

W: 18-11-18

early 1900's

Blanche Williams House (Site)

Boyds

Private

Although fire has destroyed this house, it is remembered by neighbors as a "bungalow type" house with four "little rooms" downstairs and one upstairs. They recall that Mrs. Williams filled the walls in the small sitting room with pictures, had photographs from newspapers of Presidents Harding and Coolidge, and was the only person in the community to have a player piano with music on rolls.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Blanche Williams House (site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER West Side of White Grounds Road

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<u>No</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Rockville Crushed Stone

Telephone #: 762-9307

STREET & NUMBER

13900 Piney Meeting House Road

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3947

Folio #: 739

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**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 house burned in a tragic fire, which killed the owner and occupant, Blanche Williams. The following brief description has been furnished by Clara Lockett Talley, who was raised nearby.

The dwelling was a "bungalow type" house consisting of four "little rooms" downstairs, and one upstairs. Mrs. Talley remembers that Mrs. Williams filled the walls in the small sitting room with pictures. Mrs. Williams "liked that", Mrs. Talley explains, and had photographs from newspapers, for example, of Presidents Harding and Coolidge. She also was the only person in the community to have a player piano with music on rolls.

"All around the house were trees," a "flat porch with swings" on the front of the house, and a well with buckets behind it. In general, it was a "pretty little place," Mrs. Talley remembers.

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# 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" 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		<b>Black History</b>	
				<b>Local History</b>	

SPECIFIC DATES *early 1900s* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Clara Talley, who was born in 1914, recalls that it was standing when she was young and considers it to have been an old house. According to the deed J.L.B. 188/238, dated 1906, D.W. & Mattie E. Shorb purchased 36 1/4 acres, which included this small parcel, with "buildings and improvements" from Edgar and Mary DeLander. This reference to buildings may refer to this structure. In 1917, Blanche Williams purchased this tract from the Shorbs, according to deed 264/6. The Shorbs were a white family and may not have lived on the property, but perhaps rented the house to Blanche Williams, and then in 1917, she purchased it. For further clarification, Edna Duffin Johnson and Clara Talley's mother, Addie Lockett Quonn, should be consulted.

It is possible that this site is related to the Odd Fellows Lodge.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Telephone conversations with Clara Talley, May 4, 1979 by George McDaniel.

Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Deeds 188/238,  
264/6, 3947/739.

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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**

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DATE  
May 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE  
Maryland 20753

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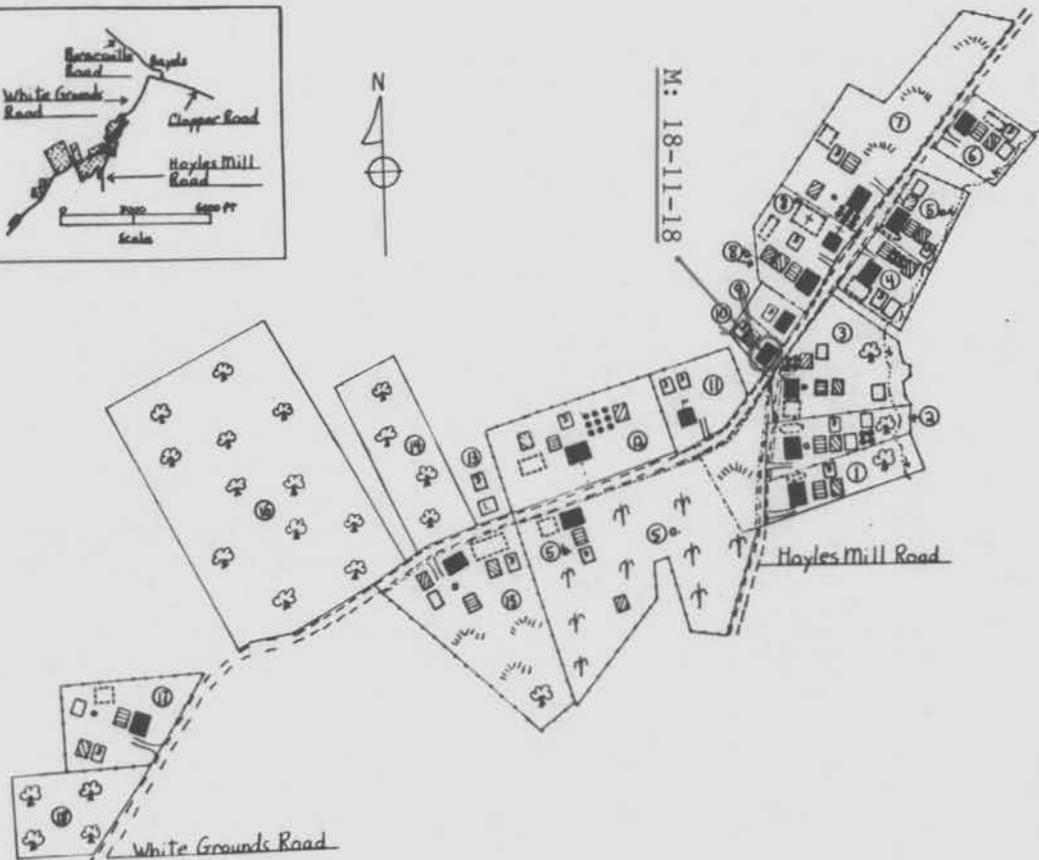
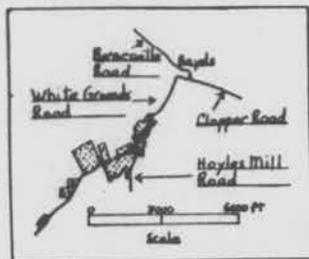
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STY PEN	□
BARN	▭
PASTURE	☀
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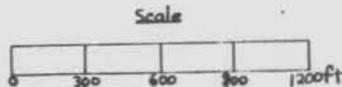
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2. WILLIAM LUCKETT HSTD. 2.00 AC.
3. WILLIAM GIBBS HSTD. 3.00 AC.
4. DUFFIN-HEBRON HSTD. 1.00 AC.
- 5a. ADDISON DUFFIN HSTD. 25.00 AC.
- c. RENTED HOUSE
- d. FARM FIELD
6. DIGGINS HSTD. 0.50 AC.
7. JACOB RUBLE HSTD. (white) 5.00 AC.
- 8a. ST. MARK'S N.E. CHURCH 2.00 AC.
- b. ST. MARK'S PARSONAGE
9. JOHN DORSEY HSTD. 0.50 AC.
10. BLANCHÉ WILLIAMS HSTD. 1.20 AC.
11. BOYDS NEGRO SCHOOL 1.52 AC.
12. JOHN BROWN HSTD. 5.00 AC.
13. ODD FELLOW'S LODGE
14. GEORGE DAVIS HSTD. 6.00 AC.
15. GEORGE HAWKINS HSTD. 7.00 AC.
16. JAMES WILLIAMS PROP. (white) 24.00 AC.
17. JOHN PARKER HSTD. 5.00 AC.
18. TIMOTHY CAYTON PROP. 5.00 AC.
19. JOSHUA DUFFIN HSTD. 2.00 AC.
20. NATHAN DUFFIN HSTD. 1.00 AC.



WHITE GROUNDS COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

Source  
 Steven Doolittle  
 Sugarcreek Regional Trails

Oral Informants  
 Agnes Coates  
 Mae Coates  
 Clara Talley



BUILDINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

WELL - HOUSE NO. 14 PROP. - PROPERTY



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Blanche Williams House site  
Germantown Quad, 1953, PR 1979