

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic King Farm

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 9501 Wildcat Road not for publicationcity, town Woodfield vicinity of congressional district 12th

state Maryland county montgomery

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 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

M: 14-32

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a three-bay farmhouse, with center gable. There is an open, one-story porch across the front. The central door has transom and sidelights. The most outstanding feature is the three-story, octagonal-shaped tower affixed to the SE corner of the front of the house. There are windows in each bay, at all three levels, and the tower is capped with a steep, conical roof. (The only similar home seen in the area is the Oliver Watkins Farm at Cedar Grove.)

There is a large bank barn nearby.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

I. Significance

Survey No.

M: 14-32

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

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.

The King Farmhouse is a well maintained, late nineteenth century Victorian dwelling. The house is considerably more elaborate than the average rural home in Montgomery County; thus indicating the greater wealth and influence of the King family. Singleton Lewis and Mary R.E. King first settled here in 1871 and the Kings have resided in the area since. During the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries the King family owned a number of farms in this area.

The single most outstanding architectural feature of this house is the octagonal-shaped tower capped with a steep conical roof, located at the front southeast corner of the house. Though this feature is less common in rural dwellings, it is found in another house nearby. The Oliver Watkins house (site #13-3), the mid nineteenth century home of an upper middle class farmer and merchant, is quite similar in design to the King house. The King house, however, has been covered with stucco, with the exception of the tower and the weatherboard and decorative shingles in the gable ends which have been left exposed. In addition, a modern wing has been added to the rear which unfortunately cannot be seen from the front of the house.

The King Farmhouse was built in 1898.¹ It was probably constructed by James R. King on land received just one year before, from Singleton and Mary King.² His original farm as obtained from Singleton and Mary consisted of 151 acres of "Watkins Range" and "Addition to Watkin's Range" tracts but, over the next sixteen years it grew to 233 acres. During the early twentieth century this was a crop, tobacco and dairy farm.³ James died in August of 1946 leaving eight children as his heirs. The property was then described as a farm of 233 acres near Woodfield. The improvements were listed as a two story frame dwelling of eleven rooms and a bath, a cow barn, dairy barn with a silo, two tenant houses, a hen house, corn house, garage and other outbuildings.⁴ The heirs sold the farm to their brother, John L. King and his wife, Mary Lee King.⁵

See Attachment Sheet

Attachment Sheet

¹Mrs. Edith King Turner.

²Deed JA 58/111, Montgomery County Land Records.

³Mrs. Edith King Turner.

⁴Case #5902 Docket Inventory, OWR 9/272, Montgomery County Register of Wills.

⁵Deed 1074/19, Montgomery County Land Records.

⁶Deed 3633/418, " "

Cont.

They kept the farm until June of 1967 when it was sold to the present owners, Arthur Pincus and Robert R. Levick.⁶ The house is now for sale.

Also on the property are a number of outbuildings. Included is a chinked log barn, in very good condition, which most likely pre-dates the house by a good many years (probably as part of an earlier farm).

1. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M114-22

Montgomery County Land Records
Montgomery County Register of Wills
Montgomery County Judgement Records
Mrs. Edith King Turner

0. Geographical Data

Creation of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Zone	Easting	Northing

B Zone	Easting	Northing
D Zone	Easting	Northing
F Zone	Easting	Northing
H Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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1. Form Prepared By

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M #14-32
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

King Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Wildcat Road, near Rte. 124

CITY, TOWN

Woodfield

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

M 14-32

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

M 14-32

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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1898

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Mrs. Raymond (King) Turner of the Mont. Co. Historical Society, this house was built in 1898 by Singleton King (with subsequent additions.) Mrs. Turner grew up here, and this was a crop, tobacco, and dairy farm during the early 20th Century.

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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

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

3/28/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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NAME #14-32 KING FARM

LOCATION WILDCAT Rd WOODFIELD, Md

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