

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 18-25
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: John Dawson/Paul Dyson Farm
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/25 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 13
D-2
4. Address: 17300 White Grounds Road, Boyds
5. Classification Summary
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|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Category | <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u> |
| Ownership | <u>private</u> | Title and Date: | <u>1976 Inventory of</u>
<u>Historical Sites</u> |
| Public Acquisition | <u>N/A</u> | | |
| Status | <u>occupied</u> | Federal | <u>State</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>County</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Local</u> <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Accessible | <u>no</u> | | |
| Present use | <u>private residence</u> | | |
6. Date: c. 1836-1847 7. Original Owner: John Dawson
8. Apparent Condition
- a. excellent b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This house has two parts, one frame and one stone, both facing east. The frame part is 2½ stories, three bays by two bays, with a painted shed roof of raised seam metal. It has a full width front porch with eight chamfered posts and gingerbread trim, repeating a heart shape design. Green louvered shutters flank the windows. The siding is white aluminum.
- The older stone part is three bays by one bay, 1½ stories, painted white with no separate foundation. The original floor was dirt, and has been excavated by the current owner although it is covered with a raised floor. A massive stone fireplace with an exterior chimney is at one end of this section
- Several outbuildings include a stone gazebo, a frame barn and 2½ stone barn with raised seam metal shed roof.
10. Significance: This grouping of structures is architecturally significant; noteworthy are the stone bankbarn, the stone section of the house, remnants of old fieldstone fences or walls, and the extensive garden.
- Stone walls were in place here by 1836 when John Dawson signed an agreement with Thomas Rawlings, concerning a "common dividing" stone fence. Each party agreed to keep his own side of the fence in good repair.
- Dawson bought the property in 1847 from Rawlings, who had purchased it from George Calvert, trustee of Thomas Cramphin. The dwelling house of John Dawson, buildings, improvements and appurtenances were mentioned. During this period, 1836-1847, the stone part of the house and the barn may have been built.
- In 1873 Benjamin F. Dyson bought from Cyrena (also spelled Sirena), John R. and Caroline Dawson, property containing a stone wall or fence and "appurtenances". Dawson agreed not to remove the stone wall. However, the stone walls fell down and many of the stones were given away. The property remained in the Dyson family until the present owners bought it in 1946, rebuilt the stone walls and added an extensive, English garden. They subdivided the land in 1965.
11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret Coleman-6/79
12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval _____
15. Acreage: 10.28 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John Dawson/Paul Dyson Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Paffenbarger House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

17300 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Dr. George C. Paffenbarger

Telephone #: 972-8471

STREET & NUMBER

17300 White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyd's

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3333

Folio #: 156

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPG Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

M:18-25

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house has two parts, one frame and one stone, both facing east. The frame part is 2½ stories, three bays by two bays, with a painted shed roof of raised seam metal. It has a full width front porch with eight chamfered posts and gingerbread trim, repeating a heart shape design; the porch was added about 1957 in time for a family wedding. The windows are six-over-six double-hung on all but the north elevation; here two, two-over-two double-hung windows flank the peak of the stone section's roof. Green louvered shutters line the windows, and green lattice covers the porch foundation. Four single stone steps preceded by a stone path lead to the porch. The siding is white aluminum. On the south elevation are the remains of a stone chimney foundation and an exterior cellar entrance covered with glass. This part is approximately 36 by 18 feet. The porch is 36 by 9 feet. The older stone part is approximately 36' by 21', 1½ stories, painted white, and joins the frame section to the north. The matching roof has snow stoppers. The door is board and batten, indented from the facade about one foot with a four light transom above it. Two stone steps lead to this door. The windows have six lights, with a flat arch. The front (east) facade has two windows which are not lined up. The rear (west) elevation has two which are lined up. No foundation is visible.

An enclosed sun porch was recently added on the west (rear) elevation of the frame section.

There is a windowless frame smokehouse, one bay by one bay with a shed roof, and a fieldstone foundation reinforced with poured concrete.

A fieldstone bank barn, 2½ stories, approximately 27 by 45 feet, is north of the house and faces north. It has a raised seam metal shed roof. An extension on the south elevation of approximately 15 by 45 feet has a corrugated metal shed roof, and is open on three sides, facing south.

Another barn, of frame construction with a corrugated metal roof, is west of the stone barn.

A stone 12' by 12' gazebo covers an old, hand dug well topped with a hand operated pump. This gazebo was added by the present owner.

Stone walls divide garden and pasture areas over much of the property. A stone outhouse was placed in the garden by the present owners in the 1950s.

A stone two bay by two bay garage with cedar shake roof was added by the present owners. Windows are six-over-six double-hung.

According to the present owner, a former slave cemetery is across the road on property previously belonged to this farm.

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
<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 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. 1836-1847 BUILDER/ARCHITECT John Dawson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This grouping of structures is architecturally significant; noteworthy are the stone bank barn, the stone section of the house, remnants of old fieldstone fences or walls, and the extensive garden.

The house consists of a 19th century stone section with its original windows and entry, and a frame, Victorian, early 20th century section.

Stone walls were in place here by 1836 when John Dawson signed an agreement with Thomas Rawlings, concerning a "common dividing" stone fence. Each party agreed to keep his own side of the fence in good repair.¹

Dawson bought the property in 1847 from Rawlings, who had purchased it from George Calvert, trustee of Thomas Cramphin. The dwelling house of John Dawson, buildings, improvements and appurtenances were mentioned.² During this period, 1836-1847, the stone part of the house and the barn may have been built.

In 1873 Benjamin F. Dyson bought from Cyrena (also spelled Sirena), John R. and Caroline Dawson, property containing a stone wall or fence and "appurtenances." Dawson agreed not to remove the stone wall.³ Dyson was a farmer of Dawsonville in 1879, raising crops of wheat, corn, oats, potatoes and tobacco. Church and public school facilities were located at Dawsonville, which had a population of 75.⁴

Paul Dyson was deeded this property in 1899. Total acreage was 131 3/4 acres.⁵

Dyson's heirs sold the property in 1946 to the present owners,⁶ who believe the frame part of the house was built by Paul Dyson, and the stone part and bank barn are older. Dr. and Mrs. Paffenbarger excavated the large fireplace and dirt floor in the stone section which had been covered by the previous owner. They added a sunroom, stone garage and extensive gardens. They farmed the land for many years, and in 1965 subdivided the property, preserving the 10.28 acreage surrounding the house and out-buildings. Mrs. Paffenbarger's father, H.M. Appleman, lived with them, and rebuilt the stone fences in 1953-1954. Mrs. Paffenbarger planted a lovely garden, containing more than a hundred varieties of plants.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. BS 8/43 (Aug. 30, 1836).
- 2 Ibid., BS 3/55 (May 26, 1829).
- 3 Ibid., EBP 11/369 (December 22, 1873).
- 4 T.H.S. Boyd, History of Montgomery County, Md.; Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1879, p. 127
- 5
- 6 Land Records. 1064/363 (1899).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Boyd, T.H.S. History of Montgomery County, Md. Regional Publishing Co.,
 Baltimore, Md. 1879.
 Land Records of Montgomery County.
 Paffenbarger, Dr. and Mrs. George, Interview. May 1979.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10.28 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Near intersection of Route 28 and White Grounds Road. Turn north on
 White Grounds. Second driveway on west side of road.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret M. Coleman

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

DATE

June 1979

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

John Dawson/Paul Dyson Farm



Facade: East -- June 1979

DAWSONVILLE Upper Merit Co.
Charming stone & frame colonial
farmhouse. Circa 1800. 2-3
bedrms. 3 baths. 2 working fire-
places. Homemakers delightfully ar-
ranged country kitchen. L.g. farm-
rm. overlooking beaut. landscaped
lawn. Detached oversized 2 car
garage of stone. Smokehouse.
stone bank barn. stone pump-
house. machinery shed/corn crib.
1 bedrm detached tenant house.
Horticulture & vegetable garden.
All centrally located on 10 ac-
productive farm w/stone fence
along drive. \$225,000 w/terms. By
appt. only. Exclusively thro:
WOODBURNE
REALTY INC. 972-8400.

Washington Post
June 19, 1979



Facade: South -- June 1979

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: James Dawson House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: White Grounds Road (Rte. 121)				
CITY OR TOWN: Dawsonville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 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: George C. Paffenbarger				
STREET AND NUMBER: White Grounds Road (Rte. 121)				
CITY OR TOWN: Dawsonville		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: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The older part of the house is the one story, north, stone wing; it has an external chimney on the north end. The fenestration and present sunken hearth suggest that the building was originally 1-1/2 stories and that the main floor has been raised and the loft remodelled, with all partition walls removed.

The two story, south wing has a three bay facade with a central doorway. At either end are internal chimneys. It is of recent construction

North of the house are several outbuildings including a large stone barn and a springhouse. The fences around the fields are also stone.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

M:18-25

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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: M-NCPPC DATE: 6 May 74

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 _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



#18-25

NAME JAMES DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION Rt. 121 DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



#18-25

NAME JAMES DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION Rt. 121 DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



#18-25

NAME JAS. DAWSON HOUSE
LOCATION Rt. 121 DAWSONVILLE, Md
FACADE E
PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



#18-25

NAME JAMES DAWSON HOUSE
LOCATION Rt 121 DAWSONVILLE, Md
FACADE W
PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



#18-25

NAME : JAMES DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION Rt 121 DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE N

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFB



NAME JAMES DAWSON - BARN

#18-25

LOCATION Rt 121 DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE NE

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFA