

M: 23-14  
Lansdale House/Waredaca  
Montgomery County, MD

The property known as Lansdale House or Waredaca is a large 282-acre tract of land near Unity in rural Montgomery County that includes a mid-19th-century stone farmhouse and frame kitchen (formerly detached), a crib barn, a large bank barn, and a domestic outbuilding of stone. Historically, the property was a working farm that was owned and operated for much of its history by Richard H. Lansdale, after whom it was named. In 1929, a tornado ripped through the property, destroying the dwelling and barns. Following their destruction, the buildings were rebuilt on their foundations, with their original, salvaged materials.

The property, which is currently operated as a day camp, with emphasis on horseback riding, survives as a reminder of the area's agrarian roots. However, because the buildings were rebuilt after the 1929 tornado, the property lacks the architectural integrity necessary to meet the Criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-14

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Lansdale House common/other  
name Waredaca

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2. Location

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street & number 4015 Damascus Road Not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Gaithersburg vicinity X state Maryland code MD  
county Montgomery code \_\_\_\_\_ zip code 20882

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		buildings
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>		sites
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>		structures
<u>    </u>	<u>    </u>		objects
<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes      Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_ No X

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6. Function or Use  
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling; Kitchen  
AGRICULTURAL/SUBSISTENCE Barn; Corncrib

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling  
AGRICULTURAL/SUBSISTENCE Barn

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7. Description  
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: Vernacular  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone  
roof Cross Gable: Standing Seam Metal  
walls Stone  
other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance  
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance circa 1850-1929  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates circa 1850  
1929  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_  
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Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property 282 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The property occupies Parcel 606 on Montgomery County Tax Map HW41.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**  
This parcel of land has been associated with the property since the early 19th century.

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Kimberly Williams/Michele Naru, Architectural Historians  
organization M-NCPPC date 6-27-99  
street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301/563-3403  
city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20910

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12. Property Owner  
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name Mr. and Mrs. Rudus Beecher Butts  
street & number 4015 Damascus Road telephone 301-  
city or town Gaithersburg state MD zip code 20882  
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Lansdale House

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

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Waredaca or Lansdale House is a large 282-acre tract of land near Unity that includes a mid-19th-century stone farmhouse and frame kitchen (formerly detached); a crib barn; a large bank barn; and a domestic outbuilding of stone. Historically a working farm, the property is now operated as a day camp, with emphasis on horseback riding. The house and barns were virtually rebuilt following their destruction by a 1929 tornado that ripped through the property.

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

The Lansdale House is a two-story, L-shaped stone dwelling constructed circa 1850, and significantly rebuilt following a 1929 tornado that devastated the property. The L-shaped house is covered with a cross gable roof clad with standing seam metal and features three chimneys. A two-story frame kitchen, originally detached, is now connected to the dwelling by a two-story frame addition. A single-story, shed-roof porch extends across the front elevation.

Exterior Description:

The south elevation is four bays wide with three bays located in the main wing of the house, and a single bay occupying the projecting end bay. The projecting end bay is constructed of stone on the first story, and frame on the second story, clad with vinyl siding.<sup>1</sup> The main entry is located on the side wall of this projecting bay, facing the porch, while long and narrow 2/2 windows occupy the main block. The south elevation of the projecting end bay has paired 1/1 windows.

The east elevation includes the gable end wall of the main block and the two-story frame wing connecting the house to the kitchen. The gable end wall features a massive stone end chimney, with a wrap-around addition. The frame ell has a single-story shed porch spanning the wall and 6/6 "snap-in" muntin windows. The frame wall is clad with vinyl siding.

The kitchen is a two-story frame structure set upon a stone foundation and covered with a gable roof, sheathed with standing seam metal. It is clad with weatherboard walls and features a second story door, reached by a make-shift stair.

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<sup>1</sup> Based upon photographs of the house following the 1929 tornado (in the owners' possession), the second story was completely torn off of this end wing. When rebuilt, the second story of the end wing was replaced with a frame structure.

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Interior Description:

The interior of the house retains no original materials or features. It is a product of its 1929 rebuilding following the tornado.

**AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC OUTBUILDINGS**

**Drive-thru corn crib:** Located east of the main dwelling, the drive-thru corn crib is a frame structure covered with a gable roof with sheds to either side. The drive-thru crib barn was rebuilt following the 1929 tornado.

**Bank barn:** A large, three-bay frame bank barn is located east of the main dwelling. It is covered with a gable roof and has vertical board walls. The property name, Waredaca, is written across its gable end, facing Damascus Road. The bank barn was significantly rebuilt after the 1929 tornado.

**Stone outbuilding:** A gable-roofed stone structure is connected to the kitchen by a single-story hyphen. An ash house is in turn connected this stone outbuilding. Although the original use of the stone building is not readily apparent, it may have been used as an ice house.

**Facilities:** A non-contributing concrete-block building housing facilities for the campers is located behind the house, next to the drive-thru corn crib.

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

Waredaca, or Lansdale House is a mid-19th-century farm complex located at 4015 Damascus Road near Unity, MD. However, because the main dwelling and its barns were reconstructed following their destruction by a 1929 tornado, the property no longer retains sufficient architectural integrity to meet the Criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

Historic Context

The property on which Lansdale House was constructed in the mid-19th century was, prior to that, part of Pleasant Fields, a large estate and home to several generations of the well-known Gaither family. During the 1830s, the property was inherited by Lucy Ann Blount Worthington, from her cousin, General William Linigan Gaither. According to local tradition, the house was built between 1838 and 1858.<sup>2</sup> This date of construction is confirmed by a Mutual Fire Insurance Company policy on the property dated December 1850. This policy, which was taken out by General William Linigan Gaither, insured the "stone house" for \$1,800; a barn and sheds for \$700.00; and household furnishings for \$700.00.<sup>3</sup> In 1865, Lucy B. Worthington increased the policy to include two tenant houses, a cow house, and stables.

The next year, in June 1866, Lucy A.B. Worthington took out another Mutual Fire Insurance Policy on her property. She insured the dwelling, which was valued at \$3,500 on the policy, for \$2,500. The dwelling was described in the policy as a two-story stone structure measuring 22' x 45'. In addition, Miss Worthington insured household furniture, two frame tenant houses, a corn house, stables, and barn, all for a total of \$5,300.00.<sup>4</sup>

In 1871, Richard H. Lansdale purchased the property from Lucy Worthington for \$4,000.<sup>5</sup> The property, which included 213 acres, was part of "Snowden's Purchase", "Addition", "Linthicum's Discovery", and "Inspection." The dwelling and another structure (probably the barn) are clearly identified on the G.M. Hopkins'

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<sup>2</sup> Interview with Mr. Marion Butts, August, 1982.

<sup>3</sup> Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Policy # 558, December 1850.

<sup>4</sup> Mutual Fire Insurance Company, Policy # 4193, July 1866.

<sup>5</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book EBP 8 Folio 436.

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*Atlas of Montgomery County* (1879) under the name Richard H. Lansdale. According to the atlas, Richard Lansdale was a farmer, who settled in the region in 1829, and who owned 117 acres of land around Sunshine.

The house remained in the Lansdale family until March of 1923 when Richard Lansdale's heirs sold the house and property to George and Barbara Burroughs.<sup>6</sup> In 1929, a tornado ripped through the property, destroying the house and its barns. The buildings were rebuilt following the tornado, and the house and detached kitchen were joined by a frame wing. This wing contains a dining room downstairs and an extra room upstairs. In 1941 the Burroughs sold the house. It went through a secession of owners until it was purchased by Beecher and Marion Butts, the present owners. The house now rests on 282.5 acres of land.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 328 Folio 201.

<sup>7</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 1643 Folio 341.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870  
Industrial-Urban Dominance, 1870-1930

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):** Agriculture;  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Standing Structure

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** Domestic

**Known Design Source:**

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Chain of Title:

Originally part of the land tract  
"Pleasant Fields."

Inherited by William Linigan Gaither from  
father Henry Chew Gaither.

Inherited by Lucy Ann Blount Worthington  
from cousin William Linigan Gaither.

February 6, 1871            Lucy A. B. Worthington conveys to Richard  
H. Lansdale et ux. "Parts of tracts  
Snowdens Purchase, Addition, Linthicum's  
Discovery and Inspection." 213 acres.  
(Deed Book EBP 8 Folio 255)

February 6, 1871            Richard H. Lansdale mortgages to Lucy A.  
B. Worthington. "Linthicum's Discovery  
and Addition, situated on Unity to  
Damascus Road." (Deed Book EBP Folio 436)

March 1, 1923              Heirs of Richard Lansdale to George L.  
Burroughs. "Parts of tracts Snowden's  
Purchase, Addition, Linthicum's Discovery  
and Inspection" 213 acres. (Deed Book 328  
Folio 201).

March 21, 1941             George L. Burroughs to Charles S. and  
Haddie G. Brooks. (Deed Book 818 Folio  
468)

September 8, 1941        Haddie G. Brooks, widow to John W. Slacks  
et ux. 228.5 acres. "That property  
described in Liber 328/201." (Deed Book  
846 Folio 14)

March 5, 1946             John W. Slacks to Maude, Irene, Christine  
and Geneva T. Morris. "That property  
described in Liber 328/201." (Deed Book  
1007 Folio 130)

February 13, 1952        Maude, Irene, Christine, and Geneva T.  
Morris Trustees to Rudus Beecher Butts et  
ux (Present Owners). 228.5 acres. (Deed  
Book 1643 Folio 341)

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Richard Lansdale House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 4015 Damascus Rd. \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Laytonsville \_\_\_ vicinity of congressional district 1st

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 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 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 Beecher & Marion Butts

street & number 4015 Damascus Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code Maryland

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 1643

street & number folio 341

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

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed (Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site (Check One)
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, stone building. The east end is older. It is three bays with a central doorway flanked by 6/6 double hung sash windows; on the second floor, the windows are now 2/2 double hung sash. On the east end is a two story external stone chimney with a brick stack.</p> <p>The west wing is at right angles to the axis of the older part. It is stone on the ground floor. To the north are several frame sections with an internal chimney, once external to the earlier (three bay) extension but now obscured by an additional two bays.</p>	

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# 8. Significance

Survey No.

M:23-14

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### 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 support.

The Richard Lansdale house is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The main part of the house was built between 1838-1858 of stone taken from the property.<sup>1</sup> Richard Lansdale, the man the house is associated with, was an area farmer who owned a considerable amount of land. He purchased the house in February of 1871 from Lucy A. B. Worthington for \$4000. The house rested on 213 acres of parts of land tracts referred to as "Snowden's Purchase", "Addition to Snowden's Purchase", "Linthicum's Discovery" and "Inspection."<sup>2</sup> The house had an outdoor kitchen which Lansdale later joined to the main house. Indications of early buildings that existed about the time Lansdale owned the house are visible today. Included was an ice house, stone cellar, and other outbuildings, etc. Lansdale also installed a hydrolic ram that is still there today, though not in working order.<sup>3</sup>

The house remained in the Lansdale family until March of 1923 when it was sold to George and Barbara Burroughs.<sup>4</sup> In 1929 a two story addition was made next to the kitchen adding a dining room downstairs and an extra room upstairs.<sup>5</sup> In April of 1941 the Burroughs sold the house and it went through a succession of owners until it was purchased by Beecher and Marion Butts, the present owners. The house now rests on 282½ acres of land.<sup>6</sup>

1 Taken from a conversation with Mr. Butts, present owner, 8/82.  
 2 Deed EBP 8/436, Mont. Co. Land Records.  
 3 Mr. Butts  
 4 Deed 328/201  
 5 Mr. Butts  
 6 Deed 1643/341

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M: 23-14

Mont. Co. Land Records

conversation with Mr. B. Butts, present owner, 7/82

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 282.5

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist Preservation Comm. date 8/82

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Rockville 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.

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

<b>1. NAME</b>				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Richard Lansdale House				
<b>2. LOCATION</b>				
STREET AND NUMBER: 4015 Damascus Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Progress <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>				
OWNER'S NAME: R. B. Butts				
STREET AND NUMBER: 4015 Damascus Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville			STATE: Maryland	
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>				
TITLE 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:	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input 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, stone building. The east end is older. It is three bays with a central doorway flanked by 6/6 double hung sash windows; on the second floor, the windows are now 2/2 double hung sash. On the east end is a two story external stone chimney with a brick stack.

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**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" 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)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The oldest part of the house is 1790; the additions are 19th century.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 7 Nov 74

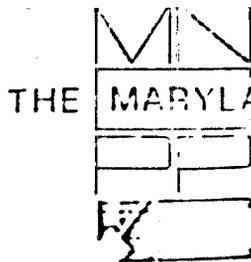
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8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring      STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
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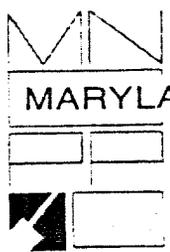
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ACTION TAKEN

The following sites will be removed from the Locational Atlas.

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23/10	23/52	*23/107-2
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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 *MCB*

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

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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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## 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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## Richard Landsdale House                      4015 Damascus Road

- Circa 1840's -- Interesting farmhouse, the main block of which was built of stone native to the property. Original kitchen was connected in the late 19th Century and a 2-story frame addition built in 1929.
- Significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.
- Included in the setting are all outbuildings associated with the site.

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## Retirement                                      5501 Griffith Road

- Built in 1842 on the site of an earlier house, this large stone house is a holdover of the Federal style in a rural area; the porch, possibly of a slightly later date, shows Revival influences.
- Architecturally, it is clean and understated in its stylishness and is a good example of the traditional house of the landed gentry in early 19th century Montgomery County.
- This property was associated from 1816 until the 1960's with the locally prominent Griffith family.
- The recommended environmental setting of approximately 5 acres includes the house, log meat house, and the Griffith family cemetery.

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## Fair Hill II                                      5929 Sundown Road

- This Federal style building was constructed in several sections in the early 19th century. The left-hand, earlier section is log; the right-hand side is of brick-nogged frame construction and was added circa 1820; a rear wing was added later.
- Architecturally, the structure is an organic whole of simple style and proportion, the front being united by a one-story porch and continuous pebble dashing.
- The earliest section housed Bowman's Store in the early 1800's, which served as an important and visually prominent meeting place in the Laytonsville area. It is one of only a very few commercial structures of that period remaining in the County.
- The recommended environmental setting includes all outbuildings associated with the site.

# RICHARD LANSDALE HOUSE (M: 23-14)



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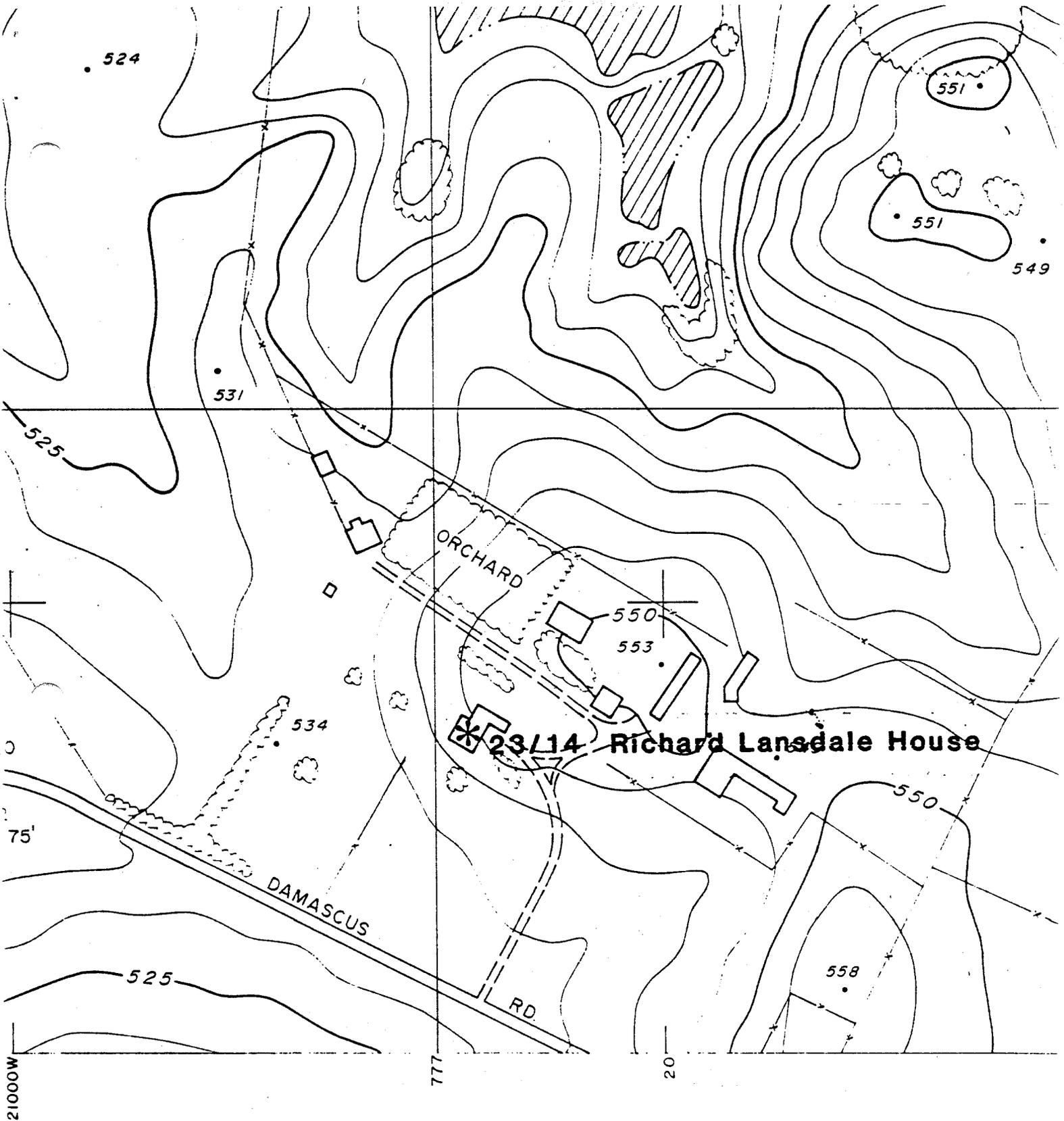


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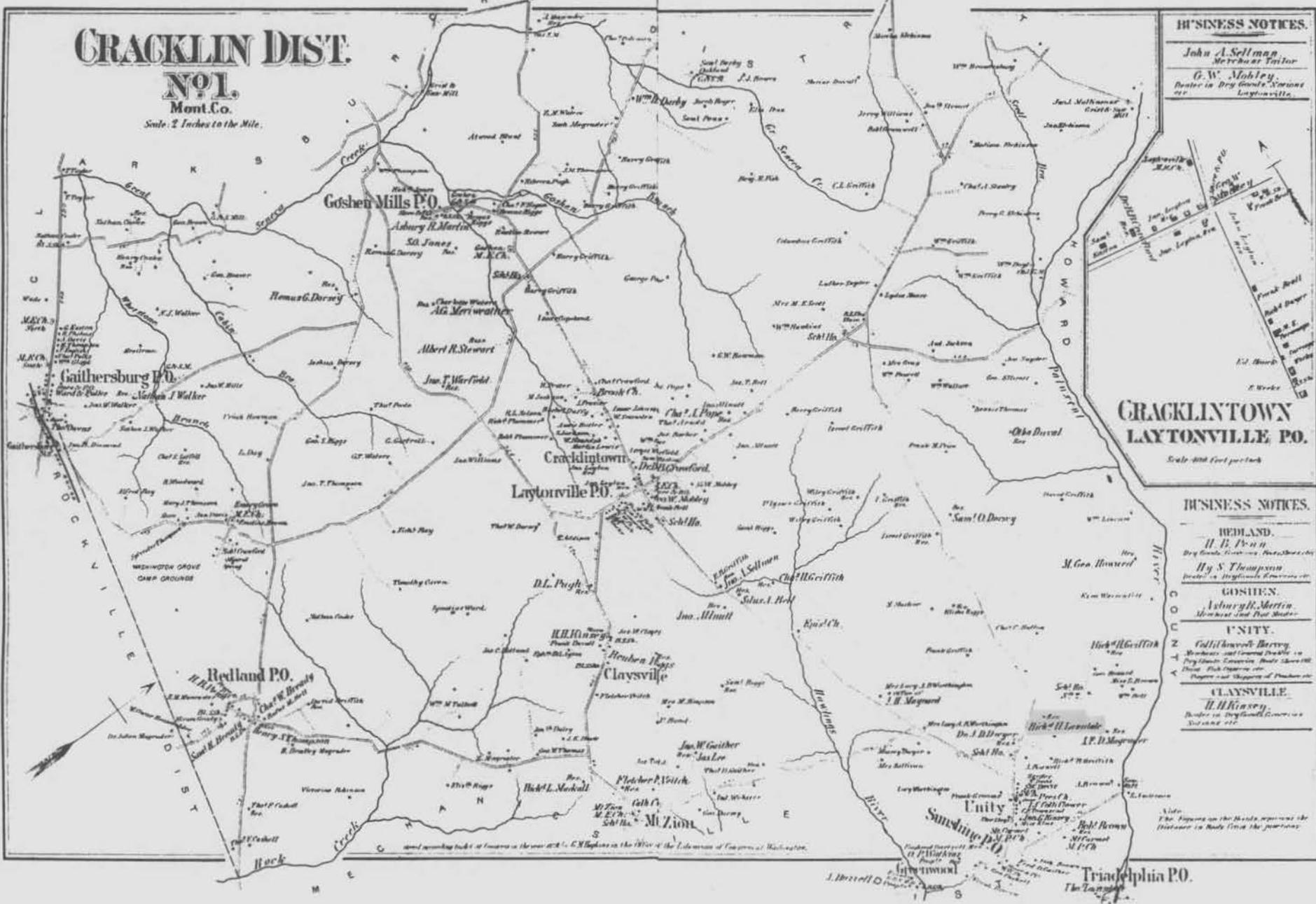


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Merchant Tailor  
G. W. Mobley  
Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions  
etc.  
Laytonville.

**CRACKLINTOWN  
LAYTONVILLE P.O.**

Scale 400 feet per inch

**BUSINESS NOTICES.**

**REDLAND.**  
H. B. Brown  
Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Shoes, etc.  
W. S. Thompson  
Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, etc.

**GOSHEN.**  
Abury R. Martin  
Merchant and Post Office

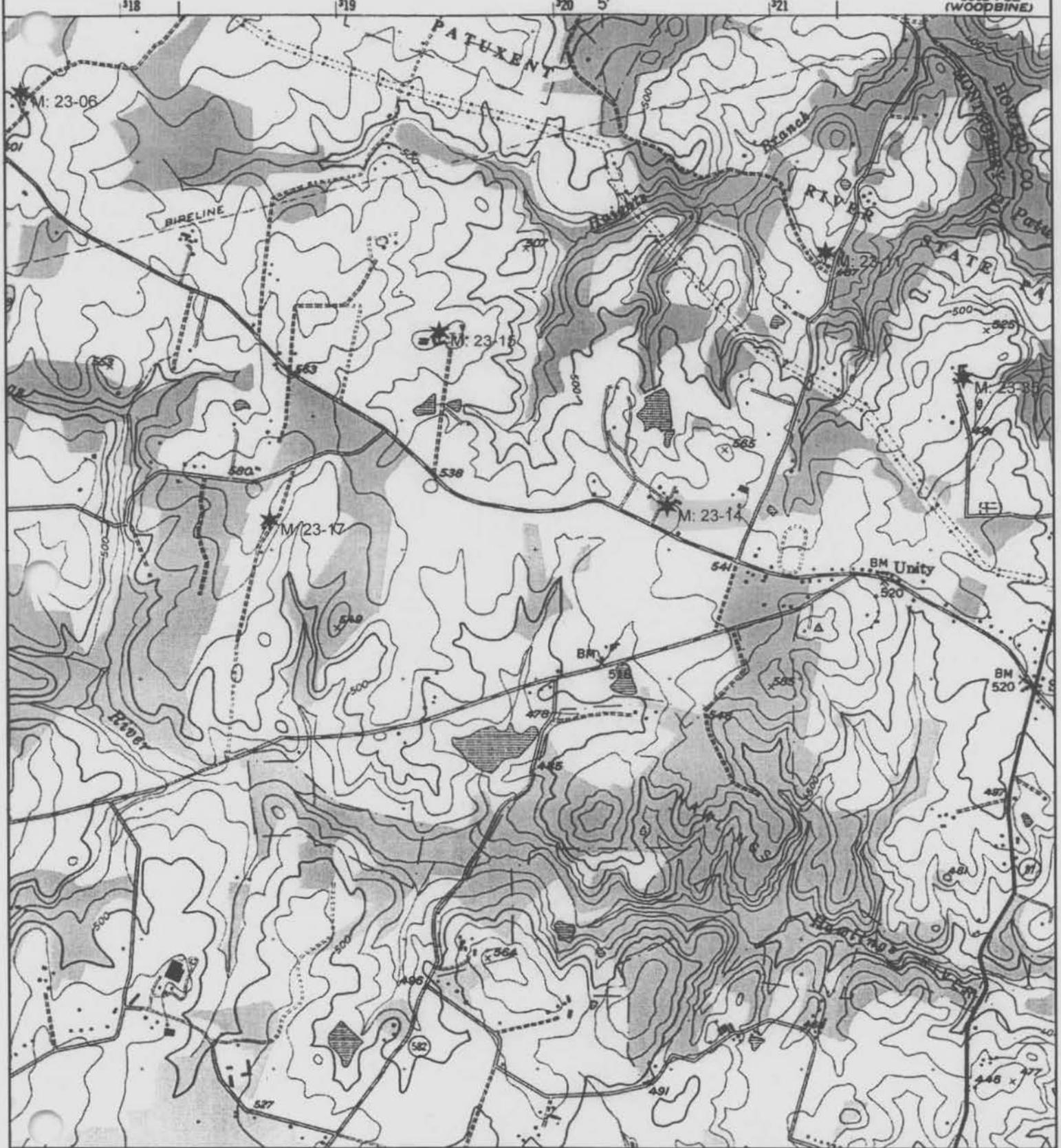
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Gallagher's Brewery  
Wholesale and General Dealer in  
Dry Goods, Notions, Hats, Shoes, etc.  
Dealer in Fish, Eggs, etc.  
Cigars and Supplies of Produce, etc.

**CLAYVILLE.**  
H. H. Kinsey  
Dealer in Dry Goods, Notions, etc.  
Sole and etc.

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