

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes no

Property Name: Carter House Inventory Number: PG:62-18
Address: 7620 Old Muirkirk Road City: Beltsville Zip Code: 20720
County: Prince Georges USGS Topographic Map: Beltsville
Owner: Alice V. Gibson Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
Tax Parcel Number: 55 Tax Map Number: 14 Tax Account ID Number: 10 1049337
Project: US 1 MD 201 Corridor Study Agency: FHWA/SHA
Site visit by MHT staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: PG:62-23
NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes Name of District: ROSSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)
The Carter House is a contributing resource to the Rossville Historic District that meets Criteria A (history) and C (architecture). No investigations were conducted under Criteria B or D. See Rossville Survey District DOE dated 8/26/02.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, SHA Arch. Hist. Date Prepared: 08/26/2002

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

3/27/03
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, NR Program

3/17/03
Date

P. G. #62-18

John Carter House Beltsville
7620 Old Muirkirk Road, ~~Baltimore~~, Md.
Priv/Occ/Res/Good

1888

The Carter house is a two-story gable-roofed frame house with four (irregular) bays, and entrance in the center of the main west facade. Originally it was a small three-bay house, with entrance in the third bay which led directly into the staircase. A kitchen section, two bays wide, is attached to the rear of the house, and another room has been added to the south of the (now) centrally located stair, thus extending the main block of the house one full bay in width. In very recent years, a projecting one-story living room addition has been built in front of the first two bays on the (main) west facade.

The Carter house is one of the original houses constructed in Rossville, a community made up largely of families of Blacks who were employed at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. In May 1887, John Carter purchased lot #6 (1.3 acres), one of the 12 lots into which the new community had been subdivided; by 1889, with the help of other members of the community, he had completed the small three-bay two-story house described above. At the beginning, the Carter house was one of the smallest of the new houses, assessed at one-third the value of the more substantial Matthews house, completed in the same year on the adjoining lot. Within a few years, however, the kitchen addition had been completed, and early in the twentieth century, the house was extended one bay to the south on both stories.

The Carter house is a significant example of a Black laborer's very modest home, gradually expanded to meet the needs of a growing family.

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Carter House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 7620 Old Muirkirk Road ___ not for publication

city, town Beltsville ___ vicinity of Muirkirk congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George

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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John T. Hardisty

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Co. Courthouse liber 4011

street & number Main Street folio 410

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. PG 62-15

Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

The Carter house is a two-story gable-roofed frame house with four (irregular) bays, and entrance in the center of the main west facade. Originally it was a small 3-bay house, with entrance in the third bay which led directly into the staircase. A kitchen section, two bays wide, is attached to the rear of the house, and another room has been added to the south of the (now centrally located) stair, thus extending the main block of the house one full bay in width. In very recent years, a projecting one-story living room addition has been built in front of the first two bays on the main west facade.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1888 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.

After Mark Duvall of Vansville died, a 24.8 acre parcel of his land which adjoined the Negro Methodist church and graveyard was surveyed and subdivided in 1886 by Surveyor William Latimer. It was divided into 12 lots, and within a year, the lots were purchased by the families of Blacks who were employed at the nearby Muirkirk Iron Furnace. One of these men, John Carter, purchased lot #6 (1.3 acres) in May 1887. By 1889, with the help of other members of the new community, he had completed the small, three-bay, two-story house described above. At the beginning, this was one of the smallest of the houses in the new Community, assessed at \$150 (as compared to, for example, Thomas Matthews' house on adjoining lot #5, assessed at \$450); within a few years, however, the kitchen addition had been completed, for the 1897 assessment values the house at \$350. Still later, after 1908, the fourth bay, an additional room on both first and second stories, was added on the south.

This house was the home of the Carter family for more than 50 years. In more recent years, it has been the home of the Gibson family, close relatives of the family in the next-door Matthews house. It is a significant example of a very modest home of a black laborer, which was gradually expanded to meet the needs of a growing family.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #62-18

P.G. Co. Deeds: #4011:410; #2518:349; #2468:581; #11:214
JWB #9:204
P.G. Co. Equity #1588
P.G. Co. Tax Assessments 1888 - 1909

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing							

B

Zone	Easting			Northing							

C

Zone	Easting			Northing							

D

Zone	Easting			Northing							

E

Zone	Easting			Northing							

F

Zone	Easting			Northing							

G

Zone	Easting			Northing							

H

Zone	Easting			Northing							

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

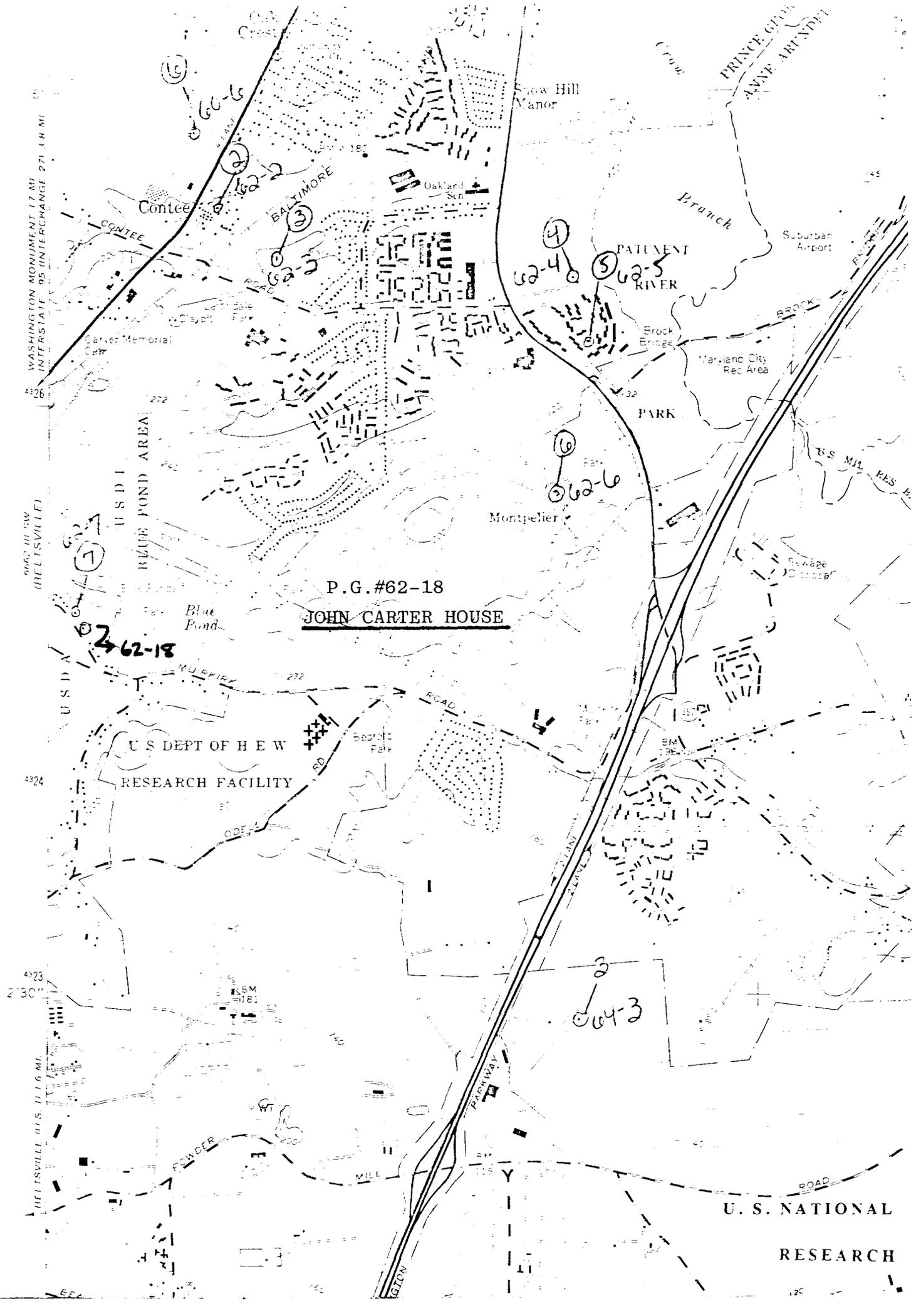
11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Susan G. Pearl	date	Feb. 1983
organization	History Division, M-NCPPC	telephone	779-2011
street & number	4811 Riverdale Rd.	city or town	Riverdale
city or town	Riverdale	state	Maryland

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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P.G. #62-18
JOHN CARTER HOUSE

WASHINGTON MONUMENT 17 MI
INTERSTATE 95 (INTERCHANGE 271 3 R MI)

0.6 MI SW
(BELTSVILLE)

4324

4323

BELTSVILLE 0.5 D.I.G. MI

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Contee

BALTIMORE

Snow Hill Manor

Oakland Sch

PATUXENT RIVER

Suburban Airport

PARK

Montpelier

BLUE POND AREA

Blue Pond

U.S. DEPT OF H & W
RESEARCH FACILITY

Secret Park

Sewage Treatment

U. S. NATIONAL
RESEARCH



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Carter House
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1983
Southwest 3/4 Elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



P. G. #62-18

Carter House
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
December 1983
West Elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.