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Joshua Duffin House (Site)  
White Grounds Community, Boyds vicinity  
Private

1914

This two story frame "I house" was built as the home of a Black landowning family. Its design resembled that of other landowners' houses of the turn of the century. It burned in 1978.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Joshua Duffin House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER West Side of White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN Boyds CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

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 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Abandoned

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Welhelmina Scott Telephone #: 925-8225

STREET & NUMBER 5436 Addison Road

CITY, TOWN Fairmont Heights STATE, zip code Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3838  
Folio #: 710

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house burned down within the past year. According to Edna Duffin Johnson from the White Grounds community, this was a two story frame house with two rooms down and two up. Its roof line was accented by a cross gable pediment. The weatherboards were not painted or white-washed, but left natural. In general, the house resembled the front block of the Odd Fellows Lodge in White Grounds.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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		<b>Black History</b>	
				<b>Local History</b>	

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1914      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to deed 242/280, Joshua and his wife Margaret, purchased this two acre tract in 1914 from James E. and Sarah T. Williams. Since the Williams are known not to have lived on this site (but elsewhere) and since the house was too fine to have been a tenant house, it is most likely that the dwelling was constructed soon after purchase by the Duffins.

According to Edna Johnson, her father, Addison Duffin, was a cousin to Joshua Duffin, but she did not know the exact connections. They are not brothers, as shown by the Duffin family Bible. Addison Duffin's paternal uncle was named Joshua Duffin, and this may be his son, or perhaps nephew. In any event, this is another instance of the family network in Black communities.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., 242/280; 3838/710.

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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**

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ORGANIZATION

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DATE

April 1979

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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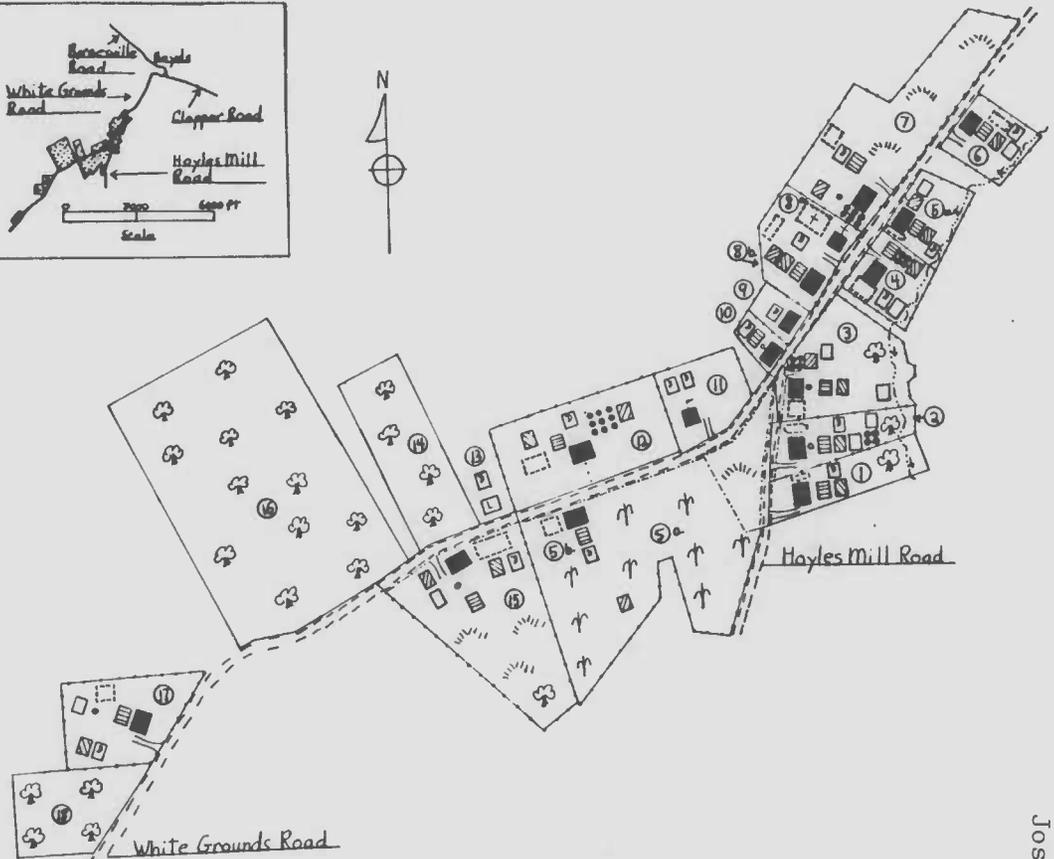
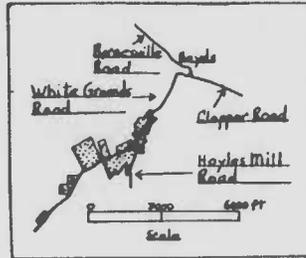
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| 1. MARTHA CARTER HSTD.           | 1.00 AC.  |
| 2. WILLIAM LUCKETT HSTD.         | 2.00 AC.  |
| 3. WILLIAM GIBBS HSTD.           | 3.00 AC.  |
| 4. DUFFIN-HERRON HSTD.           | 1.00 AC.  |
| 5a. ADDISON DUFFIN HSTD.         | 25.00 AC. |
| c. RENTED HOUSE                  |           |
| c. FARM FIELD                    |           |
| 6. DIGGINS HSTD.                 | 0.50 AC.  |
| 7. JACOB RIPLE HSTD. (white)     | 3.00 AC.  |
| 8a. ST. MARK'S M.E. CHURCH       | 2.00 AC.  |
| c. ST. MARK'S PARSONAGE          |           |
| 9. JOHN DORSEY HSTD.             | 0.50 AC.  |
| 10. BLANCHE WILLIAMS HSTD.       | 0.50 AC.  |
| 11. BOYDS NEGRO SCHOOL           | 1.52 AC.  |
| 12. JOHN BROWN HSTD.             | 5.00 AC.  |
| 13. ODD FELLOW'S LODGE           |           |
| 14. GEORGE DAVIS HSTD.           | 6.00 AC.  |
| 15. GEORGE HAWKINS HSTD.         | 7.00 AC.  |
| 16. JAMES WILLIAMS PROP. (white) | 26.00 AC. |
| 17. JOHN PARKER HSTD.            | 5.00 AC.  |
| 18. TIMOTHY CATON PROP.          | 5.00 AC.  |
| 19. JOSHUA DUFFIN HSTD.          | 3.00 AC.  |
| 20. NATHAN DUFFIN HSTD.          | 1.00 AC.  |



WHITE GROUNDS COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

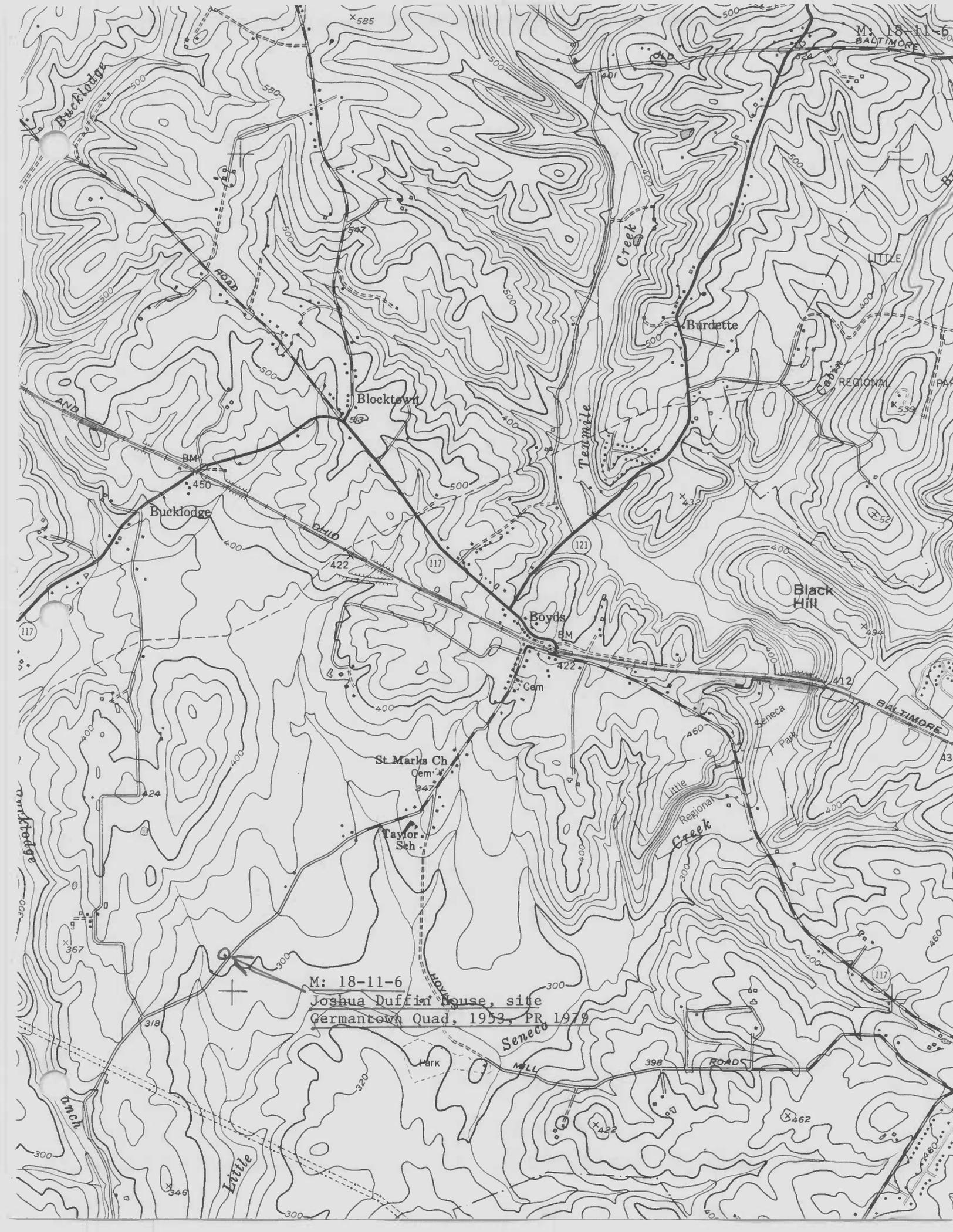
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BUILDINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY



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Germantown Quad, 1953, PR 1979