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Odd Fellows' Lodge
Boys
Private

c. 1916

This once handsome two story frame building was constructed as the meeting hall for the Odd Fellows' Society, a Black benefit and social organization. Its imposing design and spacious interior reveal the relative affluence of the Black landowners in the Boyds community, who comprised the Society. This is one of the few structures of such organizations in historical Black communities to have survived in Montgomery County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Odd Fellows' Lodge

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of White Grounds Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Boyd's

— 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input 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 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
	No	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

abandoned

NAME

Not listed on the County Tax Map

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

No deed is listed on the County Tax Map

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This abandoned, once handsome frame building stands on the west side of White Grounds Road. It is now in derelict condition. The interior has been thoroughly vandalized, and the windows knocked out.

The building consists of two sections. The front block is three bays in length and one bay in depth. To the back of it is attached a two story ell, both sections were built at the same time. The balloon frame of the house is covered with weatherboards, which were painted grey. The roofline is accented by a cross gable pediment which contained a small window in a diamond design. Similar windows in the attic of each gable end give the building a more attractive appearance. The other windows in the building contain double hung sashes with two over two lights. The front door is relatively plain but is accented by a transom light.

The interior of the building consists of three rooms down and three up. On the south side is the large auditorium or gathering room for the members of the Odd Fellows' Society. It had been thoroughly vandalized but a old piano with carved legs does remain. On the north side of the building is a small room in which a bar had been set up. In the bar a boxed stairway leads to the room above and above the auditorium are two rooms, which were presumably used as private meeting rooms for the members. The woodwork inside the building consists of plain tongue and groove siding for petitions. In the auditorium, there is wainscoting. The rooms downstairs and upstairs were heated by stoves which were piped in to a brick flue ascending between the auditorium and the smaller rooms on the north side.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input 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	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

1915-1920

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This parcel of property is shown on the property map but there is no deed recorded for this tract of land. Therefore, no title search is possible. Nonetheless, the building itself can be dated because Mrs. Edna Duffin Johnson who was born in 1891 in the White Grounds community recalls that this building was constructed for the Odd Fellows' Society when she was in her 20's. That is, it was probably built between 1915 and 1920, as best as she can remember.

The principal significance of this building is that it is a physical vestige of one of the organizations of the historical Black community.

Due to the loss of population in this community, there have been no younger members to replace the older ones, and the Society exists no longer in the White Grounds community. This building however does remain and its imposing design and relatively handsome appearance -- when it was maintained -- reveal the prosperity of the Black community in the White Grounds community.

Like the Loving Charity Hall in the Martinsburg community, and in the Jerusalem community, the Odd Fellow Lodge was one of the principal centers for the Black community. This is one of the few buildings of that Society that remain standing in rural Montgomery County.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land records, Registry of Deeds, Montgomery County Courthouse,
Rockville, Md.
Interviews (not taped) with Edna Duffin Johnson and Lorraine Duffin,
Boys, Md. Feb. - March 1979

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

3/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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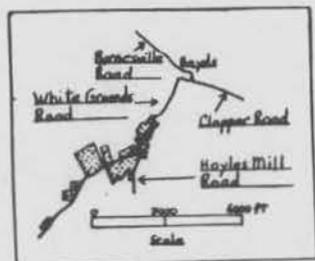
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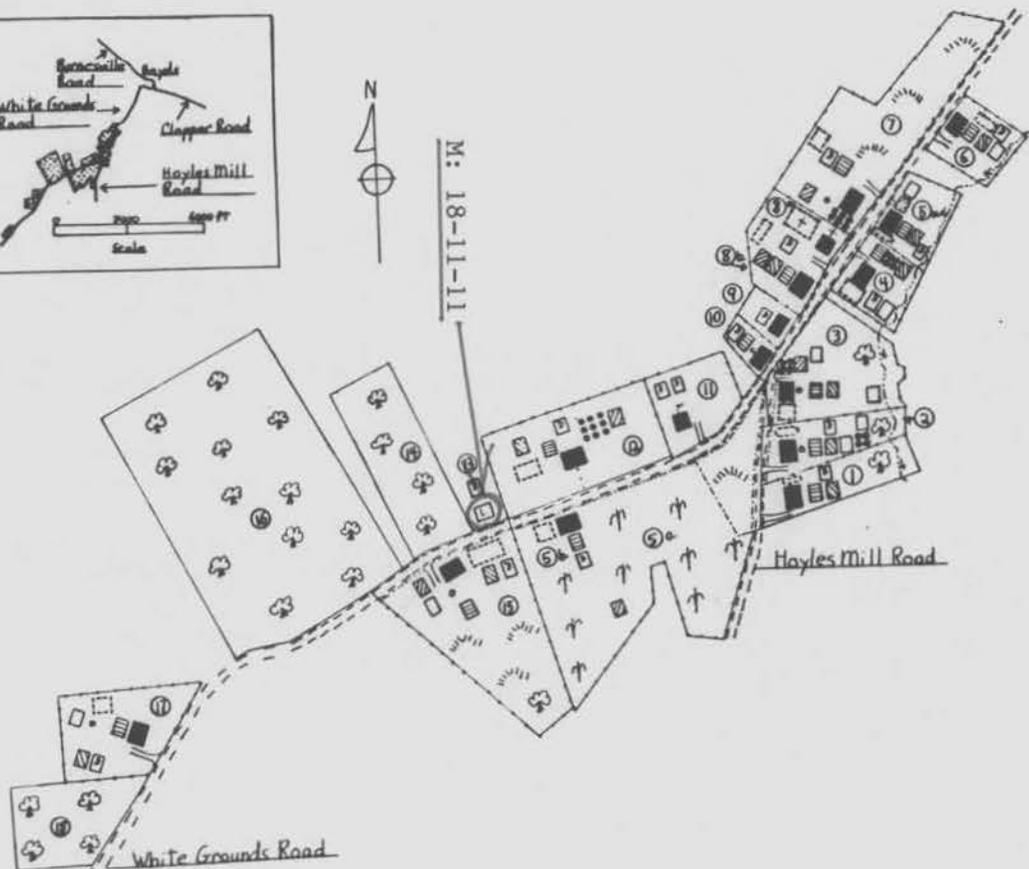
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CATHEDRAL	+
CEMETERY	+
LODGE	L
COMMUNITY CENTER	C
STORE	S
POST OFFICE	P
SCHOOL	■
DWELLING	■
PRIVY	P
STABLE	▨
WEAR HOUSE	▨
WEN HOUSE	▨
WTR HOUSE	▨
CORRATED HOUSE	▨
STR. BDN	□
LIBRY	□
PASTURE	☀
ORCH. STRD	↑
WAY STRD	↑
ORCHARD	●●●
FOREST	☁
TRUCKER	↑
WELL	o
SPRING	9
STREAM	~
ROAD	⊖
PARCEL BOUNDARY	—
ENCLOS. PARCEL BDY.	—
FENCE	—
CTRD ROAD	—
LANE	—
PATH	—
STREAM FLOW	→

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|-----|------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. | MARTHA CARTER HSTD. | 1.00 AC. |
| 2. | WILLIAM LUCKETT HSTD. | 2.00 AC. |
| 3. | WILLIAM GIBBS HSTD. | 3.00 AC. |
| 4. | DUFFIN-HEBRON HSTD. | 1.00 AC. |
| 5a. | ADDISON DUFFIN HSTD. | 25.00 AC. |
| b. | RENTED HOUSE | |
| c. | FARM FIELD | |
| 6. | DIGGINS HSTD. | 0.50 AC. |
| 7. | JACOB SMILE HSTD. (white) | 5.00 AC. |
| 8a. | ST. MARK'S M.E. CHURCH | 2.00 AC. |
| b. | ST. MARK'S PARSONAGE | |
| 9. | JOHN DORSEY HSTD. | 1.50 AC. |
| 10. | BLANCHE WILLIAMS HSTD. | 1.50 AC. |
| 11. | BOYDS NEGRO SCHOOL | 1.52 AC. |
| 12. | JOHN BROWN HSTD. | 5.00 AC. |
| 13. | ODD FELLOWS LODGE | |
| 14. | GEORGE DAVIS HSTD. | 6.00 AC. |
| 15. | GEORGE HAWKINS HSTD. | 7.00 AC. |
| 16. | JAMES WILLIAMS PROP. (white) | 54.00 AC. |
| 17. | JOHN PARKER HSTD. | 5.00 AC. |
| 18. | TIMOTHY CATON PROP. | 5.00 AC. |
| 19. | JOSHUA DUFFIN HSTD. | 3.00 AC. |
| 20. | NATHAN DUFFIN HSTD. | 1.00 AC. |



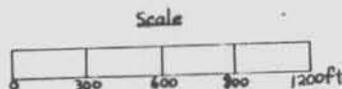
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WHITE GROUNDS COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

Source
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Oral Informants
Aignes Coates
Mae Coates
Clara Talley



DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

HSTD. = HOUSEHOLD PROP. = PROPERTY



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Odd Fellows Lodge
Germantown Quad, 1963, PR 1979



1. Odd Fellows Lodge
White Ground Rd.
2. Bucklodge, Md.
3. Photographer
JOSEPH J. DAVIS
4501 WOODFIELD ROAD
KENSINGTON, MD 20795
4. Date 1979 FEB - 4
5. Negative resides
with photographer
6. Looking North
7. File 791004

Odd Fellows Lodge
M: 18-11-11
Facade -
East Elevation
Boyd's, Md.

Photographed by
Joseph J. Davis

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6. Front quarter view.
Looking NNW.

7. File No. 791009

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Odd Fellows Lodge
White Grounds Road
Boyds, Md.

Photographer: Joseph J. Davis
Date : Feb. 4, 1979

Front quarter view. Lookin NNW.



791008

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6. Side view -
Looking WSW,

7. File No. 791008

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Boyds, Md.

Photographer: Joseph J. Davis
Date : Feb. 4, 1979

Side view, looking WSW.
North Gable end.