

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:23-22
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Crow's Content

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 23/22

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 8
Coordinate J-9

4. Address: 6410 Sundown Rd.
Laytonsville

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition N/A
Status occupied
Accessible no
Present use private residence / agriculture

Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC
Title and Date: Historic Sites Inventory
1976

Federal State x County x Local

6. Date: 1823

7. Original Owner: Henry Griffith I

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This stone and frame structure was built in three sections: the two and a half story stone section faces north; it is joined on the south by a two and a half story frame section; east of both sections is a one story frame lean-to addition. The north (front) porch has a flat roof supported by four square chamfered wooden posts. There area nine-over-six double-hung windows at the first level and six-over-six double-hung windows elsewhere in this and the two frame sections. Gable roofs have raised seam metal covering. The east lean-to has a shed roof with asbestos covering.

"1823" is scratched on the north facade of the stone section to the east of the front door; it is now hidden by ivy.

A log meat house sits east of the house. The logs have inverted V-notching. The stone springhouse is south of the house; it has frame gable ends. A breezeway now connects it with the main house. A double corncrib is framed with hewn members mortised, tenoned, and pegged together. The bankbarn is framed above a stone foundation; it is 20th century. A stable and carriage house are sheathed with board and batten siding; the framing is sawn and nailed.

10. Significance: Crow's Content is significant for its association for several generations with the prominent Griffith family of upper Montgomery County. When Henry Griffith purchased 572 acres in 1812, there may have been a small dwelling on the property, but the present stone house was constructed by him in 1823, according to the date scratched on the front facade.

Henry Griffith's son Uriah inherited his plantation, slave, and shotgun in 1836. Uriah was the collector of the Port of Baltimore before he retired to "Crow's Content". He had four children, Uriah H. II, Henry H. II, Thomas C. and Matilda O. Griffith.

Sons Henry II and Uriah II successfully operated a cattle business for many years and were well known at the Rockville Fair as exhibitors and winners of many blue ribbons for their fine draft horses. Uriah brought sheep from the west to sell in Montgomery County, and Henry is credited with introducing Aberdeen Angus cattle into the county. Thomas Cranmer Griffith was a merchant in Laytonsville and a director of the Savings Institution of Sandy Spring. Henry II purchased the stone house with 190 1/2 acres from his siblings in 1906.

When Henry Griffith II died in 1951, his 220.3 acres were left to his wife, who lived there until her death in 1964. The house is now owned by Mrs. Griffith's niece.

11. Researcher and date researched:

Candy Reed - Architectural Description Phyllis Warshauer/June 1979

12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 169.36 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Crow's Content

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 6410 Sundown Road (Route 420)

CITY, TOWN Laytonsville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Dorothy R. Viault Telephone #: 598-7265

STREET & NUMBER 15133 Vantage Hill Road

CITY, TOWN Silver Spring VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20906

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Will Records

Liber #: VMB 174
Folio #: 123

STREET & NUMBER GBS Building, Monroe Street

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

M.23-22

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stone and frame structure was built in three sections: the two and a half story stone section faces north and is joined on the south (rear) elevation by a two and a half story frame section. East of these two sections is a one story frame lean-to addition.

The uncoursed rubblestone section is three bays across and two bays deep. The north (front) porch has a flat roof which is supported by four square chamfered wooden posts. There is a decorative railing about the porch. The north (front) door is paneled and set into a paneled door surround and surmounted by a three light transom. There are nine-over-six double-hung windows at the first level and six-over-six double-hung windows elsewhere in the stone section. First story windows have stone lintels. There are two small ventilator windows at the east and west gable ends. This section of the house has a gable roof covered by raised seam metal covering. There are two interior brick end chimneys at the east and west gable ends.

The south frame section is three bays across and has a clapboarded exterior. Three steps lead to the west wooden paneled door. Windows on this section are irregularly placed and are six-over-six double-hung. This section also has a gable roof covered by raised seam metal. There is an interior brick stove chimney in this section.

The east one-story lean-to addition has novelty siding. It has paired and single six-over-six double-hung windows. The shed roof is covered by asbestos roofing.

A log meat house sits east of the house. The logs have inverted V-notching. The stone springhouse is south of the house; it has frame gable ends. A breezeway now connects it with the main house.

A double corncrib is framed with hewn members mortised, tenoned, and pegged together. The bankbarn is framed above a stone foundation; it is twentieth century. A stable and a carriage house are sheathed with board and batten siding; the framing is sawn and nailed.

On the interior, two rooms and a central hall with stairway face front, with two rooms and a porch to the rear. On the second floor are four bedrooms and two baths. The attic contains two finished rooms. "1823" is scratched on the north facade of the stone section to the east of the front door; it is now hidden by ivy.

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	
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<input 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

1823

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Crow's Content is significant for its association for several generations with the prominent Griffith family of upper Montgomery County.

Henry Griffith in 1812 purchased 572 acres and 34½ square perches from Basil Brook for \$5,826; this property included parts of "Addition to Brooke Grove", "Resurvey on Brooke Park", "Fairhill" and "Crow's Content".¹ There may have been a dwelling on the property at the time of purchase, but the present stone dwelling was constructed by Griffith in 1823, according to the date scratched on the front facade.

Henry Griffith's son, Uriah, inherited the "plantation on which I now dwell" as well as my "negro man Isaac, my shotgun and all accoutrements thereunto..." in 1836.² Uriah was the collector of the Port of Baltimore before he retired to "Crow's Content". He had four children, Uriah H. II, Henry H. II, Thomas C. and Matilda O. Griffith.

Sons Henry II and Uriah II successfully operated a cattle business for many years and were well known at the Rockville Fair as exhibitors and winners of many blue ribbons for their fine draft horses. Uriah brought sheep from the west to sell in Montgomery County, and Henry is credited with introducing Aberdeen Angus cattle into the county. Thomas Cranmer Griffith was a merchant in Laytonsville and a director of the Savings Institution of Sandy Spring.³ Henry II purchased the stone house with 190½ acres from his siblings in 1906.⁴

When Henry H. Griffith II died in 1951, the inventory of his property included 220.3 acres of land (12.3 acres wooded, 208 acres tillable and pastureland), a stone and frame 10-room farmhouse, two tenant houses, bank barn and cattle shed, garage and shop, cornhouse, wagon shed, and cement silo.⁵ The property was left to his wife Alice Bartlett Griffith, who continued to live at Crow's Content with her sister until her death in 1964. Crow's Content passed to Mrs. Griffith's niece, and since that time the dwelling has been rented.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., p. 592 (March 21, 1812).
2. Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records, Will 4/40 (recorded May 24, 1836).
3. Farquhar, Roger B., Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Md., Judd and Detweiler, Inc. (Wash., D.C., 1962); p. 127-8.
4. Land Records, op. cit., 188/92 (February 17, 1906).
5. Orphan's Court, Inventories Case #7715, WCK 25/121 (recorded Oct. 4, 1951).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Orphan's Court Records of Montgomery County, Md.
 Farquhar, Roger B, Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Md.,
 Judd & Detweiler, Inc., Washington, D.C., 1962 (p. 127-8).
 Interview with tenant, Mrs. Richardson, 948-5167.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 169.36 acres

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

Phyllis Warshauer

Candy Reed

Architectural Descriptions

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

June 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Crow's Content				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 6410 Sundown Road (Rte. 420)				
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied
<input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted				
<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted				
<input checked="" 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)	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Alice B. Griffith (Tenant: Richardson)				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: MNCPPC				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland	

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)
	<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	
<p>The front of the house is a two story, stone structure with a three bay main (north) facade. The central doorway has a small porch with a flat roof. The windows are 9/6 double hung sash on the first floor and 6/6 on the second. At either end there are flush gable chimneys with brick stacks. The east end has a lean-to addition (modern). Toe the south is a two story, frame el with a small chimney for a stove.</p> <p>A log meat house sits east of the house. The logs have inverted V-notching. The stone springhouse is south of the house; it has frame gable ends. A breezeway now connects it with the main house.</p> <p>A double corncrib is framed with hewn members mortised, tenoned, and pegged together. The bankbarn is framed above a stone foundation; it is twentieth century. A stable and a carriage house are sheathed with board and batten siding; the framing is sawn and nailed.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

A. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1823 (datestone on house)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Invention
<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> Military
<input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Political
<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> Science
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<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> Theater
<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC

DATE: 23 Aug 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

Crows Content

THIS very neat stone house located a half-mile east of Laytonsville on the road to Unity, was built in 1823 according to the date cut into the stone front. This is another example of the many rugged houses in our Old Home Series. It has belonged to the Griffith family ever since it was built by Henry Griffith, I, who was born Sept. 22, 1793. He married Lucretia Ober (born Jan. 18th, 1806), of "Rolling Ridge" on Sept. 7, 1824, when she was 18 years old.

The land was from parts of Addition To Brooke Grove, a grant of 7,906 acres, made to James Brooke, Sept. 22, 1762.



NO. 133 D-8 HENRY GRIFFITH I STONE 1823

The children of Henry I, and Lucretia were Uriah I, born 1825, Albin, born 1828, and Lucretia, born Feb. 1, 1829. Uriah, I, married on Nov. 11, 1846, Henrietta Wilcoxon, and the children of this union were 11 in number. The ones we are most concerned with are the third child, Uriah, II, born Nov. 21, 1857, and Henry, II, born Jan. 15, 1862. These two sons were active in the county for many years, Henry, II, having lived to be 89 years of age. His widow, who was Alice Bartlett, continues in 1961 to occupy the old home with her sister, Vashti R. Bartlett. These spry old ladies still find much in life to be pleased with, their memories softening the problems of this generation. They spend the cold months in Florida, and return each spring to the comfortable house in summer and to early scenes and memories. They have spent the winters in Florida for fifty years.

One other brother of the Griffith sons of Uriah Henry Griffith and Henrietta Wilcoxon was Thomas Cramner, born April 14, 1866, who is recalled by the family as a merchant with a store in Laytonsville and as a Director of the Savings Institution of Sandy Spring.

From a friend of the family it is learned that Uriah, I, was Collector of the Port of Baltimore before he retired to Crows Content, and his son, Uriah II, started into the cattle business with his brother, Henry II. They were very successful for many years and widely known in the farmers' trade down to recent years. Henry II is credited with introducing Aberdeen Angus cattle into Montgomery County. This pair of brothers was well known at the Rockville Fair in the Gay Nineties as exhibitors and winners of many blue ribbons for their fine breed of draft horses.

They owned one beautiful race horse, Harry Bashaw, a fast trotter which the author recalls seeing in sulky races at the Fair. This beautiful animal was the sire of several colts at Rock Spring. Especially dear to the author as a boy was a sorrel colt, which he broke to harness and drove around the neighborhood (in a two-wheeled buggy) to see "his girls" and to school at Sherwood. But this dear young horse, named Buck, was sold by his young owner for \$50.00 when the latter became ambitious to go to Swarthmore.

Frequent other contacts the Rock Spring farmers had with the Crows Content dealers were trips there every August to replace the old ewes with new stock. We then dealt with Uriah II, who bought sheep from the West, had them shipped to the nearest station on the B & O R.R., and brought to the Griffith farm to be offered for sale.

My father's diary, which he kept up for 50 years, tells of annual trips to Laytonsville in his buggy with one of us sons to buy ewes. In 1892 he bought 70 @ \$4.00 each; in 1893 bought 70 at \$3.70 each; and in 1895 bought 100 @ \$2.90 each. I can see the flock scampering out the front gate from Griffiths' amid a cloud of dust which never let up for the three or four hours it took us to drive them 12 or 15 miles to

Rock Spring, each of us taking turns to walk along and then ride with father in the buggy. No autos on the roads then as a serious hazard!!!!

The acreage of this farm when purchased by the Griffith family was, and it has remained, for many years more than 250 acres. The land is generally level, has been well cared for, and kept productive by the presence in its economy of many head of stock, horses, cattle, and sheep grazing the well-fenced fields.

The house is compact and convenient, and has changed little in recent years except to provide space for a tenant in part of the rear. As one enters the front hall he sees the steep stairs in front (first floor ceilings are ten feet high). The parlor is on the right, dining room on left. Adjoining the latter was a side porch, now enclosed. Back of the main rooms are another dining room, kitchen and porch. On the second floor are four bedrooms and two baths. The attic is finished up with two rooms.

Darnell's



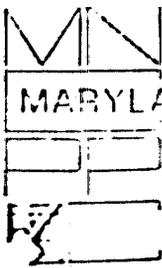
NO. 24 E-3 BY A. DARNELL CA. 1750 STONE AND LOGS

THE ancient rambling, picturesque structure shown above is undoubtedly one of the oldest houses in upper Montgomery County. On a tract now being operated as a model dairy farm with a modern new concrete barn, the new and the old features of the place are in striking contrast. The antique building shown above, with a two-story stone slave quarter to be seen at the extreme right of the photograph, seems out of place in Montgomery County. It looks more like some of the cottages to be seen in the hills and valleys of Ireland or Scotland hundreds of years ago. And yet, in spite of its great age, it is a happy and comfort-

able home, with modern conveniences, for a large family.

Located on the north side of the roadway from Dawsonville to Poolesville, it can be seen in a pretty valley of the Little Seneca Creek which meanders through the 257 acre farm. It is about two miles beyond Dawsonville, four miles southeast of Poolesville and thirty-five miles from the Zero milestone. The land for generations has been owned by the Darnell and Dyson families, prominent in upper Montgomery County since before the Revolution.

It is believed that the Darnells owned the place at a very early date, as there are two



M:23-22

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 8, 1987

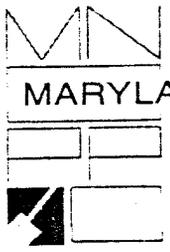
ACTION TAKEN

The following sites will be removed from the Locational Atlas.

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|--------|--------|----------|
| 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 |
| | | 23/107-2 |
| 23/10 | 23/52 | *23/110 |
| *23/14 | 23/55 | 23/113 |
| 23/16 | 23/56 | 23/114 |
| 23/20 | 23/59 | |
| 23/22 | 23/61 | |
| 23/25 | 23/74 | 23/116 |
| | 23/88 | 23/117 |

M: 23/22

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760



RECEIVED

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.

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3090

APPENDIX A

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and were found not to merit designation of the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If not included in the Master Plan, these resources may be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. If removed from the Locational Atlas, the sites will no longer be governed by the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The sites will, however, remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

The following sites were found by the Preservation Commission to be too greatly altered from the period of their architectural or historical significance or not to meet Ordinance criteria for designation.

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/31	Tyson House (Mrs. W. Chandlee House)	18600 Brooke Rd., Ashton
13/32	Brinklow Store & Post Office	18930 New Hampshire Ave. Brinklow
15/40	Rawlings Mill House	1820 Tucker Lane, Ashton
15/44	Pat Cuff House	1515 Ednor Rd., Ednor
15/48	Chimney Ruins	Oak Hill Rd.-North of Rt. 198, Spencerville
15/51	Drayton	16000 Oak Hill Road, Silver Spring
15/57	Murphy Ford Log House	16500 Block of Batson Rd., Spencerville
15/70	Harriet Lea House	18900 New Hampshire Ave., Brinklow
23/1	Gaither/Gray House	24241 Hipsley Mill Rd., Gaithersburg
23/2	Leamon/Faucett House	24405 Hipsley Mill Road, Gaithersburg
23/3	Dennis Thomas House	24501 Hipsley Mill Road, Laytonsville

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23/4	Griffith-Hawkins House (Windcrest Farm)	6630 Damascus Road, Laytonsville
23/10	William Belt House	23511 Howard Chapel Rd, Brookeville
23/16	Elisha Riggs House	5210 Damascus Road, Laytonsville
23/20	Ulysses Griffith House	6001 Griffith Road, Laytonsville
23/22	Crow's Content	6410 Sundown Road, Laytonsville
23/25	Walter Magruder House	6201 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville
23/28	E.R. Griffith House	6121 Sundown Road, Laytonsville
23/32	Worthington Tenant House	4201 Sundown Road, Laytonsville
23/43	Frank Brown House	22015 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville
23/44	Bushrod Gartrell House	22000 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville
23/52	Fletcher Veitch Farmhouse	5211 Brookeville Road, Laytonsville
23/55	Spring Garden	4700 Brookeville Road, Brookeville
23/56	Melwood (Captain Strain House)	19715 Zion Rd., Olney
23/59	Locust Hill	4415 Brookeville Road, Brookeville
23/61	Locust Grove II	3415 Brookeville Road Brookeville
23/73	Gittings Ha Ha	21030 New Hampshire Ave., Brookeville
23/74	Log Tenant House	21020 New Hampshire Avenue, Brookeville
23/88	George Stabler Farmhouse	101 Haviland Mill Road, Brinklow



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