

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Childs House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Emory Lane, opposite Brooke Manor not for publication

city, town Olney 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 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Hazel M. Johns (tenant occupied)

street & number 16300 Georgia Ave. telephone no.:

city, town Olney state and zip code Maryland, 20853

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Mont. Co. Land Records liber 4017

street & number Mont. Co. Court House folio 486

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8. Significance

Survey No.

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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 checked="" 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 circa. 1858 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 support.

The Childs farmhouse is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. It is also significant as one of the few old farmhouses left in the rapidly developing Cashell Road area. The house is believed to have been built about 1858 by Nathan Childs.¹ The house sat originally on 268 1/4 acres of land tracts referred to as "Bachelor's Forest" and "Resurvey on Bachelor's Forest." Nathan had purchased the land in December of 1857 from Thomas O. Smith for \$10,000.²

Nathan and his wife, Mary Ann, lived on the farm for many years. After Nathan's death, the farm became the sole property of Mary Ann. She died intestate in 1891, leaving nine children. The property was not susceptible to division into equally advantageous shares so it was sold by a court appointed trustee in 1892 to two of Mary's sons, Nathan Soper and William Childs. Nathan and William then had the farm put into trust for themselves and their siblings, Joseph Childs, Mary Cissel, Virginia Whisner, Arietta Pace and Emma Childs. At this time, the property was listed as a farm of 274 1/4 acres, 240 of which were in a "high state of cultivation." The farm was improved by a very large frame house containing twelve rooms, two tenant houses, a large barn, corn house, wagon shed, granary, dairy and other outbuildings, "all in good repair." In addition, there were three wells on the farm, one at the kitchen door, one at the dairy, and the last one at the barn. Orchards of apples and other "choice Fruits" were also located on the farm.³ Based on a substantial rise in the assessed value of the house, the Childs made one of the additions to the house in the years between 1873 and 1876.⁴

see attachment sheet A

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In 1906, following the death of Joseph Childs, who died intestate leaving a wife and children, Nathan and William sold the farm to George Barnesley for \$9353.75.⁵ When George died in 1915, his widow, Mary, and their grown children sold the farm to their son and brother, James W. Barnesley, for \$5330.⁶ Based on a substantial rise in the assessed value of the house, the Barnesleys made additions to the house in the years between 1906 and 1923.⁷ The house remained in the Barnesley family until it was sold in 1970 to the present owner, Hazel M. Johns (formerly Barnesley).⁸

¹The date given is based on the date that the property was purchased, the date that the property first appears on the tax records with improvement listed and the reported date of construction.

²Deed JGH 6/484, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Equity #1031, JGH 6/484, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.

⁴Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Assess. Bks., 1873-1897.

⁵Deed 250/19, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁶Ibid.

⁷Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks., 1906-1940.

⁸Deed 4017/486, Mont. Co. Land Records.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Childs House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Emory Lane, opposite Brooke Manor Country Club

CITY, TOWN

Olney

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Brooke Johns (Myrtle Barnsley-occupant) Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Olney

— 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

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Farquhar, R.B. OLD HOMES & HISTORY OF MONT. CO., (1962) various references to Childs, Barnsley & Johns families.
- 2) Oral history tapes and notes from Myrtle Barnsley at Lathrop Smith Outdoor Education Center.

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-NCPPC

DATE

4/12/76

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

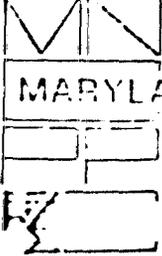
STATE

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.

CONTACT NO: Maryland Historical Trust



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

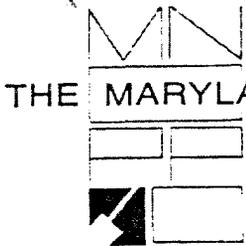
See correspondence dated April 8, 1987

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites will be removed from the Locational Atlas.

23/1	23/28	23/96
23/2	23/32	23/98
23/3	23/43	
23/4	23/44	*23/98-3
*23/5	*23/50	23/99
23/10	23/52	23/107-2
*23/14	23/55	*23/110
23/16	23/56	23/113
23/20	23/59	23/114
23/22	23/61	
23/25	23/74	23/116
	23/88	23/117

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 1986 MAR 24 1986

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
John L. Menke, Director
Department of Environmental Protection
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director
State Historic Preservation Office
Philip Cantelon, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator
Community Planning North *MB*

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for
Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern
Montgomery County Resources

I am pleased to transmit to you this Preliminary Draft
Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation:
Northern and Eastern Montgomery County Resources.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission on approximately 80 historic sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring, Aspen Hill, and Burtonsville areas of the County.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Amendment on Monday, April 21, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this specific Preliminary Draft Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:dws
Attachment

PRELIMINARY DRAFT

AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED AND ADOPTED
MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NORTHERN AND EASTERN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES

Including sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring,
Aspen Hill, Norbeck and Burtonsville Areas

March 1986

An amendment to the 1980 Olney Master Plan, 1980 Sandy Spring/
Ashton Special Study Plan, 1970 Aspen Hill Master Plan, and the
1981 Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan; being also an
amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the
Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of
Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland.

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Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3090

IMPLEMENTATION

Once designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit issued. The Ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

It is the intent of the Master Plan and Ordinance to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting and enhancing Montgomery County's heritage for the benefit of present and future residents. The accompanying challenge is to weave protection for this heritage into the County's planning program so as to maximize community support for preservation and minimize infringement on private property rights.

THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Preliminary Draft Amendment is to consider the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations that the following sites be designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protected under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. A copy of the Ordinance is provided in Appendix B of this document.

(NOTE: Unless otherwise specified in the Preservation Commission's nomination, the recommended environmental setting for each site is the entire parcel on which the resource is located as of the date it is designated on the Master Plan as defined in Section 24A-2 of the County's Preservation Ordinance. Where additional buildings of historical or architectural importance are associated with a site, these buildings are noted in the nomination as being part of the recommended setting.)

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/55	Spencer/Carr House	2420 Spencerville

- Dating from 1855 with a rear section added in the 1870's, this three-story house is distinguished by three over three windows on the third floor and a one-story porch with bracketed pillars on the front facade.
- Significant as an example of the "Spencerville style", a local style characterized by a special grouping of architectural detail most notably half windows on the third story extending into the boxed cornice and roof line.

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Childs House 16500 Emory Lane

- Circa 1858 -- Two-story frame farmhouse in the rural colonial style accented by six over six windows and cornice returns.
- Good example of rural vernacular architecture constructed in the County during the later half of the 19th century.

12/112

Sycamores 4929 Muncaster Mill Road

- Circa 1867 -- Second Empire style residence constructed of fieldstone, now covered by whitewashed stucco.
- Associated with the Prescotts and the Beards, prominent farming families in the County.
- The recommended environmental setting of approximately 5 acres is delineated so as to coincide, as closely as possible, with the fenced area surrounding the house.

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Mount Pleasant Church 4101 Muncaster Mill Road

- Built in the late 1800's the church is a one-story, white frame, stucco covered building with stained glass, lancet windows, stone foundation and a gabled roof covered with standing seam tin.
- Representative of rural vernacular church architecture of the late 19th century.
- Church has been associated with the local black community for nearly 100 years and was the religious and social center of the Mount Pleasant community in the 19th century.
- The recommended environmental setting includes the cemetery associated with the church.

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Amersley 1721 Norbeck Road

- Built in the 1880s', this Victorian residence is a stately version of the Queen Anne style, reflecting the restraint of its Quaker builder, R. Rowland Moore.
- The 1890's additions to the house re-enforced the simple, provincial design of the dwelling and contribute to making this one of the more interesting architectural resources of the Sandy Spring area.
- The nomination notes that the site is located in a 2-acre zone.