

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Waldorf

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 16/21 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 11
F-1

4. Address: 18200 Elmer School Road, Dickerson

5. Classification Summary

Category <u>Building</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership <u>Private</u>	Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>	Historical Sites
Status <u>Occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>No</u>	Federal <u> </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u> </u>
Present use <u>Agriculture, Private</u>	Residence

6. Date: c. 1815

7. Original Owner: Stephen Rensburg

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

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10. Significance: Waldorf is a handsome, early 19th century brick farm house, owned for 131 years by the Rensburg family, among the earliest settlers of Medley District.

The Rensburg family emigrated from Germany in the 1760's, settling in Philadelphia, and soon moving to Frederick County, where they were among the earliest settlers in the region along the Potomac River. Stephen Rensburg bought 331 acres of land grant "Conclusion" in 1815 from Thomas Peter. Although the property had a house on it tradition attributes the original portion of the Waldorf house to Steven Rensburg. At his death in 1852, Rensburg willed his farm to his nephew Daniel T. Rensburg. Daniel built an addition in 1875, and 1884 willed the farm to his son George, who continued to farm the land. It was sold out of the family in 1946.

11. Researcher and date researched: Donald M. Leavitt-7/79

Michael Dwyer
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 316.59 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Waldorf

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

18200 Elmer School Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

— 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ardle O'Hanlon

Telephone #: 972-8323

STREET & NUMBER

18200 Elmer School Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20753

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1501

Folio #: 350

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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		

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The house has a cornice consisting of a row of angled bricks projecting sawtooth-like with a second row of slightly projecting stretchers. The facades were probably reversed when the north wing was added, since the more elaborate doorway was part of this remodeling.

Picture on Attachment Sheet A

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 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		
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<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)		Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1815

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Waldorf is a medium sized 19th century Montgomery County farm house. It is associated with the Remsburgs, among the earliest settlers of the Medley District of Montgomery County.

In the 1760's the Remsburg family emigrated from Germany to the British colonies in the New World. They settled in Philadelphia, and shortly after moved to Frederick County, Maryland, where they were some of the earliest settlers in the region along the Potomac River. Stephen Remsburg, who also spelled his name "Ramsburg" and "Remsburger", bought 331½ acres in 1815 from Thomas Peter.¹ Although the property, part of a land grant called "Conclusion", had a house on it, tradition has it that Remsburg built the original portion of the Waldorf house in 1819.

At his death some years later Remsburg left the farm to his nephew Daniel T. Remsburg.² The prosperity of the farm is evident in the fact that Daniel built a new addition to the house in 1875.

Daniel passed the farm in 1884³ to his son George, who continued to farm the land. In 1946, after owning the property for 131 years, the Remsburg family sold the farm.⁴ In 1951 the present owners purchased Waldorf.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, S/51 (January 1, 1815).
2. Wills of Montgomery County, Maryland, WT of R2/38 (May 25, 1852).
3. Ibid., 5/212 (April 29, 1884).
4. Land Records, op. cit., 1040/178 (August 21, 1946).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Will Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Farquhar, Roger Brooke. Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Maryland. Washington, D.C.: Judd and Detweiler, 1962.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 316.59 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located off of Elmer School Road. Approximately 1½ miles from White's Ferry Road.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Donald M. Leavitt	Michael Dwyer
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	Architectural Description
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	DATE
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	7/79
		TELEPHONE
		926-4510
		STATE
		Maryland 20753

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET 1603125304

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

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Waldorf				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Elmer School Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input 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
				ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Ardle P. O'Hanlon				
STREET AND NUMBER: Elmer School Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring		STATE: Maryland		

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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	

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P. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreege Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 26 Sept 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

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ge rough stone fireplace. The cellar beams are of oak with the bark still clinging to three sides.

The cabin, to the right, which undoubtedly dates from the days of "Si" Henson, is built of oak logs chinked with stone and mortar. The logs are deeply lined by the weather. It has the wide slave kitchen fireplace, which was prob-

ably the kitchen of the Riley's. It had a second floor or loft, where slaves slept, probably including the cook, although Uncle Tom may have slept there to be within easy call of his master. Riley depended upon "Si," his body servant and overseer. Mrs. Bolten, in remodelling the cabin, removed the second floor beams, leaving the rafters exposed.

Waldorf

THE handsome brick house shown (recently painted white), located about two miles northwest of the Whites Ferry, Poolesville Road, was built in two parts. It stands on a 360 acre plantation, which was owned by the Remsburg family, of Montgomery County, since 1814, when it belonged to Stephen Remsburg.

The Remsburgs were a family with German background. The first of whom we have record, was John George Reismensparger, born in Chemin Patts, et Waldorf, in 1736. He brought a Bible to Philadelphia, printed in German, in 1762, upon the title of which is the date he was born.

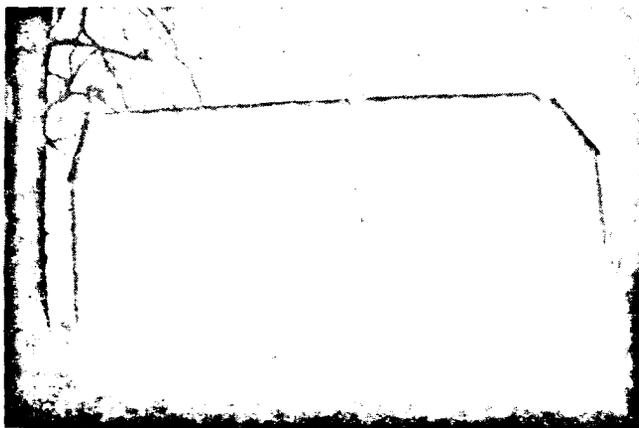
in 1819, according to record of the family. It remained in that thrifty family, until 1946, a period of a century and a quarter. No wonder Mr. George B. Remsburg, now well over 90 years of age, a highly esteemed citizen of the County, felt that it deserved an honored place in the Book of Montgomery County Homes.

In 1884, Daniel Remsburg conveyed the old farm to George B. Remsburg "and others" and Mr. George lived on the place and farmed it until 1946, when he sold it to a family named Cissel.

In March 1951, the Cissels sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ardle O'Hanlon, who are the pleased owners in 1961. They are proud of its possession and are spending considerable sums in beautification.

The right-hand half of the house, was built in 1874, by the father of Mr. George Remsburg. In recent years, living in the village of Poolesville, with vigorous health and remarkable memory, George Remsburg has been for many years an efficient agent of The Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Montgomery County.

Describing the house, we find in the left hand half, two rooms in the basement, one with huge fireplace and crane, and an outside entrance. The other part has two rooms on first floor, both with fireplaces. The "new" section, or right hand half, has the main front door, and hall, and has two rooms, with fireplaces. There are two stairways in this half, one going all the way to the attic. In this half there are three rooms—making five bedrooms on second floor. One bathroom first floor. There was an awkward looking small front porch, but this has been removed, and the fine old type front door, painted and brought into view, is a noticeable feature.



NO. 61 LE STEPHEN REMSBURG LEFT 1819
RIGHT 1874 BRICK

In the course of the emigration of Germans, from Pennsylvania to Montgomery County, we find the plantation owned in 1814 by Stephen Remsburg. No doubt he was the builder of the oldest half or the left-hand part of the mansion



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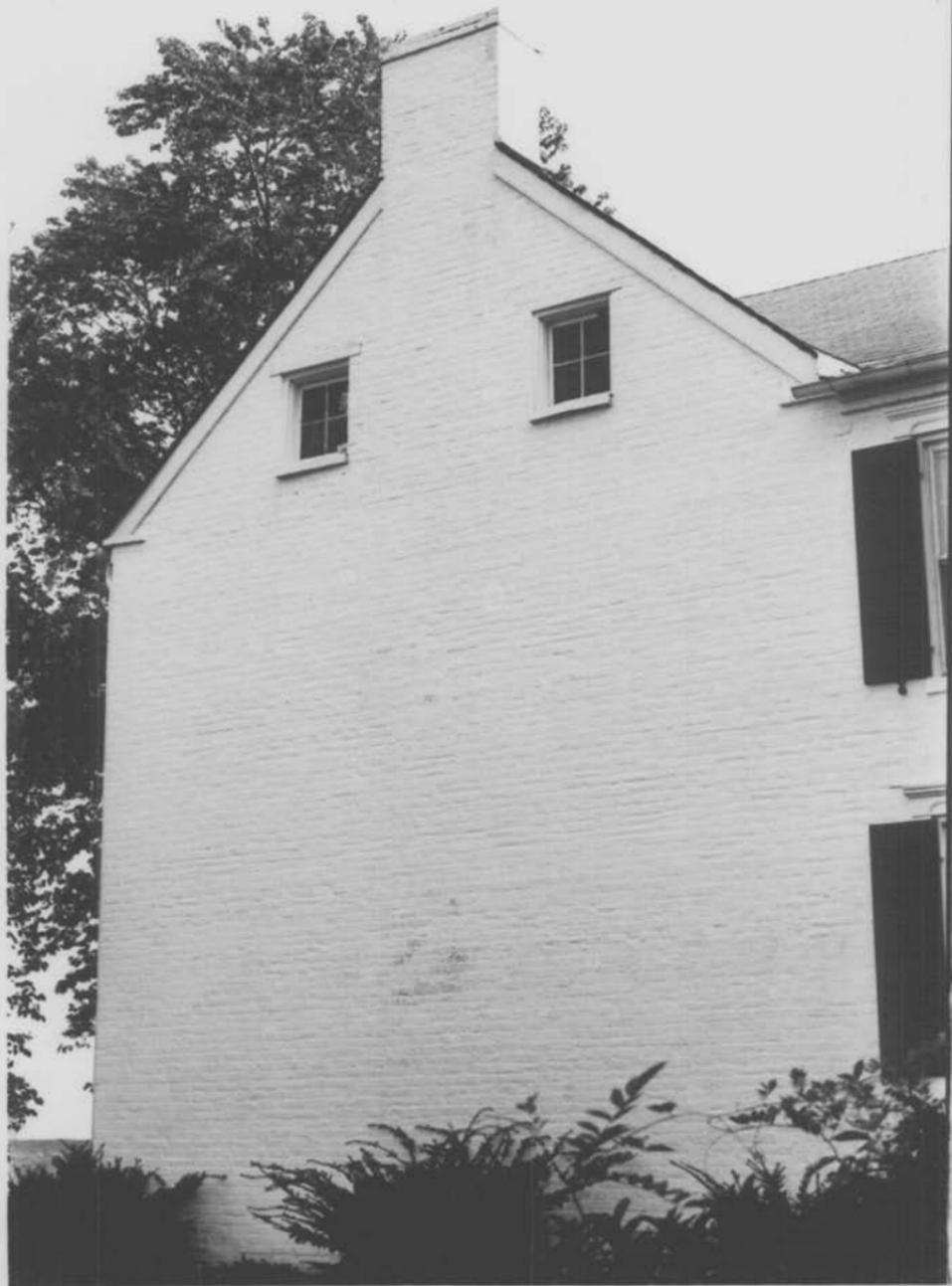
NAME WALDORF

LOCATION OFF ELMER SCHOOL Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md

FACADE E.

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NAME WALDORF

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LOCATION OFF ELMER SCHOOL Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE N.

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