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Martha Carter Log House
Boys
Private

c.1890

This abandoned one and a half story log house was moved to this site in the late 19th century and reconstructed. It was the home of a Black landowning family. Like most other log houses of the end of the century, it contained two rooms down and two up, a three bay facade, and was heated by wood stoves downstairs.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Martha Carter Log House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Hoyle's Mill Road
CITY, TOWN Boyd's VICINITY OF 8 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
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 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
	<u>No</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME M.E. and L.E. Naylor Telephone #: 972-0493
STREET & NUMBER White Grounds Road
CITY, TOWN Boyd's VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds Liber #: 2631
STREET & NUMBER Montgomery County Courthouse Folio #: 587
CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE None
DATE _____
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____
CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>late 1800s</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one and a half story log dwelling stands on the north side of Hoyles Mill Road. It is abandoned and is rapidly deteriorating. The logs of the house were sheathed in the 1930s with weatherboards, according to Mrs. Edna Duffin Johnson, who was born in the White Grounds community in 1891. During her youth, the logs were exposed and whitewashed as were all the homes of Black families in the community. In addition to the weatherboards, a shed porch was added to the front of the house and trims around the windows. In recent years, a cinderblock kitchen was added to the back of the house replacing the earlier frame shed kitchen that had been there during the time that Mrs. Mary Naylor lived here in the 1930s.

The logs are hewn pine and V-notched at the corners. This is the type of notching most often used in the Mid-Atlantic region. The logs are still exposed inside the house, as they probably were in earlier years.

The plan of the house consists of two rooms down and two rooms up. In the front room a boxed stairway ascends along the eastern gable end to the rooms upstairs. Underneath the stairway was a small closet, a typical arrangement in small houses of this type. In the back length, in the southern portion, is a window opening indicating that this part of the back length did not have a room attached to it. In the western part of the back length, there is a back door leading into the current cinderblock kitchen, which in earlier years had been a one room frame kitchen. The joists are exposed but, instead of hewed logs, are 2" by 6" sawn lumber. Separating the two rooms is a thin partition of tongue and groove siding and a brick stove flue with openings on either side for stove pipes. The flooring consists of narrow tongue and groove floorboards typical of the late 19th century. The floorboards for the upstairs are somewhat wider (about 5") but nowhere are there the wide floorboards typical of early 19th century log cabins.

In the upstairs of the house the logs are exposed in both rooms. The rooms are divided in a similar fashion as the rooms downstairs. Some studs in the frame of the roof truss are sawn, while some are 4 by 4 and yet others are 2 by 4s. They are attached by wire nails. The window frames are attached to the ends of the log by wire nails also. At the peak of the roof, the rafters are joined by wire nails which have been toed into place. There is no evidence of traditional framing such as mortice and tenon joints in any of the roof truss. The wire nails indicate that the roof was built after the 1880s.

The interior of the house has been vandalized and all the windows have been broken, the siding has been ripped from some of the walls and ceilings. The house is generally in pretty much of a wreck. The logs in the upper portions of the house however, are in fairly good condition and are salvageable. *Mrs. Mary Naylor* recalls that behind the house was a meathouse, privy and hen house. The Carter family raised their own hogs and had hog butcherings, as all the families did in the White Grounds community.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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		
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<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"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Black History		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1880s

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed 212/161, Martha Carter received this property from Robert and Anne Dodson in 1910. It consisted of one acre and three roods. It was a part of the much larger tract of property that Grace B. Leapley and her husband had purchased in 1887.

According to community tradition, this house was known as the Martha Carter place. Mrs. Deloris Coates who was raised in the community says that she heard that the log cabin had stood on property not far from here down Hoyles Mill Road. The logs of that house were taken apart and moved up here to build this log cabin. The roof of the house is certainly of the late 1800s or early 1900s. This tradition of the house having been moved to this site could well be possible, because of the presence of the wire nails in the roof truss of the house and the use of sawn timbers throughout and the presence of the late 19th century flooring. The log cabin as it is today, is of late 19th century construction at the earliest. It is of importance because it is one of the few log houses remaining in this area, and should be compared to the Ruple log house which was occupied by a white family in the White Grounds community.

Mrs. Mary Naylor, who now lives in the parsonage of the St. Mark's Church, was raised in this house in the 1930s and can provide a description of the way of life of the Martha Carter family.

Though the house is abandoned today and none of the outbuildings, gardens, or workplaces remain, with the assistance of oral informants in the community, the physical surroundings of this log house could be recorded. The house and its history could perhaps be related to the Taylor Elementary School, directly across from the house today. It could serve as an important educational resource for local children to learn about their local history.

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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

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ORGANIZATION Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE 4/79
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 House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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12416 Decoues Road
Boys, Maryland 20720
April 25, 1979

John J. Fiedler
Department of Environmental Protection
6110 Executive Blvd.
Rockville, Maryland

RE: Mary Nailor's Log House
Hoyle's Mille Road, Boyds.

Dear Mr. Fiedler,

Mary Nailor's house on Hoyle's Mill Road, Boyds, is historically significant, and should be preserved. It is built of logs, which are in good condition, and is one of but a very few log houses left in the County.

As the president of the Boyds/Clarksburg Historical Society, I consider it important to retain this house as part of our cultural heritage in rural Montgomery County. It is adjacent to the Boyds Historic District, nominated to the National Register by the Governor's Consulting Committee of Maryland Historical Trust. It is not far from Boyds Negro School, restoration project for our society. The owner is interested in restoring this log house, and in applying to CDBG for necessary funds next fall.

According to George McDaniel, historian, the roof, door frames and wood siding were added about the turn of the twentieth century, but the siding could be removed, allowing the historic log house to emerge. He suggests it could be used for storage by the Taylor Elementary School until water is available in the area, and then be used as a dwelling once again.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret M. Coleman

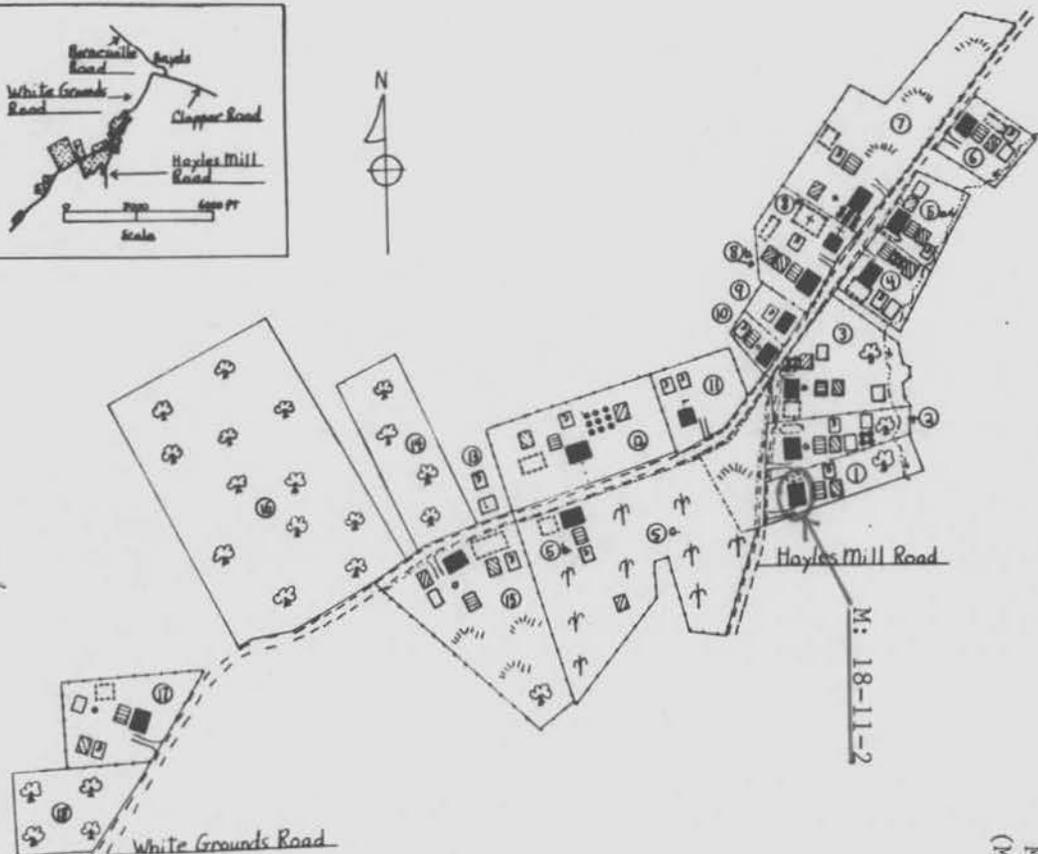
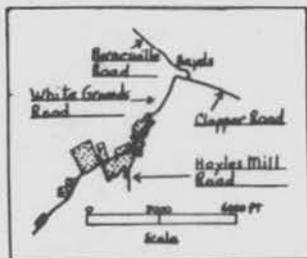
Margaret M. Coleman
President, Boyds/Clarksburg Historical Society

→ George McDaniel
Eileen McGuckian, Sugarloaf Regional Trails
Mary Nailor
John L. Pickell

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BRICK	D
STABLE	▨
WEEK HOUSE	▨
WELL HOUSE	▨
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BARN	□
RISHIRE	⌂
JOHN FIELD	↑
RAY FIELD	↑
ORCHARD	●●●
FOREST	⊕
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WELL	○
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STREAM FLOW	→

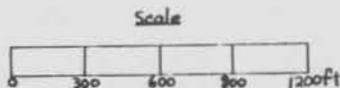
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| 2. WILLIAM LUCKETT HSTD. | 2.00 AC. |
| 3. WILLIAM GIBBS HSTD. | 3.00 AC. |
| 4. DUFFIN-HEBRON HSTD. | 1.00 AC. |
| 5a. ADDISON DUFFIN HSTD. | 25.00 AC. |
| c. RENTED HOUSE | |
| d. FARM FIELD | |
| 6. DIGGINS HSTD. | 0.50 AC. |
| 7. JACOB RUBLE 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. BLANCHIE WILLIAMS HSTD. | 1.50 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) | 56.00 AC. |
| 17. JOHN PARKER HSTD. | 5.00 AC. |
| 18. TIMOTHY CAION 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 Dealittle
Suggested Regional Trails

Oral Informants
Rhone Coates
Mae Coates
Clara Talley



MEASUREMENTS AND CONTOUR LINES NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY



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Martha Carter Log House
(Martha Carter Homestead)
Germanstown Quad, 1953, PR 1979



CARTER Log House

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Facade - south



Carter Log House
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Abandoned house of basic log construction.
Boys, Md.

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

Side and rear view. Looking SSW.
N.W. Elevation



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CARTER Log House
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Abandoned house of basic log construction.
Boys, Md.

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

Interior showing log construction.
Stairwell viewed from upper left room.
Looking E.



CARTER Log House

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Downstairs stairway

Abandoned house of basic log construction.
Boys, Md.

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

Interior showing log construction -
lower left room. Looking SE.



Carter Log House

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Boys, Md.

North Elevation: Rear
Length

Abandoned house of basic log construction.
Boys, Md.

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

Rear view through rack - use not known.

Possible uses of rack: Car repair
Hog butchering



CARTER Log house
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Upstairs ROOM

Abandoned house of basic log construction.
Boys, Md.

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

Interior showing log construction -
left upstairs room. Looking W.



Carter Log House

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Interior: Upstairs, showing log construction by window.

Abandoned house of basic log construction.
Boys, Md.

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

Interior showing log construction -
right upstairs room. Looking NW.