

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:18-40
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Darby Miller's House and Mill Site

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/40

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6
Coordinate D-134. Address: 23020 Bucklodge Road
Boys, Md.

5. Classification Summary

Category buildingPrevious Survey Recording NoneOwnership private

Title and Date:

Public Acquisition N/AStatus occupiedAccessible noFederal State County Local Present use agriculture: privateresidence6. Date: 1864 (house)
before 1816 (mill)7. Original Owner: John William Darby (house)
Nathan White (mill)

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by five bay, two and a half story, L-shaped house faces east.

Built on fieldstone foundations, this house has dark green novelty siding on the east elevation and clapboarding on the other three elevations. On the east elevation there is a flagstone step and stoop before the wooden paneled door. On the south elevation there is a screened porch with a half hipped roof. On the north elevation there is a gabled hood supported by four chamfered posts. The north door is glass and wooden paneled and is surmounted by a two light transom.

There are two-over-two double-hung windows throughout the house flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. There is a round window with four lights. The cross gable roof has grey asbestos shingles. The cornice line is boxed and returned. There are two interior chimneys in the west ell.

10. Significance: The original mill was probably constructed by Nathan White before 1816, when he deeded the property to his son Benjamin. In 1864, John William Darby purchased 395½ acres and the mill from John and Sarah White, and constructed his house soon afterwards.

While the water-powered mill peaked financially in 1879, it was the coming of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad which brought a burst of prosperity to the neighborhood known as Buck Lodge. A station, general store, feed store, school, and about a dozen dwellings were constructed near the Darby house.

In 1890 John Darby sold the house, mill, and 34 acres to his son James W. Darby. The mill continued to operate into the 20th century, relying on a gasoline engine when water in the stream was at a low level.

Although the mill has burned down, remains of this operation can still be seen. The old road to the mill can also be traced, leading to White's Store Road beside the ruins of the former Buck Lodge School.

The house and property remained in the family until 1974 when it was sold to the current owners.

11. Researcher and date researched: Candy Reed - Arch. Description
Margaret M. Coleman July 1979

12. Compiler: Eileen McGuekian

13. Date Compiled: Sept. 1979 14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 28.5 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 18/40
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Darby Miller's House and Mill Site

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

23020 Bucklodge Road

CITY, TOWN

Boys

— 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 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

H.W. and J.L. Hough

Telephone #: 972-1372

STREET & NUMBER

20320 Bucklodge Road

CITY, TOWN

Boys

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4602

Folio #: 838

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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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		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1864

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Darby miller's house at Buck Lodge signifies the modest prosperity of the 19th century mill industry. This mill was subsequently aided by its proximity to the railroad. It is also significant as part of a number of buildings erected in the Barnesville-Buck Lodge area by the Darby family and their relations.

The house was built by John William Darby about 1864. Darby graduated from Columbian College (now George Washington University) and married Ellen Ruth Edelen. He was the son of George Washington and Mary Riggs Darby of Barnesville and related to the Riggs, Dade, Harriss, Chiswell, Talbott, Poole and White families. He bought 395.5 acres from John and Sarah White in 1864.¹

The mill was probably already on the property, built by Nathan White before 1816, the date of his deed to his son, Benjamin White, which reserves mill rights to the grantor.² Benjamin, in turn, deeded the property to his son, John, in 1841.³

Energy to operate the mill was obtained by diverting Buck Lodge branch of the Little Seneca Stream on to the steep hill where Darby later built his house. The race had a run of stones ending with a 13 foot fall on the stream.⁴ A 2-inch pipe was laced through the crest of the hill, enabling the water to create considerable power and operate the wheel.

The Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad brought a short burst of prosperity to the neighborhood of Buck Lodge in the late 1870s. A station, general store, feed store, school and about a dozen dwelling houses were constructed near the Darby house. The mill peaked financially in 1879 with a value of \$2,000 on the mill, and livestock valued at \$910. In 1880 the mill had an annual output of 220 barrels of flour, 108 tons of meal and 1.1 tons of feed.⁵

In 1890 the son of John William, James W. Darby, was granted the house, mill and 34 acres.⁶ According to his nephew, Riggs Darby, James used a gasoline engine when the water in the stream was at a low level. Italian immigrants, supervised by a John Cole, operated the mill, turning out bran, flour, corn meal and middlings. Cole lived east of the road about 100 feet from the mill.⁷ This house is still standing.

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FOOTNOTES:

See Attachment Sheet A

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Darby Miller's House

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., EBP 1/352.
2. Ibid., 250/93.
3. Ibid., BS 10/370.
4. Tax Assessor's Record.
5. Ibid.
6. Land Records, Op. Cit., JA 17/245 et. seq.
7. Interview with Riggs Darby, Buck Lodge (1979).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Tax Records of Montgomery County, Md.
Riggs Darby, Buck Lodge, Maryland. Interview.
Montgomery County Historical Society files, Rockville, Md.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 28.5 acres

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	Candy Reed
Margaret M. Coleman	Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Sugarloaf Regional Trails	July 1979
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Box 87	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Dickerson	Maryland 20753

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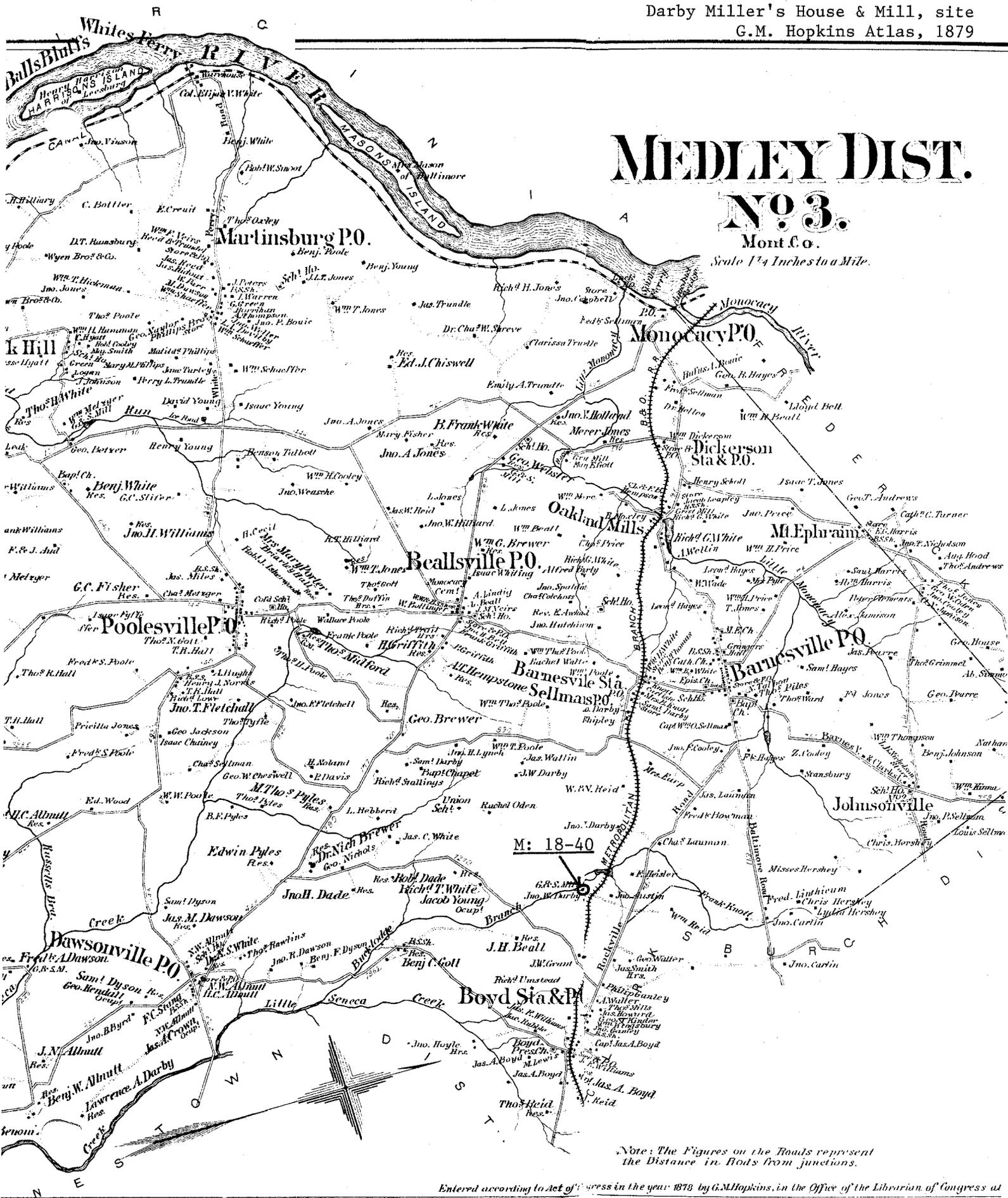
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MEDLEY DIST.

No. 3.

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Scale 1/4 Inches to a Mile.



Note: The Figures on the Roads represent the Distance in Rods from junctions.



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 Germantown Quad, 1953, PR 1979