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Foreman Hill Houses  
Clarksburg Vicinity  
Private

19th century

On this property once stood a log house of unknown date. In the early 20th century it was purchased by a Black farm laborer, Robert Perry Foreman. In 1932, a portion of another Black landowner's house was moved to the property as the residence of his widowed daughter-in-law. Since then, several more houses of modern construction have been built by recent descendants. Though the log house is gone now, the family history related to this land is still rich and ongoing.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Foreman Hill

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Stringtown Road

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Zelma Foreman

Telephone #: 301-428-0047

STREET & NUMBER

Stringtown Road

CITY, TOWN

Clarksburg

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 622

Folio #: 47

STREET & NUMBER

Montgomery County Courthouse

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
<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		

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 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE
 

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Today this property has several houses on it. They are the homes of the descendants of the first Black landowner, Robert Perry Foreman.

In 1903 this property was purchased by the farm laborer, Robert Foreman (sic), and at that time there was a log house on the property, according to his granddaughter, Ethel Foreman. In 1932 a portion of another house was moved to the property as the beginning of a home for his son's family. The early log house is gone, but the second house remains, though it has been enlarged over the years and modernized. These first two houses are described in the accompanying taped interviews with Ethel Foreman. The ways of life of those families who lived in the houses are also described in the interviews. Please refer to the accompanying transcriptions. The lay-out of this farmstead and the use of the out-buildings illustrates the self-sufficiency by which many Black families lived.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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		

*Block House,*

SPECIFIC DATES

*Early 1900s*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to the deed T.D. 27/47, this tract of 6 and one fifth acres was purchased by Robert Perry Foreman (sic) from Clayton O. Keedy, Trustee, in 1903. Prior to that, it had been owned by Townsend Coats, who had purchased it from George W. Hilton and his wife in 1886. The tract of the Hiltons' had also contained 6 and one fifth acres (deed, JA 3/233). In 1936 one acre was removed from the family property and given to Zelma Foreman, Robert Foreman's widowed daughter-in-law (deed, 622/47). On this smaller tract stands the house of William A. and Zelma Foreman. The original portion was moved to the site and had been the home of George T. Williams in Clarksburg. This is described more fully in the accompanying description of the history of the Foreman houses by Ethel Foreman and in the transcriptions of the interview with her.

Though little remains in terms of visual evidence of the history of this land, the memories of knowledgeable informants like Ethel Foreman enable us to see that, in fact, this land does have a rich, and very human, history.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.
- 2) Oral interviews with Ethel Foreman, Clarksburg, Md. by George McDaniel
- 3) Written recollections by Ethel Foreman, Clarksburg, Md., Dec. 78

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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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor; Karen Sewell, Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

Jan. 79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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The Shaw House State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS  
Box 87, Sugarloaf  
Dickerson, Md. 20753  
(301) 926-4510

## BRIEF HISTORY OF FOREMAN FAMILY -- BY ETHEL FOREMAN

William A. Foreman -- Born 1892 - Died 1928

William Foreman was employed as a labor on construction jobs. He worked for different contractors. In 1928 he had been working with a contractor building units for nurses at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D.C. Dec. 3, 1928 he was caught in falling earth and there was a cave-in. He was smothered. Our mother Zelma L. Foreman was left with 5 children. Three girls and two boys. She had also lost two children in 1928. They died suddenly. One boy died in August and one died in September. It had been a sad year for the family. Our mother was able to draw a small compensation to help take care of the family. It helped each child until it was 18 years of age.

After a few years in 1932, she bought a frame building from Mrs. Lillian Barr who kept store in Clarksburg and she had bought the property that once belonged to Mr. George Williams, the beginning of building a home for the family. The building was about 100 years old. The home was built by Mr. George Gray and Mr. Arthur Gibson who was the grandson of Mr. George Williams. The building that was bought in 1932. Our mother bought it for \$50 and it was moved by steam engine. The house was ready to move into October 1933 but not completed. There has been a lot of work done on the house and more to be done. It does take alot of work to keep your home up to standard. In 1951 electricity was put into the home. In 1957 the well was drilled and water was put in the home with facilities. In 1959 a furnace was installed. Roland Foreman did the work on that 20 years ago.

Ethel L. Foreman

Recollections of Clifton Anderson, Huckster, Clarksburg, Maryland  
by Ethel Foreman 1/79.

Clifton Anderson has huckstered throughout Montgomery County since 1932. He has hauled fresh meats, fresh fish, and fresh produce down through the years.

Mr. Anderson lives in Hyattstown.

Mr. & Mrs. Anderson have a family, and a number of people have known him since they were children and now have their families.

Everyone whoever knew him think a lot of him. He has made donations to John Wesley Church in produce for church dinners, and we always appreciated that very much.

He has always had wonderful produce.

Ethel L. Foreman

The Foreman property was purchased by Robert and Martha Foreman from Mr. Townsend in August 1903. They were expecting an increase in the family at the time. The baby was born September 26, 1903; Ada Foreman Coleman who now resides in Washington, D.C. The home was originally a log house, two rooms upstairs and two rooms downstairs, later two rooms were added upstairs and a kitchen in the new addition.

Robert (Perry) Foreman was employed as a farmhand working for (Bud) Johnson and he later rented the home to William Hess, and Perry Foreman moved into a tenant house on the farm, July 1911. He was hospitalized and his oldest son Luke worked for "Bud" Johnson in November 1911. There was another addition to the family, a baby girl was born; Elizabeth Foreman Williamson, and Feb. 1912 Perry Foreman had a extensive recuperating period. In July 1913, another addition to the family; a baby girl was born; Hattie Foreman Green, the youngest daughter, who is now deceased.

The late Robert and Martha Foreman were parents of 11 children, there are 5 surviving.

In 1932, one acre of land was given to his oldest daughter who was a widow with 5 children. She lost her husband in December 1928 on a construction site at Walter Reed Hospital, building a nursing quarter. William A. Foreman lost his life smothered with tons of earth.

In 1932 Zelma L. Foreman purchased a two room building from Mrs. Lillian P. Barr for \$50.00 and hired Mr. Archie Harris to move it on skids and a steam engine to the present place. They added four more rooms to it. The addition was built by Mr. George Gray and Mr. Arthur Gibson.

The two room building was originally owned by Mr. George Williams. It is assumed it is over 100 years old. Mr. George Williams was the grandfather of Mr. Arthur Gibson and Mrs. Georgia Hackey Frazier. The house was ready for occupancy in the fall of 1953. Zelma L. Foreman and three children still survive.

Property-purchased in 1903 from Mr. Townsend Coates originally log house, Parlor and dining room. Two rooms upstairs, added upstairs later. Rented it to a family Mr. William Hess.

While he worked as a farm hand for Mr. (Bud) Johnson and in 1911, he was hospitalized from Nov. 11, 1911. A child was born sometime during the month of Feb. 1912.

The son was working for Mr. Johnson while he was recuperating and in July 1913 another child was born. Robert and Martha Foreman were living in the home at the time.

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**Account Identifier:** District - 02 Account Number - 00020292

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b>	WILLIAMS, MARGARET F	<b>Use:</b>	RESIDENTIAL
		<b>Principal Residence:</b>	YES
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	23400 STRINGTOWN RD P O BOX 121 CLARKSBURG MD 20871	<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) /13191/ 759 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>
23400 STRINGTOWN RD CLARKSBURG 20871	R200	EBENZER

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
EW41		P061		1				80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class
	42

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1934	1,100 SF	43,560.00 SF	111

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
1 1/2	NO	STANDARD UNIT	SIDING

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value			Phase-in Assessments		
		As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of	As Of
		01/01/2001	07/01/2002	07/01/2003			
<b>Land:</b>	54,800	63,800					
<b>Improvements:</b>	55,930	59,040					
<b>Total:</b>	110,730	122,840	118,802	122,840			
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	0	0	0	0	0		

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b> ETHEL L FOREMAN	<b>Date:</b> 01/06/1995	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> NOT ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> /13191/ 759	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b> 08/01/1980	<b>Price:</b> \$0
<b>Type:</b> IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> / 5553/ 577	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>

**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**

\* NONE \*

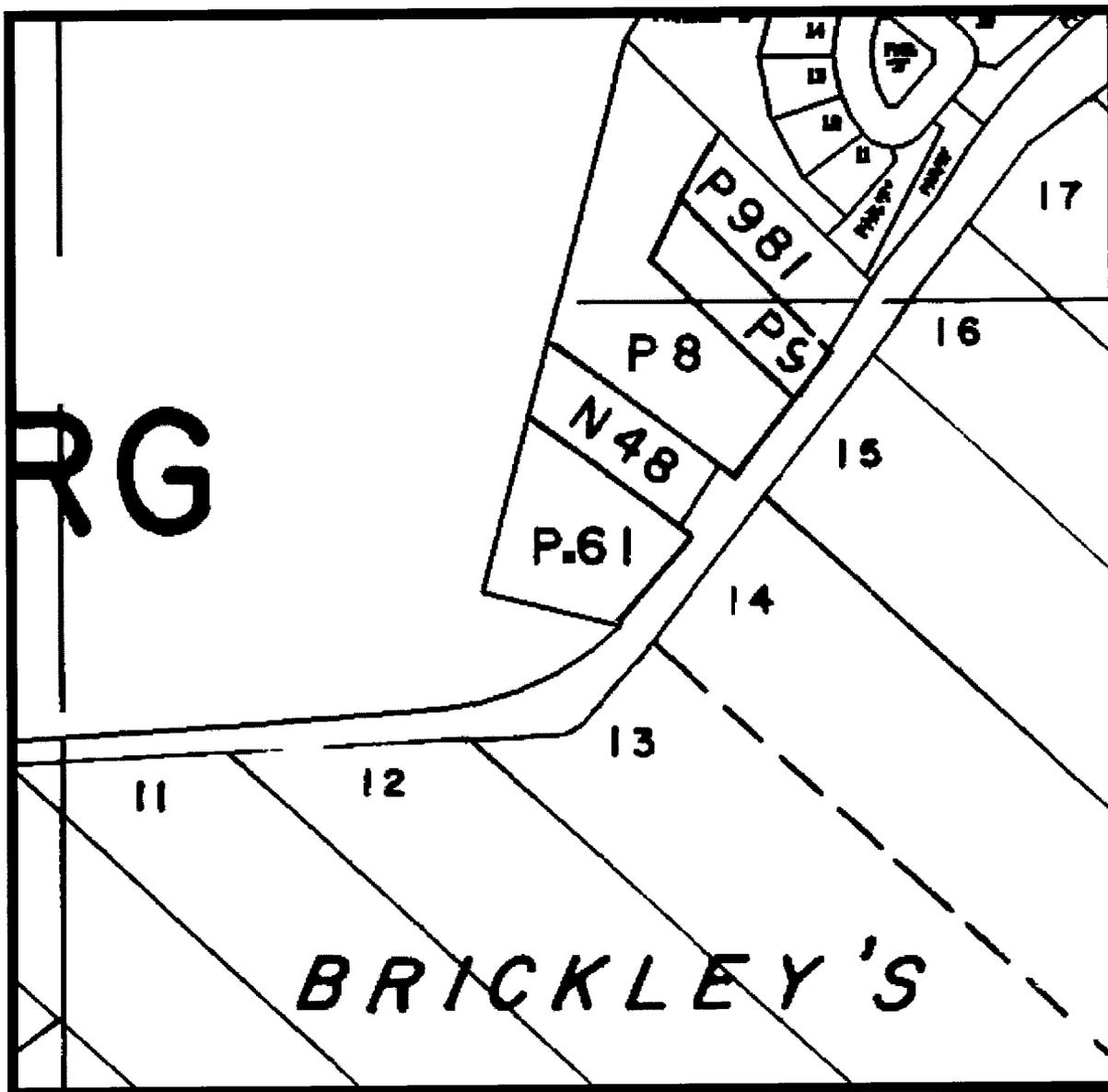
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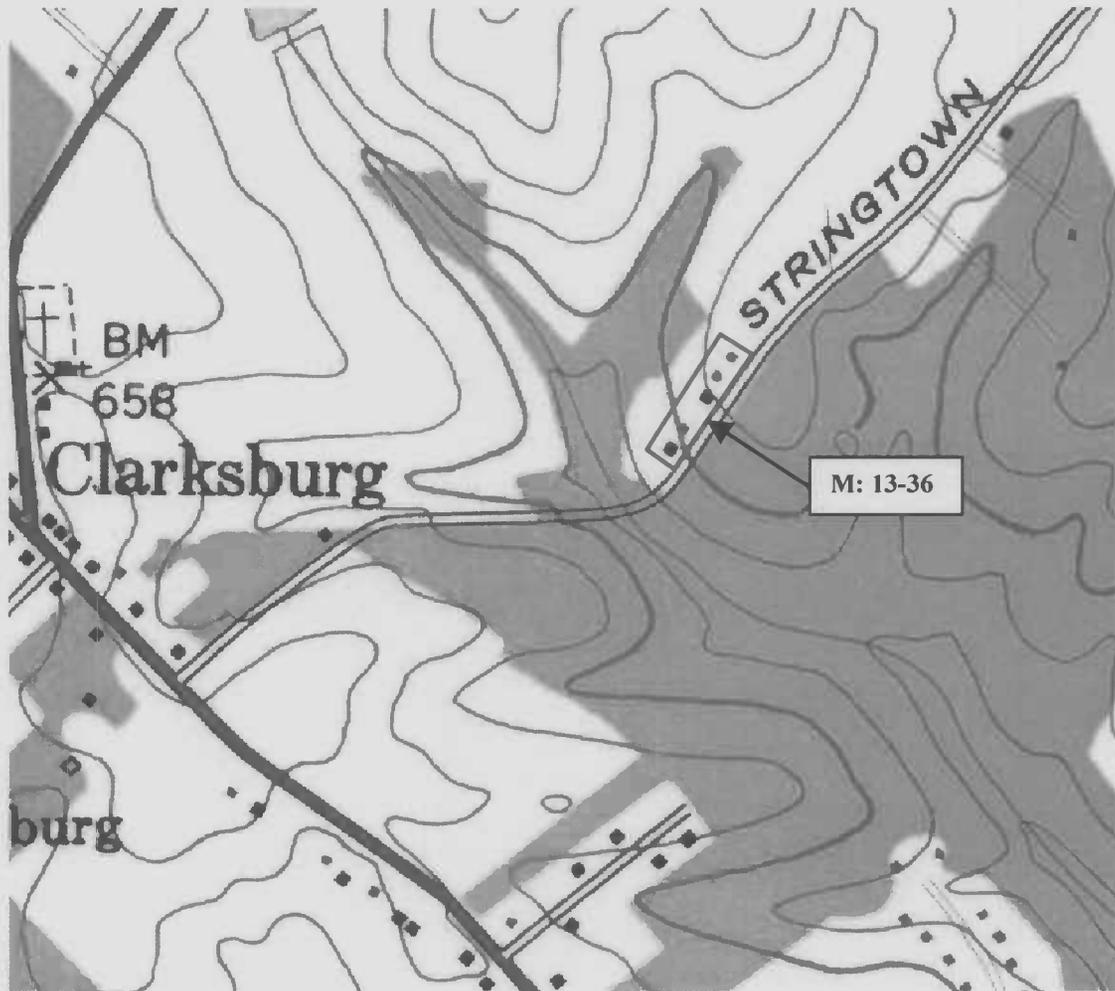
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Foreman Hill  
23400 Stringtown Road, Clarksburg  
Germantown Quadrangle





Zelma + Ethel Foreman house

Facade: east length

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Clarksburg, MD.

4/79 Joe Davis

790243



Zelma + Ethel Foreman house

Foreman Hill

South gable end

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Clarksburg, Md.

1/79 Joe Davis



Martha Foreman by the side of  
her house

c. 1839 13-36

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Clarksburg, Md.

copy of photograph

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Original: Ethel Foreman



Arner Foreman

born c. 1875

brother of Robert Perry Foreman

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Clarksville, Md.

1/79 Joe Davis

original: Ethel Foreman



Sgt. William H. Foreman

born 1916

died 1962

grandson of Robert Perry Foreman

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Clarksburg, Md.

V79 Joe Davis



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Zelma Foreman

daughter of Dr Robert Perry Foreman  
13-36  
M-13-10-3

Clarksburg, Md.

1/79 Joe Davis

original: Ethel Foreman



Perry Foreman  
13-36  
~~M-18-10-3~~

Clarksburg, Md.

11/78 GUM

original: Ethel Foreman



Foreman Hill

North View

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Clarksburg Md.

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Foreman Hill

North View 13-36

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