

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 19-30  
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: James King Farm
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 19/30\*      3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: \*Not on Atlas
4. Address: 14601 Schaeffer Road, Germantown

5. Classification Summary

Category <u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>None</u>
Ownership <u>public</u>	Title and Date: _____
Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>	
Status <u>occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>no</u>	Federal _____ State _____ County _____ Local _____
Present use <u>agriculture, private residence</u>	

6. Date: 1926 (barn)      7. Original Owner: James D. King

8. Apparent Condition

excellent (house)

- a. deteriorated (bank barn)      b. unaltered      c. original site

9. Description: The most prominent building on this farm is its handsome bank-barn. The bank barn is seven bays by 18 bays and faces northeast. The siding is wood tongue and groove, painted pale yellow, decorated at regular intervals with arched rectangles painted green, about one foot wide by two feet high. The lower level and foundation are of oversized brick in the running bond pattern. The gambrel roof is covered with raised seam metal, patched with sheets of corrugated tin. There are wooden snow stoppers in metal bases, and loopers along the ridge. Eaves and downspouts encircle the barn, as well as a plain barge board. Original sliding doors are on the north and south elevations. The massive interior timbers appear in excellent condition.

The main house is four bays by seven bays, two-and-a-half stories, stucco with a slate covered hipped roof. It faces southeast. Dormers are on three sides, sided with slate and having hip roofs.

10. Significance: The buildings on this farm are associated with the locally prominent King and Schaeffer families. The farm of 300 acres was established by Charles J. Lyddane in 1893. Lyddane and his wife Ira put up the farm buildings, and farmed the land for 20 years. They sold the farm in 1913 to Elias Dorsey King and his wife Hattie. King's son, James D. King, was deeded the property in 1922. James married Macie Schaeffer, a neighbor from the family for whom Schaeffer Road is named. James was a progressive farmer -- president of the County Farm Bureau for 11 years and a founder of both the County Agricultural Center and Woodsboro Livestock Sale.

On August 26, 1926, fire destroyed all 13 of the farm buildings. However, the neighbors held a "barn raising", erecting the large bank barn very quickly. A man named Harrision Mort took charge, and the barn was completed, followed by the main house, three tenant houses and other out-buildings. By fall, 1927, the farm complex was fairly complete again.

The Kings' major cash crop was milk. They raised registered milking Holsteins, milking up to 72 cows a day, and shipping milk to the Washington market from the Germantown railroad station.

In 1962 the farm was sold out of the King family, and is presently operated as a dairy farm by a long term tenant farmer Clarence Flook. Its owner, the M-NCPPC, will use the farm as a sewage sludge disposal area and

11. Researcher and date researched: Margaret M. Coleman-10/79      plans to raze the bank barn. Gandy Reed - Architectural Description
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock      13. Date Compiled: 10/79      14. Designation Approval \_\_\_\_\_
15. Acreage: 352.44 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

\*New number not on  
M: 19/30\* Atlas  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC James King Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 14601 Schaeffer Road

CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Germantown VICINITY OF 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission

Telephone #: 279-1241

STREET & NUMBER 8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY, TOWN Silver Spring VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3585  
Folio #: 228

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

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There is an upward sloping driveway into the upper level on the north elevation, forming the "bank". The foundation of this drive is coursed rubblestone.

The massive interior timbers appear in excellent condition. There are ladders built into the upper hay storage.

The side facing southeast has four doors, two with strap hinges. Two doors appear to have been added, a panel door and a sliding metal door. A cement-paved railed walkway for cattle is on this side.

The southwest facing side has 12, two-over-two casement windows on the lower level. Attached to this side are two cement block one story barns.

The northwest side has three two-over-two casement windows.

A cement block, one story building, one bay by one bay with a hip roof of corrugated tin and a cement block exterior chimney is adjacent on the northeast side, facing south. A cement silo is on the north corner.

The main house is two-and-a-half stories, stucco with a slate covered hipped roof and faces southeast. Dormers are on three sides, sided with slate with hip roofs, topped by one looper each at the roof's ridge. The house is four bays by seven bays.

The front (southeast) side has a covered screened porch wrapping around to the southwest side. The porch is supported by posts which are part formstone, topped with roman doric pillars. Screened lattice work hides the porch foundation. The glass paneled entrance door has 12-lights, and four sidelights flanking it. A fixed five-light glass transom is above the door.

Windows are mostly double-hung, six-over-six.

The northeast side has an exterior, brick and stucco chimney.

The northwest side is eight bays with a frame extension added, two bays by three bays, of novelty wood siding.

The interior has a central hall plan with a stairway which is open string to a landing, then turns and is enclosed in paneling. Two original, hanging glass chandeliers are in the living room, together with two matching wall fixtures.

A one-and-a-half story tenant house, two bays by two bays is northwest of the bank barn and faces southeast. It has a gable roof with green asbestos shingles and two dormers. Windows are six-over-six, double-hung. There are three remaining farm-oriented outbuildings, including a large cement block dairy barn.

With the exception of the bank barn, all the buildings appear to be in excellent condition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 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) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1926

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Harrison Mort

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE farm

The buildings on this farm are associated with the locally prominent King and Schaeffer families. Their existence demonstrates a rural tradition of neighbors getting together to help one another.

The farm was established by Charles J. Lyddane in 1893. He bought 388 acres from the executor of the will of Americus Dawson. No improvements were included in this deed, which was subdivided off a tract of 600 acres. Lyddane paid nearly \$10,000 for the land. It was called, "William and John" and "Grubby Hill."<sup>1</sup>

Lyddane and his wife, Ira, put up buildings and improvements on the property, selling it to Elias Dorsey King and his wife Hattie in 1913.<sup>2</sup> King's son, James D. King, was deeded the property in 1922.<sup>3</sup> James married Macie Schaeffer, a neighbor from the family for whom the road fronting the farm is named. James was a progressive farmer -- president of the County Farm Bureau for 11 years, and a founder of both the County Agricultural Center and Woodsboro Livestock Sale.

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Three black families lived in the tenant houses, the women helping in the house, the men on the farm. They were the families of Jack Taylor, Mike Noland and a Mr. Wood. James King, a devoted Democrat, always drove them to the polls at the Andrew Small Academy in Darnestown, even though he knew they voted a solid GOP ticket.

The Kings' major cash crop was milk. They raised registered milking Holsteins, milking up to 72 cows a day. Milk was hauled to the station at Germantown for shipment to the Washington markets. Percheron horses, bred by the Kings, pulled the wagons and other farm equipment. These large draft animals were put to another use in 1928 when the railroad track was straightened through the Little Seneca gorge, northwest of Gaithersburg at Boyds. The Kings' big Percherons were used to pull the dinghies needed to construct the scaffolding for tracks.<sup>4</sup>

In 1962 the farm was sold out of the King family.<sup>5</sup> At this time the assessment was \$1,700-\$1,800 an acre, indicating that this was some of the best farmland in the County.<sup>6</sup>

In 1963 it was sold to Sam Eig,<sup>7</sup> who sold it to the present owner in 1967.

The farm is presently operated as a dairy farm by a long-term tenant farmer Clarence Flook. The owner has demolished two of the three tenant houses and plans to raze the bank barn. This farm will be used as a sewage sludge disposal area.

(Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Anderson, Bill; Boyds, Md., Interview, September, 1979.  
Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
King, James S; Damascus, Md., Interview, October, 1979.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 352.44 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Margaret M. Coleman

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

October 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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

James King Farm

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 36/369 (January 10, 1893).
2. Ibid., 234/341 (April 1, 1913).
3. Ibid., 324/10 (November 10, 1922).
4. James S. King, son of James D. and Macie S. King, Damascus, Md. Interview, October 2, 1979.
5. Land Records, op. cit., 2960/170 (May 1, 1962).
6. King interview.
7. Land Records., op. cit., 3120/114 (August 8, 1963).