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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

## NOMINATION FORM

for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME					
COMMON: Fair Hill II					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Bowman's Store and House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 5929 Sundown Road (Rte. 420)					
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	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)	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Edwin D. Fry					
STREET AND NUMBER: 5929 Sundown Road (Rte. 420)					
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville			STATE: Maryland		
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: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 5px;">(Check One)</div> <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
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">                     (Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered                 </div> <div style="width: 45%;">                     (Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site                 </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>The house is a two story, frame structure that has been covered with stucco. It was built in two sections--each with a central doorway and flanking windows. The windows are all 6/6 double hung sash; those on the east end are smaller, with wider mullions and smaller panes. At the east end of each section is an external chimney (the one on the west end now being covered up); the one exposed has a two story brick base with steep weatherings to the stack. A one story porch runs across the facade. The foundation is stone and exposed on the west end with a large door.</p> <p>On the north is a lower, two story service el with a central chimney.</p> <p>There are several old outbuildings. The stone dairy has a roof that is carried forward as a porch. The plates are hewn but the roof sheathing is new. There is a small shed with newer shed-roofed additions on either side. A double corn crib is framed with hewn members and has vertical board sheathing to the gables, where the boarding is horizontal. It sits on stone piloti. A larger frame stable has vertical siding. The gable end has a central door with small, flanking six pane windows; the side wall has three doors and a loft door.</p> <p>The west end was formerly a store and the east end the residence. The store is older than the house, and the rear wing as added still later.</p>	

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**B 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)**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      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

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Signature

part of the right-hand brick wing has a large entrance hall with a fireplace and two rooms on the right, each with fireplace back to back, in the same chimney. The second floor is duplicate of the first, except for a small stairway leading to an attic room. The small one-story extension, shown at the extreme right, with the large chimney was built by the school.

Since the purchase of this historic manor house by Mr. and Mrs. Lamborne, extensive improvements have been made, outside and inside the house. Noticeable outside are the blinds, added to the windows, and the box bushes along the front of the home. In the rear a formal

English box-wood garden, with walks of oyster shell, has been installed.

Added as part of the rear of the house is a new all-purpose library room, 36 feet by 16 feet, with beam ceiling. From this room an entrance to the box garden is provided, an attractive feature. A raised hearth fireplace is in this room. With this we can count five usable fireplaces on the first floor, and two on the second floor.

In the remodelled old home the Lamborne's count a family dining room, as well as a formal dining room, and family and formal living room, each with its own fireplace.

## Fair Hill II

ONE mile east of Laytonsville on the north side of the road to Unity, and twenty-five miles north of Washington, the house shown below is sure to attract attention. Covered with siding painted white, it has the appearance of a well-preserved house of Colonial days with its simple lines and proportions. It was built before 1813, for in that year it was a country store and was the meeting place of a group of prominent citizens who met to reorganize Saint Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church.

On Easter Monday in 1813 this meeting of parishioners was held in the building below, part of which was Fred Bowman's store, for the election of vestrymen. The left-hand or

west end of the house shown was the store, and among those present at that time were Ephraim Gaither of Clover Hill, John H. Riggs, of Locust Grove II, Henry C. Gaither, of Pleasant Fields—all persons referred to in this series on old homes—and four other persons of note.

On May 2, 1814, a meeting of the vestry was called at Bowman's to select a site for the church, and the site chosen was on a branch of the Hawlings River in a grove of trees near the highway on the edge of the Edgehill farm of the Griffith family. This site had been occupied by a log building used as a chapel of ease established more than half-a-century before. The old chapel had been established sometime before the Revolution by a petition to the Governor, dated 1761, to divide Prince George's Parish—the probable date being shortly after that.

The new church building, replacing the ancient log structure, was built of stone covered with cement mortar, was completed in May, 1819, and consecrated soon after by Bishop Kemp. Thus, Bowman's store, now the Fair Hill home of the Fry family, filled an important place in local affairs, one hundred and forty-five years ago.

The Fair Hill II farm of today, containing 287 acres of rich land, is formed from parts of "Addition to Brooke Grove," a grant to James Brooke of 7,906 acres, in September, 1762, and also includes a part of "Retirement," an indenture of November, 1816, for 601 acres made



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CA. 1800 WAS BOWMAN'S STORE 1813

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by the Chancellor of Maryland, to which the great seal of the State was affixed on January 31, 1818. This conveyance to Henry Griffith III was based on a re-survey of a number of former grants, and the acquisition of certain "vacancies," not previously covered by deeds.

The farm for years belonged to Adam Bell and his wife, Eleanor, and 1914 was conveyed to Alton Bell, a grandson of Adam, by Emma Bell and others. . . Adam departed this life in 1875 at the age of seventy-five, and his wife died in June, 1862. Both lie buried in the grove of trees, near where the old Hawlings River chapel was situated, on the rear of the Edgehill farm. Later the farm was owned by Laban Armstrong, who in turn sold to Edwin D. Fry in 1936. At that time the acreage was 273.

On the western edge of the farm towards Laytonsville there is a small antique-type of house which possibly may be older than the main house at Fair Hill. This was known as a tailor's shop, and tradition states that it was a slave market more than a century ago. It has been thought that this house, a center of a small settlement, may be older than Laytonsville proper where the lovely John H. Layton brick house has stood near the village cross roads since Revolutionary days.

At the time of the Johnstown flood, May 31, 1889, the small stream which crosses the roadway between the two houses on the Fair Hill

farm became a roaring torrent. It is recalled that this flood nearly carried away the small tailor shop at that time.

The first member of the Fry family, the great-grandfather of Edwin Fry, came to America from Germany more than a century ago. Edwin Fry married Susan Ransome in 1923, and they have three sons and two daughters. Edwin D., Junior, is married and assists his father in the operation of the large place as a dairy farm, using a large herd of Holstein cows.

The Fry family have been leaders in the Four-H Clubs of the County, which have done so much to improve the farming conditions in Montgomery and keep the youth interested in progressive methods of agriculture and livestock breeding. Mrs. Fry had been especially active in county organizations, and especially in the work of the Montgomery County General Hospital and in home demonstration work. Mrs. Fry died 3 or 4 years ago, and Edwin Jr. bought a farm in another county of the state.

After he left the home farm his father Edwin Sr., discontinued the dairy business, and now grazes cattle.

The house at Fair Hill has two front doors; the one on the left, about the center of the west section, was the entrance to the Bowman store. This, which is evidently the oldest part of the house, is built of logs covered with siding, and is without a fireplace.

## Fairview

SEVERAL hundred yards back from a little-traveled county road with the rear toward the roadway and the front toward the east may be seen this large white frame house. "Fairview" is well-named, for a sweeping view over several hundred acres of rolling woodland and meadows is afforded.

By driving out Route 29 to Colesville, and turning toward the right or east, one comes to the farm which is about half-way from Colesville to Fairland, and is six miles from Silver Spring. This house was the home of members of the Duvall family for nearly one hundred years, two of whom were among the most suc-

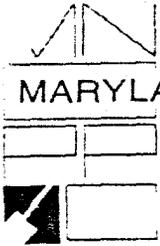
cessful country doctors in the earlier days of Montgomery County.

Fairview was the property of the Perry family, and shortly after the death of James Wilson Perry in 1809 the large plantation passed to the Duvall family through the marriage in 1825 of Eliza Ann Perry to young Dr. Washington Duvall. According to members of the family still living the house was built shortly after 1800, whether by James W. Perry or Washington Duvall is not known.

Records show that Mareen Duvall, a corruption of the French name of "Marin," was born near Nantes, France, and came to Anne Arun-

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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

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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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23/14 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.

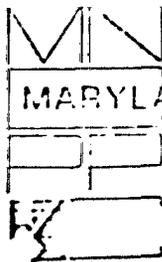
23/19 Retirement 5501 Griffith Road

- 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.



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 8, 1987

ACTION TAKEN

Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan  
OLNEY AREA HISTORIC RESOURCES

The purpose of this Amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

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| M: 23/9       | Elton                                 |
| M: 23/29      | Fair Hill II                          |
| M: 23/31      | Pleasant Fields/Sundown Hills         |
| M: 23/58      | Gustavus Jones Farm                   |
| M: 23/63      | Longwood                              |
| M: 23/66      | Bordley's Choice (Merrywood)          |
| M: 23/71      | Far View                              |
| M: 23/73      | Gittings Ha Ha                        |
| M: 23/79      | Roslyn Bank Barn                      |
| M: 23/84      | Brooke Meadow                         |
| M: 23/89      | Walnut Hill                           |
| M: 23/98-4    | St. John's Episcopal Church           |
| M: 23/196-106 | Oakdale-Emory United Methodist Church |
| M: 23/112     | Sycamores                             |
| M: 23/113-1   | Mount Pleasant Church                 |
| M: 23/119     | Holland Store & House                 |



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NAME FAIR HILL II (FRY FARM)  
LOCATION Rt 420 (SUNDOWN Rd) LAYTONSVILLE, Md  
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