

ADDENDUM

CH-306
Hawkin's Log House
Charles County, MD
Benedict vic.
Cathy Currey, January 2001

8. Statement of Significance

The Hawkin's Log House was not found at the time of the survey and is presumed to have been demolished. The surrounding property has been subdivided into Benedict Plantation.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property Unknown

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property associated with the Hawkin's Log House is found on Map 37, Parcel 131, in the Charles County Property Tax Map.

12. Property Owner

name Unknown street & number
city or town _____ state zip code

CH- 306
HAWKINS' LOG HOUSE
Benedict
Private

circa 1880's

Throughout the first three quarters of the 19th century, the farm dwellings of non-landowning black families were most often log houses with a single downstairs room. In the last quarter, this type was increasingly replaced by the balloon frame house with two rooms downstairs, an arrangement that separated household activities and created more privacy.

The Hawkins' log house, probably built in the 1880's, was constructed of logs in the traditional manner, but with a log partition bisecting the first floor into two rooms. Thus, the house is a transitional one, making use of the new, more convenient floor plan, but not going so far as to use the balloon frame method of construction. Grace Hawkins, present occupant of the house, is somewhat of a local historian, remembering much about the local farm families who have since disappeared.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Hawkins' Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER South side of Teagues' Point Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Benedict

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

9

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Charles

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. James Saris

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Teague's Point Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Benedict,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md.

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Charles County Courthouse

Liber #: 133

Folio #: 111

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 one story log house stands on the south side of Teagues' Point Rd. with its facade oriented north toward the road, and its roof line running east-west. The house is shaded by large trees and is surrounded by woods, which have grown up in fairly recent years, The current occupant Grace Hawkins can remember the days when the land around the site was completely cultivated.

The logs of the house are sheathed with board and batten siding, which are unpainted and which appear to be original. They are attached with a mixture of cut and wire nails. The log sills are supported in an interesting way. They rest on stone pilings at the corners, and as these pilings sink into the ground over the years, the house is jacked up and wedges inserted to maintain a level. Otherwise, there would be increasing pressure on the opposite corners, and on the roof and ceilings. These wedges can be plainly seen, and were in fact pointed out by Grace Hawkins, who remembers her husband bringing the house back to level periodically by inserting those wedges.

The facade of the house consists of two bays, and the house is one bay in depth. The entrance is sheltered by an added screen porch. The front door leads into the "sitting room", which was heated by a small fireplace in the log wall separating that room from the kitchen/dining room. In there had originally been installed a wood cook stove let into the central chimney.

The upstairs had been divided into two rooms, but is now one. On the walls are family photographs and religious prints.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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/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)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1880's BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the present occupant, Grace Hawkins (who was raised in the community, as were her parents), this house had been the residence of Edward Thomas during her childhood in the early 1900's. She thought that he had probably built it, but did not know when. It was known however as an "old house" when she was young.

The primary significance of the dwelling is that it represents the transition of the old to the new forms. The older features are the use of log construction in the 1880's in this area and the use of board and batten, while the newer ones include the two room plan in the log house, (which was more commonly ^{found} in balloon frame houses of the time) and the larger, double hung sash windows (which were not traditionally found in log tenant houses, wooden shutters having been the standard).

The date of 1880's is based upon the presence of the wire nails in the siding, both the siding and the nials being original to construction.

The house also shows the once rather common method (presumably) of keeping small, ordinary houses level.

According to Mrs. Hawkins, this house has always been inhabited by Negro families.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

George W. McDaniel, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Md. Commission of Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean St.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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Hawkins House
Benedict, Md.
Facade, north view
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CH 306
Hawkins House
Benedict, Md.
South elevation
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