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Ca. 1875; 1903

Harry Davis House and Outbuildings

New Midway vicinity

Private

The Harry Davis House and Outbuildings are a 2-story frame house built about 1875 with several periods of alteration and both domestic and agricultural outbuildings contemporary with the house and its periods of change. The 1903 bank barn, a log smokehouse, a frame blacksmith shop, and a spring house are some of the 11 outbuildings which exemplify farm life of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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New Midway

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Agriculture
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn
Agriculture/Subsistence/agricultural outbuilding

Known Design Source: None

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Harry Davis House and Outbuildings

2. Location

street & number 12119 Renner Road not for publicationcity, town New Midway vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

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 checked="" 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 Harry A. Davis, Jr.

street & number 12119 Renner Road telephone no.:

city, town Keymar state and zip code Md. 21757

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 907

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 496

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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.

Contributing Resource Count: 12

(Typed on separate sheet)

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 checked="" 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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates Ca. 1875; 1903 **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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Personal interview with Harry A. Davis, Jr., April 1, 1991

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Woodsboro, Md. quad.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately the parcel boundaries on Tax Map 34, Parcel 34

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

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organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date May, 1991

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city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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7.1 Description:

The Harry Davis House and Outbuildings is a farm group consisting of a 2 story frame house built about 1875 with a modern wood shingle and wood clapboard exterior, a large frame bank barn built in 1903, a hog shelter of about the same date, a log smokehouse probably contemporary with the house, a frame outhouse or storage building, a frame machine shed of circa 1903, four frame domestic outbuildings from the last quarter of the 19th century and, at a distance of about 100 yards east of the main complex, a frame hay barn and a chicken house. The entire complex is located on the east side of Renner Road, at the crossing of Renner Branch of Israel Creek, about 1 1/2 miles southeast of New Midway, Maryland. All but the hay barn are located on the north side of Renner Branch.

The farm dates from the last quarter of the 19th century; however, the principal agricultural outbuildings date from about 1903 when a major period of alteration to the house took place. Alterations to the complex continued into the 1970's and 1980's. The house was built as a typical 3-bay two-story, gable roofed frame dwelling with two entrance doors in the center bay of the south elevation. The rear ell extended from the northwest corner of the two-room main section. Interior end chimneys were located in each gable end. In 1903, major updating and alterations took place in the ell, where the kitchen was enlarged. In the 1980's, a further major change took place in which an open deck was added on the east gable end and a one-story addition filled in the angle between the main section and the ell. Walls were removed, leaving an open floor plan which blurs the outlines of the original house. The stone foundation remains intact and certain features of the interior, including the plaster walls, grained doors, and some late 19th century wallpaper in the east parlor, remain intact. The interior fireplace openings were closed. In the ell, the only feature retained from the 1903 remodeling is the tongue-and-groove ceiling. The slate original roof was covered with standing seam tin in 1972. The exterior cladding of shingles on the second story and clapboards on the first story are unpainted and unstained.

OUTBUILDINGS:

Log Smokehouse: Located about 35 feet east of the dwelling house, the smokehouse is about 10 feet square with a single door in the west elevation and a recently replaced shingle roof. The smokehouse is approximately the same date as the original house.

Outhouse: The frame outhouse is approximately square in plan and has vertical siding. It is located east of the smokehouse.

Bank barn: Built in 1903, the frame building has machine-sawn and hewn timbers, suggesting re-used old materials. The standing seam roof is topped by three louvred cupolas on the ridgeline. Painted "windows" include louvred vents in the vertical siding. Adapted for dairy operations in the early 20th century, the forebay was enclosed with concrete block and an adjoining concrete block milk can storage building was added.

7.2 Description (Continued)

Loafing shed and hog shed: The 1903 loafing shed and frame hog barn are attached to the southeast corner of the bank barn. The open side of the loafing shed and the hog wallow are on the west elevation.

Machine Shed: This small rectangular building has german siding and a corrugated metal roof. The present owner believes the machinery was a gasoline powered generator for use with farm vehicles.

Domestic Outbuildings: These are four frame buildings located in a row about 25 yards southeast of the house. They include a milk can sterilization shed, a springhouse with board and batten siding on a stone base, a circa 1914 garage, and a blacksmith shop with hewn timbers, vertical siding, and a standing seam tin roof.

Hay barn and chicken house: The two distant buildings are located on opposite sides of the Renner Branch. The hay barn has vertical siding and sliding doors on the east and west elevations. The chicken house, now used as a target shooting shelter, was originally located between the smokehouse and the outhouse and was much longer than its present size. The current owner moved it to the present location in the 1970's.

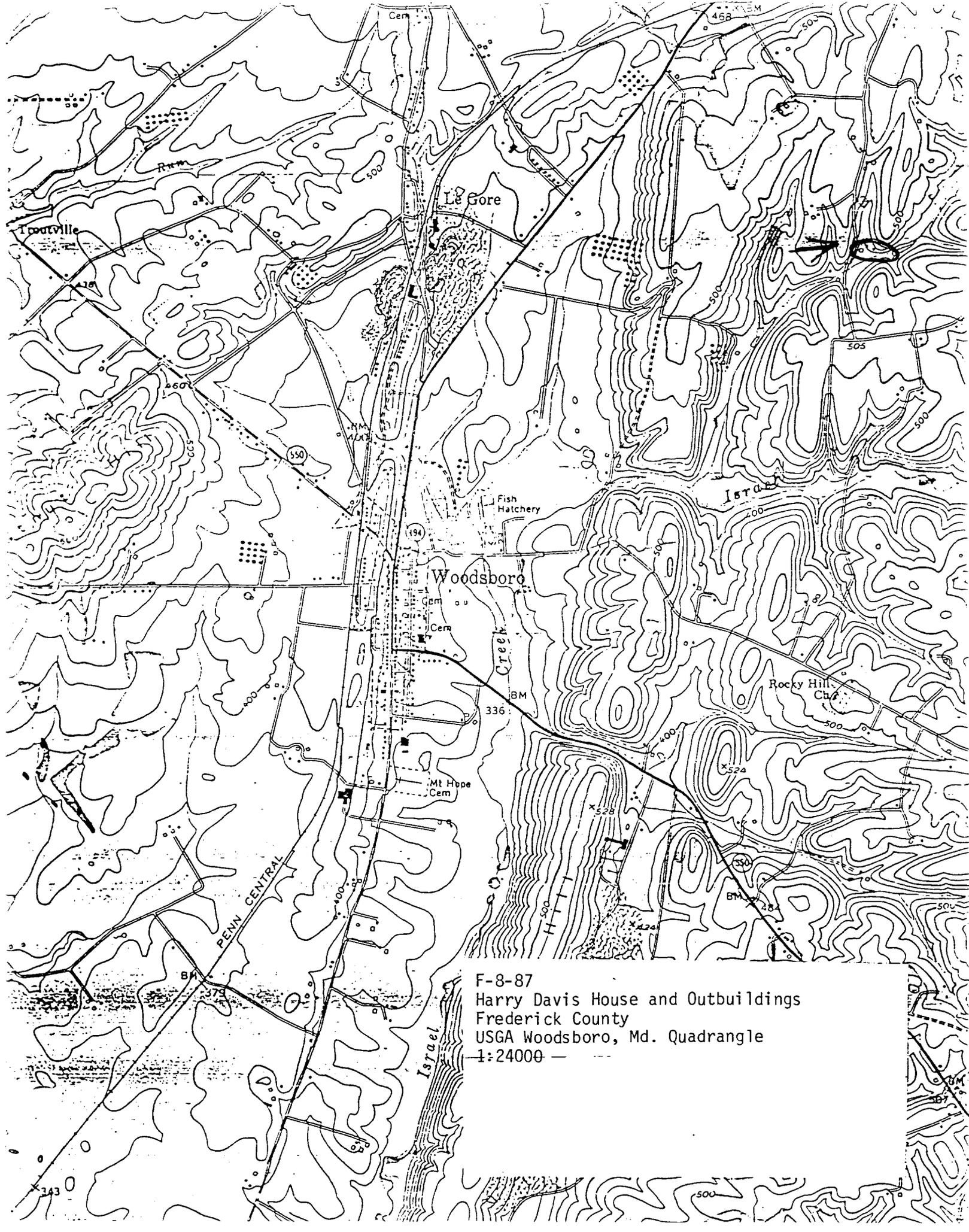
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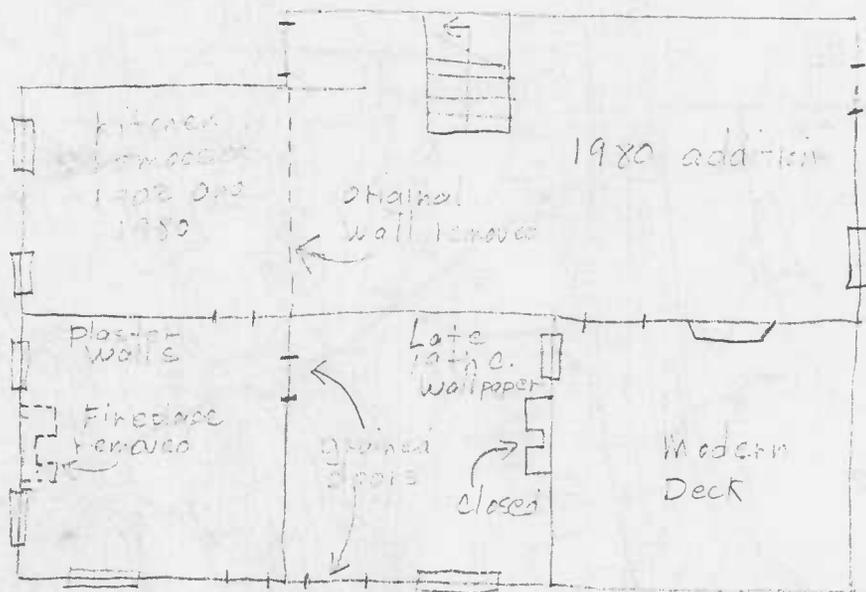
8.1 Significance:

The Harry Davis House and Outbuildings represent a typical farm complex of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The original form of the house is still apparent, but has been altered at various times in the early and mid 20th century. The domestic and agricultural outbuildings are fairly intact and complete in terms of illustrating the life and operation of a Frederick County farm. The materials and construction techniques of the main outbuildings, the barns, log smokehouse, and the four domestic structures are moderately important as examples of the period.

The Davis House and Outbuildings were compared to similar farms in the Walkersville region. Its principal structure is a commonly found example of farm houses with continuous occupation. The outbuildings as a separate sub-group are better examples of their types in that they are more numerous than in most other farms surveyed in the region. Further research into farming techniques, changes in crops and products, and architectural influences on all the building types remains to be done. Title research and site-specific study should also be done on the Davis farm.



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USGA Woodsboro, Md. Quadrangle
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 Harry Davis House
 Frederick County

Janet Davis
 April 1, 1991

Not to scale



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South elevation

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Northwest corner view

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Barn, loafing shed and hog barn from south.

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Smokehouse, southwest corner view

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Blacksmith Shop, Garage, Springhouse, sterilization
Shed (L to R)

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Hay barn and chicken house

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