M-13-33-1 1870-1900
Dorsey and Julia Carroll House (Site)
Blocktown community, Boyds vicinity
Private

This two story log house was similar to most others of the late 19th century in construction and floor plan, having two rooms down and two up. It is not known who the 19th century occupants were, but in the 20th the house was owned and occupied by a Black family, the Carrolls.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Dorsey and Julian Carroll House (site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
West side of Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN
Boyds

x VICINITY OF Blocktown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
8

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
X SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
	No	__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
W.E. and D.K. Jackson

Telephone #: Not listed

STREET & NUMBER
Slidell Road

CITY, TOWN
Boyds

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 20720

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4170
Folio #: 252

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Rockville

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	X UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

According to Dorothy Curtis, this was a two story log house. The logs were covered with weatherboards. The gable end of the house was oriented to the east, in the direction of the Slidell Road. The house stood just a short distance from the roadway, about 12' to 14', Mrs. Curtis recalls. This was typical she says.

In plan the house consisted of two rooms down and two up with a "summer kitchen" attached to the west gable end. The facade was oriented to the south. A front door opened into the parlor (the east room). The other room was the kitchen and dining room. A stove flue was built along the "front wall". The summer kitchen also had a stove flue in one back corner.

Below the house was a cellar, where the family kept the garden produce that they had canned along with barrels of wine that they made from the grapes they raised. Behind the summer kitchen of this house had been built a grape arbor.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	X COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		Black History Local History

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though this house was of log construction, its appearance resembled that of a frame building, and its plan was not unlike that of other houses of Black landowners.

It is not known when this house was built, but since it is similar in construction and plan to other log houses of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, it is possible that it was constructed at that time.

According to Dorothy Curtis, the house was the home of Dorsey and Julian Carroll when she knew it. But the deed 414/230 shows that they purchased it in 1926, rather late in the history of the Blocktown community. The earlier owners were Allen and Rhoda Smith but their identity is not known.

The next deed in sequence (JA 6/471) shows that Rhode E. Nicholson acquired the land from James E. and Sarah J. Williams and from Mahlon T. and Georgiana Servic in 1887. Their identity too is not known. As a result, it cannot be determined at this point whether the house was occupied by white and/or black families before the residency of the Carrolls, who are known to have been black.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Dorothy Curtis, by George McDaniel, not taped. Boyds, Maryland, March and April, 1979.

Registry of Deeds, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.

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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

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DATE
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STATE
Maryland 20753

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