

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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(date entered 5-12-88)

1. Name: Montgomery Clagett Farm (River Oaks Farm)

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 29/10

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 19
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4. Address: Barnwood Road, Potomac

5. Classification Summary

Category building
 Ownership private
 Public Acquisition n/a
 Status occupied
 Accessible no
 Present use private residence

Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
 Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Historical Sites
 Federal State x County x Local

6. Date: 1873

7. Original Owner: Montgomery Clagett

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This 2½ story, common-bonded brick (painted white) house sits among level fields in the midst of a new subdivision, facing east. The old house seems to be the center part, a three-bay section with denticulated cornice and a central wooden paneled door capped with a broken pediment with pineapple centerpiece. There is a modern, two-story Ionic columned porch with brick floor across this part. Two-story brick wings flank the north and south ends of the main house. Windows in the wings are eight-over-eight, and there are bay windows at the north and south gable ends. At the rear perpendicular to the main section is a three bay 2½ story frame wing; it continues on to become a two-car garage. The gable roofs of the house are covered with asbestos shingles. To the rear of the house is a large round-hipped roof dairy barn, and a small barn with semi-circular roof.

10. Significance: This dwelling house, substantially altered over the years, was constructed by and for many years associated with the Clagetts, a prosperous and prominent family in and around the Potomac area. It is situated upon what was Montgomery Clagett's portion of his father Oratio Clagett's estate.

The house was built in 1878, the year after Montgomery Clagett received formal title to the land.

Montgomery Clagett, a farmer, for years served as district tax collector, and for thirty years steward and superintendent of the Sunday school of the Potomac Methodist Church. After his death in 1907, the property passed to his son Carter Clagett. In 1935 he conveyed the farm to Raymond and Margaret Norton. Norton supplemented these holdings with a purchase in 1943 of an adjoining 74 acres, and referred to the entire parcel as "Western Breeze Farm". These 166 acres were sold by Norton in 1959 to Arthur A. Dresser. Dresser in 1965 sold the parcel to Greenbreak, Inc. who four years later conveyed the farm to the River Oaks Development Company. The present owners, River Oaks Farm, Inc., obtained the land in 1973, and are currently constructing large lot, upper-income residential dwellings upon the land. This house with two acres, is for sale.

11. Researcher and date researched: Mark Walston - 9/79

Eileen McGuckian
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian

13. Date Compiled: 9/79

14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 2 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Montgomery Clagett Farm

AND/OR COMMON River Oaks Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Barnwood Road

CITY, TOWN Potomac VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME River Oaks Farm, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Norton Road

CITY, TOWN Potomac VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code Maryland 20854

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4430

Folio #: 345

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 2½ story, common-bonded brick (painted white) house sits among level fields in the midst of a new subdivision, facing east. It once had a long entrance drive off Norton Road, but there is now a new road closer to the house.

The old house seems to be the center part, a three-bay section with denticulated cornice and a central wooden paneled door capped with a broken pediment with pineapple centerpiece. There is a modern, two-story Ionic columned porch with brick floor across this part. There are triple windows on either side of the door, and six-over-six double-hung windows on the second floor. Black wooden louvered shutters flank most of the windows in the house.

Two-story brick wings flank the north and south ends of the main house. Windows in the wings are eight-over-eight, and there are bay windows at the north and south gable ends. At the rear perpendicular to the main section is a three bay 2½ story frame wing; it continues on to become a two-car garage.

The gable roofs of the house are covered with asbestos shingles. There are two chimneys, one interior at the south end of the central section, and exterior on the west side of the north wing. The house has five bedrooms and four baths.

There are several mature trees and a circular driveway in the front yard. To the rear of the house is a large round-hipped roof dairy barn, and a small barn with semi-circular roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This dwelling house, substantially altered over the years, was constructed by and for many years associated with the Clagetts, a prosperous and prominent family in and around the Potomac area. It is situated upon what was Montgomery Clagett's portion of his father Oratio Clagett's estate.¹

The house was built in 1878, the year after Montgomery Clagett received formal title to the land.²

Montgomery Clagett, a farmer, for years served as district tax collector, and for thirty years steward and superintendent of the Sunday school of the Potomac Methodist Church. After his death in 1907, the property passed to his son Carter Clagett.³ In 1935 he conveyed the farm to Raymond and Margaret Norton.⁴ Norton supplemented these holdings with a purchase in 1943 of an adjoining 7⁴ acres, and referred to the entire parcel as "Western Breeze Farm". These 166 acres were sold by Norton in 1959 to Arthur A. Dresser.⁵ Dresser in 1965 sold the parcel to Greenbreak, Inc., who four years later conveyed the farm to the River Oaks Development Company. The present owners, River Oaks Farm, Inc., obtained the land in 1973, and are currently constructing large lot, upper-income residential dwellings upon the land. This house with two acres, is for sale.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Norton Road follows the boundary between the lands awarded to Montgomery Clagett, on the west, and his brother Darius (to the east).
2. Montgomery County Equity Records, Equity 209 (1875).
3. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., 196/314 (December 5, 1907).
4. Ibid., 604/332 (September 24, 1935).
5. Ibid., 2653/217 (September 20, 1959).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land Records
 Montgomery County Equity Records
 Montgomery County Orphans Court Records
Portrait and Biographical Record of the 6th Congressional District
 (New York, N.Y., Chapman Publishing Co., 1898)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 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

Mark Walston

Eileen McGuckian

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

September 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: River Oaks Farm				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Montgomery Clagett Farm				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Norton Rd., between River & S. Glen Rds.				
CITY OR TOWN: Potomac				
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	PUBLIC ACQUISITIONS: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>(being developed)</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Robert Blitz-Development				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY:				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	<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 <small>(Check One)</small>
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unclassified <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site <small>(Check One)</small>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This house sits among level fields, at the end of a long driveway marked by gateposts at the entrance. The old house seems to be the center part, with a three-bay section with central door that faces east. There is a modern, two-story, columned porch across this part. Two-story brick wings flank the north and south ends of the main house.</p> <p>Outbuildings include a nice, tile dairy barn, with a semi-circular roof.</p>	

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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 checked="" 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)

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/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	osophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property, like many old Potomac farms, was bought up and remodeled into a show place during the "horsey set" era that began in the 1930's, and is now ending with the subdivision of these estates. This farm was used as a riding school in recent years.

During the 18th & 19th Centuries the Clagett family owned a considerable amount of land in this area. They were among the first settlers here. A one-room school was located across the road, at the corner of Norton & S. Glen Rds.

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

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreeage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 3/5/75

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 _____