

SUMMARY

HA-334

Adams Blacksmith Shop
East Nobles Mill Rd.
Darlington, Md. 21034

The 1878 Martenet's Map indicates a blacksmith shop in this location, when the farm was owned by William Hopkins of Joseph. The shop may have been here in 1858: Jennings & Herrick Map indicates several buildings around the Mill, all under the label, "Govers Mills". Not many mid-19th century blacksmith shops still stand, although there is a similar stone one on the William Woolsey Farm near Churchville and in Level there is Foard's late 19th century frame shop.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Adams Blacksmith Shop

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northwest side of East Nobles Mill Rd.,
north of intersection with Nobles Mill Rd., nr. Darlington

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Richard Greider

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RD Box 57 A

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT DETERIORATED
 GOOD RUINS
 FAIR UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This 1-story, gable roofed rubblestone structure, formerly a blacksmith shop, is located on the northwest side of East Nobles Mill Road.

The structure has board and batten gables and an entrance in the south side, a window in the west end, and a boarded-up opening in the north side. The roof is slate.

Unfortunately the structure is inaccessible and can only be viewed from a distance, so further information is unobtainable.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1878 Martenet's Map indicates a blacksmith shop in this location, when the farm was owned by William Hopkins of Joseph. The shop may even have been here in 1858 when the Jennings & Herrick Map indicates several buildings around the Mill, applying the general label of "Govers Mills" to all of them. Unfortunately, neither the 1866, 1871, or the 1896-97 business directories list any blacksmiths for this area, although there are several listed for the nearby town of Darlington (although none by the name of William Hopkins, J.O. Gorrell, or Wakeman Scott, the various owners of the farm from 1865 until 1897 - the 1896 Directory does list a J.S. Gorrell as a blacksmith in Darlington).

The farm on which this blacksmith shop stands is composed of the two tracts "Bachelors Good Luck" and "Jones Venture". In 1865 William Hopkins of Joseph purchased the 78 acres from Joshua Hopkins, ¹ who had inherited the farm in 1832 from his father, Samuel Hopkins.² William Hopkins' father, Joseph, may have been Joshua's brother, since a mortgage taken out by Joshua on this farm describes the property as being "subject to the life estate of Joseph Hopkins, a lunatic or idiot".³ William Hopkins' heirs owned the farm until 1897, when it was sold to Mary Dickinson.⁴ The adjacent William Hopkins House (HA-332) is on the same farm.

Few mid-19th century blacksmith shops remain in the county, although there is a similar stone one on the William Woolsey Farm near Churchville and Foard's late-19th century frame shop in Level.

1. Liber WHD 16, Folio 103
Liber ER WG 6, Folio 83
2. Will Records Liber TSB 5, Folio 396
3. Liber ALJ 9, Folio 75
4. Liber WSF 90, Folio 157

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will, and equity records of Harford County
1858 Jennings & Herrick Map
1878 Martenet's Map
The Maryland State Business Directory by Webb & Fitzgerald; New York
Chapin, Bromell, Scott & O'Keefe printers; 1866.
(See Continuation Sheet #1)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

8/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

(Continuation Sheet #1)

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Adams Blacksmith Shop

- Major Bibliographical References

The State Gazette and Merchants and Farmers' Directory for
MD. and D.C.; Balto.; Sadler, Drysdale, and Purnell, 1871

Maryland and D.C. Gazetteer and Business Directory for
1896-1897; Balto.; R.S. Polk & Co.; Vol. IV; 1896

5/13/57

Title Search

<u>Libre</u>	<u>Folio</u>	
GRG 776	478	In 1968, Christopher conveyed 296 acres to Louis E. Brown.
GRG 474	324	In 1956, Christopher P. Eilers received 33.29 acres from Margaret C. Schuermann and others.
GRG 267	313	In 1941, William Schuermann obtained 117 acres from William S. Noble. There is mention of land conveyed by Noble to the Deer Creek and Susquehanna Railway.
(will)		
JMM 11	416	The 1894 will of Benjamin Noble the mill to his son, William S. Noble.
ALJ 22	252	In 1969, Gerrard Gover devised "Gover's Mills" to Benjamin Noble.
WHD 18	306	After the resort of an 1862 equity case (Priscilla and Ann Gover U.S. Stevenson Archer); This 1867 deed states that Archer sold Govers Mill to Cassandra Gover "Formerly Known as Smith's Mill containing forty acres of land".
HDG 35	443	In 1849, Phillip Gover transferred his share in "Smith's Mills" to Mary Priscilla Gover, then occupied by Robert Gover.
HD 30	116	In 1844, Robert Gover, Jr., imparted to George P. Gover 30 acres where there was erected a Clover and saw mill, which was owned by Robert Gover, Jr.
(will)		
AJ 2	251	In 1790, Priscilla Gover, last will bequeated all of her property to be divided between relatives, one of these including Robert Gover.

WILLIAM HOPKINS HOUSE - HA-332

and

ADAMS BLACKSMITH SHOP - HA-334

TITLE SEARCH

1. 932/792	July 26, 1973	Grantor: Clay and Anna Mae Adams Grantee: Richard L. and Dixie L. Greider Acreage: 70.86 A.
2. GRG 449/485	Nov. 29, 1955	Grantor: Charles C. and Ada Lee Vaughn Hugh C. & Isabell Vaughn Grantee: Clay and Anna Mae Adams
3. GRG 373/53	May 9, 1952	Grantor: Vernon L. and Evelyn H. Coale Grantee: Charles C. and Hugh C. Vaughn
4. GRG 336/47	Oct 31, 1949	Grantee: Margaret Duncan & Calvin Mace Trav Grantee: Vernon L. & Evelyn H. Coale Acreage: 75 A.
5. GCB 259/269	March 1, 1940	Grantor: Luther G. & HESSIE M. SETTLE Grantee: Margaret Rose Duncan Sum: Assumption of \$3000 mort. Acreage: 75 A. "Bachelors Good Luck", "Jones Venture"
6. SWC 251/388	June 15, 1938	Grantor: E. Frank Warden Grantee: Luther G. & HESSIE M. SETTLE Acreage: 75 acres; "Bachelor's Good Luck", "Jones Venture"
7. JAR 162/98	Dec. 27, 1918	Grantor: Robert L. & Vera J. Choate Grantee: E. Frank and Chloe Warden Sum: \$6850 Acreage: "Bachelor's Good Luck", "Jones Venture" = 75 A.
8. JAR 158/311	Jan. 17, 1918	Grantor: Charles L. and Mary B. Couch Charles R. and Ruth I. Couch Grantee: Robert L. Choate Sum: \$2250
9. JAR 147/94	Dec. 16, 1914	Grantor: Mary E. and William J. Dickinson Grantee: Charles L. Couch Charles R. Couch Sum: \$3750 Acreage: 75 A.
10. WSF 90/157	Jan. 30, 1897	Grantor: Wakeman H. & Florrie H. Scott Grantee: Mary E. Dickinson Sum: \$3200 Acreage: 75 A.

(See continuation Sheet #1)

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704

ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404 (Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Adams' blacksmith shed

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: North side of ^{East} Noble's Mill Road about 0.6 mi

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington South of Tropple Church Road

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bath <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Unoccupied</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<u>Agricultural</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Industrial</u> <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 <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Charles Adams

STREET AND NUMBER: East Noble's Mill Road

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington STATE: Maryland CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN S

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE FOR NPS USE ONLY

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Small one-story farm building
 with one wide doorway facing south.
 The slate roof ridge line runs east-west.
~~Roof ridge line runs east-west.~~
 Note of extremely large stones, well cut.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. 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)

- | | | | | | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Aboriginal | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic | Industry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Agriculture | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Art | Landscape | | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Commerce | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | | _____ | |
| Communications | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| Conservation | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |
| | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This small building was once a blacksmith shop in a busy farm community where industry was widely dispersed and small. Now a storage barn for winter food for beef cattle.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

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 ONE ACRE							
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING

ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: 80 STATE CIRCLE

CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

5763 III NE
(DELTA)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Aberdeen Quadrangle

76°15'
39°37'30"

394 100m E

195

196 12'30"



4385000m N

4384

4383

US MILITARY
RESERVATION
ABERDEEN PROVING
GROUNDS

Harmony
Ch 223
Cem

ROAD

BM
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Adams Blacksmith Shop
Darlington, Md. 21034
Natalie Shivers
April, 1980
Southeast