

Memo to file

December 30, 2003

From: Peter E. Kurtze  
Administrator, Evaluation and Registration

Re: M: 21-184  
Douglas B. and Carol M. Diamond Property

The property documented in the following MIHP form has not been formally evaluated for eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The comments in the text are those of the preparer of the documentation. The State Historic Preservation Officer has neither concurred nor disagreed with those comments.

## CAPSULE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey No.: M:21-184 (PACS 5.1) Construction Date: Circa 1940

Name: Douglas B. and Carol M. Diamond Property

Location: 116 Twelve Oaks Court, Gaithersburg, Montgomery County

Private/Private Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Restricted

### Description:

The Douglas B. and Carol M. Diamond Property is a 2½-story, 3-bay Colonial Revival dwelling located on Twelve Oaks Court south of Clopper Road in Gaithersburg, Montgomery County.

### Significance:

The Douglas B. and Carol M. Diamond Property stands on land that was acquired by the Diamond family between 1892 and 1895. The Diamond family developed a dairy farm on the surrounding land, and the farm was eventually operated by Douglas B. Diamond and his partner Arthur F. Layman. Diamond constructed the Colonial Revival house around 1940 and lived there with his wife and children. Shortly after Diamond's death in 1958, the farm was sold and the family retained the 2.02 hectare (5 acre) parcel on which stood the house. Carol M. Diamond, wife of Douglas B. Diamond, lived at the property until her death in 1990. Her heirs sold the property in 1992 to the Diamond Enclave Limited Partnership, developers of the surrounding townhouse units. The current owners, Matthew J. Doerpinghaus and Oscar S. Moreno, acquired the property in 1995.

Maryland Historical Trust  
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form  
 Montgomery-Prince George's Short-term Congestion Relief

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

1. **Name:** (indicate preferred name)

historic Douglas B. and Carol M. Diamond Property (preferred)

and/or common Matthew J. Doerpinghaus Property

2. **Location:**

street & number 116 Twelve Oaks Court \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. **Classification:**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
___ site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	___ entertainment	residen
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ religio
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ scientif
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:
			___ transportation	

4. **Owner of Property:** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Matthew J. Doerpinghaus et al.

street & number 116 Twelve Oaks Court

telephone no.:

city, town Gaithersburg

state and zip code MD 2087

5. **Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 1360

street & number 50 Maryland Avenue

folio 10

city, town Rockville

state M

6. **Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## Description

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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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Resource Count: 1

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Douglas B. and Carol M. Diamond Property is a 2½-story, 3-bay Colonial Revival dwelling located on Twelve Oaks Court south of Clopper Road in Gaithersburg, Montgomery County. The dwelling was constructed circa 1940.

The house has a brick foundation and walls covered in vinyl siding. The side-gable roof is covered in slate shingles and has a moulded cornice with returns. A shed dormer is located on the south slope of the roof. A brick chimney is located in the east gable end. The 6/6 double-hung windows have paneled shutters on the north elevation.

On the north, or front elevation, the main entry is located in the center bay. The paneled door is flanked by fluted pilasters. A window is located on each side of the door. Three windows are symmetrically arranged on the second story. The center window is narrower than the windows on each side.

A screened porch covers the first story of the east elevation. The porch has a hipped roof and simple posts. Behind the porch, the brick chimney is located in the center of the elevation. A glass door is located to the north of the chimney, and a window is located to the south. Two windows are asymmetrically arranged on the second story. Two small vents are located in the gable.

The south elevation has three windows of varying sizes symmetrically arranged on the first story. The second story has the same pattern of windows. The shed dormer contains three smaller windows.

The west elevation has a set of concrete stairs leading to a basement entry. A window is located at the north end of the first story. Two windows are symmetrically arranged on the second story. An additional window is located in the gable.

Most of the exterior materials on this house have been replaced. Only the door, the door surround and the slate roof remain. The house displays several elements of the Colonial Revival style, including symmetry, a side-gable roof, double-hung windows with shutters, and an elaborated entry.

The Douglas B. and Carol M. Diamond Property is located on Twelve Oaks Court south of Clopper Road. The small lot is landscaped and has a stand of trees on the east side. The property is now located at the northeast corner of a modern townhouse development. Other suburban residential developments are located east of the property and on the north side of Clopper Road.



CONTINUATION SHEET

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## 8. Significance (Continued)

District Commission 1973). As a result, present-day Gaithersburg has evolved from the original crossroads of Forest Oak into a large Washington suburb of neighborhoods, commercial centers, and technology-oriented businesses.

The Douglas B. and Carol M. Diamond Property is an example of a Colonial Revival dwelling. While the Queen Anne, Folk Victorian and Four-square styles were at the height of popularity in the United States, the Colonial Revival style began to capture the American imagination. Popular in the years from 1880 to 1955, the Colonial Revival style resulted from a rebirth of interest in the colonial English and Dutch houses of the eastern seaboard coincident with the Philadelphia Centennial. Stylistic details in Colonial Revival dwellings were drawn predominantly from Georgian and Federal styles; secondary influences included Dutch Colonial and English Postmedieval types. Late nineteenth century examples of Colonial Revival were often asymmetrical and exhibited a combination of Queen Anne features, such as turrets and wide porches, and Colonial features such as Palladian windows and Adamesque swags or urns. Examples built from 1915 to 1935 reflected colonial precedents more closely, while those built after World War II simplified the style, with details which only suggested rather than duplicated the original examples. Various sub-styles, such as the Dutch Colonial Revival, were popular during the early mid-twentieth century.

Colonial Revival houses are usually strictly rectangular in plan with few projections and have symmetrical facades. They range from one to three stories with hipped, side-gable, cross-gable, or gambrel roofs. Clapboard is the most popular sheathing material, although brick is not uncommon. After World War II, colonial homes frequently featured a brick-sided first story with an overhanging wood-sided second story. In more elaborate homes, a hipped roof is often topped with a flat deck and balustrade or a cupola. Pedimented doorways and fanlights are common. Some pediments evolved into porticos with slender columns. The typical form of the windows is rectangular with double-hung sash. Palladian windows are common on more sophisticated dwellings. The addition of side porches, terraces and sunrooms are modern features common to Colonial Revival homes (McAlester 1984, 321-6).

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8. Significance (Continued)

National Register Evaluation:

Constructed circa 1940, the Douglas B. and Carol M. Diamond Property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, a research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C because it is a common type of which better examples exist. This Colonial Revival house lacks the architectural detail found on outstanding examples of its style. Other Colonial Revival houses might feature elaborate cornices, entries with sidelights, fanlights or pediments, and ornamentation such as water tables and belt courses. In addition, the replacement of the siding and windows have compromised the integrity of the property. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Not Recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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Reviewer, OPS: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewer, NR Program: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Attached

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Gaithersburg, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization P.A.C. Spero & Company date May 199

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Avenue, Suite 412 telephone (410) 296-163

city or town Baltimore state Maryland

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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  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
(410) 514-7600

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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

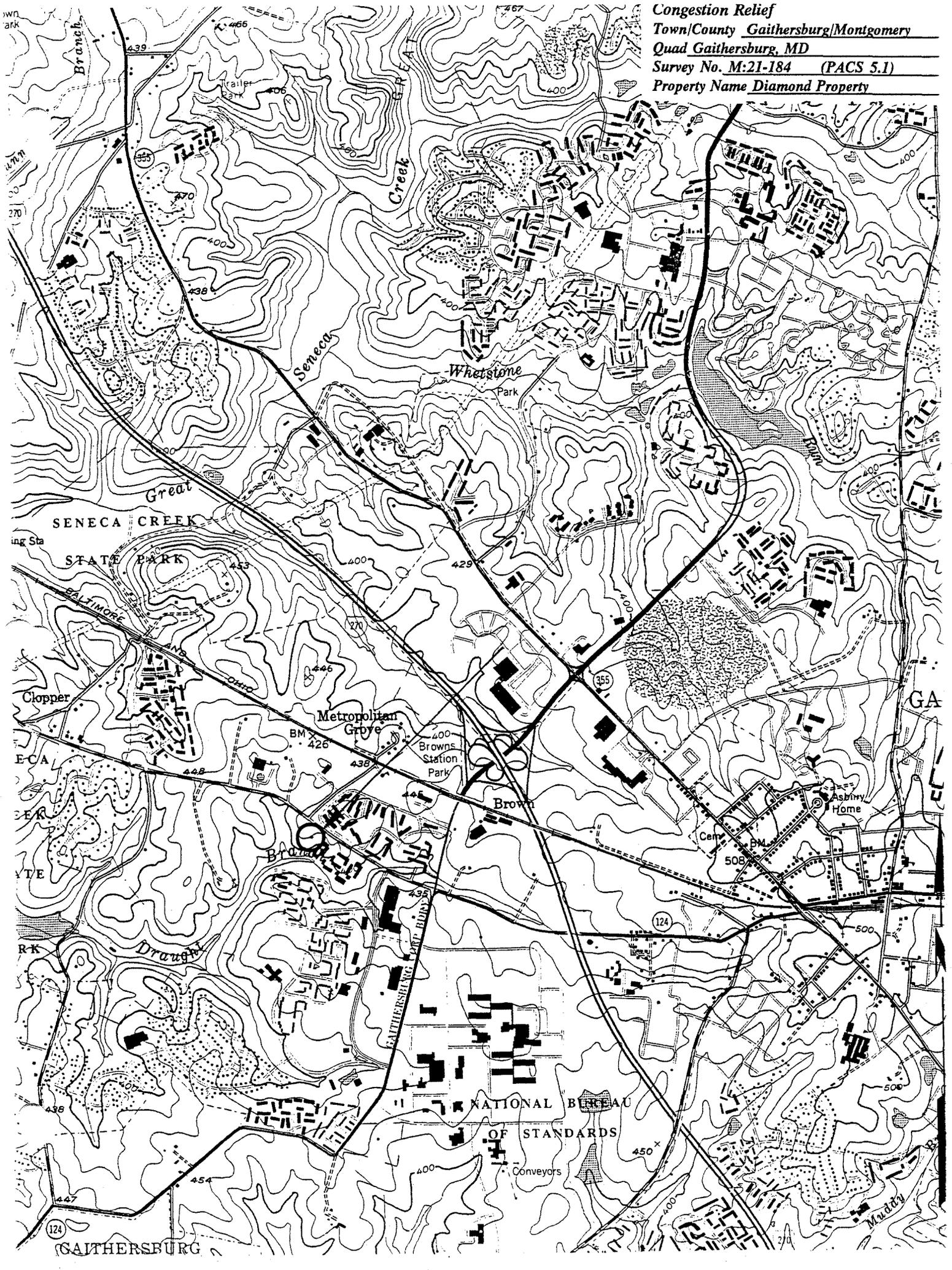
Private Residence

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

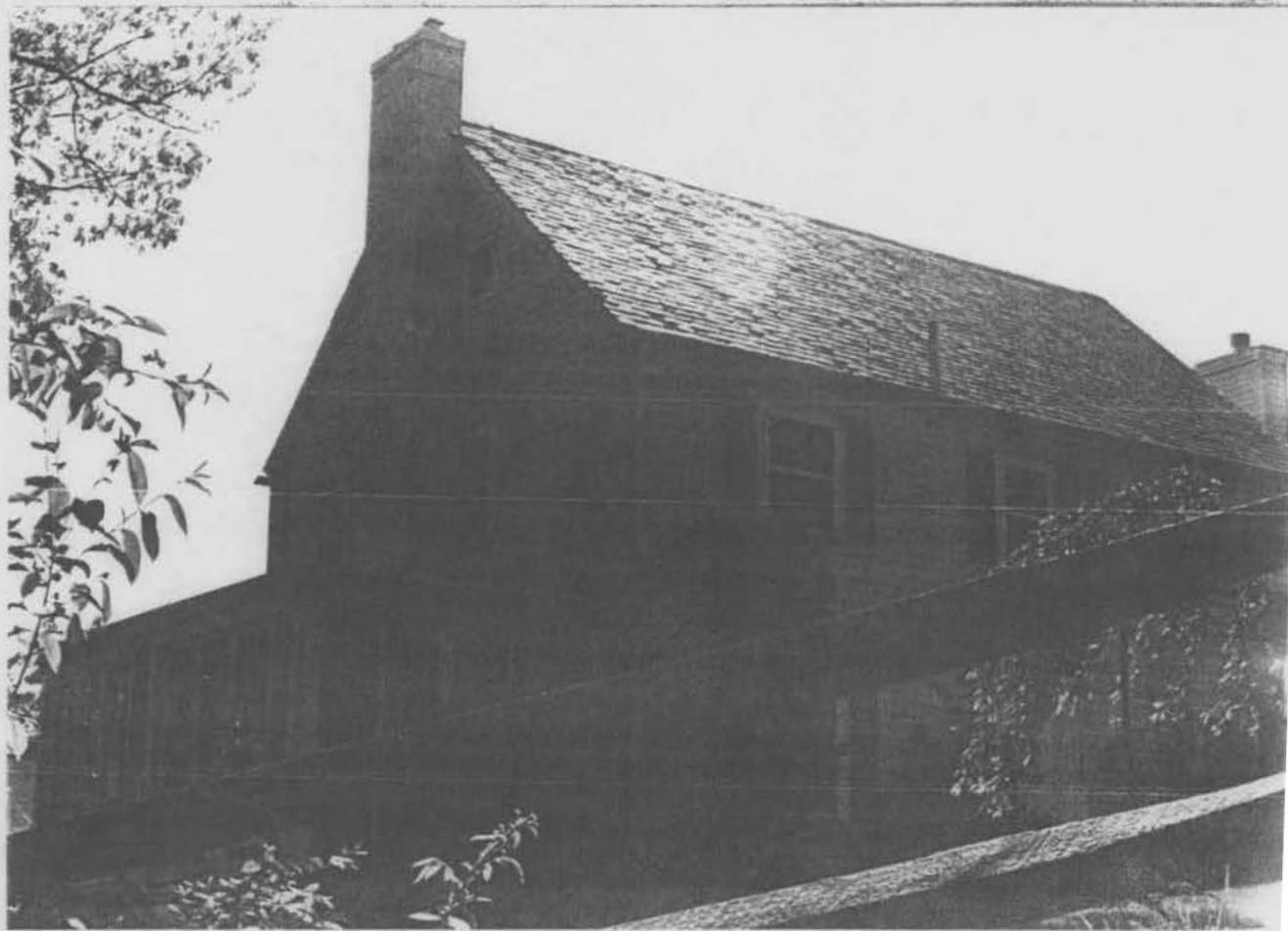
None

Preparer  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
May 1998

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Town/County Gaithersburg/Montgomery  
Quad Gaithersburg, MD  
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