

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**FOR**

**MCATEE HOUSE**

**15915 DARNESTOWN ROAD, DARNESTOWN**

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-24/8  
Approximate Building Date: late 19th century  
Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Darnestown  
Access: Private

The property known as the McAtee House site consists of the house, a shed converted to an office, and a small barn. The residence is a modest example of the center gable house type with simple architectural detail. The house has been changed by an incompatible rear addition. Though research has proved inconclusive, this resource does not appear to be the William McAtee House shown on the 1879 Hopkins Atlas, as previously supposed.

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. M24-08

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic McAtee House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 15915 Germantown Road  not for publication

city, town Darnestown  vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<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 checked="" 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 Richard J. & G.T. Lewis

street & number 15915 Germantown Road telephone no.: (301)921-9097

city, town Germantown state and zip code MD 20874

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 6850

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 214

city, town Rockville state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1976  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

# 7. Description

Survey No. M 24-08

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Set close to the Darnestown- Germantown Road, the McAtee House backs onto open fields and woods. The site consists of the house, a shed converted to an office, and a small barn.

## House:

The house, consisting of a main block, rear ell, and rear addition, is covered with aluminum siding. Windows on the main block and rear ell are six over six sash, while the rear addition has a variety of single pane windows, most of which are oversize.

The two story, three by one bay main block has a side gable roof with center cross gable. The roof, covered with patterned metal, is punctuated by interior stove chimneys on each end. Wide eaves are unadorned with cornice or fasciaboard. A full-width porch is supported by simple square posts. The paneled center entrance door has a triangular paned window and is surmounted by a single pane transom.

On the south elevation of the two story rear ell, a one story porch shelters an entry door. The two story rear addition contains a two story polygonal bay with oversize single pane windows which sits on a raised foundation.

## Alterations:

Though of a simple design, the house lost some architectural detail with the addition of aluminum siding. Wide fascia board found on the main block is no longer visible and louvered shutters have been removed. The rear addition with large single pane windows and raised foundation was constructed in recent years.

## Outbuildings:

South of the house is a small gambrel roof shed with board and batten siding, and a raised seam metal roof, which has been converted for used as an office with the addition of large sliding glass doors in the north (main) elevation. The entrance is sheltered by a trellis and a shed roof addition stretches across the east elevation.

Behind the house (east), is a three by two bay gambrel roof barn with a raised seam metal roof. The lower level is rusticated concrete block with clapboard siding in the gambrel ends. The main (west) entrance has a large entral sliding door flanked by six pane shuttered windows.

# 8. Significance

Survey No.

M 24-08

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** Unknown

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.

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### Preservation Planning Data

- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Developmental Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance - A.D. 1870- 1930
- c. Historic Period Theme:  
Architecture
- d. Resource Type:  
Category: Building  
Historic Environment: Rural  
Historic Function: Farmhouse/Outbuilding  
Use: Residential

### Endnote

<sup>1</sup> Dwyer, MHT form, 1975.







MCATEE HOUSE

M-24/8

15915 GERMANTOWN RD

~~Darnes~~  
~~GERMANTOWN, MD 20874~~ (mont. City)

L. SNYDERMAN

11/98

WEST (MAIN)

NEG: MD SHPO

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8911-15



MCATEE HOUSE

M24/8

15915 GERMANTOWN RD

~~Darnes~~  
~~GERMANTOWN~~, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L. SNYDERMAN

11/93

SOUTH

NEG: MD SHPO

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MCATEE HOUSE

M-24/8

15915 GERMANTOWN RD

~~GERMANTOWN~~<sup>Darby</sup>, MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

L. SNYDERMAN

11/93

EAST

NEG: MD SHPO

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8911-18



MCATEE HOUSE

M 24/8

15915 GERMANTOWN RD

~~GERMANTOWN~~, MD 20894 (Mont City)

L. SNYDERMAN

11/93

NORTH

NEG: MD SHPO

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8911-19



McAtee House (Outbuilding) ~~(Steel)~~ (Small  
Barn)

H-24/8

15915 Germantown Rd

~~Darce~~  
Germantown MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

NORTH

NE6: MD SHPO

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McAtee House (Outbuilding) (Dairy Barn)

M-24/8

15915 Germantown Road

~~Darnes~~  
~~Germantown~~ MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

South

NEG: MD SHPO

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McAtee House (Out building) (Dairy Barn)

M 24/8

15915 Germantown Road

~~Germantown~~ MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

West

NE6: MD SHPO

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

1606345604

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

McAtee House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rte. 118, near Rte. 28

CITY, TOWN

Darnestown/Germantown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

- DISTRICT  
 BUILDING(S)  
 STRUCTURE  
 SITE  
 OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC  
 PRIVATE  
 BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
 IN PROCESS  
 BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

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

## PRESENT USE

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

(presently for sale)

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

M: 24-8

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two-story, frame house of three bays on the main (west) facade. There is a central door with transom-light and a center gable. An open porch crosses the front. The roof is patterned tin, and there are stove chimneys at each end. Windows are 6/6. Composition shingles cover the original siding. There is a lower, two-story wing to the NE rear.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

M:24-8

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 type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Not certain if this was actually the McAtee House shown on 1878 map (probably later.)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

2/26/75

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438



NAME MCATEE ? House #24-8

LOCATION Rt 118 DARNESTOWN, Md

FACADE NW

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