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United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic: Dawson Farm (preferred)

and/or common: "Rocky Glen"

2. Location

street & number: 1070 and 1080 Copperstone Court — n/a not for publication

city, town: Rockville — n/a vicinity of — congressional district: Eighth

state: Maryland — code: 24 — county: Montgomery — code: 031

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	___ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	X park
___ structure	X both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name: See Continuation Sheet No. 1

street & number:

city, town: ___ vicinity of — state:

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Montgomery County Courthouse

street & number: Courthouse Square

city, town: Rockville — state: Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title: Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory — has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes X no

date: 1976 — ___ federal X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records: Maryland Historical Trust, 21 State Circle

city, town: Annapolis — state: Maryland 21401

OWNERS OF PROPERTY:

I. Park land - 4.87651 acres
The Honorable John Freeland, Mayor
c/o Larry N. Blick, City Manager
City Hall
Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street
Rockville, Maryland 20850
(301) 424-8000

II. 1912 house, 1070 Copperstone Court - 0.87334 acres
Stepping Stones, Inc.
Mr. B. Daniel Walder, Chairman
424 East Diamond Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877
(301) 251-2700

III. 1874 house - 0.33515 acres or 14,599 square feet
Mrs. Joelle Erin Owens
1080 Copperstone Court
Rockville, Maryland 20852
(301) 251-8750

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
X excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date n/a
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Number of Resources Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	1	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
2	1	Total

Number of previously listed National Register properties included in this nomination: 0

Original and historic functions and uses: Residential

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Dawson Farm, located within the city limits of Rockville, Montgomery County, comprises two dwellings. The 1874 Dawson farmhouse is a 2½ story rectangular frame building, 3 bays wide and two bays deep with a steeply pitched gable roof. Its east (front) facade is clad in German siding, and features a Gothic-influenced cross gable. The transomed entrance is located in the northernmost bay; all windows hold 2/2 sash. The building features a dentiled box cornice. South of the 1874 house stands a later (1912) hip-roofed 2½ story dwelling, four bays wide by seven deep. The 1912 house reflects early twentieth century eclecticism in the use of Queen Anne-derived massing and half-timber detailing in combination with mission-style elements such as broad porches, overhanging eaves, a Spanish parapet over the entrance, and stucco finish. On the northeast (front) facade, an open porch wraps around the southwest side. A hood supported on curved brackets and topped with a Spanish parapet, projects over the porch steps and defines the entrance, which holds a wooden door with beveled-glass panels in a surround with sidelights and transom. Windows throughout the house are arranged in singles and pairs, and hold double-hung sash with three or four vertical lights over a large single pane. Each elevation of the hipped roof has a cross gable holding a recessed double window and embellished with half-timber ornament. The interior is detailed in the Craftsman mode, and features dark wooden paneling, arched openings, sliding doors and built-in furniture. A frame and block outbuilding is located behind the house. This building is considered non-contributing.

For General Description, see Continuation Sheet No. 2

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The two Dawson dwelling houses provide excellent examples of 19th and 20th century farmhouses in close to original condition. The 1874 Victorian Gothic farmhouse and the 1912 house are among the few remaining farmhouses within the Rockville city limits. Architecturally, they are unique in Rockville, one for its steep roofline and the other for its eclectic character.

The 1874 Dawson farmhouse is a vernacular farmhouse reflecting the influence of the Gothic Revival style. It is a 2½ story rectangular frame building, 3 bays wide and 2 bays deep. The steeply pitched "A" roof features a steep pointed center gable. There is an original narrow, interior brick flue in the south gable wall. Decorative exterior features include a transom over the front door, dentiled box cornice, and German siding on the front (east) facade). There is a fieldstone foundation. The original wood shingle roof was later covered with metal; The metal has recently been replaced with wood shingle. All windows are 2-over-2 double hung sash; shutters were removed long ago.

Entering the house via the northeast bay door, a small section of the large entrance room/hall has been partitioned for a powder room and closet. To the south is a parlor with simple mantel. Near the northwest corner of the entrance room is the rear door, which formerly served as the link to the earlier (1852) section (demolished in the 1930s), later linked the 1940s kitchen-bath additions (demolished 1983), and now links the country kitchen addition to the main block. At the southwest corner of the entrance room is a closed stairway, which ascends toward the south; the missing balustrade has been replaced. (The unusual location of the stair at the back of the house is attributed to its use at the juncture of the 1852 and 1874 structures.)

On the second floor, one of the two bedrooms has been divided into two baths. There is a central hall which runs north to south. A narrow half-turn closed-string stairway to the attic rises from behind a door off the west side of the hall. The third floor receives light and air from five small windows on three sides; the central gothic-pointed gable window is an attractive feature.

In the 1930s, the earlier 1852 section to the west of the 1874 addition was demolished. A one-story, two part addition was constructed in the late 1940s; it contained a kitchen and small bath. In 1983, these unsightly appendages were removed and a 1½ story replacement was constructed to the west of the main block. The compatible, shed-roofed addition is set in slightly to distinguish it from the 1874 block. It has two shed-roofed dormers and double multi-paned doors on the west facade, and a door on the south facade. The plain clapboard and the two-over-two double hung windows duplicate those in the 1874 block.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

1912 farmhouse. This four bay by seven bay, 2½ story T-shaped house sits on a hill at a considerable distance from Rockville Pike facing northeast.

Built on a poured concrete foundation with white stuccoed walls, the Dawson House was designed by Mrs. Fanny K. Dawson, and embodies the eclecticism which typified the architecture of the early 20th century.

The northeast (front) porch wraps around to the southwest elevation. Ten steps lead up to the porch which has a shed roof supported by seven stone posts and an enclosed stuccoed railing. A projecting hood with a curved Spanish parapet extends out over the steps and is supported by flanking curved braces. The northeast (front) door is wooden with beveled glass panels at eye level. The door is flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a rectangular transom. On the northwest elevation near the west corner is a small semi-enclosed two story porch. This porch has a stuccoed railing and semicircular openings on the northwest elevation and quarter-circular openings on the southwest elevation. At the first level on the southwest elevation, this opening is elongated and steps lead up to the porch. On the south (rear) elevation, there is a semi-enclosed porch with half-hipped roof.

There are three and four vertical lights over one single light double hung windows throughout the house. Windows are arranged in singles and pairs. On the northeast, northwest, and southeast elevations, there are bay windows. The southeast and northwest elevation bay windows are two stories, while the northeast bay window is at the second story above the front door. There is a diamond shaped window on the southwest elevation at the second level.

The hipped roof is crossed on each elevation by a cross gable roof; the southwest ell has a gable roof which intersects the hipped roof of the main body of the house. In each of the cross gables there are paired windows which are recessed behind a railing. The roof is covered by asbestos shingles and has wide overhanging eaves, with simulated exposed rafters. At each of the cross gables there is a simulated half-timber construction. There is one interior yellow brick chimney and two exterior yellow brick chimneys on the northwest and southeast elevations.

The interior of the house is spacious and graceful, and reflects Craftsman influence. The northeast (front) door opens into the living room. The northwest is the "Indian Room" where the Dawson family kept its collection of Indian artifacts from the Dakotas. Directly southwest of the front door, an archway leads into a hallway. A closed string double run stairway ascends, northeast to southwest, along the northwest interior wall. There is a northwest door leading into a bedroom from the hall. An archway opens from the hall into the dining room (accessible, too, from the living room). Southwest of the

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION (Continued)

dining room (at the south corner of the house) is a sunroom. A hall leads southwest from the hall to the breakfast room which is adjacent to the sunroom. There is a pantry southeast of this hallway. Northwest of the breakfast room is the kitchen. There is a closed string, single ron stairway which winds against the northeast wall of the kitchen.

The floors are narrow hardwood. The walls are both wooden paneled and plastered. The dining room has a built-in china closet and there is a built-in wooden bench against the southwest wall of the central hall. The breakfast room has a built-in cupboard. There are sliding wooden paneled doors opening from the living room into the dining room and Indian rooms. The remaining hinged doors are wooden paneled and have molding surrounds.

Behind and to the southwest of the 1912 house is a 3 section outbuilding. The oldest section is one-room, board and batten with block chimney; it was used by black tenants. A frame two-room section is closest to the houses, and a cinderblock one-room section connects the two.

The ruins of a large barn are located between and to the west and behind the two houses. Only the foundations and large beams remain. It was torn down in 1979.

The property was named "Rocky Glen" because of the massive outcroppings of white quartzite rock in a glen shaded by 14 hughe chestnut trees. Although the chestnuts were destroyed by blight around World War I, a number of large trees remain around and between the houses and in the glen. Five huge hollies planted by Fannie Dawson are of particular interest.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates 1874 and 1912 **Builder/Architect** unknown

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Applicable Criteria: B and C
Applicable exceptions: none
Significance evaluated: local

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

The Dawson farm is significant both for its architecture and for its historical association with a prominent family. The 1912 house is a rare example in the Rockville area of an early 20th century residence embodying the stylistic eclecticism characteristic of architecture of the period. Its massing and half-timber detailing are reminiscent of the Queen Anne style; the broad porches, Spanish parapet, overhanging eaves, and stucco finish all evoke a Mission-style feeling. An excellent Craftsman interior completes the catalogue of stylistic influences embodied in the house. The 1874 farmhouse also on the property contributes to the Farm's significance by reflecting an earlier stage in the economic and social development of the residents. The Farm is also significant for its association with the Dawson family, whose members played important roles in local politics and commerce for several generatations.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Thomas Dawson (1708-1800) was the first of that family to come to Montgomery County, settling in Dawsonville about 1750. His great-grandson, Lawrence A. Dawson(1807-1875), was also born in Dawsonville. After teaching for two years, Lawrence came to Rockville to study law, and remained there all his life.

Lawrence A Dawson served in the Maryland House of Delegates in the 1837 session which passed the Reform Act, a major step in the democratization of Maryland's political structure. Politically, he was a Whig, a combination of the "old family" influence with the new planter-merchant-lawyer class just emerging into political power. Later, Dawson became a Republican.

Dawson purchased land from the widow of his law partner, Benjamin Forrest. He married Elizabeth Kiger in 1844 and brought her to live at Rocky Glen where their children were born and raised. They enlarged the original log house on the farm about 1852, and purchased 223 acres of farmland in 1856. Utilizing slave labor, Lawrence farmed his land in addition to practicing law. During the Civil War, he served as Commissioner of the Draft for the Union Army, and was captured by J.E.B. Stuart (whose army encamped on the farm) in June 1863. Along with several other porminent Union sympathizers, Dawson was transported North, but released the following day.

Injured soldiers on both sides were cared for at Rocky Glen following the various troop movements and skirmishes which occurred in the Rockville area during the Civil War. After the war, Dawson turned to farming his increasing acreage and to raising a large family.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (Continued)

In 1874, a major addition was made to the original log and frame dwelling, its gothic style and decoration representative of the Dawson family's growing prosperity.

Following the deaths of Lawrence in 1875 and Mary in 1877, the children continued to farm the homestead; Mollie, George and John supervised operations until each in turn went west or elsewhere.

The fourth son, Henry A. (Hal) (1853-1937) left the farm at age 24 to open a small drygoods and grocery store in Rockville. He served as the Registrar of Voters for Montgomery County just before he left for the Dakota Territory in 1882. He bought an interest in a store in Pine Ridge, South Dakota, a tiny prairie town which was headquarters of the government agency for the Oglala Sioux under Chief Red Cloud. (In 1873, the famous chief had been forced to resettle his people on the Pine Ridge Reservation, but Indian affairs were far from settled. The Battle of Wounded Knee occurred 8 years later.) Hal received the second license for Indian trading posts issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. He amassed a sizeable fortune as a cattleman and developer in South Dakota, setting up banks, hotels, etc. and working with the Stockmen's Association. In 1892, he married Fannie Knight Williams, who had come to Pine Ridge to teach in the Sioux boarding school.

Hal and Fannie had 4 children - Lawrence A., Rose K. Henry A. Jr. (Joe) and Walter W. As the children grew older, the Dawsons decided to return east for greater educational opportunities. Hal bought out his siblings' interest in Rocky Glen and returned to the farm. Rather than enlarging and repairing the old house, they chose a nearby hill on which to locate a new dwelling for the family. Fannie drew the plans herself, and brought a Mr. Lance from Des Moines, Iowa to build the house. When the new house was complete in 1912-1913, the Dawsons moved out of the Victorian farmhouse, which until 1981 was leased to tenants working at the farm.

Hal enlarged the farm by purchasing the adjacent Jones farm and a portion of the Carter farm, increasing the acreage to almost 500. Large new barns and stables were built and a new well dug. At first, he experimented with western cattle and horses, then concentrated on milk cows, pigs and chickens. The primary crops were wheat, corn and alfalfa.

Hal managed the Dawson Farm until his death in 1937. Fannie continued the operation until her death in 1948, after which only grazing continued. The land was gradually sold except for the house and surrounding (approx.) 14 acres. Of the four children, two remained at Rocky Glen, and many grandchildren were born and raised there. Walter Dawson (1901-1968) served in the House of Delegates and as State's Attorney; he was known as "Mr. Republican" in an overwhelmingly Democratic county. His sister, Rose, lived on the farm until her death in 1979. She served on the Board of Education Supervisors for 30 years and was regarded

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT (continued)

as a political institution. When she reached mandatory retirement age, the Maryland General Assembly passed the "Miss Dawson Bill" which enabled her to remain until poor health forced her to retire.

After 1950, various parcels of the Dawsom Farm were sold off or donated for schools, parks and for the development known as Hungerford. The dwellings and the last 14 acres passed out of the Dawson family in 1980. Subdivision and dedication to the City of Rockville for storm water management reduced the parcel to 6 acres.

The 1912 house remained in the ownership of a local developer for three years, and was then sold to the current owner for use as a group home. The 1874 farmhouse (with 14,599 square feet of land) was sold to Peerless Rockville, a local preservation organization, in 1983. Peerless Rockville retained an exterior easement but immediately sold the property to Steve and Erin Owens, who restored the exterior, renovated the interior, removed the 1940s additions and constructed a compatible addition in their place.

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land, Assessment & Orphans' Court Records

U.S. Census Records

Gray, Mary Dawson, "History of Rocky Glen and the Dawsons Who Lived There", 1980.

Photos and Records from Montgomery County Historical Society and the Dawson Family

Miller, Hugh, AIA, "Initial Evaluation of Dawson Farmhouse, Rockville, MD", 1982

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet No. 6

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6.085 acres

Quadrangle name Rockville, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

	Zone	Easting	Northing
A	18	314600	432716 0
B	18	314820	432692 0
C	18	314560	432694 0
D			
E			
F			
G			
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification Verbal boundary description indicated on attached map labeled "Boundaries for NR Nomination, 1984."
Boundary Justification: Nominated acreage includes undeveloped area surrounding buildings which evokes their historic setting.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
n/a			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Ms. Eileen McGuckian

organization Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd. date 1984

street & number P. O. Box 262 telephone (301) 762-8744

city or town Rockville state Maryland

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state X local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature 12-3-84

title date

For HCRS use only
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC: Dawson Farm

AND/OR COMMON: "Rocky Glen"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 817 Rockville Pike

CITY, TOWN: Rockville ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 8

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: R. K. Dawson et al

Telephone #: 762-2659

STREET & NUMBER: 817 Rockville Pike

CITY, TOWN: Rockville ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 20852

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3965
Folio #: 162

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites/ City of Rockville- 1979

DATE: 1976

__FEDERAL X STATE X COUNTY X LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD (1912 house)	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR (1852 house)	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

I. 1912 House

This four bay by seven bay, two-and-a-half story T-shaped house sits on a hill at a considerable distance from Rockville Pike facing northeast.

Built on poured concrete foundations with white stuccoed walls, the Dawson House was designed by Mrs. Fanny K. Dawson.

The northeast (front) porch wraps around to the southeast elevation. Ten steps lead up to the porch which has a shed roof supported by seven stone posts and an enclosed stuccoed railing. A projecting hood with a curved false front extends out over the steps and is supported by flanking curved braces. The northeast (front) door is wooden with beveled glass panels at eye level. The door is flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a rectangular transom. On the northwest elevation near the west corner is a small semi-enclosed two story porch. This porch has a stuccoed railing and semicircular openings on the northwest elevation and quarter-circular openings on the southwest elevation. At the first level on the southwest elevation this opening is elongated and steps lead up to the porch. On the southwest (rear) elevation there is a semi-enclosed porch with a half-hipped roof.

There are three and four vertical lights over one single light doub hung windows throughout the house. Windows are arranged in singles and pairs. On the northeast, northwest and southeast elevations there are bay windows. The southeast and northwest elevation bay windows are two stories, while the northeast bay window is at the second story above the front door. There is a diamond shaped window on the southwest elevation at the second level.

The hipped roof is crossed on each elevation by a cross gable roof; the southwest ell has a gable roof which intersects the hipped roof of the main body of the house. In each of the cross gables there are paired windows which are recessed behind a railing. The roof is covered by asbestos shingles and has wide overhanging eaves with simulated exposed rafters. At each of the cross gables there is a simulated wattle and daub construction. There is one interior yellow brick chimney and two exterior yellow brick chimneys on the northwest and southeast elevations.

The northeast (front) door opens into the living room. To the northwest is the "Indian Room" where the Dawson family keep its collection of Indian artifacts from the Dakotas. Directly southwest of the front door an archway leads into a hallway. A closed string double run stairway ascends, northeast to southwest, along the northwest interior wall. There is a northwest door leading into a bedroom from the hall. An archway opens from the hall into the dining room (accessible, too, from the living room). Southwest of the dining room (at the south corner of the house) is a sunroom. A hall leads southwest from the hall to the breakfast room which is adjacent to the sunroom. There is a pantry southeast of this hallway. Northwest of the breakfast room is the kitchen. There is a closed strin single run stairway with winders against the northeast wall of the kitch .

The floors are narrow hardwood. The walls are both wooden paneled and plastered. The dining room has a built in china closet and there is a built-in wooden bench against the southwest wall of the central hall. The

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breakfast room has a built-in cupboard. There are sliding wooden paneled doors opening from the living room into the dining and Indian rooms. The remaining hinged doors are wooden paneled and have molded surrounds.

II. 1852 House

The earlier home is a two-story farmhouse with three bays on the main (east) facade. There is a steeply pitched A roof, with a steep, pointed center gable. There is a narrow, interior brick flue in the south wall and an exterior brick flue on the north.

III. Outbuildings

To the west was a barn-type of granary that pre-dated the Civil War period. It was frame and sat on large stone piers. It was demolished in 1977. The smokehouse remains.

IV. Plantings

A number of mature holly trees, planted by Mrs. Lawrence Dawson to line the lane, still stand with a large persimmon and other original plantings. A large stone used to mount horses is near the remnant of the lane.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	X AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1912 BUILDER/ARCHITECT (Architect) Fannie K. Dawson (Builder) Mr. Lance

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Dawson farm is important as one of the few farms remaining within the corporate limits of the City of Rockville, as an original farm operated by the prominent Dawson family, and architecturally as one of the grand houses which once lined the Rockville Pike.

Thomas Dawson (1708-1800) was the first of that family to come to Montgomery County, settling at "Mother's Delight" in Dawsonville about 1750. His son Nicholas Lowe Dawson (1751-1831) and grandson James Mackall Dawson (1775-1867) followed Thomas' precedent of farming in Dawsonville and employing the use of slave labor. James' son Lawrence A. Dawson (1807-1875) was also born in Dawsonville, and became a teacher in that area at age 16. After teaching two years at the Bethel Schoolhouse, he came to Rockville to study law, and remained there all his life. He practiced law, served as auditor of the court in 1837 session of the Maryland House of Delegates.

According to family records, there was an old log cabin on the farm around 1840 when Lawrence purchased the first segment of his farm. Lawrence Dawson farmed in the Rockville area as well as practicing law, and he continued to utilize slave labor.[1] It is believed that he built the present "old Dawson house" on this farm as a large front addition to the log cabin about 1852, for he was assessed for $200 worth of improvements in that year. In 1856 he purchased an additional 223 acres from Anna M. Forrest for $2,007.[2]

Lawrence Dawson served as Commissioner of the Draft during the Civil War. He was arrested as a Yankee sympathizer during a surprise raid by J.E.B. Stuart on Sunday, June 23, 1863: Dawson, along with local merchant John Higgins and Judge Richard Johns Bowie, was transported north and released the following day in Brookeville.[3] Injured soldiers of both sides were cared for at Rocky Glen, following the various troop movements and small skirmishes that took place in the area. There is a family tradition that Lawrence freed his slaves before he was required to do so, and also that a troop of Jubal Early's cavalry camped overnight at Rocky Glen after a skirmish near Rockville during their 1864 raid on Washington.

Lawrence and Mary Kiger Dawson raised seven children on this farm, including George C. Dawson, who became Registrar of Wills, and Henry A. Dawson (1854-1937), who attended the Rockville Academy and remained on the farm until age 19. Henry operated a small dry goods and grocery store on "Quality Hill" in Rockville for a while, moving west in 1882 after the death of his wife and child. Two years later he bought a trader's store on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in the Dakota Territory, receiving the second license issued by the Indian Bureau; he also became a cattleman and

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developer and in 1892 married Fannie Williams, a teacher at the Sioux boarding school. Four children were born in South Dakota, and the family returned to Rocky Glen in 1911, buying out his siblings' interests in the farm. (Brothers George and John supervised the farm in the interim.) The property was named "Rocky Glen" because of the massive out cropping of white quartzite rock in a glen shaded by 14 huge chestnut trees.

Fannie K. Dawson designed their new 20-room farmhouse to provide feelings of the openness and long vistas of the west. The family brought back many Indian artifacts and reminders, and maintained an "Indian room" in the house. The house was designed to accommodate the social life and stature of the family; grand stairways, arched entranceways, and large rooms grace the house and provide an environment of open space and freedom. H.A. Dawson increased the farm acreage, built large new barns and stables, and at first experimented with western cattle and horses. There are many family stories of the cattle breaking out and running through the area and one real stampede when cattle being unloaded at Rockville Station broke away and ran up the main street and through town. When the western cattle were sold, crops were increased (corn, wheat and alfalfa), and milk cows, pigs, and chickens were raised. Through the years the family sold off most of the acreage for development, but the old house was maintained on the property, just north of the new one.

Of the four children, three remained at the family farm. Lawrence A. Dawson worked for the Federal government and raised five daughters at Rocky Glen; he died there in 1953. Walter W. Dawson practiced law in Rockville, and served in the House of Delegates and as State's Attorney for Montgomery County (1946-55); he was known as "Mr. Republican" in an overwhelmingly Democratic County. Walter died in 1968. His sister, Rose K. Dawson, attended Rockville High School and lived on the farm until her death in June, 1979. She was appointed to the Montgomery County Board of Election Supervisors in 1939, and held that position for the Republican Party for 30 years. She alternated with Wade Caddington as the majority and minority clerks on the Board, and was long regarded as a political institution in the County. When she reached mandatory retirement age, the "Miss Dawson" bill passed the General Assembly to allow her continue until she was ready to retire.[4] Following her death, the property passed out of Dawson hands after 139 years.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Tax Assessment Records, 4th District, 1844-1853.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JGH/43 (January 19, 1856).
3. Letter from Dora V. Higgins to her Mother, June 29, 1863 (Montgomery County Historical Society files).
4. Washington Star, March 17, 1967.

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Chapman Publishing Co., (New York, 1898).
Washington Star, March 17, 1967.
Interviews with Rose Dawson (1977).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14.646 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	Candy Reed Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE June 1979
STREET & NUMBER Box 87	TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN Dickerson	STATE Maryland 20753

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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(date entered 5-12-80)

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Dawson Farm

MAGI #1651512528
(#assigned 11/86)

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 26/19

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 15
Coordinate I-15

4. Address: 817 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Md.

5. Classification Summary

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

Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC
Title and Date: Historic Sites Inventory; 1976, City of Rockville; 1979

Federal ___ State x County x Local x

6. Date: 1852, 1912

7. Original Owner: (1852 house) Lawrence Dawson
(1912) Henry & Fannie Dawson

8. Apparent Condition

(1912 house) good	unaltered	original site
a. (1852 house) fair	b. altered	c. original site

9. Description: The 1912 house is a four bay by seven bay, two and a half story, T-shaped house that sits on a hill removed a considerable distance from Rockville Pike, facing northeast. The house has white stuccoed walls and was designed by Mrs. Fanny K. Dawson. The northeast porch wraps around to the southeast elevation. It has a shed roof supported by seven stone posts and enclosed by a stuccoed railing. There are three and four vertical lights above one single light double-hung windows. On the northeast, northwest, and southeast elevations there are bay windows. The hipped roof has a cross gable. The 1852 house is a two-story farmhouse with three bays on the main (east) facade. There is a steeply pitched A roof, with a steep, pointed center gable. There is a narrow, interior brick flue in the south wall and an exterior brick flue on the north.

To the west was a barn-type of granary that pre-dated the Civil War period. It was frame and sat on large stone piers. It was demolished in 1977. One small old shed remains.

10. Significance:

The Dawson farm is important as one of the few farms remaining within the corporate limits of the City of Rockville, as an original farm operated by the prominent Dawson family, and architecturally as one of the grand houses which once lined the Rockville Pike. Lawrence Dawson came to Rockville to study law in the 1830s, and remained there all his life to practice law and farm. He built the old house about 1852. Dawson was arrested as a Yankee sympathizer during the Civil War, although he was a slaveowner. His son Henry went west in 1882, becoming a storekeeper on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and cattle farmer. The family returned to Rockville in 1911. Henry's wife Fannie designed their new 20-room farmhouse to remind her of the west and accommodate the social life and stature of the family;grand stairways, arched entranceways, and large rooms grace the house and provide an environment of open space and freedom. Through the years the family sold off most of the acreage for development, but the old house was maintained on the property. Two of Henry and Fannie Dawson's four children remained in Rockville; Walter was a prominent attorney and politician, and Rose was either minority or majority clerk for the Board of Election Supervisors for 30 years. She died in 1979, and the property has been sold by her heirs.

11. Researcher and date researched: Ingeborg Kreig/Eileen McGuckian /June 1979
Candy Reed/Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian

13. Date Compiled: 9/79

14. Designation Approval___

15. Acreage: 14.646 acres

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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: Dawson Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Rockville Pike

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ■ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ■ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	■ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ■ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	■ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Miss Rose Dawson

STREET AND NUMBER: Rockville Pike

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville

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:

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

PS-709

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) ■ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed	
	(Check One) ☐ Altered ■ Unaltered	(Check One) ☐ Moved ■ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is one of the original farms owned by the Dawson family of Montgomery County. The present large mansion was built about 1915 and was designed by Miss Rose Dawson's mother (without the aid of an architect.) Her husband, Henry Dawson, was born here in the small farmhouse that sits to the northwest of the mansion. There was an early one-story frame house adjacent to the former that had a large external chimney. It was torn down years ago, but Miss Dawson has an old photo that shows it sitting on the north side of the farmhouse. Her grandfather, Lawrence Dawson, lived here also. During the late 1800's her father, Henry, went out west to work for the government. He soon went into business for himself and opened one of the first stores to be licensed on an Indian Reservation. This was at Pine Bluff Reservation (presently known for the infamous Wounded Knee, South Dakota uprising.) The store began about 1882. Returning east some years later, he bought additional acreage on the farm here and went into the cattle business. During this period many Indian artifacts were found along the creek. The present owner, Miss Rose Dawson, was an officer of the Montgomery County Court for years and has retained the old place and thirteen acres. The house is like a museum and contains many photos and objects from the days spent on the Indian Reservation.

The mansion is a huge, frame dwelling covered with stucco. It is two-stories high, and is encircled by a one-story porch. The main (east) facade is of three bays, and there is a steep hip roof flanked by tall external chimney stacks. The earlier home of her father and grandfather is a two-story frame farmhouse with three bays on the main (east) facade. There is a steeply pitched A roof, with a steep, pointed center gable. There is a narrow interior brick flue in the south wall and an exterior one on the north.

To the west is a barn-type of granary that pre-dates the Civil War period. It is frame and sits on large stone piers. (Note: Troops were encamped on the front lawn during the Civil War.)

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8. 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)*

- Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☐ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other *(Specify)*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

representative of type of estates along Rockville Pike

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY							OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES					
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 5/13/75

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Ave.

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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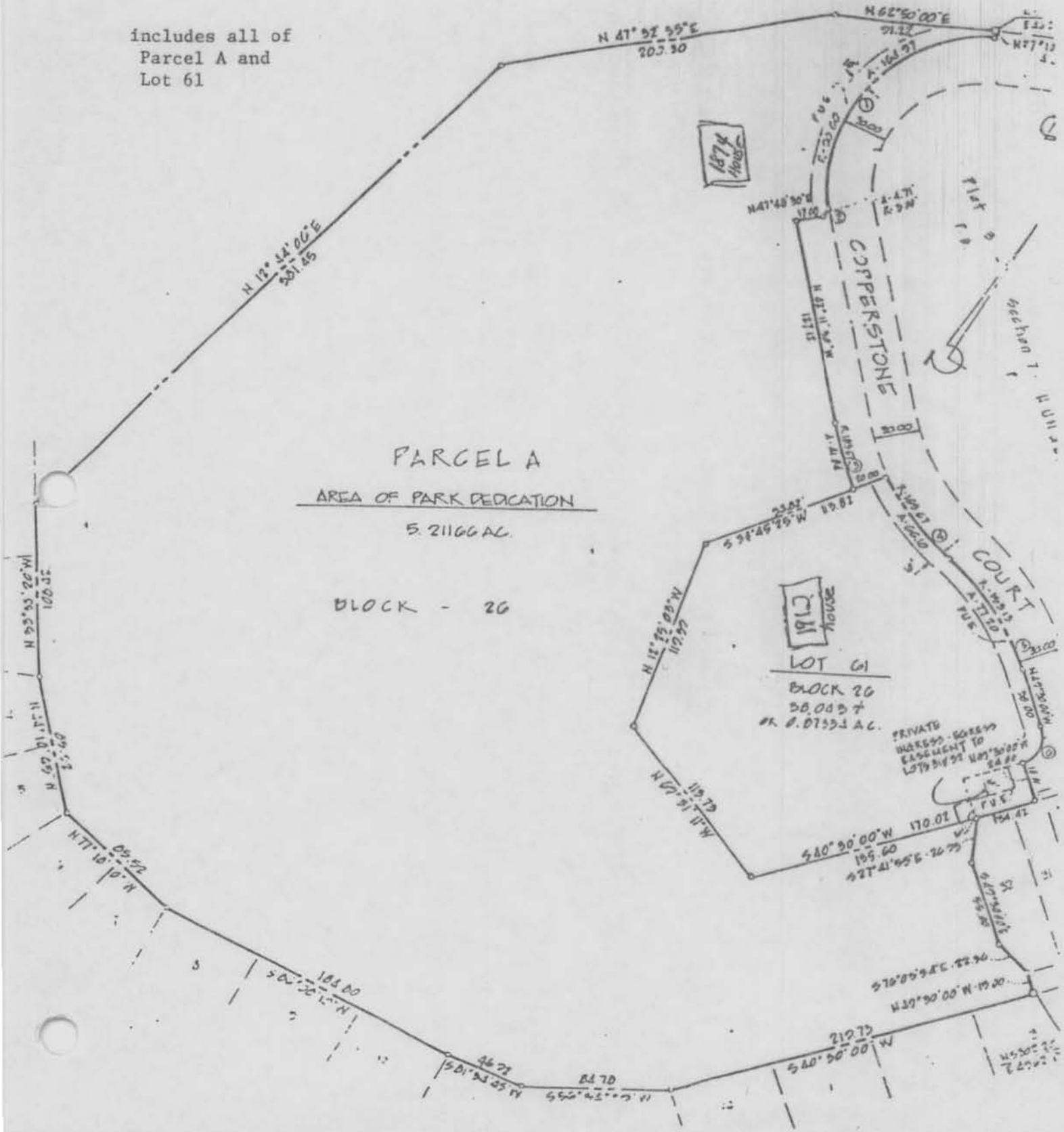
BOUNDARIES FOR NATIONAL
REGISTER NOMINATION, 1984

Dawson Farm
Montgomery County
Maryland

includes all of
Parcel A and
Lot 61



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Account Identifier: **District -** 04 **Account Number -** 02272758

Owner Information

Owner Name:	OWENS, MICHAEL S	**Use:**	RESIDENTIAL
		Principal Residence:	YES
Mailing Address:	1080 COPPERSTONE CT ROCKVILLE MD 20852-1151	**Deed Reference:**	1) /20599/ 35 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address	Zoning	Legal Description
1080 COPPERSTONE CT ROCKVILLE 20852-1151	R60	PAR F HUNGERFORD SEC 7

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
GR41				213		26		80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	**Town**	ROCKVILLE
	Ad Valorem	
	Tax Class	50

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1800	1,876 SF	14,599.00 SF	111

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2001	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	65,790	65,790		
Improvements:	110,490	110,490		
Total:	176,280	176,280	176,280	NOT AVAIL
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	NOT AVAIL

Transfer Information

Seller:	OWENS, MICHAEL S & J E	**Date:**	02/22/2002	**Price:**	$0
Type:	NOT ARMS-LENGTH	**Deed1:**	/20599/ 35	**Deed2:**	
Seller:		**Date:**	10/20/1992	**Price:**	$0
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Seller:		**Date:**		**Price:**	
Type:		**Deed1:**		**Deed2:**	

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

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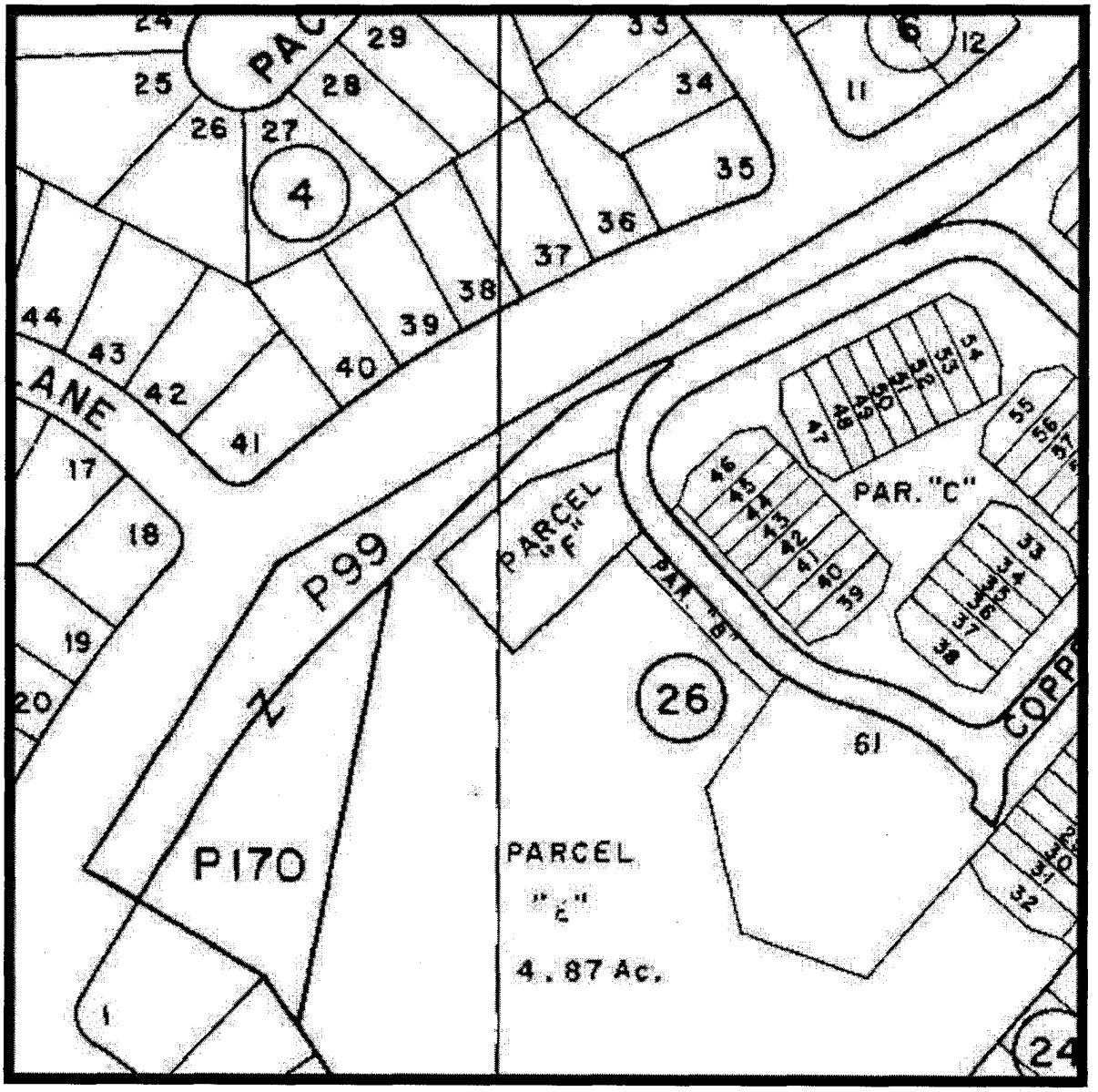

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Account Identifier: **District** - 04 **Account Number** - 02060391

Owner Information

Owner Name: GAITHERSBURG EMERGENCY

Use: EXEMPT
Principal Residence: NO

Mailing Address: HOUSING INC
PO BOX 712
ROCKVILLE MD 20851

Deed Reference: 1) / 6171/ 865
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
1070 COPPERSTONE CT
ROCKVILLE 20852

Zoning
R60

Legal Description
HUNGERFORD SEC 7

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
GR41				213		26	61	80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas
Town ROCKVILLE
Ad Valorem
Tax Class 50

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1917	5,440 SF	38,043.00 SF	111

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2001	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2003	As Of 07/01/2004
Land:	77,520	77,520		
Improvements:	312,600	312,600		
Total:	390,120	390,120	390,120	NOT AVAIL
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	NOT AVAIL

Transfer Information

Seller:	Date: 09/02/1983	Price: $165,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Deed1: / 6171/ 865	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:
Seller:	Date:	Price:
Type:	Deed1:	Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2003	07/01/2004
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: COUNTY AND STATE
Exempt Class: NON-PROFIT HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

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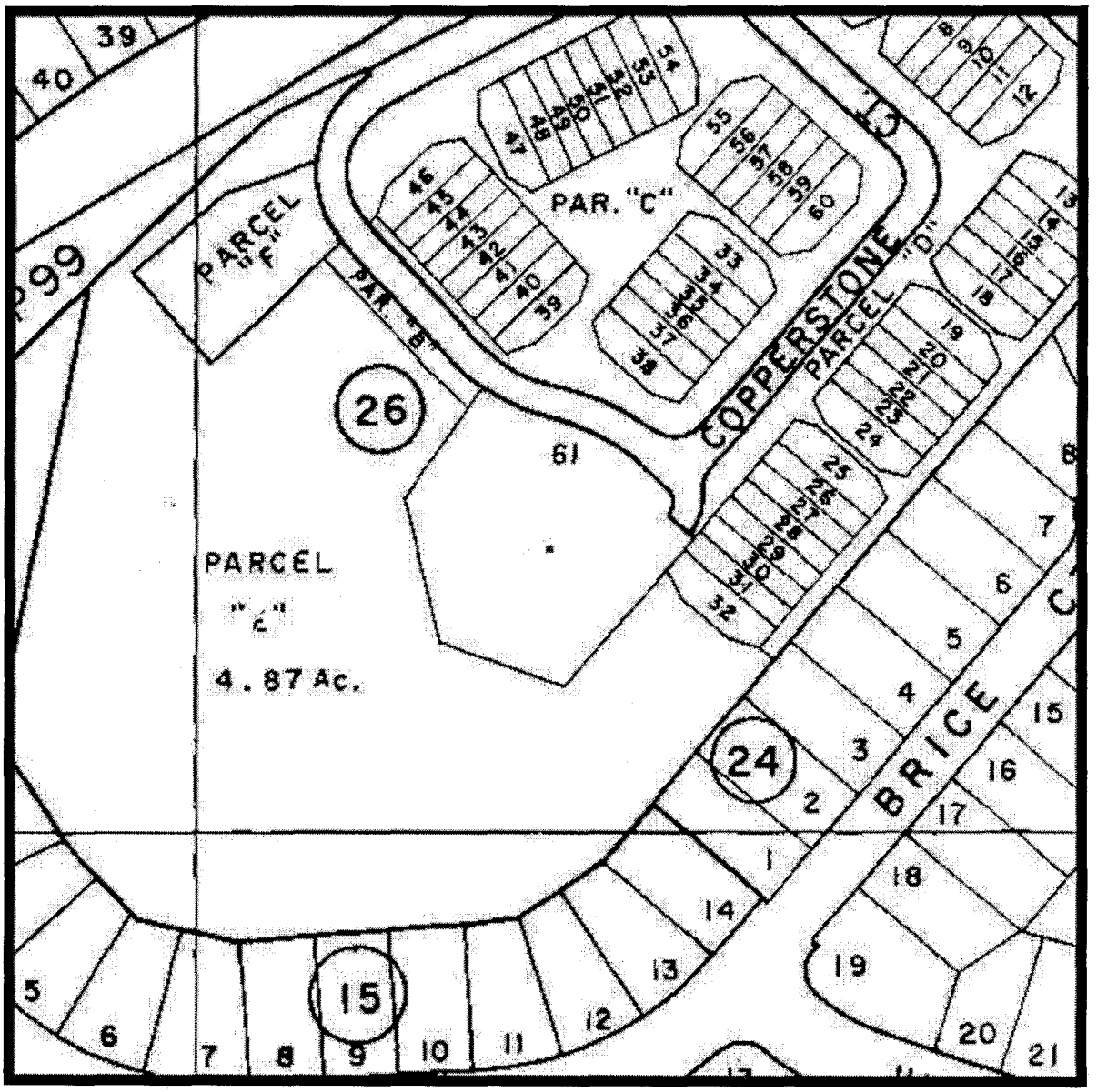

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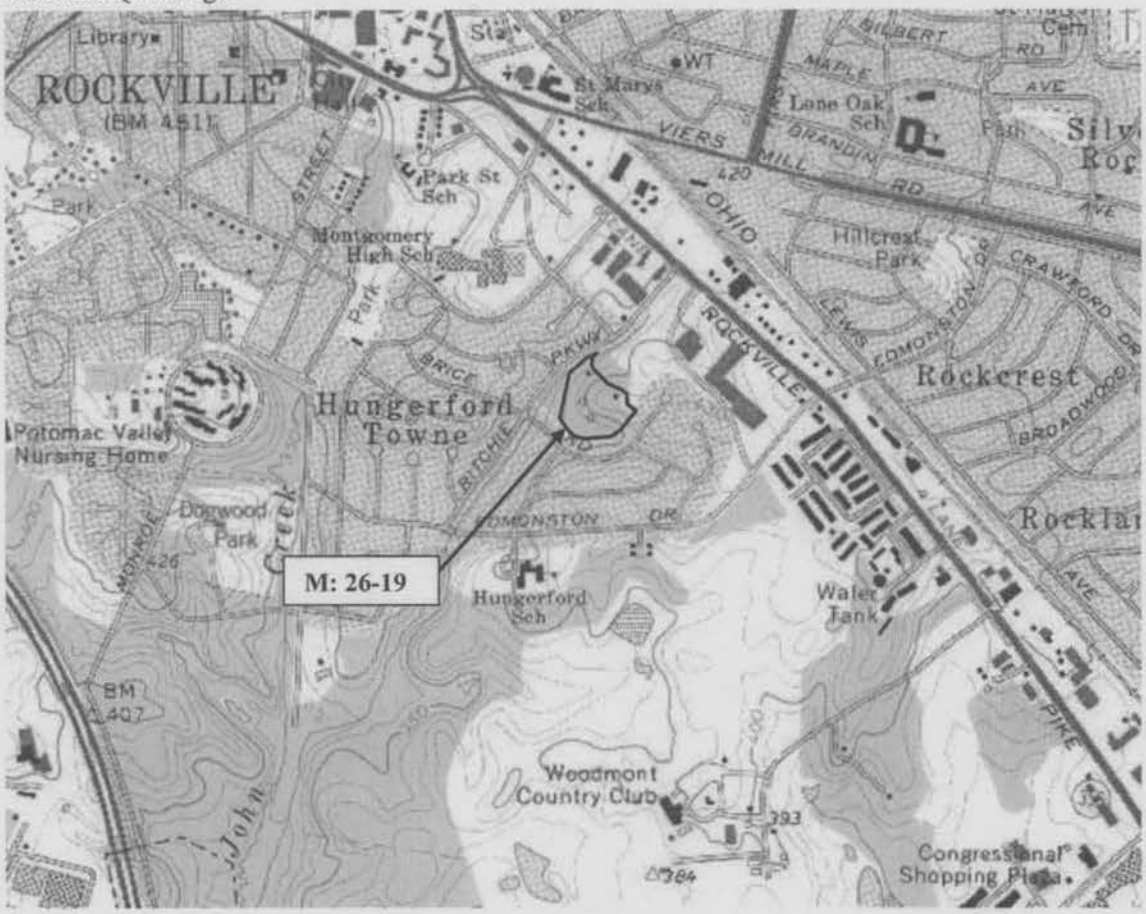

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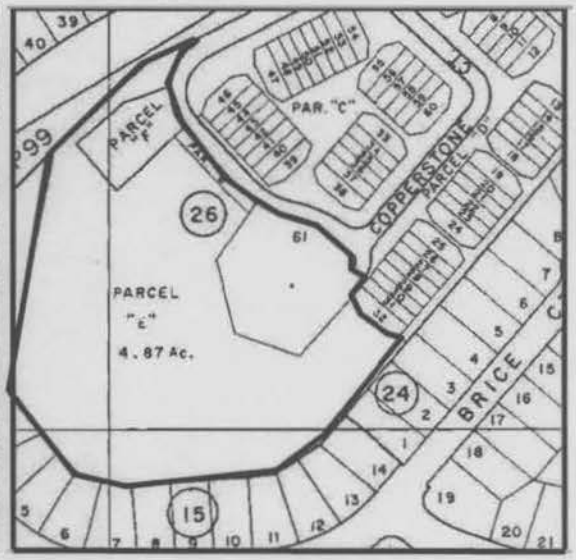

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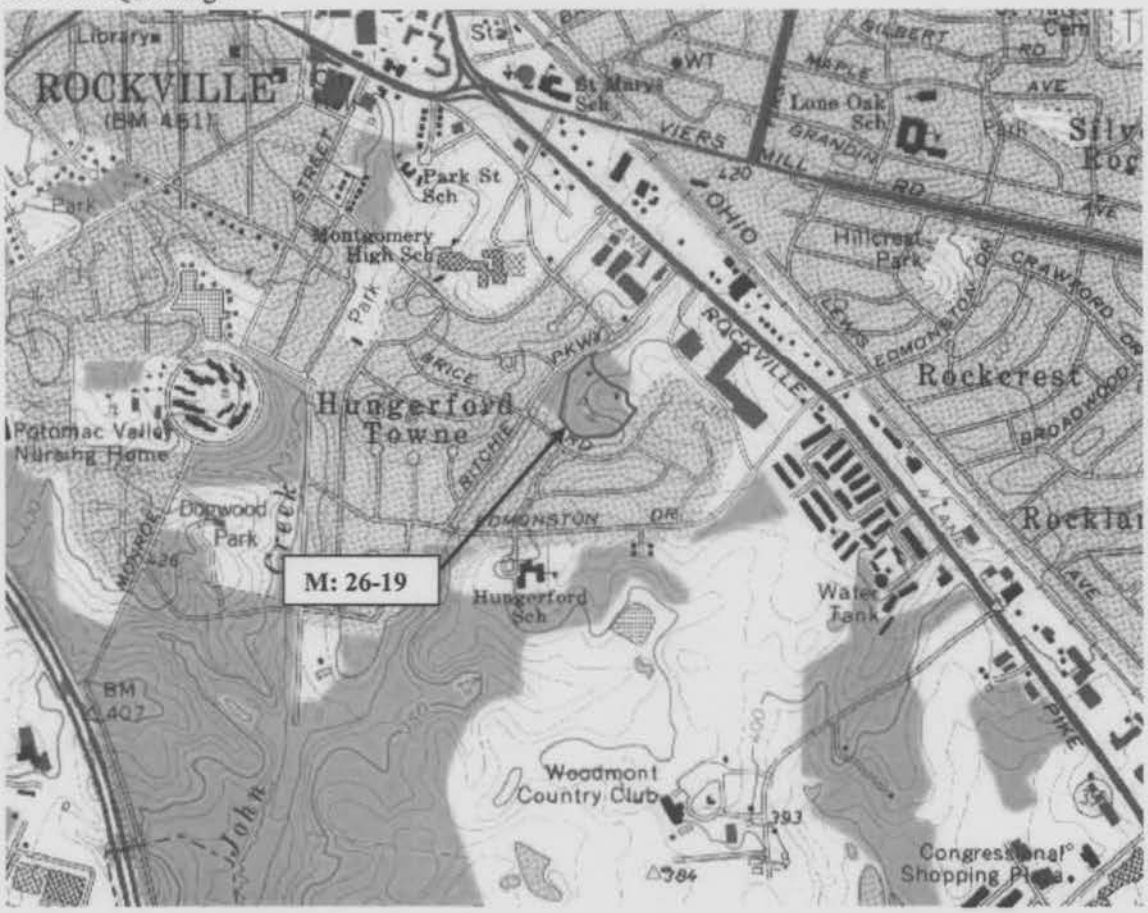

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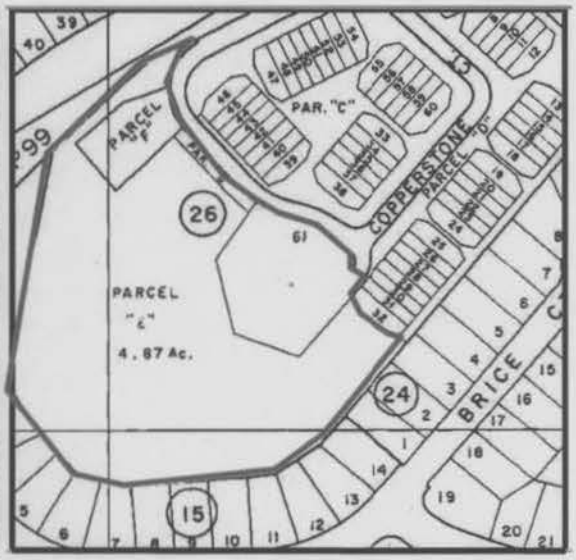

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DAWSON FARM
MONTGOMERY
CO., MD.

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B:18-314820-4326920
C:18-314560-4326940

Dawson House M: 26-19

NAME DAWSON FARM- HENRY DAWSON HOUSE

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LOCATION ROCKVILLE PIKE, ROCKVILLE, Md.

FACADE E

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NAME DAWSON FARM - LAWRENCE DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION ROCKVILLE PIKE / RITCHIE PARKWAY

FACADE E ROCKVILLE, MD

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1982

Dawson Farm
Montgomery County, Maryland
August 1982
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Neg: MD Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
1874 Dawson farmhouse, east (front) facade
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#1 1874 Dawson farmhouse,

East (front) facade

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1982

Dawson Farm
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1874 Dawson farmhouse, west (rear) facade
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#2 1874 Dawson farmhouse,

West facade (rear)

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1984

Dawson Farm M: 26-19

1874 house 1180 Copperstone Ct
Rockville

post rehab

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Dawson Farm M: 26-19

1874 dse 1080 Copperstone Ct
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NE view
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