

Mont. : 16-12-8

Gilmore Green House Site  
Martinsburg, Maryland 20753

c. 1870's, 1880's

Private

This house has been demolished, but oral informants recall that it was a two story frame house with a three bay facade sheltered with a shed porch. It had a two room plan. This was the home of one of the leaders of the Black community and this design was the dominant type found among Black landowners in late 1800's in the area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Gilmore Green House Site

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of White's Ferry Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Martinsburg

— 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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <b>FIELD</b>

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Stephen E. Chase

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

5402 Christy Drive

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

20016

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Court House

Liber #: 3685

Folio #: 620

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**

EXCELLENT       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD             RUINS  
 FAIR               UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Nothing remains of this house. The site is now fields and forests. But according to Lemuel Graham, the home of Gilmore Green once stood behind the church and school. It was a two story frame dwelling with two rooms down and two up. It had a facade of three bays: a door centrally located, flanked by two windows. A shed porch extended along the facade. This was the typical design of the houses of Black landowners in Martinsburg.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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		

*Black History*

SPECIFIC DATES

*c. 1876*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was the dwelling for Gilmore Green, one of the Trustees for the Warren M.E. Church and one of the leaders of the Black community of Martinsburg. It is another example of the type that became the dominant housing form for Black landowners in the last quarter of the century. No records exist to establish when it was built, but Lemuel Graham recalls that it was built "before my time", hence in the 1880's at the latest since Graham was born in 1894 in Martinsburg.

Gilmore Green is listed as one of the Trustees in the purchase of property for the M.E. Church in Martinsburg (L/F: E.B.P. 15/10) in 1874. The site of this property of "G. Green" is shown in Martinsburg in Hopkins Historical Atlas of Montgomery County (1879).

Deed (L/F: E.B.P. 15/280) dated 1876 shows that Gilmore Green purchased 2 acres of land from John P. Bouic for sixty dollars. This is the same period as other Blacks such as John Peters and the Thompsons were purchasing their tracts of land, so it appears that the 1870's was the transition period from White to Black ownership. This should be related to economic developments in Montgomery County which further research might identify.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
 Deeds: 3685/620; EBP 15/280; EBP 15/10.  
 Hopkins' 1879 Atlas of Montgomery County.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 107.45 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

6/78

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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