

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Garrett House

2. Planning Area/Site Number 29/12

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 19  
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4. Address 10511 Falls Road, Potomac

5. Classification Summary

Category buildingOwnership privatePublic Acquisition NAStatus occupiedAccessible noPresent use private residencePrevious Survey Recording M-NCPCC Federal \_\_\_ State X County X Local \_\_\_

(Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976 )

6. Date c. 1853

7. Original Owner George W. Garrett

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellentc. original siteb. altered

9. Description: The house is built in two parts. The earliest section is a one-story log cabin, at the rear of the building now used for a kitchen. The main house is of three bays on the main (south) facade and there is a central doorway with a transom-light. Windows are all two-over-two, double-hung. The house may have begun with the use of the log cabin as a slave or tenant quarter for the adjoining Meyers farm.

10. Significance: Originally a mid-19th c. tenant house on a productive farm, this house has survived remodellings, sales and subdivision. Situated on early 19th c. land holdings of Thomas Scott, the original part of the Garrett House may have been built by 1853, for in that year George W. Garrett bought 216 acres, a main house (now situated on South Glen Road) and a tenant house (the Garrett House). An 1877 sale described the farm as one of the most productive in the County, with a barn, stable, corn house, sheds, and all necessary outbuildings, as well as a new tenant house (probably a reconditioned version of the Garrett House). Sold out of their family by 1869, the Garretts continued to occupy the farm. In 1886 Henry W. Chick bought the 216 acre farm and that same year sold the Garrett House and 7 acres to Dennis M. Howser for \$410. It is believed that the main section of the present house was erected by Howser, shortly thereafter. Since 1894 it has had a dozen owners, being purchased by the present owners in 1976.

1. Date researched and researcher 1/79-Mark Walston

Mike Dwyer  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled 2/79

14. Designation  
Approval \_\_\_

15. Acreage 2.19 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Garrett House/Falls Road

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
10500 Falls Road

CITY, TOWN  
Potomac

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Harry Lerch

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
10500 Falls Road

CITY, TOWN  
Potomac

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber # 4830

Folio # 450

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
MNCP+PC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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) <b>Local History</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES **mid-19th century** BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This dwelling, located on Falls Road near the village of Potomac, is situated upon a portion of the early 19th century land holdings of Thomas Scott. Scott died in 1829, and by his will devised the whole of his estate to his wife and children. Then, in 1843, the various heirs petitioned the Montgomery County Courts to provide an equitable division of their father's real estate. To Scott's daughter Sarah West (wife of Samuel West) went Lot Number 4, in three parts, totalling some 216 acres. 1/ The Wests sold this parcel on June 4, 1847, to Alexander C. H. Darne, for \$652. 2/ Darne conveyed the land on March 15, 1853, to George W. Garrett, a resident of the District of Columbia, for \$3,050. 3/ This increase in price over a six year period may indicate the erection of the original "main house", situated on what is today South Glen Road, and the various supporting buildings. Among the latter structures would be the tenant house which forms the earliest section of the subject building.

In 1868, the farm complex was offered for sale under the proceedings of the foreclosure of a deed of trust from George Garrett to William Veirs Bouic (made January 24, 1855). 4/ The sale advertisement described the property as

The farm whereon Ashton Garrett resides, containing 216 acres...the soil is excellent and is fine land for wheat, corn, grass and tobacco. It is well wooded and watered, and in a pretty fair state of cultivation. The improvements are a good dwelling house and out houses therefor: two comfortable tenement houses, one on the road to Gamble's Mill (South Glen Road) and one on the road to the Big Falls (the subject building). 5/

At the sale, held July 13, 1868, the farm was purchased by Ann E. Garrett, wife of Ashton Garrett, for the sum of \$2,650. Ann E. Garrett and her husband conveyed the property to Albert Gore, of Loudoun County, Virginia, on May 13, 1869. 6/ Although the farm was owned by the Virginian Gore, it appears to have been occupied by the Garrett family. In 1877, Ann E. Garrett, by this time listed as a resident of Buchanan County, Missouri, instituted

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mortgage foreclosure proceedings against Albert Gore, which resulted in a public sale of the property on July 24, 1877. The advertisement portrayed the property as

One of the most productive in the county, and is improved by a comfortable one story and a half frame dwelling containing seven rooms, kitchen, barn, stable, cornhouse, sheds and all other necessary outbuildings...there is also a new tenant house upon the farm. 7/

This description is enigmatic, for neither of the mentioned buildings particularly matches the subject building. The main 1½ story dwelling appears to have been situated on S. Glen Road, about ½ to ¾ miles from its intersection with Falls Road. This leaves what is described as "a new tenant house" as the building under discussion. Possibly what it refers to is a reconditioned version of the tenant house referred to in the 1868 advertisement.

At the sale, the 216 acre farm was purchased by Albe M. Saxton. The property still appears to be occupied by the Garrett family, as it is listed in the Hopkins Atlas of 1879 under the name "H. Garrett". On April 1, 1886, Albe M. Saxton, listed as from St. Joseph, Missouri, sold the farm to Henry W. Chick of Montgomery County, for \$4,500. 8/ Chick resided in the main dwelling house, and later that year, on November 8, 1886, sold the subject building and a surrounding 7 acres to Dennis M. Howser, for \$410. 9/ It is believed that the second or main section of the building was erected by Howser, shortly after the date of conveyance.

Dennis Howser and his wife Rachel lost the property in a mortgage sale, which occurred on September 22, 1894. Thomas Caton became the purchaser of the seven acres, for \$825, "being the same property which the family of said Dennis M. Howser was residing at the time of the sale." 10/ Caton sold the property in 1905, and, subsequently, the house was passed through a dozen owners, being purchased by the present occupants in 1976.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Judgment STS 1/212, Montgomery County Equity Records
2. Deed STS 3/30, Montgomery County Land Records
3. Deed JGH 2/164, Montgomery County Land Records
4. D. of T. JGH 6/149, Montgomery County Land Records
5. Judgment EBP 5/17, Montgomery County Equity Records
6. Deed EBP 6/262, Montgomery County Land Records
7. Judgment EBP 13/177, Montgomery County Equity Records
8. Deed JA 2/104, Montgomery County Land Records
9. Deed JA 3/444, Montgomery County Land Records
10. Judgment 1238, Montgomery County Equity Records  
Deed JA 46/6, Montgomery County Land Records

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Montgomery County Land Records  
Montgomery County Equity Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.19 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

Mike Dwyer

Arch. Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

January 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87, Stronghold

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>						
COMMON:						
AND/OR HISTORIC: H. Garrett House						
<b>2. LOCATION</b>						
STREET AND NUMBER: 10500 Falls Rd. (at S. Glen Rd.)						
CITY OR TOWN: Potomac						
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery			
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>						
<b>CATEGORY</b> (Check One)		<b>OWNERSHIP</b>		<b>STATUS</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<b>Public Acquisition:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<b>Yes:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments		
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____		
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>						
OWNER'S NAME: J.M. Redding						
STREET AND NUMBER: 10500 Falls Rd.						
CITY OR TOWN: Potomac			STATE: Maryland			
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>						
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse						
STREET AND NUMBER:						
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland			
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):						
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>						
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:			

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7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>(Check One)  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered    <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered           </div> <div>(Check One)  <input type="checkbox"/> Moved    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site           </div> </div>
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
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**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century
- 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Historic</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Art</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Commerce</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Communications</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Conservation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Education</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engineering</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Industry</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Invention</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Literature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Military</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Music</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Political</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Science</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Theater</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)</li> </ul> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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		
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:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

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

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC      DATE: 4/23/75

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



NAME H. GARRETT HOUSE

M.# 29-12

LOCATION 10500 FALLS RD., POTOMAC, MD

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 4/23/75

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