

HA-895

Robinson's Store
900 Deer Creek Church Road
Chestnut Hill vicinity
Private; unoccupied

ca. 1875

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Robinson's Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

900 Deer Creek Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Chestnut Hill

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER not in use

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

James M. Johnson

Telephone #: 838-5921

STREET & NUMBER

900 Deer Creek Church Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21050

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 329

Folio #: 24

STREET & NUMBER

20 West Courtland Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

Robinson's Store is a one-story frame building on a partially exposed stone foundation built about 1875 and located on the north side of Deer Creek Church Road about 300 yards north of Deer Creek Methodist Church (HA-874) near Chestnut Hill, Harford County, Maryland. The main elevation faces south. The building is now in a fenced cow pasture about 200 feet from the road.

The raised cellar originally contained troughs for milk cans cooled by a small stream routed through the cellar. The stone walls are deteriorated near the northwest corner so that the cellar interior is partially open. The upper frame structure is also somewhat deteriorated, revealing plaster over lath interior walls. The plain window frames are shuttered. The single door is in the south elevation. The exterior weatherboards were once whitewashed, but are now almost devoid of color. The gable roof is slate.

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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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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) local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Although no definite information is available, Thomas Robinson may have built the store. The main house on the property dates from the early 20th century, but Robinson owned the farm and much of the nearby land during the late 19th century.

NOTE: HA-895 was originally assigned to Box Hill Farmhouse. Information on this building is consolidated with HA-894, Box Hill; Site of Lauretum.

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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

Janet Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

March 1984

STREET & NUMBER

45 So. Main Street

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 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.

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

ROBINSON STORE

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CHAIN OF TITLE (PARTIAL)

329/24	Grantor:	Calvin W. and Etta M. Harkins
30 April 1949	Grantee:	James M. and Josie Lee Johnson
	Acreage:	108
248/460	Grantor:	Mildred B. Beale, widow, et al., heirs of Arlena May Robinson
24 Jan 1938	Grantee:	Calvin W. Harkins
	Acreage:	111
122/57	Grantor:	Margaret L. Wheeler et al.
19 July 1907	Grantee:	Arlena May Robinson
	Acreage:	108
	Amount:	\$2300
25/445	Grantor:	Stevenson Archer, trustee for equity case of Dorsey vs. Thomas Robinson
30 May 1871	Grantee:	Elizabeth Robinson
	Acreage:	108

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

22°30'

383

384000m E.

385

20'

WHITEFORD 7.4 MI.
ADY 1 MI.



Robinson's Store
Harford County
USGS 7.5 minute series
Bel Air Quadrangle
Scale: 1:24000

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Robinson's Store

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Harford County

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March 1984

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West elevation

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Distant view from south

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