

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET  
INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR PROJECT

Property Name: Adamson Farmhouse  
Survey No.: M:22-27 (PACS A6.29)

Property Address <u>5600 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville vicinity (Norbeck), Montgomery County, MD</u>
Owner Name/Address <u>Larry &amp; M.M. Cartano, 5600 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20855</u>
Year Built <u>circa 1850</u>

**Description:**

The Adamson Farmhouse was previously surveyed in 1975 by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and in 1982 by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission. Since the time of the previous survey, the property is unaltered.

**National Register Evaluation:**

The Adamson Farmhouse, constructed circa 1850, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property was previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission, however it has been removed from the Locational Atlas for Historic Properties in Montgomery County and was determined by Montgomery County to be ineligible for inclusion in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as 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. The property is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinguished example of the Folk Victorian style with no distinctive features. In addition, the structure has undergone significant alterations which have compromised the architectural integrity. Finally the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

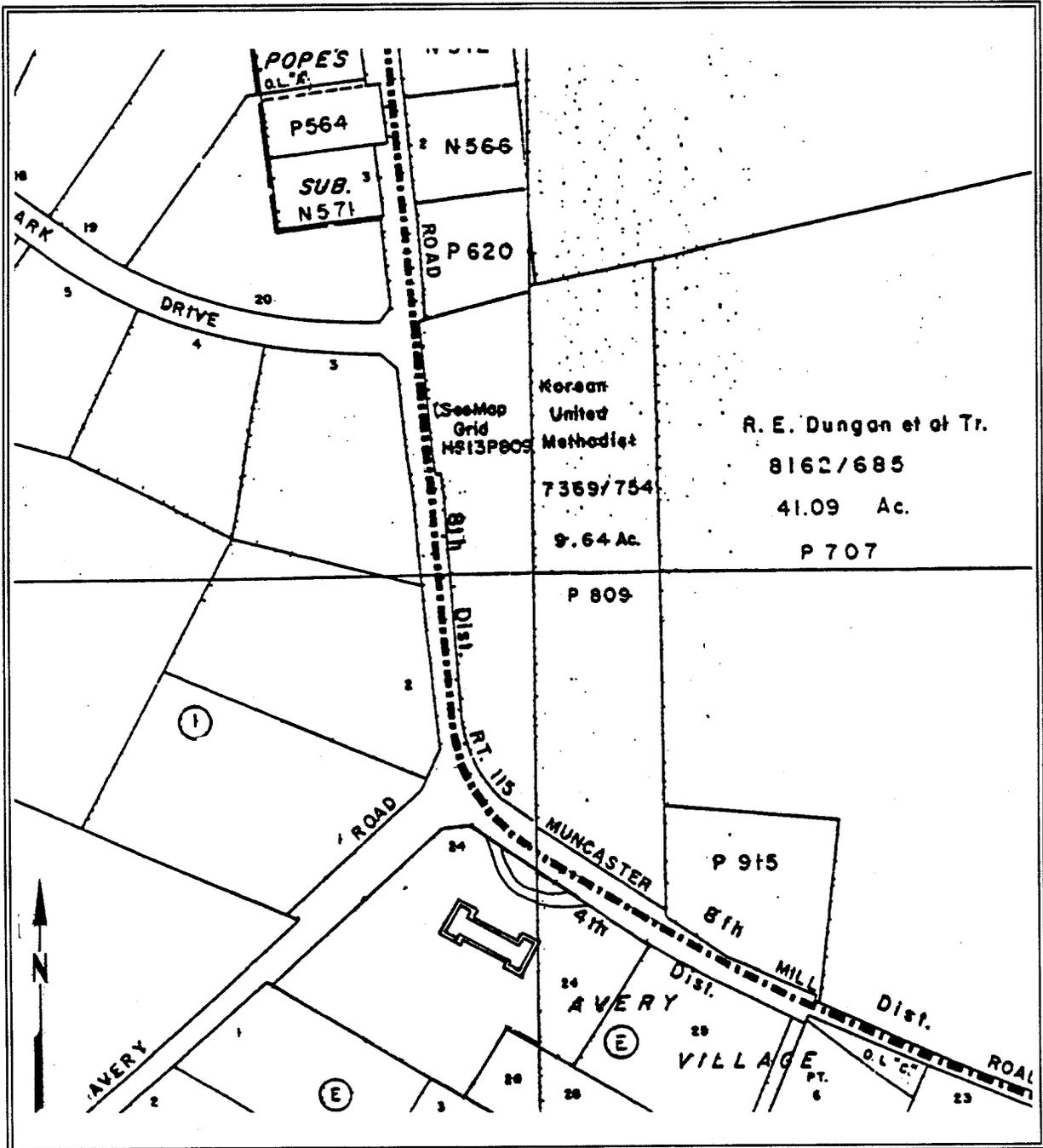
<b>MHT CONCURRENCE:</b>			
Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/> recommended	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not recommended	
Criteria	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____			
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E. Hannold/K. Williams		11/25/1996	
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services		Date	Reviewer, NR program <u>3/4/02</u>
			Date

Preparer:  
P.A.C. Spero & Company  
December 1996



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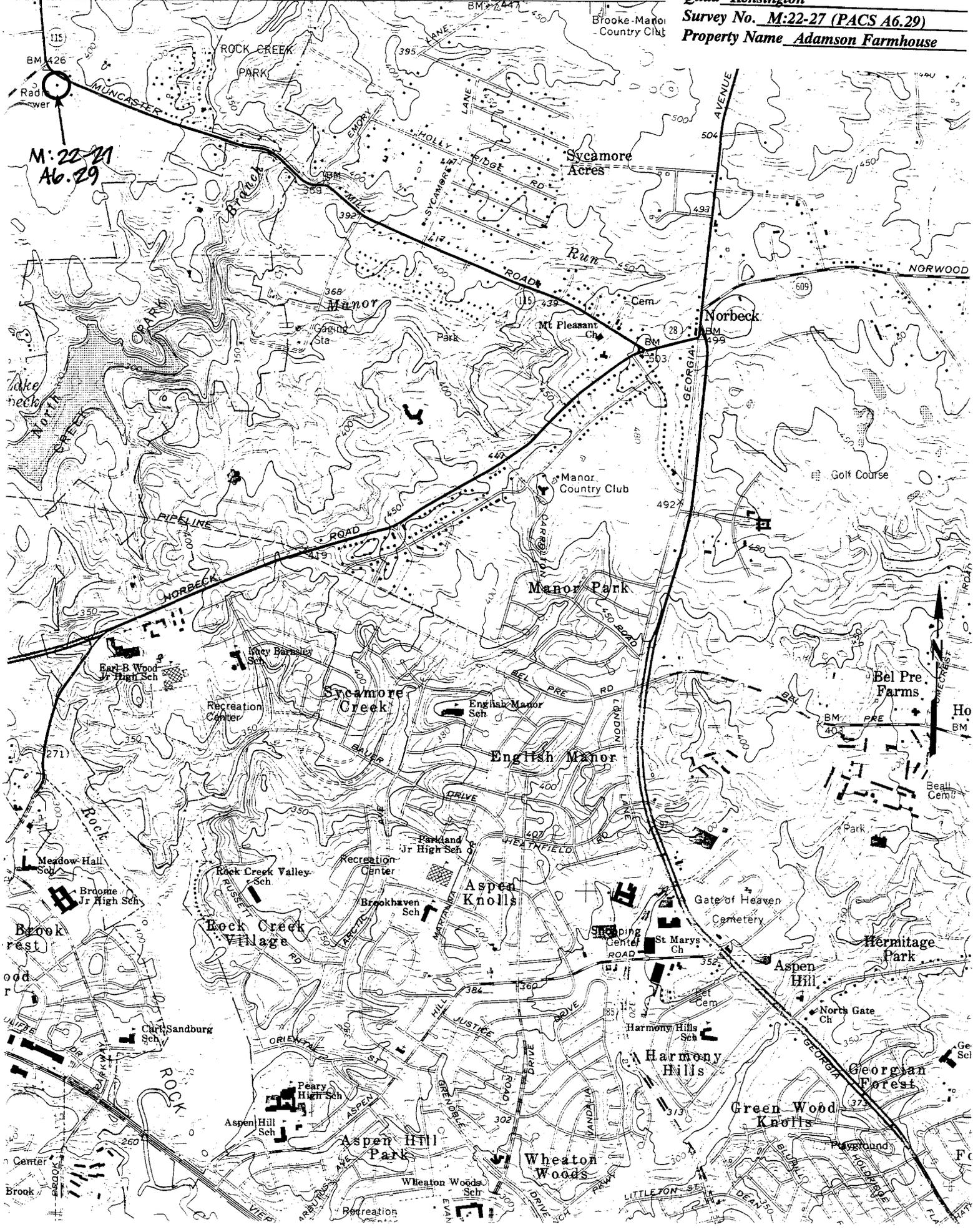
Resource Sketch Map:



Intracounty Connector Project  
Upgrade Existing Roads Alternative  
Quad Kensington

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1 M: 22-27

2 Adamson Farmhouse

3 Montgomery County

4 Caroline Hall

5 June 1996

6 PAC Spero and Company, 90 W. Chesapeake Ave.  
Suite 412 Towson MD 21204

7 north and east elevations, 5600 Muncester  
Mill Road.

8 1 of 2



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- 2 Adamson Farmhouse
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Caroline Hall
- 5 June 1996
- 6 PAC Spewand Company, 40 W. Chesapeake Ave.  
Suite 412, Towson MD 21204
- 7 north elevation, 5600 Manchester Mill Rd
- 8 2 of 2

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Adamson Farmhouse

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number Rt. 115 and Avery Rd. \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Rockville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 8th

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Robert L. Adamson

street & number 5100 Muncaster Mill Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 1474

street & number folio 530

city, town Rockville state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 \_\_\_ federal  state  county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

# DESCRIPTION

M:22-27

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an unusual style of house, that is probably older than it first appears. The present building forms the shape of an "I". The oldest part is the center section, that runs north to south. This is joined on both ends by wings that run east to west. The center section faces east and has a small, center gable with an arched, 2/2, double-hung window. There is a large, fireplace-type chimney on the south end (between the main block and the wing.) A more narrow chimney is set in the north end.

The wings are one-bay deep on this (east) facade, and have gables accented by arched attic windows, surrounded by a continuous cornice. The wings consist of three bays on their north and south (lengthwise) facades. Siding is of narrow clapboards, and all windows are 6/6, double-hung.

There are several old outbuildings, including a meathouse nearby.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# Significance

Survey No. M22-27

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates** \_\_\_\_\_ **Builder/Architect** \_\_\_\_\_

Check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and report.

This is a large, Victorian influenced vernacular dwelling. The house has a unique appearance due to its unusual I shape; probably the result of later additions. The Adamson house exhibits fine architectural details such as the arched windows, narrow weatherboard siding and a Victorian turned post porch. It appears to be in good, unaltered condition. In addition to its architectural significance, the house is also significant as the home of the Adamson family for over 100 years. The Adamsons were among the early settlers of this area. The house rests on a tract of land referred to as "Boyd's Delay." The property consisted of 50 1/2 acres when Walter H. Adamson purchased it in December of 1857 for \$705, and still does today. The property was conveyed to Walter by John and Minerva Craycroft who came into possession of it following the death of John Adamson in 1854.<sup>1</sup> The main block of the house is believed to have been built by Walter Adamson (although the Martenet & Bond map shows the house as belonging to Robert L. Adamson) about 1858.<sup>2</sup> The Adamsons were farmers.

From Walter, the farm was passed on to Robert L. Adamson. Additions were made to the house probably by Robert around 1900.<sup>3</sup> Upon Robert's death in June of 1907, the farm and everything on it went to his children, Herbert, Leonidas, Charles, Conseula, Jessica and Hattie as direct by his last will and testament.<sup>4</sup> It appears that it was Charles that resided on and farmed the property.

Then, in 1950, Herbert and Leonidas deeded the farm over to the present owner, their nephew, Robert and his wife, Ruth Adamson.<sup>5</sup> Robert and Ruth no longer live on the farm and are in the process of trying to sell it. It was a working farm until the death of Robert's father, Charles Adamson. It has been kept in good shape over the years. The only changes which Robert has made to the house are the addition of bathrooms.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Deed JGH 6/344, Montgomery County Land Records.  
<sup>2</sup> Purchase date and tax records.  
<sup>3</sup> Conversation with Robert Adamson, 7/82.  
<sup>4</sup> Will HCA 4/426, Montgomery County Register of Wills.  
<sup>5</sup> Deed 1474/530, Montgomery County Land Records.  
<sup>6</sup> Robert Adamson.



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Adamson House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 115 & Avery Road

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

rented by owner-Robert L. Adamson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

5100 Muncaster Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" 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		

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Adamson family was among the first to settle here, along Rock Creek. This house has been owned by their family in this location well over 100 years.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPCC

DATE

8/22/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

8/31/84

See correspondence dated \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION TAKEN

The Preservation Commission found the following resources did not meet ordinance criteria for designation and recommends their removal from the Locational Atlas and any further regulation under the ordinances:

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
22/4	Carson Farm/Log Smokehouse	Route 124 - Laytonsville
22/8	Holland Farm	19510 Muncaster Road
22/9	Duley Farm	19600 Muncaster Road
22/10	Beane Farm Barn	Route 108 & Muncaster Road
22/11	Elizabeth Darby House*	Olney/Laytonsville Road near Muncaster Mill Road
22/12	Thomas Griffith House	Route 108 & Mt. Zion Road
22/13	Chichester House	Olney - Laytonsville Road
22/16	Granby Farm	Muncaster Road
22/19	H.B. Magruder/Water Farm*	Muncaster Road near Redland
22/26	Belt Farm	Route 115 & Avery Road
22/27	Adamson Farmhouse	Route 115 & Avery Road
22/28	Muncaster Mill Run	Muncaster Mill Road & North Branch of Rock Creek
22/29	Prather Cemetery	Megus Property, off Avery Road
22/31	Avery*	Southlawn Drive & Avery Road
22/32	Gas House & "Watergate Phone Booth"***	Route 355 at College Parkway

\* No longer standing.

\*\* Relocated.



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PRELIMINARY DRAFT AMENDMENT TO  
THE MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESER-  
VATION: ROCK CREEK PLANNING AREA  
RESOURCES

at  
7:30 P.M.  
Tuesday  
October 2, 1984  
in the Auditorium of the  
Montgomery County Regional Offices  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20907

to take testimony on whether or not the following historic resources presently listed in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County should be included in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

1. Dorsey Springhouse #22/1  
Dorsey Road (between Rte. 124 & 108)
2. Pugh Farm #22/2  
6411 Dorsey Road
3. Oatland Farm #22/14  
4231 Briars Road
4. J.H. Cashell (Grantham) Farm #22/25  
5867 Muncaster Mill Road
5. Barnesley House #22/30  
15715 Avery Road
6. Eubanks Farm #22/34  
6825 Needwood Road
7. Needwood Mansion #22/35  
6700 Needwood Road
8. Carson Farm/Log Smokehouse #22/4  
Route 124 - Laytonsville
9. Holland Farm #22/8  
19510 Muncaster Road
10. Duley Farm #22/9  
19600 Muncaster Road
11. Beane Farm Barn #22/10  
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
12. Elizabeth Darby House #22/11  
Olney/Laytonsville Road near  
Muncaster Mill Road
13. Thomas Griffith #22/12  
Route 108 & Muncaster Road
14. Chichester House #22/13  
Olney/Laytonsville Road
15. Granby Farm #22/16  
Muncaster Road
16. H.B. Magruder/Water Farm #22/19  
Muncaster Road near Redland Road
17. Belt Farm #22/26  
Route 115 & Avery Road
18. Adamson Farmhouse #22/27  
Route 115 & Avery Road
19. Muncaster Mill Ruin #22/28  
Muncaster Mill Road & North  
Branch of Rock Creek
20. Pather Cemetery #22/29  
Meyers Property off Avery Road
21. Avery #22/31  
Southlawn Drive & Avery Road
22. Gas House &  
Watergate Phone Booth #22/32  
Route 355 at College Parkway



NAME # 22-27 ADAMSON HOUSE

LOCATION Rt. 115 + AVERY Rd ROCKVILLE Md

FACADE NE

PHOTO TAKEN 4/12/76 MOWYER