

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. ^{Mi} 14-14

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Bowen-Woodfield Farm

other Upper Seneca Farm

2. Location

street and number 24227 Hawkins Creamery Landing Dr. not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg vicinity

county

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Jeffrey D Watkiss and Carol Clayton

street and number 24227 Hawkins Creamery Rd telephone

city, town state zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber folio

city, town tax map tax parcel tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the inventory	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other		

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Upper Seneca Farm is located south of Hawkins Creamery Road along a tributary of Great Seneca Creek. The 11-acre property is the core of what was a 186-acre farmstead.

Dwelling House:

The frame dwelling house has a building form and stylistic features typical of the early 20th century. The two-story, side-gable structure has generous proportions that are embellished with Craftsman and Colonial Revival details. The four-bay front (east) façade has a full-width one-story porch with Colonial Revival railing and second-level balustrade.

The broad, slate-shingled roof has Craftsman- influenced rafter tails. Brick chimneys have corbelled caps. A brick chimney on the north end is external. On the south end, an internal brick chimney is located on the east roof slope. The walls are sheathed with drop siding. Windows have molded cornices. The windows are 2/2 sash with operable louvered shutters. There is a three by one bay west addition.

Carriage House:

A two-story carriage house is located west of the dwelling house. On the north eaves side, oversize sliding double doors open to the first level garage. A raised deck on the south side provides access to the second level living space. The roof is standing seam metal. Windows are 6/1 sash.

Dairy Barns:

A dairy barn complex is located on Outlot A, south of the main property. A dairy barn is three bays by ten bays with a gambrel roof. The structure is concrete block with horizontal board siding in the gambrel ends. On the west gambrel end, sliding loft doors are sheltered by a hay hood. A roofless silo stands on the northwest corner. The dairy barn has a covered walkway on the southwest corner that connects to a milkhouse. A large frame corn crib stands nearby.

Landscape

A pond is located in the northeast quadrant of the property. A springhouse, described in ruinous condition in 2002, was located on the northwest corner of the property. A bungalow on an adjacent property to the north was probably a tenant house and was demolished in 2002.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1891; 1920

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Bowen-Woodfield House is highly representative of a progressive-era farmstead. The house is above average in conveying architectural styling popular in this era in downcounty areas of Chevy Chase and Bethesda. Noteworthy detailing includes bracketed eaves, molded window cornices, and corbelled chimneys.

James J. Bowen built an eleven-room house in 1891. An earlier dwelling had been destroyed by fire in 1889. Bowen had acquired the property in 1867 from the Isherwood family. A native of New York, Bowen married 22-year old Eliza M in 1863, when he was 50. The couple had ten children. In 1900, there were four children living at home: Orlando, age 33; James, 22; Oletta, 16; and Maude, 9.¹

Grant E. Woodfield, who purchased the property in an equity case in January 1920. Woodfield operated a 186-acre dairy farm and constructed the gambrel roof dairy barn and milk house.²

Robert Isherwood had acquired this farm in 1843. On the 1865 map (Martenet and Bond), the farm is shown as "B.J. Ishwood", just north of Darby's mill. The Isherwoods sold the property to Bowen for \$1800.³

E. Brooke Lee acquired the farm in 1955. He sold the farm in 1978 to the Jacksons who operated a Hereford cattle farm. The current owners acquired the property in 1990.⁴

¹ Deeds: EBF 4.260 (1867); Equity 3552. Upon its destruction in 1889, the loss of the former Bowen House was estimated at \$2000. *Sentinel* 17-6-1889. 1900 census; transcript by Dona Cutler 290-437 (1920).

² JGH 6 cited in EBF 4.260.

³ Catherine Crawford, MHT form, 1984. Maryland Tax Assessment Records.

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Chain of Title

1843	Robert Isherwood , from Henry Harding, Montgomery County Sheriff, Public Sale. Suit of John Brewer, trustee complainant and William G. Penn et al, defendants. March 7, 1843
1867	James J. Bowen from Robert Isherwood heirs, including Martha Isherwood. For \$1800. Sept 14, 1867. Deed EBP 4:266
1920	Grant E. Woodfield purchased 186 acres at public sale for \$10,230 (\$55/acre). Equity Case 3582, Orlando Bowen et al plaintiffs, Ferris Bowen et al defendants. 1-31-1920 sale. Deed recorded 3-4-1920, 290:432.
1940	Sold by Woodfield .
1955	E. Brooke Lee . Deed 2102:552
1978	Paul and May Jackson , from E. Brooke Lee. Deed 5208: 796
By 1990	Jeffrey D. Watkiss and Carol Clayton . 11 acres. Deed 9551:114

Clare Cavicchi
12-2003

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See attached.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 11 acres (P308) and Outlot A

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

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organization M-NCPPC

date June 2004

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city or town Silver Spring

state MD

The Maryland inventory of Historic Properties 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Crownsville, MD 21031-2000
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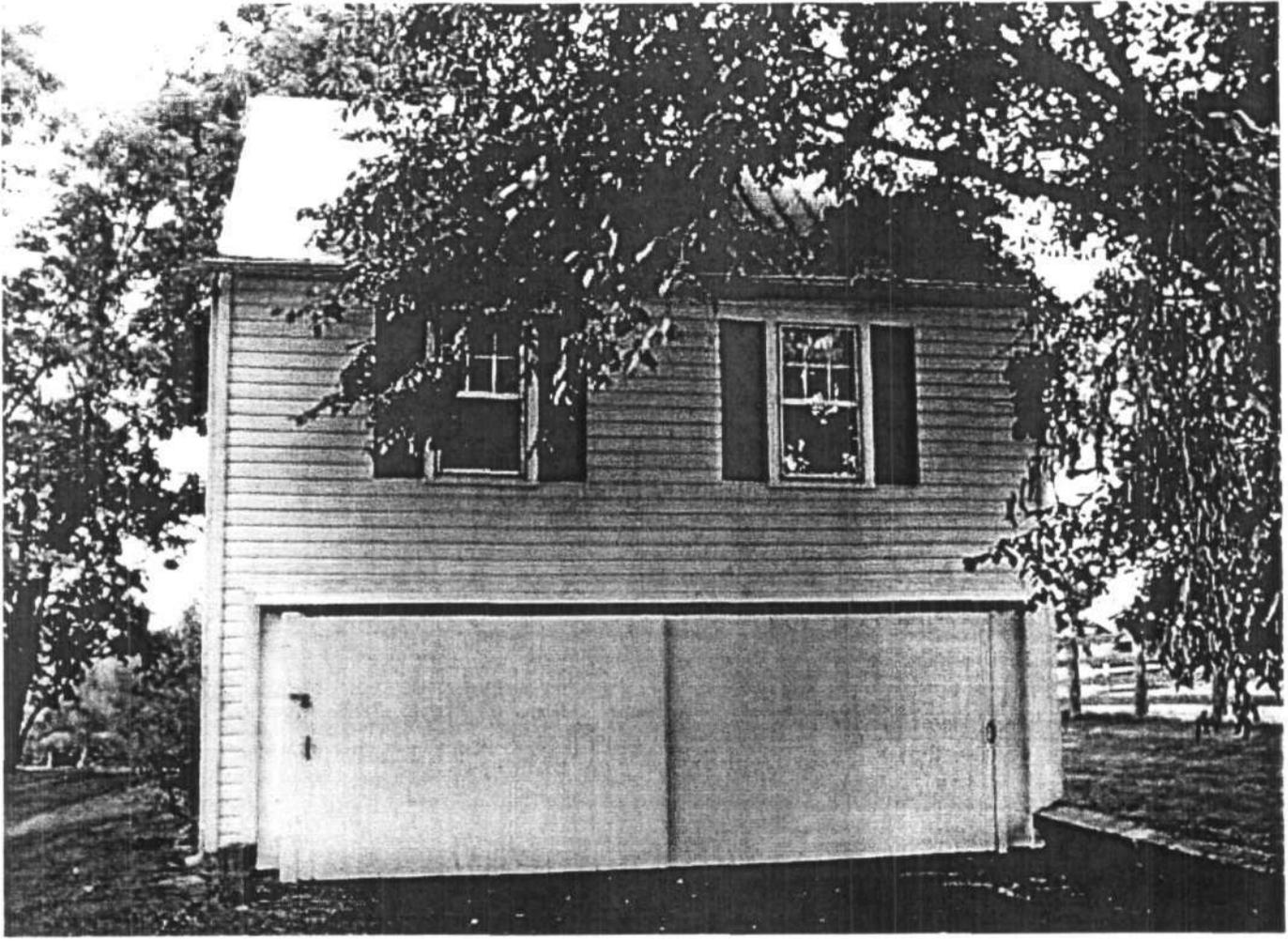
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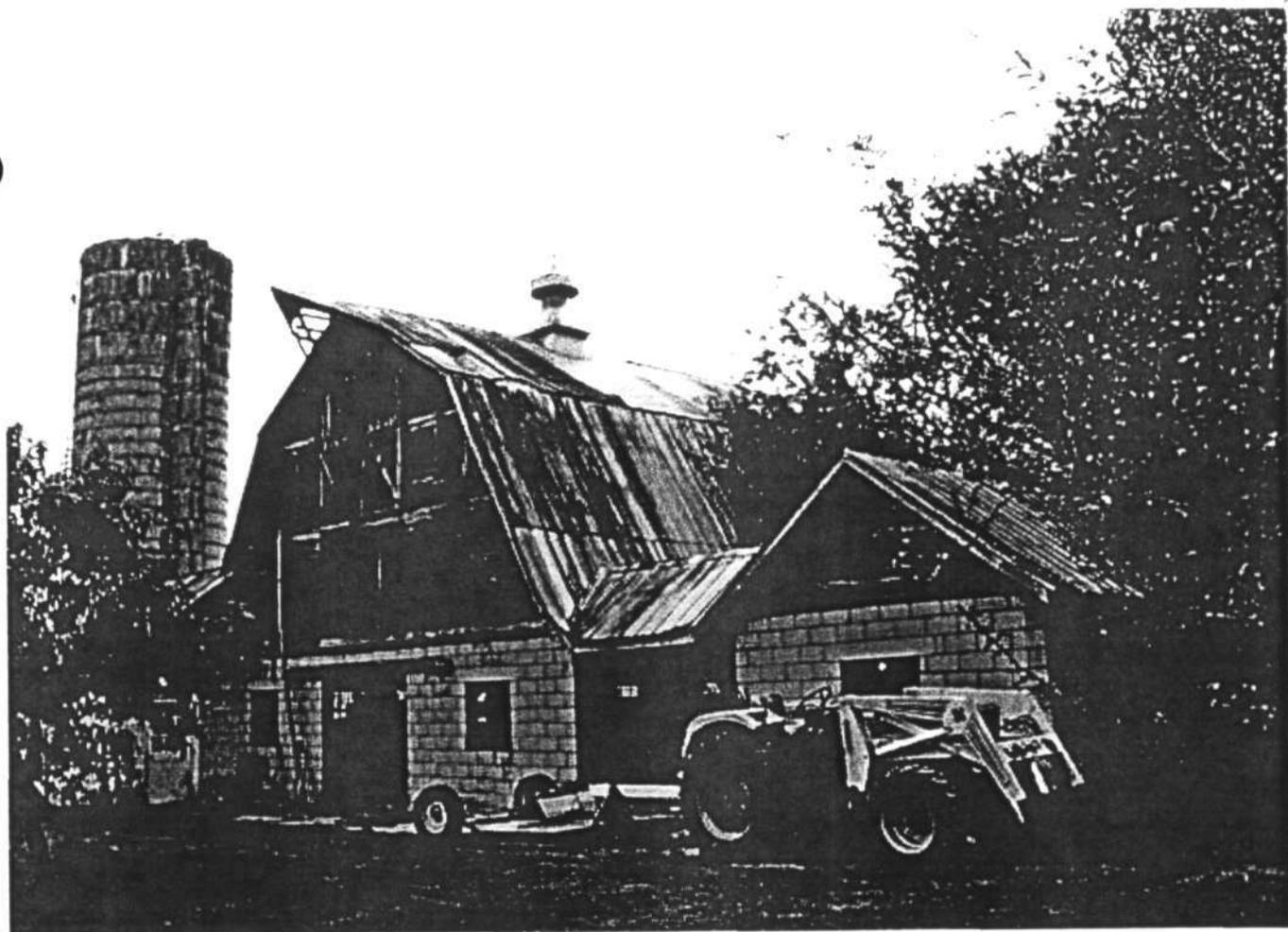
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NOTE TO FILE

Historic Sites Research and/or Photography
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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. 14-14

Magi No. 1601875504

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic James J. Bowen Farmhouse

and/or common Upper Seneca Farm

2. Location

street & number 8200 Hawkins Creamery Road (old address) — not for publication

city, town Damascus — vicinity of congressional district

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Paul & May Jackson

street & number 8200 Hawkins Creamery Road telephone no.:

city, town Damascus state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 5452

street & number folio 455

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION		
CONDITION	(Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed	
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, frame structure, built in several sections. The south end is a three-bay unit with the doorway in the north bay and two windows in the center and south bays. A stair hall runs through the house with a room to the south.

The north end is a three-bay unit with central door and flanking windows.

Chimneys are positioned at either end, as well as one at the center. The north end chimney is external; the central chimney was probably an end chimney for the north end before the south end was built. The south end chimney is internal.

On the east facade, a porch has been enclosed and other alterations have been made, obscuring much of the facade. Along the slope of the gable ends are bargeboards.

North of the house is a frame bankbarn. West of the house is a shed-roofed outbuilding.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. Significance

Survey No.

M:74-14

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The James J. Bowen Farmhouse is a nicely maintained, late nineteenth century vernacular dwelling. Although its architectural style is less common to the area in which it is located, it is not wholly unique either. The Richard Leishear house in Burtonsville (site #28-30) is very similar, especially since it has a porch resembling that on the Bowen house. The porch is the most eye-catching feature of this house. It has other attractive architectural features as well, such as the brackets in the eaves at the gable ends, the molded cornice on the windows and the corbelled caps on the chimneys. The house appears to be in excellent condition.

The house was probably built in 1891 by James J. Bowen to replace an earlier dwelling which burned down in December of 1889.¹ James purchased the property on which his house sat from the heirs of Robert Isherwood in September of 1867.² James died in 1899 leaving a wife, Eliza M. Bowen and twelve children and grandchildren. Eliza continued to live here for many years but, because the farm was not susceptible to partition it was eventually sold to Grant E. Woodfield for \$10,230.³ It was then described as a 186 acre farm situated near Woodfield and Damascus. It was improved by a "comfortable" frame dwelling of eleven rooms, a barn, stable, granary and other outbuildings.⁴ Grant Woodfield, a single farmer, lived here for twenty years, selling the farm in October of 1940. The property was purchased in 1955 by E. Brooke Lee as part of his extensive farm holdings (he raised cattle here).⁵ Lee sold the farm in September of 1978 to the present owners, Paul and May Jackson.⁶ The Jacksons now run a Herford Cattle farm here. The property still includes a nice collections of outbuildings including a tenant house and two barns.

See Attachment Sheet A for footnotes

Attachment Sheet A

¹Sentinel, December 6, 1889.

²Deed EBP 4/266, Montgomery County Land Records.

³Deed 290/432, " "

⁴Equity #3582, Montgomery County Judgement Records, 29/38.

⁵Deed 2102/552, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁶Deed 5208/796, " "

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
Upper Seneca Farm					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
Hawkins Creamery Road					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Gaithersburg					
STATE			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
E. Brooke Lee, Jr.					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
8400 Piney Branch Road					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Silver Spring			Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:					
Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Rockville			Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
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None					
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DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
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CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a four-bay, main facade. A two story porch runs across the facade. On the north end is an external chimney; on the south end, the chimney is internal and placed to the east of the roof ridge, running parallel with it. The sheathing is tongue-and-groove with a plain, wide-board fascia as cornice.

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NAME E. BROOKE LEE JR. FARM

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LOCATION HAWKINS CREAMERY Rd. + G. SENECA CREEK

FACADE LOOKING SW

DAMASCUS, Md

PHOTO TAKEN 1/22/74 H. DWYER



NAME UPPER SENECA FARM / E. BROOKE LEE JR.

M: #14-14

LOCATION HAWKINS CREAMERY Rd + G. SENECA CREEK DAMASCUS, Md.

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 1/22/74 H. DWYER



NAME UPPER SENECA FARM / E. BROOKE LEE JR

no: #14-14

LOCATION HAWKINS CREAMERY Rd & G. SENECA CREEK DAMASCUS, Md

FACADE NE

PHOTO TAKEN 1/22/74 M. OWYER