

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:18-9
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Bonnie Brae

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/9

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6

Coordinate I-14

4. Address: 15003 Barnesville Road

Boys, Md.

5. Classification Summary

Category buildingPrevious Survey Recording MNCPPCOwnership privateTitle and Date: Historic Sites InventoryPublic Acquisition N/A

1976

Status occupiedAccessible Yes: restrictedFederal State x County x Local Present use private residence

6. Date: c. 1870

7. Original Owner: James Alexander Boyd

8. Apparent Condition

a. Fair/deteriorated b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This one and a half story, three bay by one bay, frame tenant house is the only remaining domestic structure at Bonnie Brae Farm. The house has been covered by asbestos shingles. The gable roof has raised seam metal covering. There is a decorative barge board at the south gable end. There is an enclosed shed roofed porch on the east (front) elevation. There are six-over-six double-hung windows. There is a complex of three barns southwest of the house. One barn is a notable carpenter gothic bank barn.

Three barns compose the outbuildings. One of these has paired, electric, victorian design louvered windows flanking the large opening on the east facade. The gable roof has a decorative trim that was on the manor house as shown in an old photograph. A one story tenant house also remains.

10. Significance: The barns at Bonnie Brae are about all that remain of a small manor put together by James A. Boyd in the late 19th century, near the tracks of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad. A small house remains, reportedly used as a store for Boyd's employees. Boyd moved to the area in 1870 with the contract to build six of the most difficult sections of the Metropolitan Branch. He began buying up land to house railroad workers, and eventually owned 1,100 acres on both sides of the track. The railroad built a station there and named it "Boyd's Station". Boyd built himself a comfortable home, numerous barns, wind-mills, dairies and tenant houses. Using innovative techniques, he drained swampland and fertilized the exhausted soil, turning it into a production dairy farm. Milk was shipped into Washington by train.

In 1966 the current owner demolished the manor house, and all but one tenant house and three barns.

Candy Reed - Arch. Description

11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret M. Coleman May 1979

12. Compiler: Margaret Coleman 13. Date Compiled: July 1979 14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 10.40 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bonnie Brae

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

15003 Barnesville 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 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 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Prudential Insurance Co. of America Telephone #: 277-8277

STREET & NUMBER

4417 Hartwick Road

CITY, TOWN

College Park

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4901 3556

Folio #: 10 629

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL STATE COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This one and a half story frame tenant house, three bays across and one bay deep, is the only remaining domestic structure of Bonnie Brae Farm. Built on brick foundations, it has a central hallway and two rooms on each floor. The exterior of the house is now covered by asbestos shingles. The roof is covered by raised seam metal roofing and has boxed eaves. The remains of a decorative bargeboard may be seen at the south gable end. An exterior stove chimney is visible at the southwest corner of the south elevation. A clapboard and glass porch extends nearly the full length of the east(front) elevation and is accessible by five poured concrete steps. A second porch is on the north side of the house. There are double-hung six-over-six windows throughout.

Southwest of the house stands a complex of three barns. Closest to the house is a large rectangular barn with board and batten siding. It has a gable roof covered by raised seam metal roofing. Beyond this is a bank barn with carpenter gothic detailing. This cross-gabled structure has board and batten exterior walls and is supported by fieldstone foundations. One of the most salient features of this barn are the paired, eclectic, victorian design louvered windows which flank the large opening on the east facade. Most distant from the house is a large modern barn building constructed of cinderblocks and having a gambrel roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:18-9

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"/> 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		Local History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The barns at Bonnie Brae are about all that remain of a small, feudal-type village put together by James A. Boyd in the late 19th century, directly related to the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad.

Boyd emigrated from Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1848, and went to work for Thomas Scott of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He married Sarah Rinehart of West Virginia, and continued working on the railroad and dam construction until 1861 when he moved to Brazil. There he built railroads for the Emperor Dom Pedro, and became personally acquainted with the emperor. A cane from Dom Pedro was treasured by Mr. Boyd until his death.

In 1866 the war was over and he returned to the States. He secured contracts for several sections of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O. Boyd undertook some of the toughest construction problems on the Metropolitan Branch - the six section (6 miles) between roughly Sellman and somewhere east of the Little Seneca. This included Parr's Ridge, the longest, deepest, hardest cut of all, and the difficult passage of the Little Seneca ravine. John W. Garrett, president of the B & O, apparently regarded Boyd as the most experienced railroad contractor available.

Boyd bought land and built shelters for the railroad workers, accumulating over 1,100 acres of property in his own name. He built a comfortable home, numerous barns, windmills, dairies and tenant houses. At the time he began to buy farmland, the soil was considered exhausted and had been abandoned for farming. However Boyd used fertilizer and skill, and changed his farms into fertile land. He developed a dairy of 100 cows, and surrounded his estate with white washed board fences.¹ He planted orchards, and lined his long driveway with ornamental shrubs and trees.²

The B & O built a large station at the new village, naming it Boyds Station in honor of Col. Boyd.

Boyd was a founder of the Boyds Presbyterian Church, and is listed in the church records as the first elder.³

He owned 8 draft horses, and used them to drain the swampland, installing tile, stone and wooden devices so that he could use this land. He put in fish ponds stocked with carp, built 8 barns for his hay storage and a steam engine to pump water, shell corn, cut hay, saw wood and grind cattle feed. His cows were a crossbred Alderney/Durham, and produced enough milk to ship 180 gallons of milk daily into Washington on the train.⁴

At his funeral in 1896 the B & O honored him by stopping all their express trains at Boyds Station.⁵

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY
(continued on Attachment Sheet A)

His heirs sold the farm to Kenneth G. and Alice P. Heisler in 1942.⁶ Mrs. Heisler sold it to the present owners in 1966, who demolished the decaying manor house in 1975. The single, remaining house on the property is reportedly the former store for employees of James Boyd.⁷ Three of Boyd's barns are extant.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 "Memorial of the Life and Character of James A. Boyd, of Boyd's, Montgomery County, Maryland." No further bibliographical information listed. The book is in the possession of the Boyd's Presbyterian Church, Boyds, Md.
- 2 Eleanor Maughlin Young, Kensington; heir of James Boyd. Interview, 1978.
- 3 Earle L. Vail, The Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station. Boyds Presbyterian Church; 1976.
- 4 William R. Smith, Superintendent, U.S. Botanic Gardens, April 10, 1887. Smith wrote in Boyd's memorial, including an article he had published in the Washington Star, 1882.
- 5 Memorial.
- 6 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. 874/59.
- 7 Young.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"Memorial of the Life and Character of James A. Boyd, of Boyd's (sic) Montgomery County, Md." On file at the Boyds Presbyterian Church; no publishing data.

Land and tax records of Montgomery County, Md.

Young, Mrs. Eleanor Maughlin; Kensington. Interview, 1978 & photographs.
Vail, Earle. The Presbyterian Church at Boyd's Station. Boyds Church; 1976.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1040 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Boyd's, Maryland. Intersection Routes 121 and 117, north and east of this intersection, along both roads, east on dirt road paralleling the railroad tracks.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret M. Coleman

Candy Reed-arch. Description

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

May 1979

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Captain James A. Boyd House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Boyd's				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No				
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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Chuchill Investment Corporation				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Germantown		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				
DATE 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 type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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 house is a two story, frame structure with a three bay main (south) facade. The central doorway has transom and sidelights; the flanking windows are 6/9 double hung sash extending to the floor. The second story central bay is a double glazed door flanked by sidelights. The two windows are 6/6 double hung sash. The central gable, with a round headed window, has bargeboards cut in a fleur-de-lis pattern. The end walls are three bays with 6/6 double hung sash. The boxed cornice is returned into the gable end. To the north is a two story el with a central chimney. In the front yard is a stone mounting block.

North of the house are four farm dependencies. All are sheathed with board and batten siding over braced framing. The window heads are arched in an Italianate manner, with louvered openings. One bankbarn is of cross-gable design, with the north gable carried forward as a porch; the eaves have scalloped bargeboards. The basement is an open cattle pen. There is a corncrib with a central crib and flanking sheds; it had a lantern with two arched, louvered openings on each face.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. 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"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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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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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage 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: 2 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

Mason, Knight of Pythias and member of the Grand Order of American Mechanics.

October 20, 1880, the marriage of Mr. Whitcomb and Miss Sarah Elizabeth Lichliter was solemnized. Her father, the late Conrad Lichliter, was a well known citizen of Woodstock, Va. Of his three brothers one is a successful lawyer in Washington, D. C., another a leading physician at Dayton, Ohio, and the third the popular pastor of St. Luke's Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa. To the union of our subject and wife one daughter and four sons were born, namely: Ethel E., Bernard Lichliter, George Merle, Raymond Evers and Jay Dinges (deceased in September, 1892). The boys, who are manly lads, are being taught to work by their father, who purchased a small place near Thurmont mainly for this purpose, and they have reason to be proud of the fine fields of wheat and corn which they raise. Thus habits of industry are combined with their moral and spiritual education.



COL. JAMES ALEXANDER BOYD. The record of the life of Colonel Boyd contains much of interest and much that is worthy of emulation by those starting out for themselves without money and among strangers. The founder of Boyds, Montgomery County, was born in Kilwinning, Ayrshire, Scotland, December 22, 1823, and was one of a large family. When one year of age he was taken into the home of his grandmother, a woman of noble character and much piety, to whose influence he owed the formation in his character of a love for all that is upright, just and true. When quite young he served an apprenticeship to the stonecutter's trade and about the time he finished his period of service his grandmother died. As hers was the only home he had ever known, he felt the ties that bound him there were broken, and therefore did not care to remain in Scotland. With two other young men he took a contract to work in the construction of a breakwater at Kingston, Jamaica,

where he was employed almost three years, his work being eminently satisfactory to his employers. The contract made when going there provided the option that he should have free passage back to Scotland or \$100 in cash, and, acting upon the advice of the captain of a trading vessel, he chose the latter. He was about twenty-five years of age when he landed in Philadelphia. In that city he met Thomas Scott, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, who employed him to do masonry work on the road near Harrisburg, Pa. Afterward he superintended the construction of a section of road, which he completed in 1852. Next he went to West Virginia and constructed two sections of the Parkersburg branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. While engaged in that work, he formed the acquaintance of Benjamin H. Latrobe, of Baltimore, who became his life-long friend.

Going from Virginia to Ohio, Colonel Boyd took a contract for the construction of part of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad. However, this undertaking brought disastrous results. In 1857 the construction company failed, owing him \$30,000. Here the high sense of honor which he ever displayed in all his dealings was most nobly shown. He might have taken advantage of the failure and avoided paying his employes, but he felt this would be dishonest, so he sold all his machinery, implements and other possessions, and gathered together all the money he could secure, and with it he paid the entire indebtedness; but it left him and his wife to commence life anew, with all their possessions in two trunks.

In Baltimore he joined the firm of Hoblitzell & Crowley, and engaged in building a dam near the Relay House for the city water works. In the latter part of 1860 he went to Memphis, Tenn., with the intention of engaging in railroad building there, but owing to the great excitement incident to the coming civil strife, he recognized the futility of any such work there, so returned to Baltimore. In February, 1861, he sailed for Brazil and for several years was engaged in railroad building there. While in South America he enjoyed the friendship of Dom Pedro, who, at one time when inspecting a railroad, was so

pleased with the work done that he presented the cane he was carrying to Colonel Boyd, as a token of his gratitude. This cane the colonel had at the time of his death.

Returning to the United States, in 1865, Colonel Boyd the following year secured contracts for the building of several sections of the metropolitan branch of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. This was the work that brought him to Montgomery County and selecting the spot most conveniently located, he purchased a tract of land upon which to erect tenements where he could shelter his men and stock. This place is twenty-nine and one-half miles from Washington and in his honor was called Boyds. The land had long been abandoned as worthless for agricultural purposes and was selling for \$5 an acre, but advantage was taken of his necessity and he was obliged to pay \$30 an acre for the one hundred and thirty acres he bought. Here he decided to make his home. The transition he made in the country was remarkable. Then the only vegetation was broom-sedge and patches of scrubby pine, with small stretches of hardwood forests. He was ridiculed for his idea of making the sterile land productive, but the time came when all acknowledged the wisdom of his judgment. By an intelligent use of lime, plaster and other fertilizers, he changed the entire appearance of the place.

The last work of railroad construction done by Colonel Boyd was heavy tunneling for the Baltimore & Ohio, on a branch from Washington, Pa., to the Connellsville branch. For a year or two afterward he was engaged by the company in confidential work of inspecting and securing right of way. The services he rendered the road brought him into close relations with its president, John W. Garrett, and their friendship continued until Mr. Garrett's death.

From time to time Colonel Boyd added to his original purchases of land until at the time of his death he had thirteen hundred acres, all but one hundred and sixty of which he personally conducted. The numerous buildings he erected gave the farm the appearance of a village. His success caused a change in the entire surrounding

region, for others followed his example and attained a like success. His home became noted for the hospitality dispensed. Many noted men, among them Attorney-General Garland, Senators Beck, Gorman and Blackburn, were recipients of that hospitality. He was proud of his dairy and always had at least one hundred milch cows, his preference being the Durham, or short-horn breed. In the dairy barn a steam engine pumps the water, shells the corn, saws the wood, cuts the hay and grinds the food for the stock. The water is pumped from a depth of sixty feet into a cooling cistern, which is kept at a temperature of fifty-three degrees. All animal heat is thus extracted from the milk previous to shipping. Two hundred gallons of milk are shipped daily to Washington. The dairy barn holds one hundred tons of hay and accommodates one hundred cows, fifty on each side, with a broad pathway between, water and feed troughs for each cow, and stanchions so arranged that in case of necessity two boys could release them all in three minutes. All the floor, except the standing place, is of concrete, and all is kept most scrupulously clean. The house stands back from the road far enough to avoid all dust, and the magnificent lawn adds greatly to the attractiveness of the place. Eighteen or twenty hands are employed on the farm, and about twenty horses are used for cultivating the land. What was once a swamp, back of the barn, has been drained with tile and is now a rich timothy meadow, yielding two and one-half tons to the acre. Another swamp, in the southern part of the farm, has also been drained and made valuable. Since the death of Colonel Boyd the place has been superintended by his wife, who is an exceptionally well-preserved woman. She is assisted by her nephew, James Boyd Maughlin, and her brother, David Rinchart, who was taken into her home when a boy of thirteen and for some years has had charge of the place.

At the building of the Boyd Presbyterian Church in 1874, Colonel Boyd took an active part in the work and contributed largely to the building of the structure. He was an elder in the church for many years. Fraternally he was

connected with Mystic Circle Lodge No. 109, A. F. & A. M., Baltimore; Maryland Commandery No. 1, K. T.; Jerusalem Chapter No. 9, R. A. M., and St. Andrew's Society, Baltimore. June 22, 1854, he married Sarah, daughter of Jonathan and Zilpah (Allen) Rinehart, and the oldest of eleven children. Her father was born in Allegany County, Md., and was an influential farmer, an old-line Whig and for several terms a member of the state legislature. He died at forty-five years.

Colonel Boyd died December 21, 1896, when lacking one day of being seventy-three years. He came to the end of life full of years and honored by all who knew him. For some three years he was almost entirely confined to the house by rheumatism and suffered much from this cause; but his mind was clear, his judgment unclouded, his counsel wise and his manner most genial and cheerful to the very last. He was a man of great generosity to those who needed help. Many can testify to the proofs of his generous kindness of heart and practical helpfulness. His integrity of character and uprightness of life were unquestionable.

The funeral discourse, delivered by Rev. J. L. French, of Washington, D. C., was upon the topic, "Death's Lessons." In it this tribute was given to Colonel Boyd: "His nature was like the rugged mountains of his native land—rock-ribbed, but beautified by the verdure with which nature covers them. His innate kindness of heart was the fountain of ready help, whenever he could give it, to those who needed his aid. What he did in this direction was with no flourish of trumpets—no spirit of ostentation or display. There are many who can testify to the readiness and efficiency of the aid he rendered. He possessed the unusual magnetic power by which he attracted and bound to himself, as with hooks of steel, in the strongest friendship, men of great intellect and prominence. While he was denied the advantages of a liberal education, made no pretensions to literary culture and never held any public position, yet he numbered among his warmest friends senators, cabinet officers, professional men—some of the most intellectual and

prominent men of the nation. The one overmastering trait of his character, I think, and the key to his success, was his stern, inflexible personal integrity, his unswerving honesty of purpose and conduct. He scorned all trickery and double dealing, and in his business transactions was the very soul of honor. This, aided by his good judgment, executive ability and careful looking after details, made his life a success. * * * His home life was one of the charms of his character. Affectionate, kind, considerate, generous, he did everything a man could do to make a happy home and he succeeded."

The kindness of Colonel Boyd in his home was also alluded to in the address of Rev. John Chester, D. D., who said: "The home life of Colonel Boyd was a beautiful example of his loving, tender and true heart. As a husband, his love and care were ever for that wife who had walked by his side for so many years, who had shared with him the trials of youth and the success of his manhood, who had soothed with gentle ministries his declining years. To the other members of his household he was as a father, watching over their interests, loving them all and loved by all. To his friends he was always true, and the doors of his home were open and a generous hospitality always provided. Such was the man whose loss will be increasingly realized in this community."



REV. CORNELIUS L. KEEDY, president of the Kee Mar College for Young Women, in Hagerstown, has been at the head of this well-known institution of learning for nearly a quarter of a century and to his earnest labors is due the high standing the college bears in this section of the United States. He is a man of broad and liberal scholarship and wide and varied experience, and seems peculiarly fitted by nature and training for such a responsible position as the one he occupies. From his early manhood

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COL. JAMES ALEXANDER BOYD.



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

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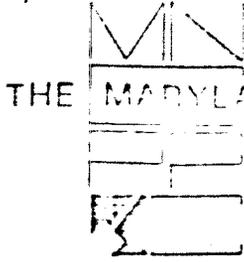
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*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated 5/27/82 and 7/6/82

ACTION TAKEN

5/27/82.....Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed Removal of Sites from the "Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County"

7/6/82..... Planning Board voted to confirm the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation not to keep these sites on the Locational Atlas and not to place them on the Master Plan.

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Captain James A. Boyd House

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This site was removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County and is not included in the Master Plan for the county. This determination was made by the Montgomery County Planning Board on June 17, 1982.



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NAME CAPT. BOYD HOUSE

LOCATION Rt 121 + RR BOYDS, Md

FACADE W

PHOTO TAKEN 5/2/74 M DWYER



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NAME CAPT. BOYD HOUSE
LOCATION Rt 121 + RR BOYDS. Md
FACADE S
PHOTO TAKEN 5/2/74 MOWER



M: #18-9

NAME CAPT. BOYD HOUSE - BARN

LOCATION Rt. 121 + RR BOYDS, Md

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 5/2/74 M DWYER



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NAME CAPT. BOYD HOUSE - PASTURE NE OF HOUSE (L. SENECA)

LOCATION Rt 121 & RR BOYDS, Md

FACADE LOOKING NE

PHOTO TAKEN 5/2/74 MDWYER



NAME CAPT. BOYD HOUSE

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LOCATION Rte 121 & RR BOYDS, Md.

FACADE W

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