sup>5</sup> mentions "improvements and appurtenances" and the owner of the lot, Arnold Warfield, is listed in the 1804 tax assessment as possessing "3 houses in Clarksburg".<sup>6</sup> One former resident maintains that the house was the scene of balloting for the Clarksburg district during the "first election",<sup>7</sup> but this is impossible to confirm. This would indicate, however, a late 18th century date for the back part of the residence -- a date not incongruous with the log construction.

The front section of the house is easier to date. William Hurley's tax assessment jumped from \$250 in 1862<sup>8</sup> to \$400 in 1872.<sup>9</sup> This indicates some work on the house during this era.

Before the property came into the possession of the Hurley family in 1835,<sup>10</sup> it passed through the hands of numerous owners. Arnold Warfield purchased the lot at auction in 1802,<sup>11</sup> and in 1816 he sold it to the Burnside family.<sup>12</sup> John Burnside deeded the land to Samuel Lewis two years later,<sup>13</sup> and in 1835 he sold it to Obed Hurley for \$212.50.<sup>14</sup> In 1837 Obed sold the land to John Hurley,<sup>15</sup> who in turn sold it to William Hurley, the shoemaker, in 1842 for \$300.<sup>16</sup> The rise in price from \$212.50 in 1835 to \$300 again indicates some "improvements" on the lot. It is possible that the shoe shop was constructed during this time. The property remained in the hands of the Hurley family until 1942.

During mid-century the shoe shop and Hurley homestead became a hub of community activity. John Hurley, William's son, formed the Clarksburg band<sup>17</sup> which became widely known for its musical expertise. The band practiced in the house for its concerts until it disbanded in the 1870's.<sup>18</sup>

In 1904, after Elizabeth Hurley's death, the house came into the possession of Helen Hurley<sup>19</sup> who operated a milliner's shop in the front room. It was Helen who sold the property out of the family in 1942,<sup>20</sup> and since that time it has passed through a number of different hands.<sup>21</sup>

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(See Attachment Sheet A)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 20,338 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

Lynn Gallagher

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

9/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

## The William Hurley House and Shoe Shop

After a period of neglect, the property was purchased by Mrs. Rosalie Willis in 1978<sup>22</sup>; she has been rehabilitating the building.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Census Records, 1850 through 1870.
2. Martz, Ralph Fraley, "Two Centuries of Clarksburg", 1954. In Clarksburg file at Montgomery County Historical Society.
3. 1860 Census
4. Conversations with Mrs. Lois Maxwell, August 1979.
5. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., K/259 (June 9, 1802).
6. 1804 Tax Assessment Records.
7. Phone Conversation with Mrs. Deborah Reilly, September 1979.
8. 1862 Tax Assessment Record.
9. 1872 Tax Assessment Record.
10. Land Records, op. cit., BS7/130 (1835).
11. Ibid. No. 5.
12. Ibid., op. cit., S20/45 (March 11, 1816).
13. Ibid., op. cit., U/217 (July 24, 1818).
14. Ibid. No. 10.
15. Ibid., op. cit., BS9/419 (March 18, 1837).
16. Ibid., op. cit., BS11/311 (October 24, 1842).
17. Martz, Ralph Fraley, "Old Clarksburg Band", Article in the Clarksburg file at the Montgomery County Historical Society.
18. Ibid.
19. Land Records, op. cit., 180/72 (October 24, 1904).  
Willis, RWC6/71 (September 29, 1874).
20. Ibid., 882/60 (July 6, 1942).
21. Ibid., 967/111 (April 30, 1945); 2481/263 (July 21, 1958); 2523/345 (October 25, 1958; 3686/489 (November 16, 1967).
22. Ibid., 5203/503 (September 8, 1978).

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- Land, Assessments and Will Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
U.S. Census Record  
Martz, Ralph Fraley, "Two Centuries of Clarksburg", 1954. Unpublished Manuscript, Files of Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Md.  
           "Old Clarksburg Band".  
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Reilly, Mrs. Deborah, Clarksburg, Md., Interview.  
Willis, Mrs. Rosalie, Clarksburg, Md., Interview.

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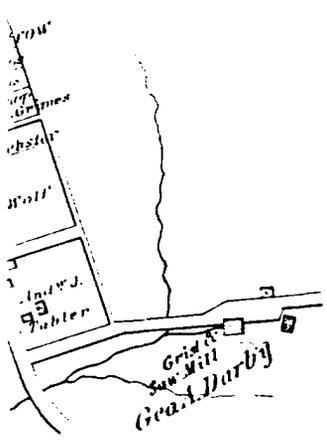
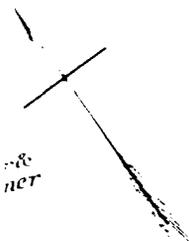
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*Richd Leaman* [ ]  
*Howard Young* [ ]  
*John Hurley* [ ]  
*C. Tho. Anderson* [ ]  
*W. H. Shop*

**BUSINESS NOTICES.**

*J. H. Gibson.*  
 Dealer in Dry Goods and Groceries,  
 Hardware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Drugs,  
 and Miscellaneous Articles etc.

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

*Elizabeth Hurley* [ ]  
 M: 13-10-8  
*Jan. S. Leaman* [ ]  
 E M: 13-10-10  
*Mary Miles* [ ]  
*Lee Wilson.* [ ]  
 M: 13-10-12  
*F. C. Worthington, M.D.* [ ]  
 Office  
*John Baker* [ ]  
 Hilton & Kemp  
 Owners  
*Store* [ ]  
*J. H. Gibson* [ ]  
 M: 13-10-2 Res.  
 M: 13-10-7  
*Elizabeth Powers* [ ]  
*Mary Waters* [ ]  
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*Mary Miles* [ ]  
*Geo. W. Hilton* [ ]  
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*Elizabeth Foy* [ ]  
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*Mary Waters & Lee Wilson*  
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*Geo. W. Hilton* [ ]

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William Hurley House & Shoe Shop

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