

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Blunt Farmhouse

and/or common Avalon Farm

## 2. Location

street & number Hunt Master Rd. not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg vicinity of congressional district 1st

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Sarah F. Carl

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.:

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 1807

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio 400

city, town Rockville state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

# Description

Survey No. M: 14-55

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

This is a large two story Colonial Revival style house, six bays across with a gable roof. The centrally located entrance has sidelights and a transom. A porch, supported by plain round pillars runs the length of the facade and both sides of the house. The house has interior brick chimneys at each gable end.

Also on the property is a log smoke house and a spring house, both in very good condition.

# Significance

Survey No. .

M: 14-55

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		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian		
<input 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 1921

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 report.

The Avalon farmhouse is a large, nicely maintained and beautifully situated early twentieth century rural dwelling. The house is unlike the other farmhouses in the area in that it was influenced by Colonial Revival styling rather than Victorian. This is due to the fact that the Avalon house was built later than most of the other farmhouses, replacing an earlier dwelling which burned down. Typical of the early twentieth century tradition, this house includes many features of the Colonial Revival style such as its symmetrical, low and broad proportions, its strong cornice line and limited use of ornamentation. When the present house was built in 1921, the original chimneys were used.<sup>1</sup> This rather large farm was in the Blunt family for many generations, beginning in the first half of the nineteenth century up until 1951.

The house was built in 1921 by Harry W. Blunt, Jr. Harry received the large Blunt family farm (then over 600 acres) in January of 1896 from Harry W. Blunt, Sr.<sup>2</sup> Harry, Jr. ran a dairy farm here, also raising corn and wheat.<sup>3</sup> In addition, Harry was involved in politics, serving at one time as a member of the state legislature.<sup>4</sup> Harry died in October of 1944 leaving the farm of approximately 366 acres improved by a large dwelling house, three tenant houses, bank barn, hay barracks and other farm buildings to his wife, Mary Giles Blunt. Mary continued to live on the farm until her death in January of 1951.<sup>5</sup>

After Mary's death the farm became the property of the four children of Harry's brother, William L. Blunt. Because the farm was not susceptible to partition amongst the heirs, it was sold by a court appointed trustee. In June of 1953 it was purchased by William and Sarah Carl.<sup>7</sup> William, formerly a partner in his father "Call Carl" auto repair business, then became a dairy farmer (and Master of the Goshen Hunt Club). The farm was the scene of many fox hunt. The farm is now the property of Sarah Carl, William having since died.<sup>8</sup>

See Attachment Sheet A for Footnotes

## Attachment Sheet A

- <sup>1</sup>Equity #15,665, Montgomery County Central Files.
- <sup>2</sup>Deed JA 51/445, Montgomery County Land Records.
- <sup>3</sup>Equity #15,665.
- <sup>4</sup>Genealogy Files, Montgomery County Historical Society Library.
- <sup>5</sup>Equity #15,665.
- <sup>6</sup>Will OWR 6/228, Montgomery County Register of Wills, Case #5397.
- <sup>7</sup>Deed 1807/400, Montgomery County Land Records.
- <sup>8</sup>Genealogy Files.

# 7. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M.14-55

- Montgomery County Land Records
- Montgomery County Assessment Records
- Montgomery County Register of Wills
- Genealogy files, Mont. Co. Hist. Soc. Library

# 8. Geographical Data

Area of nominated property 222.30 Acres

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Zone	Easting	Northing

B Zone	Easting	Northing
D Zone	Easting	Northing
F Zone	Easting	Northing
H Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 9. Form Prepared By

Name/title	Catherine Crawford		
Organization	Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm.	date	9/83
Street & number		telephone	
City or town		state	

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.

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

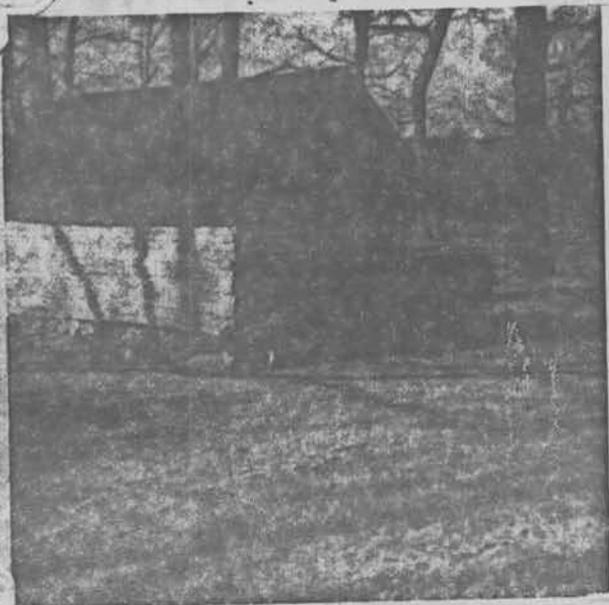
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Avalon Farm log smokehouse. Also springhouse.



Log smokehouse still being used for smoking meat. In excellent condition.



Springhouse in excellent condition.



\* Owner says house is not so old having been built in the early 1900's where an earlier house had burned. It appears that the same chimneys were used. There are two large chimneys with four fireplaces on two floors.

Location: Blunt Road 1 mile north of State #420. Owner: Mrs. Sarah F. Carl

May 12, 1969  
Photo by Janie W. Payne