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Lloyd and Sarah Gibbs House (Site)  
Clarksburg Vicinity  
Private

c. 1884

This handsome two story frame house was the home of a Black landowning family, the Gibbs, one of the earliest Black landowning families in the vicinity and one of the largest landowners. The house had three bays, arranged in the typical pattern of bilateral symmetry. In plan, it contained two rooms down and two up. Around it stood the several out-buildings basic to a small farmstead.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Lloyd and Sarah Gibbs House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Rt. 355

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 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

MNCPPC

Telephone #: 279-1000

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 2956

Folio #: 105

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

This handsome two story house is no longer standing, but according to community informant, Ethel Foreman, it stood on the north side of the John Wesley Church United Methodist Church and on the west side of Rt. 355. It faced east. In appearance, the house was similar to those of other Black landowners of the late 19th century. Its facade contained the typical three bays, arranged with the door centrally located, flanked by two windows. The frame was sheathed with weatherboards. There was no porch that Miss Foreman mentioned. Brick stove flues ascended inside each gable end. The windows contained double hung sashes with two over two lights.

In plan, the house had two rooms down and two up. The south room was the living room, and the north the kitchen. Beneath the kitchen was a cellar, to which a door led from the outside gable end. The two rooms upstairs were bedrooms.

Behind the house were outbuildings: a privy, wood shed, hen house, and dog "coop", according to Miss Foreman. Much of the land around the house was forested, she remembers.

According to Miss Foreman, the house may have been built, in part, with logs.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

C. 1887

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though this house is no longer standing, it is another example of the type occupied by Black landowners of the late 19th century.

According to deed EBP 32/409, this land was sold to Lloyd Gibbs and his wife Sarah, by Abraham and Violetta Rose in 1884. They purchased twenty four acres for six hundred dollars. This establishes them as one of the largest Black landowners in the area. In later years, they divided this land and gave a portion of it to the Trustees of the Rocky Hill Church in 1886 (JA9/399). Another portion was used as the school lot for the Black children of Clarksburg. As a result of their large holding in Clarksburg, the Gibbs family was one of the prominent in the area.

No photographs of this family have been located at this time.

This parcel was part of the tracts "Mt. Pleasant" and "Cow Pasture".

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Land Records of Montgomery County, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
- 2) Oral interviews, not taped, with Ethel Foreman, Clarksburg, Md., Nov. ,8

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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

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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