

CAPSULE SUMMARY

FOR

ATHEY FARMHOUSE

3320 GREENCASTLE ROAD, BURTONSVILLE

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-34/5

Approximate Building Date: circa 1891, altered 1972

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Burtonsville

Access: Private

The Snowden J. Athey House is a greatly altered ca. 1891 two-story, gable front and wing frame house. The structure is representative of the type of dwelling usually built in the Gothic Revival or Queen Anne styles by Montgomery County's farmers in the late-nineteenth century. Because of the extensive remodelling and expansion of the house in the 1970s, it has minimal local architectural or historical significance.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. M 34-05

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Snowden J. Athey House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3320 Greencastle Road not for publication

city, town Burtonsville vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name James M. and Brenda F. Greenan

street & number 3320 Greencastle Road telephone no.:

city, town Burtonsville state and zip code MD 20730

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 5321

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 696

city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas 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: 34-5

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 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.

The Snowden J. Athey House is a greatly altered ca. 1891 two-story, gable front and wing frame house. The building has a basic L-plan with one story additions on the building's east and north sides. The house, extensively remodeled in 1972 as a "redecorated early Americana farmhouse with the delight and charm of New England" has clapboard walls (now covered with vinyl siding) and a composition shingle roof.¹

The building's principle elevation faces south toward Greencastle Road and is asymmetrical. The main facade of the gable front and wing has an assortment of window types with one-over-one, two-over-two, four-over-four and a picture window (centered in the first floor of the gable end). This variety of window types, placed in roughly symmetrical ranks, is continued throughout the house. A one-story shed roofed addition with a gable end chimney has been attached to the east side of the house. A new gable end chimney has also been built on the west. The north or rear side of the house has a series of additions and porch enclosures with side gabled and flat roofs.

8. Significance

Survey No.

M: 34-5

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/
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<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	ca. 1891	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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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.

Summary: The Snowden Athey House, built ca. 1891 and extensively remodeled and expanded in the 1970s, lacks sufficient integrity to represent a distinctive type, period or method of design and construction and has minimal local architectural or historical significance. The house, a gable end and wing frame building type, was a popular dwelling usually built in the Gothic Revival or Queen Anne styles by Montgomery County's farmers in the late-nineteenth century.

Continuation Sheet
M: 34-5 - Snowden J. Athey House

Preservation Planning Data:

- a) Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b) Chronological/Development Periods: Industrial/Urban Dominance -
A. D. 1870-1930
- c) Historic Period Themes: Architecture
- d) Resource Type: Farmhouse

Chain of Title/Owner Information:

Snowden Athey inherited 25 acres of land, once a part of a parcel known as "Soper's Seat," from his father's estate in 1891. He built his farmhouse soon thereafter and expanded his holdings in 1900 adding 60 1/4 acres. The Athey family lived at the farmhouse until Snowden Athey's widow Sarah Eva Athey sold the property (then 2.21 acres) to Edward and Catherine Formosa. The Formosas remodeled the house and sold it in 1972 to George and Laura Cooper. The Coopers lived there seven years before selling to James and Brenda Greenan. Cited Land and Estate Records from Crawford, MHT Form (8/83).

Deed JA 25/135	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed JGH 7/250	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 250/155	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed 2142/1	Montgomery County Land Records

Endnotes

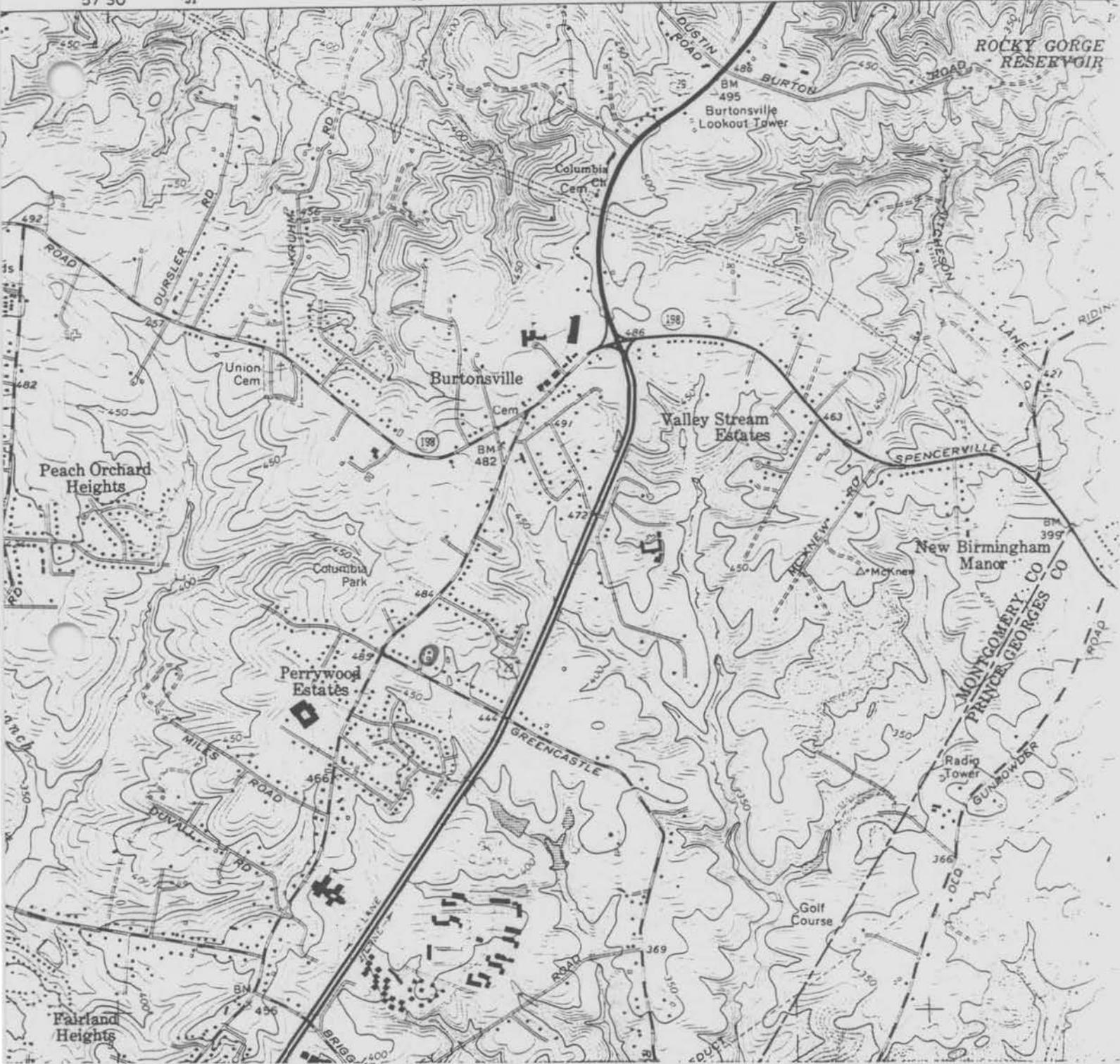
- 1 **Evening Star (Washington)**, Advertisement, December 1972.

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Unpublished Sources

Deeds, Land Records Office. (Montgomery County Courthouse)

Wills, Register of Wills. (Montgomery County Courthouse)



MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM
LOCATIONAL MAP

M: 34-5
 SURVEY NO.: *33/5*
 PROPERTY NAME: Athey Farmhouse
 TOWN: Burtonsville
 COUNTY: MONTGOMERY
 QUADRANGLE: Beltsville, MD

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34-5 ATHEY HOUSE

MONT CO, MD

MAY 1994, Wm. Bushong

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3320

GREENCASTLE
RD.

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NEG: MD SAPO

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34-5 ATHEY HOUSE

Mont Co, MD

MAY 1994 Wm. Bushong

3320
GREENCASTLE
RD.

VIEW SOUTH (NORTH ELEV.)

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Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Athey Farmhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3320 Greencastle Rd. not for publication

city, town Burtonsville vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

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city, town Burtonsville state and zip code Md., 20730

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 5321

street & number folio 696

city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

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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

The house is a 2-1/2 story Victorian, L-shaped frame farm house with interior chimneys. The cornice is boxed. There are small attic windows on either side of the stacks.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. Significance

Survey No. M:34-5

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa. 1891 Builder/Architect

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.

The Athey farmhouse is significant as an example of vernacular farm architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by Snowden Jackson Athey about 1891.¹ He received the land on which his house was built in January of 1891 through the division of property owned by his deceased father, James Athey (who purchased 50 acres from James Soper in 1859). Snowden and his brother, Benjamin, each received 25 acres of a tract of land referred to as "Soper's Seat."² In 1900, Snowden added 60 1/4 acres to his farm.³ Snowden was a farmer active in the grange movement, serving as a member of the executive committee of the Liberty Grove Grange in Burtonsville.⁴ Sometime around the turn of the century Snowden added the rear wing to the house.⁵

In May of 1955, Sarah Eva Athey, Snowden's widow, sold the house (then on only 2.123 acres) to Edward and Catherine Formoso.⁶ In 1972 they put the house up for sale, advertising it as a "completely redecorated early americana seven room farmhouse with the delight and charm of New England, on 2.1 acres-- big old red barn-- several sheds..."⁷ The house was sold in April of 1973 to George and Laura Cooper.⁸ In May of 1979, the Coopers sold it to the present owners, James and Brenda Greenan.⁹

¹The date given is based on the date the property was received and the date that it first appears on the tax records with improvements, 1892. In addition, the house appears on the 1894 map but not on the map of 1878.

²Deed JA 25/135 & JGH 7/250, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Deed TD 14/493 " "

⁴Deed 250/155 " "

⁵Tax Asses. Bks., 1892-1923.

⁶Deed 2142/1, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁷Washington Star, December 1972.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:34-5

Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Comm. Tax Asses. Bks.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2.12 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 1/83

street & number telephone

city or town Rockville state Md.

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
Edward L. Formoso				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
Athey Farm				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
3320 Greencastle Road				
CITY OR TOWN:				
Burtonsville				
STATE		COUNTY:		
Maryland		Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY <i>(Check One)</i>		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes:				
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PRESENT USE <i>(Check One or More as Appropriate)</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
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<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME:				
Edward L. Formoso				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
3320 Greencastle Road				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Burtonsville			Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:				
Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
Rockville			Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
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None				
DATE OF SURVEY:				
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DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 2-1/2 story Victorian, L-shaped frame farm house with interior chimneys. The cornice is boxed. There are small attic windows on either side of the stacks.

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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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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

OTHER: The house has recently been sold to a new owner.

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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		
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	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 3/27/73

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

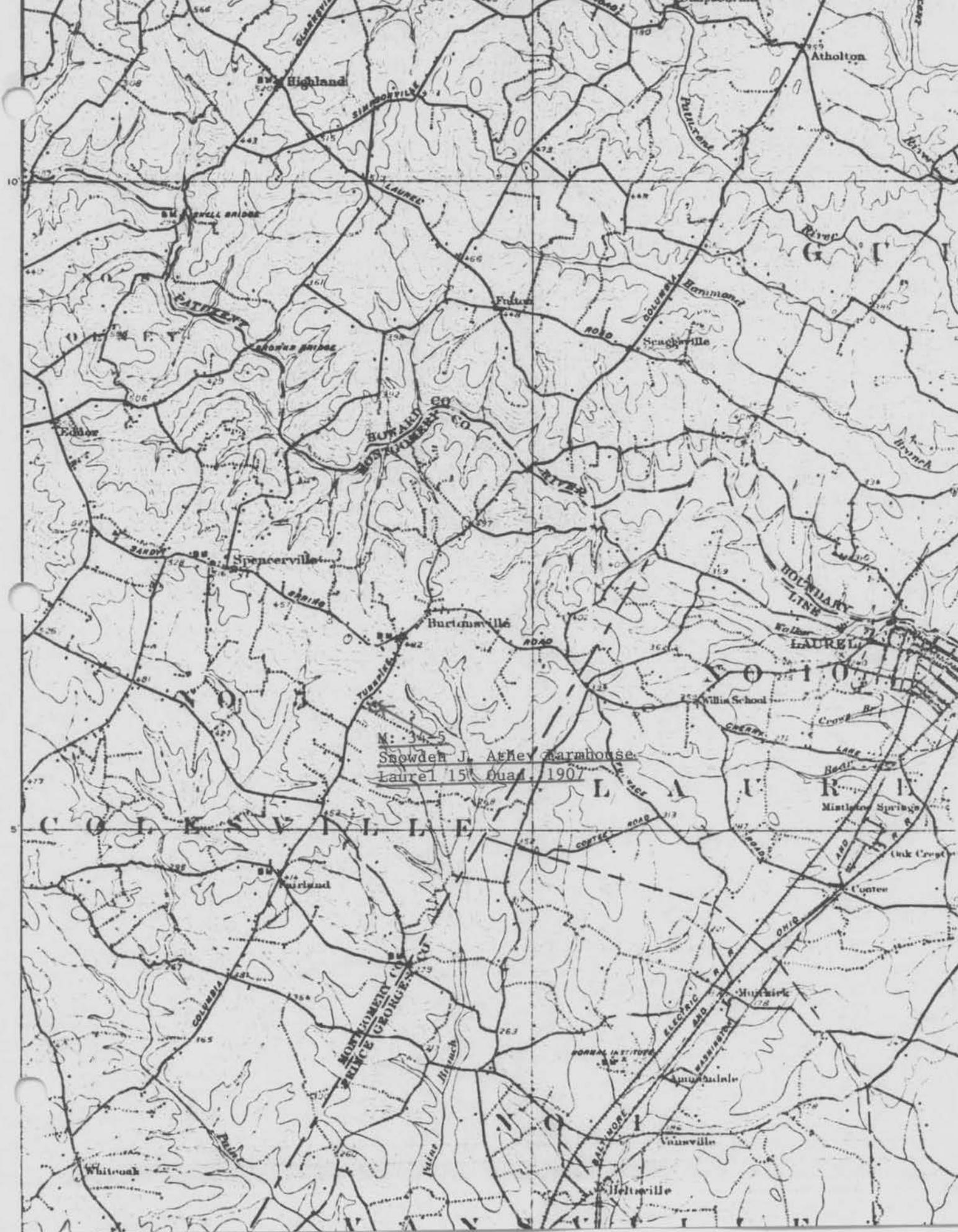
National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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 Snowden J. Athey Farmhouse
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BURTONSVILLE
FIRE TOWER

Burtonsville

Snowden J. Acheson Farmhouse
Beltsville Quad 1951

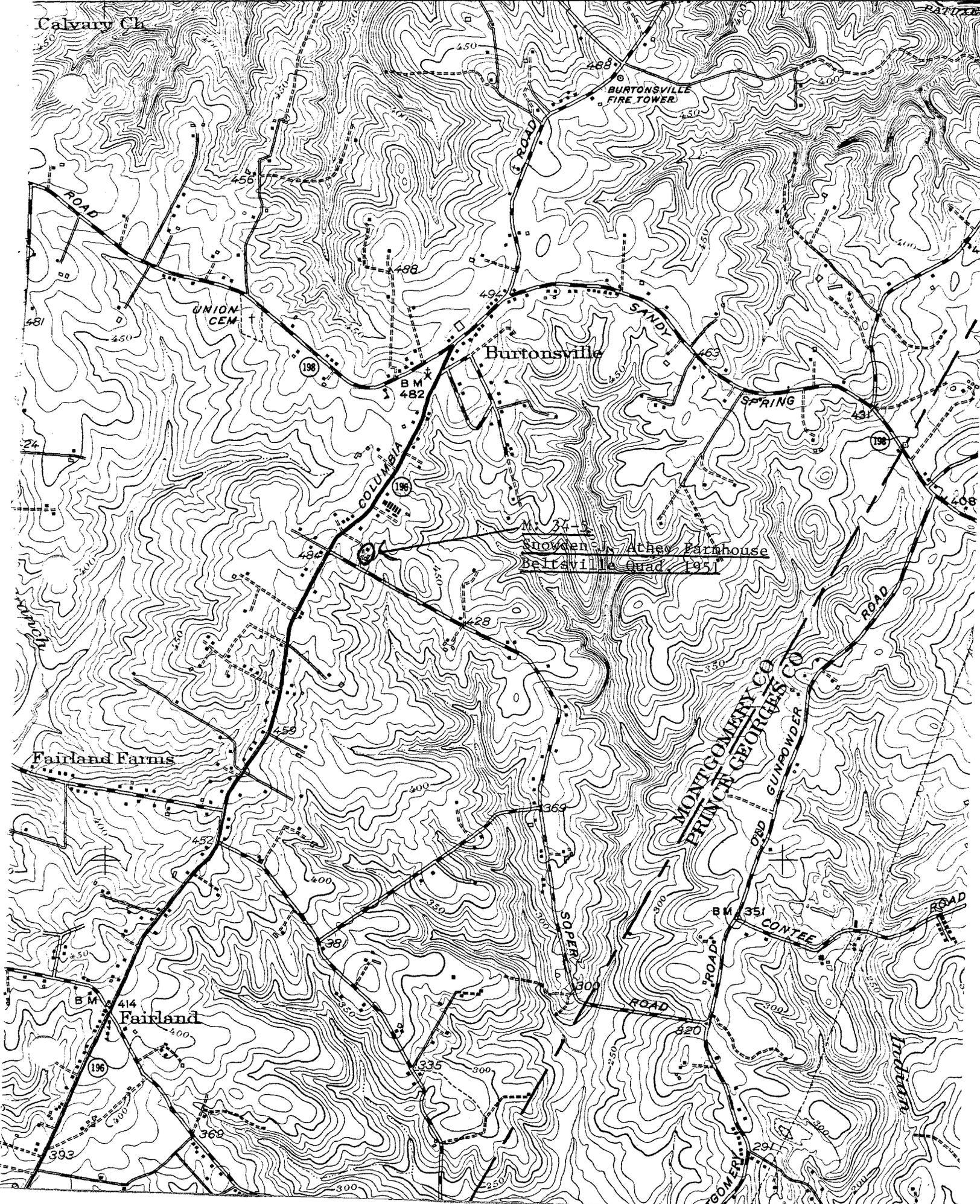
Fairland Farms

Fairland

MONTGOMERY CO
PRINCE GEORGES CO

CONTEE

Indian





NAME M.# 34-5 ATHEY FARM HOUSE

LOCATION 3320 GREENCASTLE Rd BURTONSVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

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