

M:23-06
Samuel O. Dorsey Farm
Montgomery County, MD

The property known as the Samuel O. Dorsey Farm is located on a 238-acre parcel of land at 5701 Damascus Road in rural Montgomery County. The property includes a primary residence, set back from the road, a large bank barn, a drive-thru corncrib, several agricultural sheds, and a small fenced cemetery, which contains the grave of Samuel O. Dorsey. The main house was originally constructed in 1807 as a 1-1/2 story log house by John Burgess. During the last quarter of the 19th century, then-owner Samuel O. Dorsey built a two-story, three-bay I-House, incorporating the original log house as a rear wing. Dorsey, who lived on the property for over 60 years, made significant improvements, which in addition to the main house, included the barns and other outbuildings. The property provides a good illustration of the evolution of rural domestic building in Montgomery County and survives as an intact agricultural complex. The property meets Criterion C of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-06

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1. Name of Property

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historic name Samuel O. Dorsey House
common/other name Pleasant's Retreat

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2. Location

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street & number 5701 Damascus Road Not for publication
city or town Laytonsville vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Montgomery code zip code 20833

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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>5</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	sites
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	structures
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	objects
<u>6</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	<u> </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: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	<u>Bank barn; drive-through</u>
<u>FUNERARY</u>	<u>crib barn; sheds</u>
	<u>Cemetery</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Single Dwelling</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE</u>	<u>Bank barn; sheds</u>
<u>FUNERARY</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: I-House

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone
roof Gable: Standing Seam Metal
walls Weatherboard
other Chimneys: Brick

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

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance 1807-1926

Significant Dates 1807

4th quarter 19th C

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation _____

Architect/Builder Unknown

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 238.48

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

The Samuel O. Dorsey House occupies an approximately 238-acre parcel on Montgomery County Tax Map GW.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

This parcel is part of a larger parcel of land that has been associated with the property since the 18th 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 February 9, 1998
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 G.C. Owings, et al
street & number 5900 Damascus Road telephone _____
city or town Laytonsville state MD zip code 20833
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Samuel O. Dorsey Farm

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The property known as the Samuel O. Dorsey Farm, originally built in 1807¹ and enlarged during the fourth quarter of the 19th century, is located on a 238-acre parcel of land at 5701 Damascus Road in rural northeastern Montgomery County. The property includes a primary residence, set back from the road, a large bank barn, a drive-through corncrib, several agricultural sheds, and a small fenced cemetery, which contains the grave of Samuel O. Dorsey.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Samuel O. Dorsey House is a two-story, three-bay frame dwelling with a rear ell constructed in three distinct phases. The original section of the house (Period I), now the mid-section of the rear ell, was built circa 1807 as a 1-1/2-story log dwelling with a stone chimney. Sometime in the last quarter of the 19th century, this modest structure was enlarged by the addition of a two-story, three-bay frame I-house, built to abut one end wall of the original dwelling (Period II). This I-house now forms the main block of the dwelling, while the original log structure forms part of the rear ell. In a third phase of construction, a two-story, two-bay frame addition was built against the surviving end wall of the original log structure. This Period III phase of construction was probably executed around the turn of this century.

Exterior Description:

Main Block:

Based upon its overall form and detail, the main block of the Samuel O. Dorsey House was constructed in the last quarter of the 19th century. It is a two-story frame structure set upon a stone foundation and covered with a gable roof with brick inside end chimneys. The walls are clad with German siding, and the roof is sheathed with standing seam metal. A three-bay porch extends almost across the front elevation of the house.

The principal (south) elevation is divided into three bays consisting of a central entry and flanking windows on the first story and three windows on the second story. The entrance features an original four-paneled wood door with round arched upper panels and a two-light transom. To either side of the door are single, 2/2 windows with louvered shutters.

¹Date taken from an inscription on a chimney in what is believed to be the oldest part of the house.

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The second story features three, 2/2 windows. Above these rises the flat fascia board cornice, and overhanging boxed eaves. The single story porch is set upon a concrete slab foundation. Four chamfered wood columns set upon rusticated stone bases support a hipped roof clad with standing seam metal.

The east and west elevations are both one-room deep with single, 2/2 windows located in the rear bay of the first and second stories. In the attic level of the west gable end, there are two, small, four-light fixed sash windows. There are no windows in the attic level of the west end.

The north elevation, which was built to abut the original log structure on the site, has no openings. It is clad with German siding.

Rear ell:

The 1-1/2 story rear ell consists of the original two-bay 1807 log structure and a two-bay turn-of-the-century frame extension. The log structure includes the inside two bays of the ell, while the extension includes the two end bays. The ell is set upon a stone foundation and is covered with a gable roof, sheathed with standing seam metal. A stone chimney (originally an end chimney to the log house) is located on center of the roof. A date (1807) is inscribed on the stone cap of this chimney, indicating the building's original date of construction. A vertical seam clearly distinguishes the original structure from the addition.

The west elevation of the rear ell consists of the west walls of both phases of construction and is thus four bays deep. The first story of the log section has a centrally placed wood and glass replacement door and a 6/6 window to its left. The half-story features two, 6/6 windows. The two-bay extension has a side entry with one, 6/6 window to its right side. The half-story features two, 6/6 windows, symmetrically aligned with the first story openings.

A single-story shed-roof porch extends across the east elevation of the log section only. This porch is set upon a concrete slab foundation and has four turned columns.

The east elevation of the rear ell consists of a side entry and 6/6 window on both sections and four 6/6 windows on the second story. A shed-roof porch, set upon a rubble pier foundation extends across the length of the elevation. The porch is partially screened, and includes, at either end, enclosed rooms. The porch appears to have been in a single phase, and was therefore likely added around the

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turn-of-the-century, at the same time that the original log structure was extended.

Outbuildings:

In addition to the main house, there are four agricultural and domestic outbuildings, a family cemetery, and non-contributing ruins of a log building on the property.

Drive-Thru Corn Crib: Located to the west of the main house, the drive-thru corncrib is of frame construction, clad with wood vertical board siding and covered with a gable roof. It probably dates to the mid-20th century.

Bank Barn: Located to the north of the main house, the bank barn is raised on a stone foundation, is of frame construction, and clad with wood vertical board siding. The north elevation features a earthen ramp or barn bridge, which is built to the wagon doors located on the side gable. The south elevation contains a closed-forebay, in which stone gable ends enclose a frame forebay. There are five single doors located on the first floor of this elevation. The bank barn probably dates to the late 19th or early 20th century.

Milk house: Located north of the main house, adjacent to the bank barn. This milk house is a small, vertical wood clad, gable roofed building with a window in the gable end. It is a mid-20th century structure.

Shed: This small shed is located immediately west of the main house, across from the rear ell. It is a small, gable-roofed structure with board and batten siding. It was probably a tool/equipment shed and may date to the late 19th century.

Non-contributing ruins: Some ruins of a log building are located on the west side of the drive leading beyond the house and to the fields and bank barn.

Cemetery: A family cemetery is located southeast of the main house in the front field. The cemetery is enclosed by a wrought iron loop fence and holds several marble headstones. One of the headstones marks the grave of Samuel O. Dorsey, who died in 1902. The cemetery is in fair condition.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Samuel O. Dorsey Farm, also known as Pleasant's Retreat is located at 5701 Damascus Road near Laytonsville, MD. Originally constructed in 1807 as a 1-1/2 story log house by John Burgess, the dwelling evolved to become a two-story, three-bay I-House with the original log section as a rear wing. The I-house was added in the fourth quarter of the 19th century by Samuel O. Dorsey, who lived on the property for over 60 years, and after whom the property is named. The property provides a good illustration of the evolution of rural domestic building in Montgomery County and survives as an intact agricultural complex. The property meets Criterion C of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

Historic Context:

This parcel of land corresponds with the 18th-century tract of land designated by Thomas Pleasants as Pleasant's Retreat. In February of 1803, Thomas Pleasants sold this tract of land to John Burgess.² John Burgess built a small 1-1/2 story log house on this land in 1807.³

On September 22, 1813, John Burgess sold the house and the land to Charles Warfield.⁴ Charles Warfield of A was variously listed as having received a patent for 43 acres of this land from the State of Maryland in 1815⁵ and as having acquired it from John Burgess.⁶

Charles Warfield sold the property with house and buildings to Beale Gaither in 1816,⁷ but a series of mortgage suits lead to its resale by Warfield in 1827 to Richard Griffith, Jefferson Griffith, and Jeffery Magruder for \$5,779.97.⁸ Another equity suit led to the property being purchased by Israel Griffith in 1857.⁹ An advertisement for the sale described the land, encompassing 306-1/2

²Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber K Folio 421.

³This date is recorded on the chimney of the oldest section of this house.

⁴Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber Q Folio 432.

⁵Montgomery County Courthouse, Patent IB6/262 and referenced in Deed Book Liber BS5 Folio 235.

⁶Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber T Folio 193.

⁷Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber T Folio 193.

⁸Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber BS 5 Folio 234.

⁹Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book JGH 5 Folio 557.

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acres, as "kind and well adapted to the use of manure."¹⁰ The improvements included a log dwelling, stable, cornhouse, tobacco house, good orchard, etc.¹¹ The log dwelling, now incorporated as the rear ell to the main house on the property, is the only surviving building from that period.

In 1860, Griffith sold the property to Samuel O. Dorsey¹², thus beginning the sixty-six year association of this property with the Dorsey family. During Samuel Dorsey's ownership of the property, he improved it with the construction of the I-house, the bank barn, a drive-thru corn crib, other outbuildings, and the Dorsey family cemetery in which Samuel and Mary Dorsey and three of their children are buried. The Samuel Dorsey House is clearly identified on the 1879 G.M. Hopkins' *Atlas of Montgomery County*. Samuel Dorsey's will, processed on November 3, 1926, left the property to Thomas Owings and his wife, Elizabeth.¹³

On January 22, 1936 Thomas and Elizabeth Owings "granted all property to Ardean L. Owings, which was granted to him by Samuel O. Dorsey."¹⁴ On the same day in 1936, Elizabeth Owings sold the property back to Thomas and Elizabeth Owings.¹⁵ Thomas Owings died in 1957, and the property was left to his wife, Elizabeth.¹⁶ Fifteen years later, on July 18, 1972, Elizabeth Owings passed on, and left the estate to be divided among her six children, Gillis C. Owings, Ardean L. Owings, Hazel O. Lowery, Thomas Owings, Jr., Mary Ruth O. Bogley, and Maude Owings (Mentally Challenged-Trustee Ardean L. Owings).¹⁷ They all received 1/6 of the 309.292 acres of land.¹⁸

On September 24, 1974, Ardean L. Owings gave 5 acres of land to

¹⁰Montgomery County Courthouse, Equity Case #160.

¹¹Montgomery County Courthouse, Equity Case #160.

¹²Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber JGH 8 Folio 100.

¹³Montgomery County Courthouse, Will Book Liber PEW 9 Folio 267.

¹⁴Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber 614 Folio 366.

¹⁵Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber 614 Folio 367.

¹⁶Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber 4536 Folio 565.

¹⁷Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book Liber 4536 Folio 565.

¹⁸This was the land that was left from the original 448.5 acres. Refer to Deeds 3929/553, 3933/132 and 4406/322.

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Suzanne A. Lowery, niece, for her 21st birthday.¹⁹ Two years later, Maude Owings passed on. By order of her mother's will, (Elizabeth Owings) her portion of the estate was divided among the five surviving siblings.²⁰ These five surviving siblings and Suzanne A. Lowery are the present owners.

¹⁹Montgomery County Courthouse, Liber 4578 Folio 309.

²⁰Montgomery County Courthouse, Liber 4849 Folio 820.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Rural Agrarian Intensification, 1680-1815
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): Single Dwelling

Known Design Source:

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Chain of Title:

February 26, 1803 Thomas Pleasants sells his "Pleasant
Retreat" property to John Burgess.
Deed Book Liber K Folio 421.

1807 Original house is built on the
property. (Date taken from an
inscription on a chimney in what is
believed to be the oldest part of the
house.)

September 22, 1813 John Burgess sells the house and
property to Charles Warfield.
Deed Book Liber Q Folio 432.

July 10, 1816 Charles Warfield sells the house and
property to Beal Gaither.
Deed Book Liber T Folio 193.

1827 A series of mortgage suits lead to
the property's resale by Warfield to
Richard Griffith, Jefferson Griffith
and Jeffery Magruder.
Deed Book Liber BS 5 Folio 234.

1857 Equity suit with the Griffiths and
Mr. Magruder. Charles Warfield
finally sells the property to Isreal
Griffith. Equity Case 160.

May 10, 1860 Isreal Griffith sells the house and
property to Samuel O. Dorsey (306.5
acres). Deed Book Liber JGH 8 Folio
100.

November 3, 1926 Samuel O. Dorsey dies. He leaves
the house and property to Thomas
and Elizabeth A. Owings, wife.
Will Book Liber PEW 9 Folio 267.

January 22, 1936 Thomas and Elizabeth Owings sell the
house and property to Ardean L.
Owings. (Grants all property to
Ardean L. Owings which was granted to
him by Samuel O. Dorsey's will.)
Deed Book 614 Folio 366.

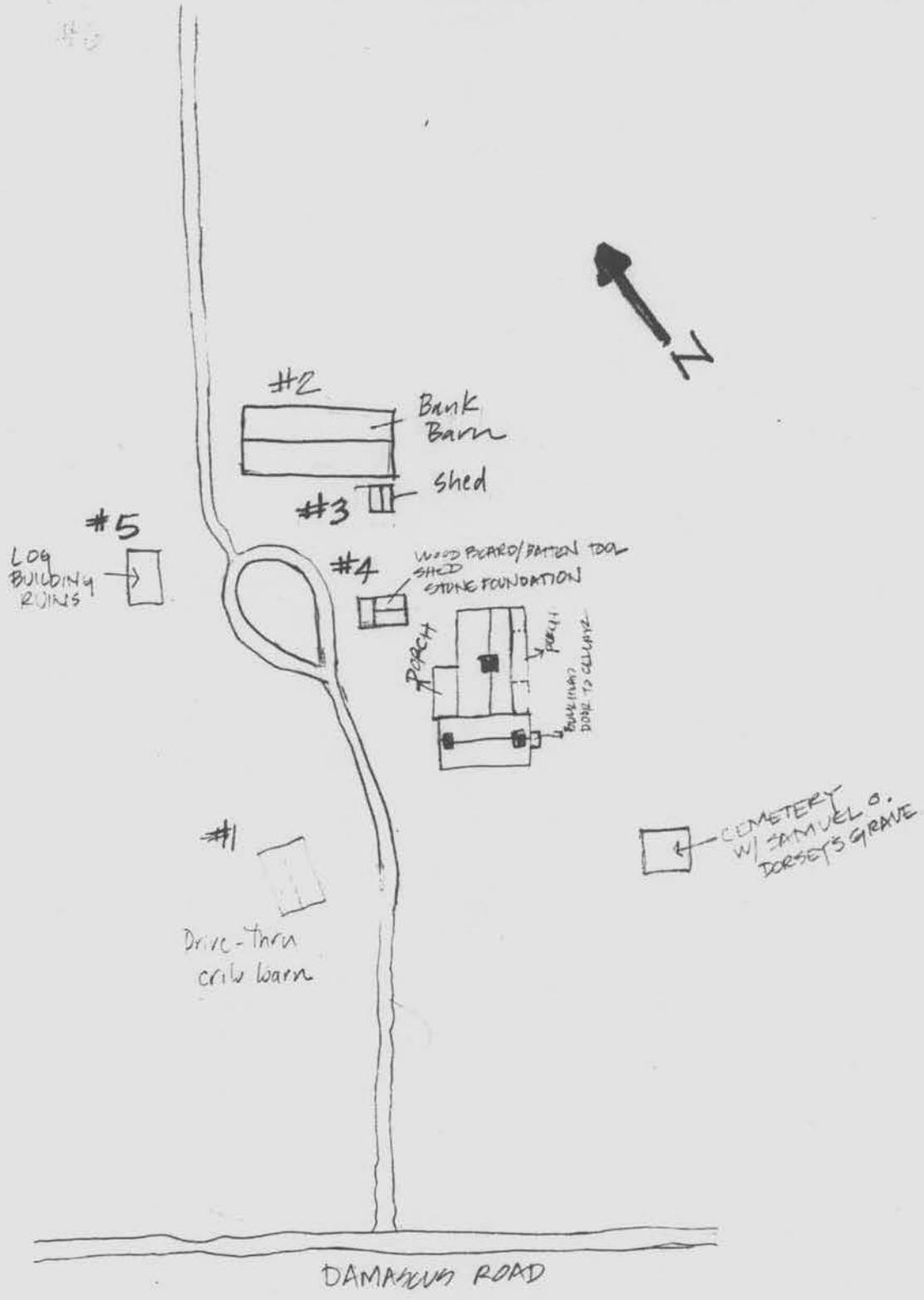
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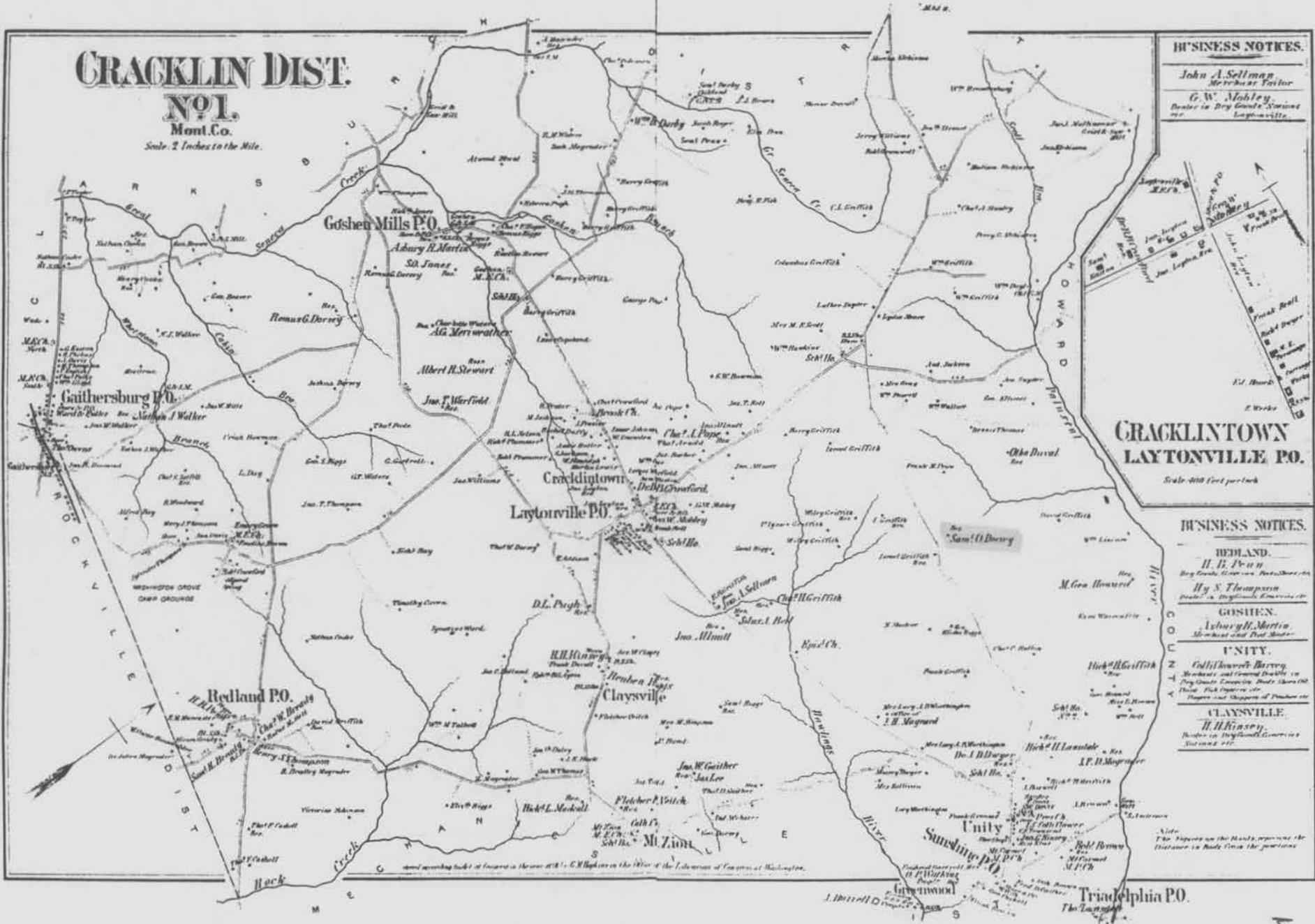
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January 22, 1936	Ardean L. Owings sells the house and property back to Thomas and Elizabeth Owings. Deed Book 614 Folio 367.
1957	Thomas Owings dies. Referenced in Liber 4536 Folio 565.
July 18, 1972	Elizabeth Owings dies. Referenced in Liber 4536 Folio 565.
June 12, 1974	The estate of Elizabeth A. Owings' is divided among her six children; (The present owners)namely: Gillis C. Owings, Ardean L.Owings, Hazel O. Lowery, Thomas Owings, Jr., Mary Ruth O. Bogley, and Maude Owings (trustee for her portion of the estate is Ardean L. Owings). All children recieved 1/6 of the 309.292 acres of land. This was what was left from the 448.5 original acres. (See Liber 3929 Folio 553, Liber 3933 Folio 132, and Liber 4406 Folio 322.) Deed Book Liber 4536 Folio 565.
September 24, 1974	Ardean L. Owings gives 5 acres of land to her niece, Suzanne Lowry, on her 21st birthday (September 12, 1974). The land is said to be a portion of all the land and premises conveyed to Thomas Owings and Elizabeth Owings (Referenced:Liber 614 Folio 367 and Will Book Liber PEW 9 Folio 267). Liber 4578 Folio 309.
September 28, 1976	The estate of Maude Owings is divided among her 5 surviving sisters and brothers (This is per the will of Elizabeth Owings, mother). The division came after a portion was conveyed to Pepco, State of Maryland, and Ardean Owings for being the Representative for Maude's trust. Deed Book Liber 4849 Folio 820.

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SAMUEL O. DORSEY HOUSE

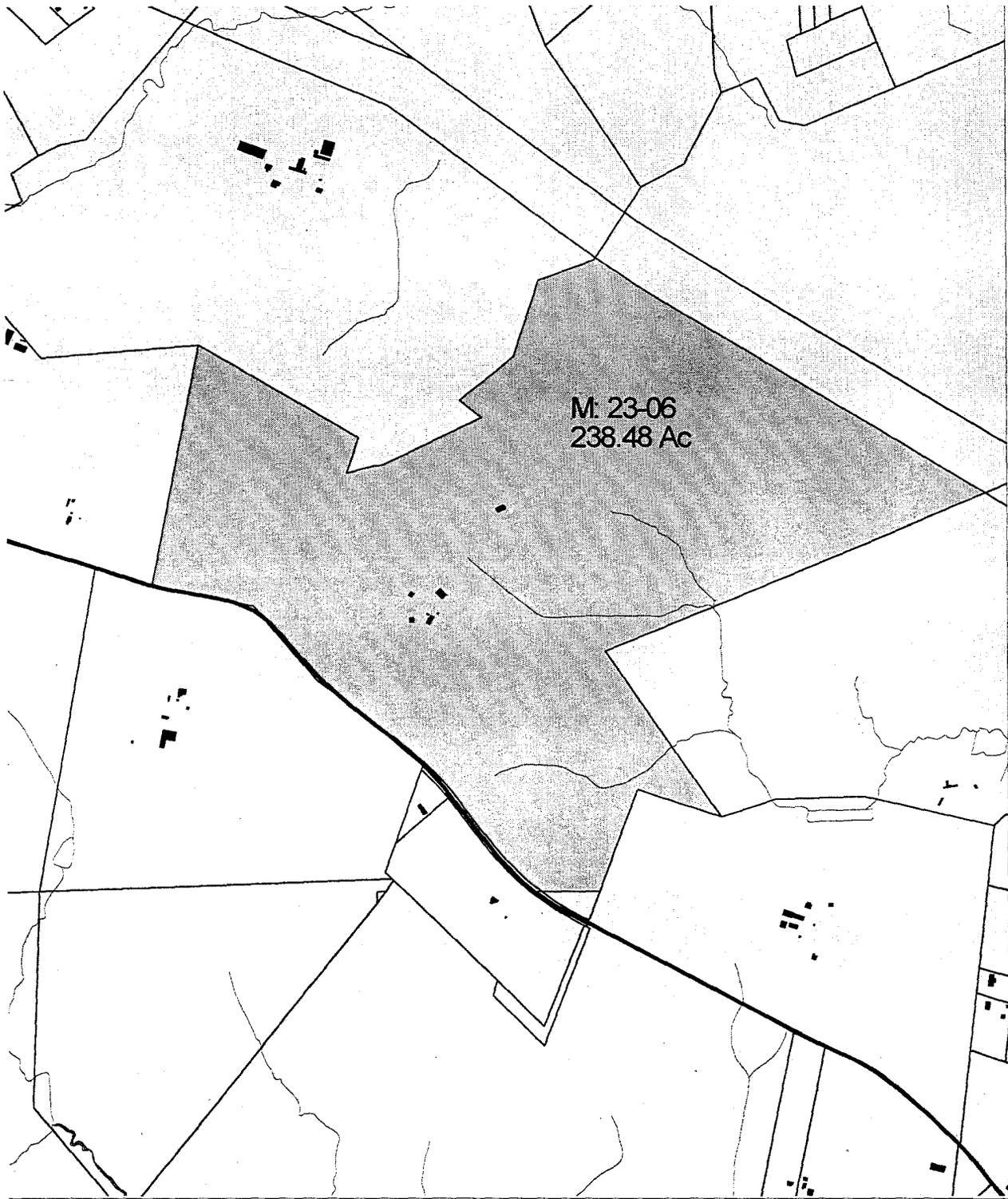




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SAMUEL O. DORSEY HOUSE (M: 23-06)



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Public User Application



MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760



Scale 1" = 1000'





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SAMUEL O. DORSEY HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY P WILLIAMS

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MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION LOOKING NORTH

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KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS

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MARYLAND SHPO

WEST OBLIQUE LOOKING EAST

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MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS

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MARYLAND SHPO

WEST ELEVATION LOOKING EAST

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MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS

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MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION LOOKING NORTH

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SAMUEL O. DORSEY HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS

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EAST ELEVATION LOOKING WEST

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SAMUEL O. DORSET HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS

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MARYLAND SHPO

WEST ELEVATION LOOKING EAST

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MARYLAND SHPO

CEMETERY, LOCATED SOUTH OF MAIN HOUSE

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In the memory of

SAMUEL O. DORSEY

BORN

Nov 24 1844

DIED

Jan 16 1902

AGED

57 yrs 1 mo 22 days

Rest from thy labor

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SAMUEL O. DORSET HOUSE
MONTGOMERY CO., MD
KIMBERLT P. WILLIAMS
2-22-09

MARYLAND SHPO

SAMUEL O. DORSET'S GRAVE; LOCATED IN CEMETERY
SOUTH OF MAIN HOUSE

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SAMUEL O. DORSET HOUSE
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KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS

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MARYLAND SHPO

BARN; NORTH OF MAIN HOUSE, SOUTH ELEVATION

BOOKING NORTH

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SAMUEL O. DORSET HOUSE

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KIMBERLY R WILLIAMS

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MARYLAND SHPO

BARN, NORTH OF MAIN HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION

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SAMUEL O. DORSET HOUSE

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KIMBERLY P. WILLIAMS

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MARYLAND SHPO

BARN, WEST OF MAIN HOUSE, SOUTH ELEVATION

LOOKING NORTH

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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 was built in several sections. The middle part is the oldest. It originally had a three-bay, east facade with a central doorway and an external stone chimney on the north end. It is a story and a-half, log building with 6/6 double hung sash windows on the ground floor. A shed-roofed porch extends across the facade. The north section was built next; although frame, rather than log, it follows the form of the earlier part. It has a two-bay facade, with 6/6 double hung sash windows on the ground floor and 6/3 windows in the loft. Finally, the main block was built. It is a full two stories with a three-bay, main facade; the central doorway has a small transom light and the windows are 2/2 double hung sash. At either end are internal chimneys.

North of the house is a frame bankbarn on a stone foundation. There are a frame water tower and a frame ice-house near the house; the ice house has board and batten siding and a gable end that projects as a hood. There are frame corn crib and frame barn west of the house; both are sheathed with vertical board siding.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input 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) 1807

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The complex of farm buildings is perhaps the best preserved group of such structures in this area of the county.

The date, 1807, was found on the chimney of the oldest section of the house.

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NO. 1888 1 112 13 071 1000 83071

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 7 Nov 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

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NAME SAMUEL O. DORSEY HOUSE

LOCATION DAMASCUS Rd ETCHISON / UNITY Md.

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