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John and Belle (Duffin) House  
White Grounds Community,  
Boyds, Maryland 20720  
Private

1910's

This two-story, double pile frame house with hipped roof was built as the home of a white landowning family, but was soon purchased by a black family. It was among the largest owned and occupied by a black family in rural Montgomery County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC John and Belle (Duffin) House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER West Side of White Grounds Road

CITY, TOWN Boyds 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 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 Thomas G. Righter Telephone #: 428-0924

STREET & NUMBER 19310 White Grounds 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 #: 4920  
Folio #: 4

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

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**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 large two story frame house with hipped roof has a typical facade of three bays: a door flanked by a window on each side. The house is of a double pile plan with four rooms down and four up.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land records, Registry of Deeds, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deeds 268/405, 4920/4.  
Interviews (not taped) with Edne Duffin Johnson and Lorraine Duffin, Boyds, Md. Feb. - March, 1979.

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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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DATE

3-79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE  
Md.

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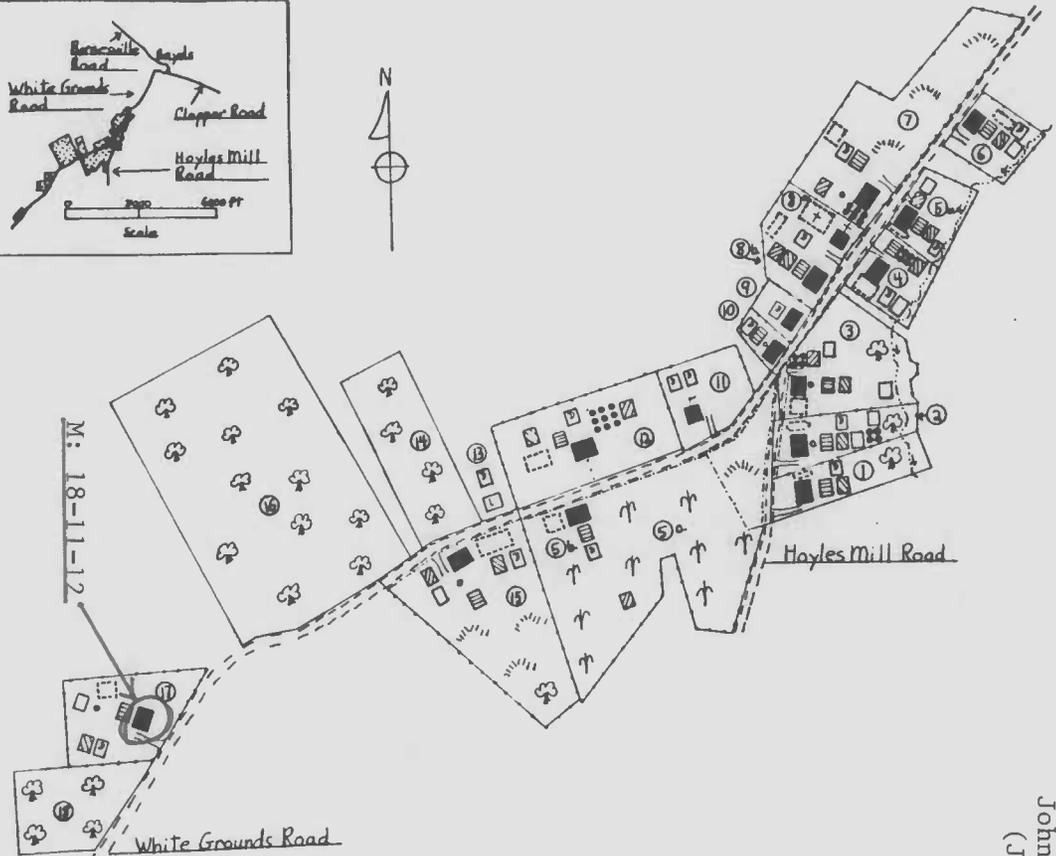
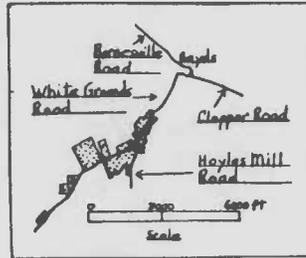
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Key

CHURCH	
CEMETERY	
LODGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
WATER HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
WAX HOUSE	
CORN/WOOD HOUSE	
STEPPY	
PASTURE	
CORN FIELD	
WAX FIELD	
ORCHARD	
TERRACE	
TRUCKER	
WELL	
SPRING	
STREAM	
ROAD	
PARCEL BOUNDARY	
FENCED PARCEL BDY.	
FENCE	
WATER ROAD	
LANE	
PATH	
STREAM FLOW	

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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-HEERON 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 RUBLE HSTD. (white)     | 5.00 AC.  |
| 8a. ST. MARK'S M.E. CHURCH       | 2.00 AC.  |
| b. ST. MARK'S PARSONAGE          |           |
| 9. JOHN DORSEY HSTD.             | 0.50 AC.  |
| 10. BLANCHIE 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) | 56.00 AC. |
| 17. JOHN PARKER HSTD.            | 5.00 AC.  |
| 18. TIMOTHY CAJON PROP.          | 5.00 AC.  |
| 19. JOSHUA DUFFIN HSTD.          | 2.00 AC.  |
| 20. NATHAN DUFFIN HSTD.          | 1.00 AC.  |



WHITE GROUNDS COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925

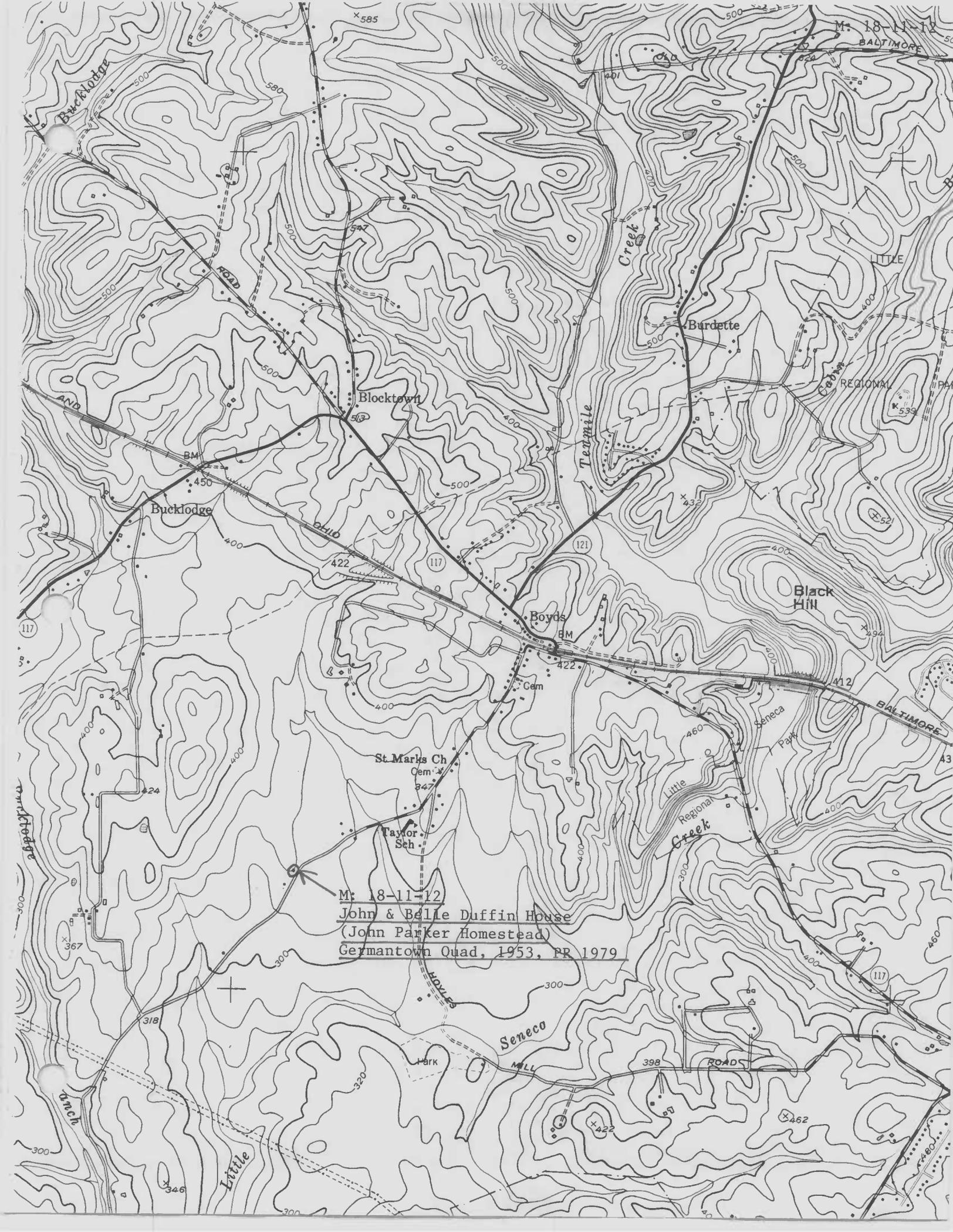
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DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE  
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY



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John & Belle Duffin House  
(John Parker Homestead)  
Germantown Quad, 1953, PR 1979





Parker House  
(Bill Duffin)  
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Facade: East elevation

White Grounds community  
photo by George McDaniel  
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Parker House  
(Belle Puffin)

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S. E. view

White Grounds community  
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