

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET  
INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR PROJECT**

**Property Name:** Spencer House  
**Survey No.:** M:15-58 (PACS D3.29)

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|---|
| Property Address <u>15920 Oursler Road, Silver Spring, Montgomery County</u>  |
| Owner Name/Address <u>Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, Maryland</u> |
| Year Built <u>circa 1860</u>  |

**Description:**

The Spencer House, constructed circa 1860, was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1976 and 1978. Since the completion of the previous survey, the building materials of the front porch have been replaced with new wooden posts, railing, decking and floor joists. In addition, a large timber deck and stairs have been added to the rear of the property. Finally, four outbuildings are on the property, which were referred to only as "traditional frame or stone structures" in the previous survey form.

The first outbuilding is a 1935 replacement of the original barn. It has cinder block walls and a gambrel roof covered with standing seam metal. This outbuilding is located north of the main house.

The second outbuilding is a concrete block garage with a side-gable roof, and exposed rafter ends. This building is located northwest of the house, south of the barn and east of the third outbuilding, the stable.

The stable is of wood-frame construction with vertical wood siding and a metal-covered gable roof, which is in poor condition.

The fourth outbuilding is a stone smokehouse with a pyramidal hipped roof covered with asphalt shingles. The building has a door on the west side and an opening for a stove pipe on the east side. This structure is located northeast of the house, east of the garage and stable and southeast of the barn.

**National Register Evaluation:**

The Spencer House, constructed circa 1860, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as it retains little integrity from the original period of construction, including a loss of original fabric and detailing and the construction of insensitive additions. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>MHT CONCURRENCE:</b>  |   |
| Eligibility <input type="checkbox"/> recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not recommended                 |   |
| Criteria <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D | Considerations <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| Comments: _____  |   |
| _____  |   |
| _____  |   |
| <u>E. Hannold/K. Williams</u>  | <u>8/13/1996</u>  |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services  | Date  |
| <u>[Signature]</u>   | <u>3/11/02</u>  |
| Reviewer, NR program   | Date  |

**Preparer:**  
**P.A.C. Spero & Company**  
**October 1996**



## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Spencer House
2. Planning Area/Site Number 15/58      3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 17  
L-6
4. Address 15920 Oursler Road, Burtonsville
5. Classification Summary  
 Category building  
 Ownership public  
 Public Acquisition NA  
 Status occupied  
 Accessible no  
 Present use private residence  
 Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC Federal \_\_\_ State X County X Local \_\_\_  
 (Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976 )
6. Date c. 1870      7. Original Owner Hiram Spencer
8. Apparent Condition  
 a. good      c. original site  
 b. altered
9. Description: This late 19th C. 2½ story L-shape, 3 bay by 2 bay frame farmhouse has one story additions between the arms of the main structure. A 4 columned shed roof porch extends over the east front facade. Exposed rafter ends are cut off vertically; there is no cornice. Window frames consist of wide boards with a projecting 1" square-cut molding or surround along the outside edge. Foundation is stone. The most notable feature is the wide central gable on the major (east) facade; it is framed into the roof structure and thus does not break into the horizontal line of the eaves. At the rear of the house is a small stone wing. The kitchen wing is log and may predate existing house.
10. Significance: The Spencer House is typical of County farmhouses, added to as family needs expanded. It has been inhabited by two County families for almost 100 years, the Spencers and the Ourslers. Hiram Spencer, the son of William H. Spencer who had moved to Montgomery County from Pennsylvania in 1848, bought a tract of 122 acres in 1861 (at age 21) and by 1863 had improved the property with a structure valued at \$500 (possibly the log cabin kitchen of the existing house). Married in 1868, he died two years later. His father, William H. Spencer, purchased the farm for \$4,500 at auction and probably rented the large, new frame dwelling house to tenants. After he died in 1892, the property passed to Amelia and Charles Oursler. In 1913, the Ourslers sold the house and farm, then totaling 101 acres, to their son Augustus, for \$4,500. Major crops were corn and wheat, and approximately 1/3 of the farm was in orchards. Between 1920 and 1938 the farm maintained dairy operations. In 1970, Augustus Oursler sold the house and 38 acres to the County as part of a future park. He retains a lifetime lease.
11. Date researched and researcher 12/78-Jeanne W. Kruhm      Mike Dwyer  
Arch. Description
12. Compiler Gail Rothrock      13. Date Compiled 2/79      14. Designation  
Approval \_\_\_
15. Acreage 38.07 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Spencer House

AND/OR COMMON

A. D. Oursler House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

15920 Oursler Road

CITY, TOWN

Burtonsville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

| CATEGORY  | OWNERSHIP                                  | STATUS                                       | PRESENT USE  |
|---|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input 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

Montgomery County

Telephone #: 279-1000

STREET & NUMBER

100 Maryland Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20850

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4028

Folio #: 275

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

\_\_\_ FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

M. 15-53

| 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 late 19th C. 2½ story L-shape, 3 bay by 2 bay frame farmhouse has one-story additions between the arms of the main structure. A four columned shed roof porch extends over the east front facade. Exposed rafter ends are cut off vertically; there is no cornice. Window frames consist of wide boards with a projecting 1" square-cut molding or surround along the outside edge. Foundation is stone. The most notable feature is the wide central gable on the major (east) facade; it is framed into the roof structure and thus does not break into the horizontal line of the eaves. At the rear of the house is a small stone wing. The kitchen wing is log and may predate existing house. Surviving barns and outbuildings are traditional frame or stone structures. The stone vault referred to in 1870 Public Notice is now incorporated into house, as rear wing.

Around 1926 the house was remodeled with the addition of 2 rooms above the kitchen and two rooms to the south side of the steps (one upstairs and one on the main floor). In 1935 the barn was burned to the ground, and a new barn has been built on the old foundation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

| 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS               | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE           | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION               | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input 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)<br><b>Local History</b> |  |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |   |   |  |  |

SPECIFIC DATES                      c. 1870                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT                      Hiram Spencer

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Oursler - Spencer house is a typical Montgomery County farmhouse which for three quarters of a century has been owned and occupied by members of only two families.

Hiram Spencer moved to Montgomery County from Pennsylvania, probably with his father, William H. Spencer, in 1848.<sup>1</sup> The 1860 Census lists Hiram Spencer as a 21 year old farmer living with his parents, and owning \$1,600 value of real property.<sup>2</sup> In December of 1861, Hiram Spencer purchased for \$1,000, 122 acres of a tract of land known as "Bare (sic) Bacon",<sup>3</sup> and by 1863 he had improved it with a structure valued at \$500.<sup>4</sup> This is perhaps the log cabin kitchen of the existing house. By 1869, Spencer had livestock valued at \$496 and household furniture valued at \$100.<sup>5</sup>

Hiram Spencer was married the 19th of February 1868,<sup>6</sup> and died two years later. In compliance with a court order, his property was sold at auction. Public notice of the sale includes mention of a "large, new frame dwelling house, two stories and attic in height with a smoke house, ice house, stone vault and other outbuildings". Additionally, there was "a fine peach orchard, in a full bearing state, and a promising young apple orchard...22 acres of woodland, chiefly young chestnut".<sup>7</sup>

Hiram's father, William H. Spencer, purchased the farm for \$4,650 at the auction.<sup>8</sup> The same year, Spencer took out a mortgage from Thomas Y. Conley, who then assigned it to Joseph Stabler, September 1, 1886.<sup>9</sup>

During the years from Hiram Spencer's death in 1870 until 1894, the residence appears to have been occupied by tenants. When William Spencer died in 1892, Stabler started mortgage foreclosure proceedings against Spencer's heir, his daughter Margaret H. Jamison. Again a sale was ordered, and was held on May 5, 1894. Notice of the sale described the farm containing improvements consisting of a "good dwelling house containing six rooms, a stable and other outbuildings". The property sold for \$1,342 to Joseph Stabler who was left a balance due of \$25.20 after the settlement of the sale.<sup>10</sup>

Joseph Stabler sold the property a few weeks later to Amelia Oursler, wife of Charles G. Oursler, Jr.<sup>11</sup> In 1913, the Ourslers sold the house and farm, then totaling 101 acres, to their son Augustus and his wife Katie for \$4,500.<sup>12</sup> The major crops were corn and wheat. Approximately 1/3 of the farm was in orchard, and during the period 1920-1938 the farm maintained dairy farm operations.

In the mid-1920s Augustus Oursler remodeled the house extensively, widening the front by adding two rooms, one above the other, at the south end, and adding another two rooms above the old log kitchen.

(continued on Attachment Sheet A)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Interviews: Augustus Oursler, Sept. 1978, Anna Oursler Ellin (his daughter),  
 Fall 1978  
 Equity Case Records, No. 93 (1870)  
 Montgomery County Court, Judgement Records, Liber JA No. 12, Folios 1-13

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 38.0722

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Irregular shape with 8 sides. The property follows Oursler Road from south of the intersection of Oursler Road and the PEPCO property along the west side of Oursler Road for the longest line of the property. The south of the property is bound by property belonging to MNCPPC as is the northwest corner which bites into the property.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Jeanne W. Kruhm

Mike Dwyer

Arch. Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

Dec. 78

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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.

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

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS  
 Box 87, Stronghold  
 Dickerson, Md. 20753  
 (301) 926-4510

In November 1970, Augustus D. Oursler sold the house and 38 acres to Montgomery County, Maryland as part of a future park. He retains a life-time lease.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Lord, Elizabeth M., Burtonsville Heritage: Genealogically Speaking (1976) p. 257, and G.M. Hopkins, Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington Including the County of Montgomery, Maryland (1879 re-copywrited 1975), p. 18.
- 2 1860 Census for Fifth District, Montgomery County, Md., #35
- 3 Land Records, op. cit., JGH8/485.
- 4 Assessment for 1853-63, Fifth Election District, Montgomery County, p.333.
- 5 Assessment Book of 1864-69, Fifth Election District, p. 116.
- 6 Lord, op. cit., pp. 257-258.
  
- 7 Montgomery County Equity Case Record, 193 (1870).
- 8 Land Records, op. cit., BP 11/165 (1873).  
Equity Case Record, op. cit., #193 (1870).
- 10 Judgement Record, JA 12/10, 20; Land Records JA 44/164.
- 11 Land Records, op. cit., JA 44/227.
- 12 Ibid., 234/105-106.



East side/Front Entrance--left 1/3  
added about 1926 by Gus Oursler



South portion of house, r. chimney  
and east of that added by Gus Oursler  
1926 as well as 2nd floor above porch



Stone vault, exterior of original log  
kitchen, 2nd floor added 1926  
West side of House



Oursler/Spencer House  
Probably mid 1890s--Gus Oursler



Same perspective as above 12/78



North/East corner of House 12/78

EXHIBIT A-- Newspaper advertising Trustee's Sale, Sept. 5, 1870  
Found in Equity Case Record #193-1870, Montgomery County Court House

**NOTICE.**—The creditors of the deceased of the name of Augustin, dec'd, are hereby notified to file their claims with the vouchers thereof, in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery county, within three months from the date of the above sale.

RICH'D J. BOWIE,  
RICH'D M. WILLIAMS,  
Trustees.

aug 12—ts

**TRUSTEE'S SALE.**

**BY** VIRTUE of a decree of the Circuit Court for Montgomery county, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed on the fourth day of August, in the year 1870, in a cause in said Court, wherein Mary E. Spencer, guardian, &c. is complainant, and Hallowell M. Spencer is defendant, the subscriber, as Trustee, will offer at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises,

On **MONDAY**, the 5th day of September, 1870, at 2 o'clock, P. M.,

all the **REAL ESTATE** of which Hiram Spencer, late of said county, died, seized and possessed, consisting of

**122 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.**

This farm is situated in Montgomery County, about 17 miles from Washington city, a half mile from the road leading from the village of Spencerville to Laurel, being distant from the former place  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles, and from the latter seven miles, and adjoins the lands of Louis Duvall, Martha Duvall, and William H. Spencer.

**THE WOODLAND**, consisting of about **22 ACRES**, is heavily Timbered with young Chestnut, chiefly, while the arable land is in a fine state of cultivation. The improvements consist of a large, new **Frame DWELLING HOUSE**, two stories and an attic in height, with a **Smoke House**, **Ice House**, **Stone Vault**, and other Outbuildings.



There are on the place a fine **PEACH ORCHARD**, in a full bearing state, and a promising young **APPLE ORCHARD**.

On the Porch, attached to the House, is a **PUMP**, furnishing excellent water.

**TERMS OF SALE.**—One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, (or upon the ratification thereof by the Court,) and the balance in two equal installments, payable at one and two years, respectively; the deferred payments to be secured by the single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sureties to be approved by the Trustee, and to bear interest from the day of sale; and on the ratification of such sale or sales, and on the payment of the whole purchase money, (and not before,) the said Trustee, by a good and sufficient deed, to be executed and acknowledged according to law, will convey to the purchaser or purchasers, the property to him, her or them sold, free, clear and discharged from all claim of the parties to this cause, or any person claiming by, from or under them, or any of them.

—All costs of conveyancing to be paid by the purchaser.

GEORGE PETER,  
Trustee.

aug 12—ts

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

|   |  |  |  |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| <b>1. NAME</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| COMMON:<br>A. D. Oursler House  |  |  |  |   |
| AND/OR HISTORIC:<br>Spencer House   |  |  |  |   |
| <b>2. LOCATION</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>15920 Oursler Road  |  |  |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Burtonsville   |  |  |  |   |
| STATE<br>Maryland   |  | COUNTY:<br>Montgomery  |  |   |
| <b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| CATEGORY<br>(Check One)   |  | OWNERSHIP  |  | STATUS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> District<br><input type="checkbox"/> Site<br><input type="checkbox"/> Object   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building<br><input type="checkbox"/> Structure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Public<br><input type="checkbox"/> Private<br><input type="checkbox"/> Both |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied<br><input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress                       |
|   |  | Public Acquisition:<br><input type="checkbox"/> In Process<br><input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered  |  | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC<br>Yes:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Restricted<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No          |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)  |  |  |  |   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural<br><input type="checkbox"/> Commercial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Educational<br><input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Government<br><input type="checkbox"/> Industrial<br><input type="checkbox"/> Military<br><input type="checkbox"/> Museum   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Park<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence<br><input type="checkbox"/> Religious<br><input type="checkbox"/> Scientific |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____  |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____   |
| <b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>   |  |  |  |   |
| OWNER'S NAME:<br>Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission   |  |  |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:<br>8787 Georgia Avenue   |  |  |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Silver Spring  |  | STATE:<br>Maryland   |  |   |
| <b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>   |  |  |  |   |
| COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:<br>Montgomery County Courthouse   |  |  |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |  |  |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:<br>Rockville  |  | STATE:<br>Maryland   |  |   |
| Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):   |  |  |  |   |
| <b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>  |  |  |  |   |
| TITLE OF SURVEY:<br>None  |  |  |  |   |
| DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local                            |  |  |  |   |
| DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  |  |  |  |   |
| STREET AND NUMBER:  |  |  |  |   |
| CITY OR TOWN:   |  | STATE:   |  |   |

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)                                       |                                |                                    |
|           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered       | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |                                |                                    |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 2-1/2 story frame farm house of the late 19th century, built on a T-plan with one story additions between the arms of the main structure. Exposed rafter ends are cut off vertically; there is no cornice. Window frames consist of wide boards with a projecting 1" square-cut moulding or surround along the outside edge. Foundation is stone. The most notable feature is the wide central gable on the major (east) facade; it is framed into the wall structure and thus does not break into the horizontal line of the eaves. At the rear of the house is a small stone wing. Kitchen wing is log and may predate existing house. Resident says it was 1-1/2 stories and that he removed the upper floor and added full story.

Surviving barns and outbuildings are traditional frame or stone structures.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian                       16th Century                       18th Century                       20th Century
- 15th Century                       17th Century                       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                      |   |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political      | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | losophy                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Science        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | Architecture                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | itarian                                 | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater        | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

OTHER: House was acquired by M-NCPPC as part of parkland acquisition program. Mr. Oursler has life tenancy.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |                         |                         | O<br>R | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |                         |  |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE                | LONGITUDE               |        | LATITUDE  | LONGITUDE               |  |
|  | Degrees Minutes Seconds | Degrees Minutes Seconds |        | Degrees Minutes Seconds   | Degrees Minutes Seconds |  |
| NW   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
| NE   | ° ' "                   | ° ' "                   |        | ° ' "   | ° ' "                   |  |
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

|        |         |
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| STATE: | COUNTY: |

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 1/22/73

STREET AND NUMBER:  
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

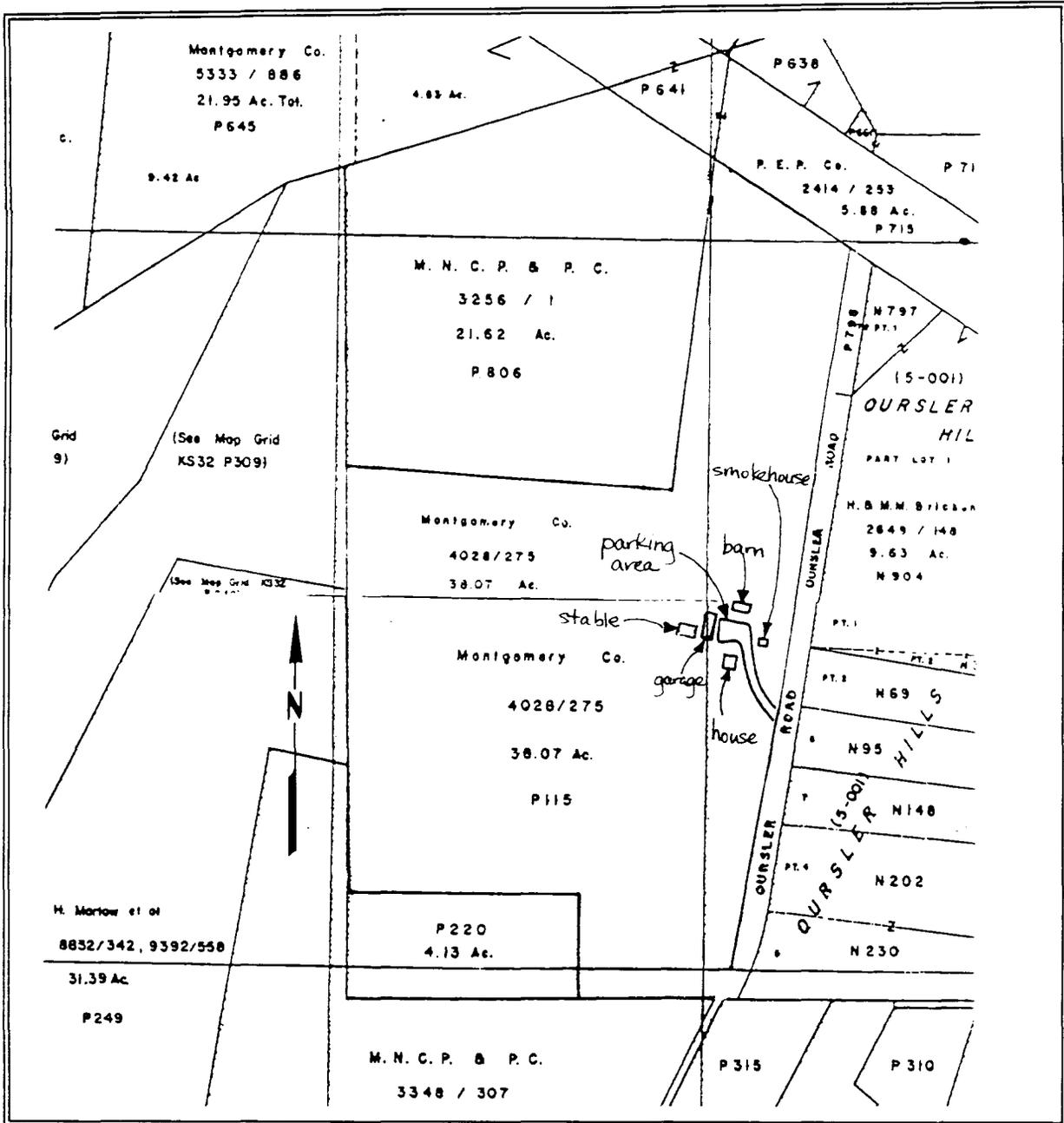
National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

Property Address 15920 Oursler Road, Silver Spring, Montgomery County  
 Owner Name/Address Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 8787 Georgia Ave, Silver Spring, Maryland  
 Year Built circa 1860

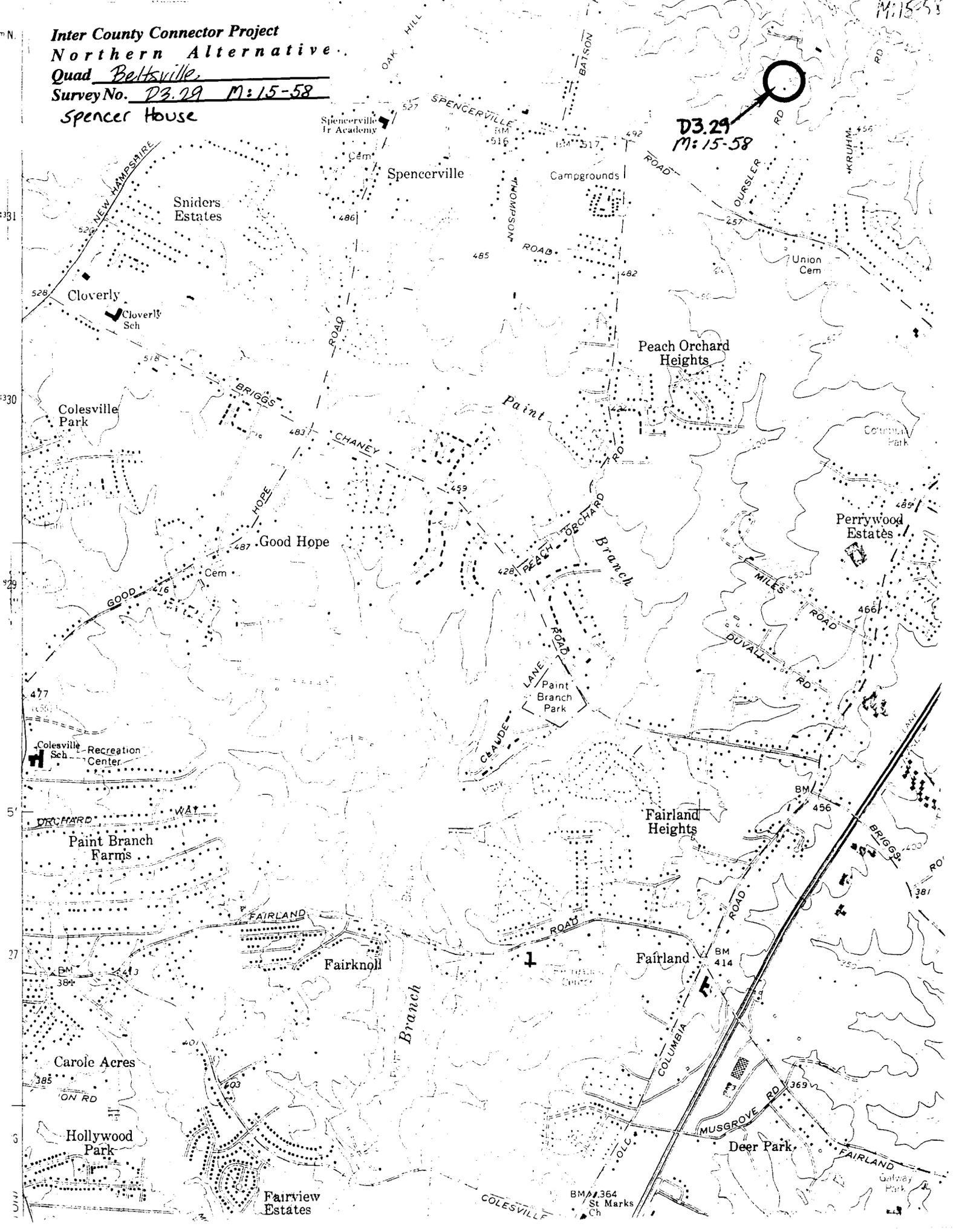
**Resource Sketch Map:**



**Inter County Connector Project**  
**Northern Alternative**  
**Quad Beltsville**  
**Survey No. D3.29 M:15-58**  
**Spencer House**

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elevation

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NAME DUVALL - SPENCER - OURSLER HOUSE

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LOCATION OURSLER Rd OFF Rt. 198 SPENCERVILLE, Md.

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