

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas Darby House

and/or common Eminence Farm

2. Location

street & number 15410 Partnership Road. _____ not for publication

city, town Poolesville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district

state Maryland _____ county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Nina Vann Jeanes

street & number 15410 Partnership Road telephone no.:

city, town Poolesville state and zip code Maryland, 20837

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4996

street & number _____ folio 808

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 _____ federal state county _____ local

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

city, town Rockville state Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Much of the interior has been restored with new materials. Original to the house, however, are the low-pedimented window and door heads on the first and second floors. In plan, the main block has an end hall and double parlors. The south and west rooms also open off the hall.

In the basement, a lateral summer beam is supported by the foundation walls and two intermediate chamfered posts with brackets. Joists are cut with tongues that lap over the summer and sills. Chimney foundations are stone.

Behind the house is a log smoke house joined with inverted V-notching. The gable ends are board and batten.

To the south of the house is a carriage house and a bank-barn, both on stone foundations.

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Significance

Survey No.

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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 Thomas Darby House is significant as a well maintained example of Italianate architecture found in rural Montgomery County. Features which distinguish this house as an Italianate building include: its large square plan, dentiled and bracketed cornice, and a low hipped roof with a lantern protruding from the center. This house is very similar to the Joseph Dyson House, just down the road (site #17-57). The house was built in 1870 by Thomas D. Darby.¹ Darby's home was built on approximately 400 acres of the "Partnership" tract which he purchased from Ann Vinson, 1861-1868.² Thomas Darby is listed in Boyd's, History of Montgomery County, Maryland as a farmer; undoubtedly a quite prosperous one.

The house remained in the Darby family for many years. It was passed on to Joseph N. Darby in 1903.³ Darby finally sold the farm out of the family in 1964. It was purchased by Frances and Carole Kadie.⁴ Frances died in 1975. Carole held on to the property another two years before selling it to the present owner, Dr. Nina Vann Jeanes in August of 1977.⁵

Also on the property are some noteworthy outbuildings including: a bank barn on a high stone foundation, a carriage house and a log smoke house. All are in excellent condition.

¹The date is based on the fact that the house appears in the tax assessments without improvements in 1869 and with improvements in 1870. 1869, 1870 and 1871 have all been given as date of the house by various sources.

²Deed EBP 1/463 & EBP 5/61, Montgomery County Land Records.
³Deed TD 24/453, "
⁴Deed 3304/446, "
⁵Deed 4996/808, "

D. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:17-38

Montgomery County Land Records
Montgomery County Commissioner's Tax Assesment Books.
Potomac Almanac, History of Potomac, 2nd edition, 1970.

0. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property 30.13 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

1. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Montgomery County Hist. Pres. Comm. date 2/84

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Rockville state Maryland

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
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

166-578604

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON: Random House Farm				
AND/OR ALTERNATE: Thomas Darby House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Reddick Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> Dis... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<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	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: R. Kadie				
STREET AND NUMBER: Reddick Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville			STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
EXISTING SURVEYS				
None				
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
			STATE:	

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SNOW BIRD

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) 1871

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: MNCPPC DATE: 3 Dec 73

STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY: Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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#17-38

NAME THOMAS D. DARBY HOUSE

LOCATION REDDICK Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE E

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NAME THOMAS D. DARBY HOUSE

LOCATION REDDICK Rd POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE SE

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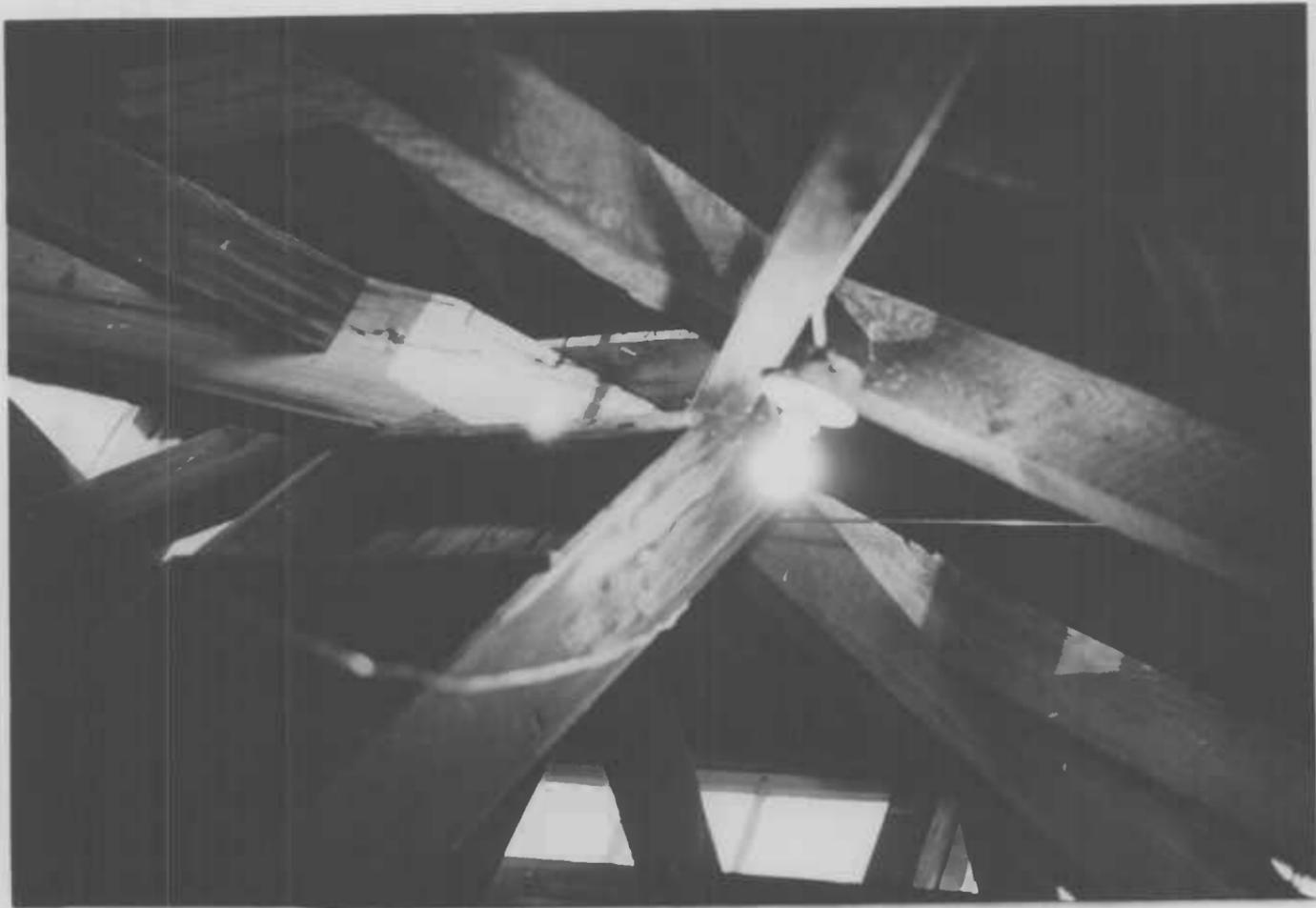
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NAME THOMAS D. DARBY HOUSE (KADIE)

LOCATION REDDICK Rd POOLESVILLE, Md

FACADE S

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NAME THOMAS D. DARBY HOUSE

LOCATION REDDICK Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE FRAMING OF CUPOLA

PHOTO TAKEN 12/3/73 M. DWYER



NAME THOMAS D. DARBY HOUSE

#17-38

LOCATION REDDICK Rd POOLESVILLE, Md

FACADE 2nd. floor, S side All windows in

PHOTO TAKEN 12/3/73

house have these
frames

M. DWYER



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NAME THOMAS D. DARBY HOUSE

LOCATION REDDICK Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md

FACADE LOOKING WEST

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#17-38
NAME THOMAS D. DARBY HOUSE - BANK BARN & CARRIAGE HOUSE
LOCATION REDDICK Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.
FACADE N
PHOTO TAKEN 12/3/73 H. DWYER



17-38

NAME THOMAS D. DARBY HOUSE - BANK BARN

LOCATION REDDICK Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE N

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#17-38

NAME THOMAS D. DARBY HOUSE - LOG SMOKEHOUSE

LOCATION REDDICK Rd. POOLESVILLE, Md.

FACADE SE

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