

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

Property Name: Americus Dawson Farm Inventory Number: M: 18-27
 Address: 15528 Schaeffer Road Seneca Creek State Park Historic district: yes no
 City: Boyd's Zip Code: 20841 County: Montgomery
 USGS Quadrangle(s): _____
 Property Owner: Maryland Department of Natural Resources Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
 Project: Curatorship Agency: DNR
 Agency Prepared By: Maryland Historical Trust
 Preparer's Name: Jonathan Sager Date Prepared: 1/30/2006
 Documentation is presented in: MIHP# M: 18-27; M: 19-38 (SOCRAP record for Seneca Creek State Park)
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
 Name of the District/Property: _____
 Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
 Site visit by MHT Staff yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Americus Dawson property contains a nineteenth-century house and a variety of early and mid- twentieth century accessory structures, including a ca. 1930 secondary residence. The farm complex dates primarily from the 1920s and 1930s. A number of the buildings are in poor condition. The property lacks sufficient significance or integrity to be particularly representative of any trends or events in the history of the area, including local agricultural history. The property is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. The property is not known to be associated with any individuals whose significant contributions to history can be identified and documented. The MIHP does not contain any information about Americus Dawson. The property is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion B. The buildings are in deteriorated condition and not rarely or particularly representative of any form, style, method of construction, or identified design trend. The property is not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion C.

In 1982 Montgomery County removed this property from its historic atlas. In 1984 the County Historic Preservation Commission and County Planning Board (MNCPPC) determined that the property did not represent local history in a significant way.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Andrew Lewis _____ Date 2/22/06
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
Blumenthal _____ Date 2/21/06
 Reviewer, National Register Program

200600174

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. *M:18-27*

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Americus Dawson House

other

2. Location

street & number 15528 Schaeffer Road

not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg

vicinity

county Montgomery

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

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources

street & number Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue

telephone (410) 260-8192

city, town Annapolis

state and zip code Maryland 21401

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

tax map and parcel

city, town

liber and folio

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Individually Listed in the National Register/Maryland Register
 Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 HSR or Research report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count		
				Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>1</u>		buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture			sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion			structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social			objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>1</u>		Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress			
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown			
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use			
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:			

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Americus Dawson House is located at 15528 Schaeffer Road in Montgomery County, Maryland within the boundaries of Seneca Creek State Park.

This house is typical of rural farmhouses in Maryland with a stone foundation, clapboard siding covered over with asbestos siding, and a tin seamed roof. Many parts of the structure are covered over with plywood to protect it from the elements, so it is impossible to completely see the fenestration. The design consists of a T-shaped plan with later additions added to the south and west facades. The front facade (east) has an open front porch that spans the length of the original section of the house. Surrounding the farmhouse are various deteriorated early Twentieth century farm outbuildings such as barns and a silo.

The interior is still in good condition with many of the original elements of the farmhouse still intact such as the wooden floors, molding, and beams.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, and a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, discuss evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

This house is significant as a typical example of rural farmhouse design in Maryland. It is currently being restored by Meredith Steere under the Curatorship Program of the Department of Natural Resources.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning.

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment : Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Farming

Known Design Source: Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _____

Quadrangle name Germantown

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Charlie Mazurek, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization MD Department of Natural Resources

date 11/97

street & number Tawes State Office Building, 580 Taylor Avenue

telephone (410) 260-8192

city or town Annapolis

state and zip code MD 21401

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2 023
410-514-7646

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Americus Dawson House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Schaeffer Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Boyds				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) vacant	_____
<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: Melrod, Inc.				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" 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

The house is a frame structure with a wing extending to the west. The main block is five bays, with a central gable; the roof framing indicates that three south bays are older than the two north bays. South of this block is a 1-1/2 story, three bay section. The three easternmost bays of the wing are two-story, with a two-bay, one story section to the west. At the south end of the main block, there is a large internal chimney. The entire house was originally clapboarded, but is now covered with asbestos siding. A one story porch with bracketed posts, extends across the front of the main block.

South of the house is a slave quarters, built in two section on either side of a large stone chimney. Both are 1-1/2 stories and sheathed with clapboards.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> Historic <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Art <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Education <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> Industry <input type="checkbox"/> Invention <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> Literature <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Political <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> Science <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> Theater <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

[Empty space for major bibliographical references]

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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: M-NCPPC DATE: 6 May 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

10/2		23/70
10/9		23/98-1
10/11		24/12
10/22		24/14
10/25		24/15
10/54		25/1
10/71		25/10-1
10/73		27/5
	<u>Site No.</u>	27/7
10/74	15/68	*27/11
11/8	15/69	*27/13
12/14-1	16/19	28/15
12/16	*17/4	28/26
12/26	17/55	30/3
	18/1	30/7
13/15	18/9	30/9
13/16	18/22	30/15
13/28	18/27	30/17
13/32	18/29-1	30/19
	19/8	31/9
14/1	19/18	33/3
14/15	19/20	33/5
14/18	20/6	33/11
14/19	20/14	*34/1
14/23	20/27	*34/9
14/30	22/5	
14/31	22/6-1	
14/40	22/18	
14/48	22/21	
14/54	22/22	
15/10	22/23	
15/11	22/24	
15/18	23/13	
*15/62		

Site No.

- 35/6
- 36/9
- *37/4

*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.



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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8707 General Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3700

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated

5/13/82

ACTION TAKEN

Planning Board voted unanimously to confirm the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation not to place the 24 sites on the Master Plan and not to keep them on the Locational Atlas.

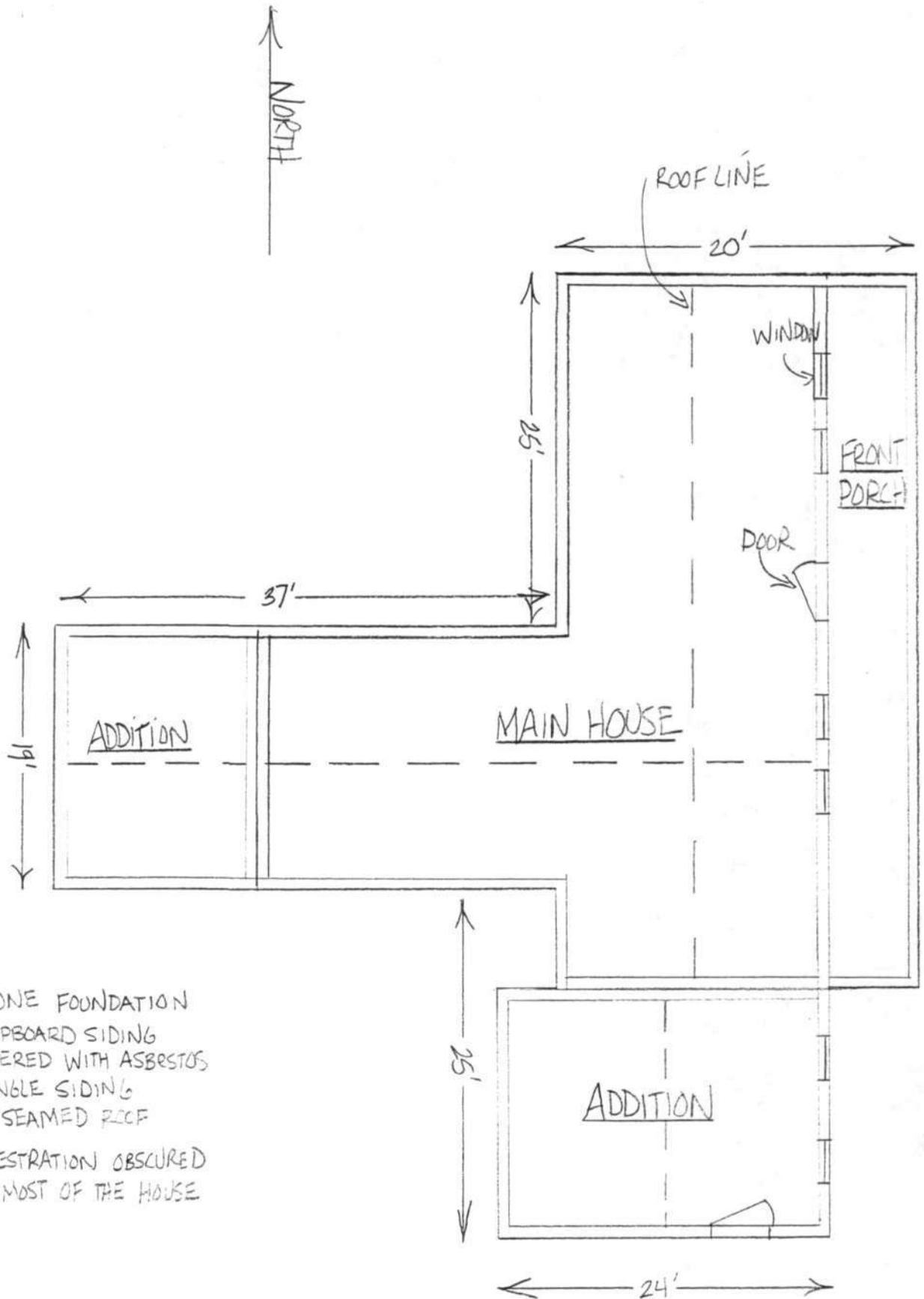
24 Sites Removed From
Historical Atlas
on April 29, 1982

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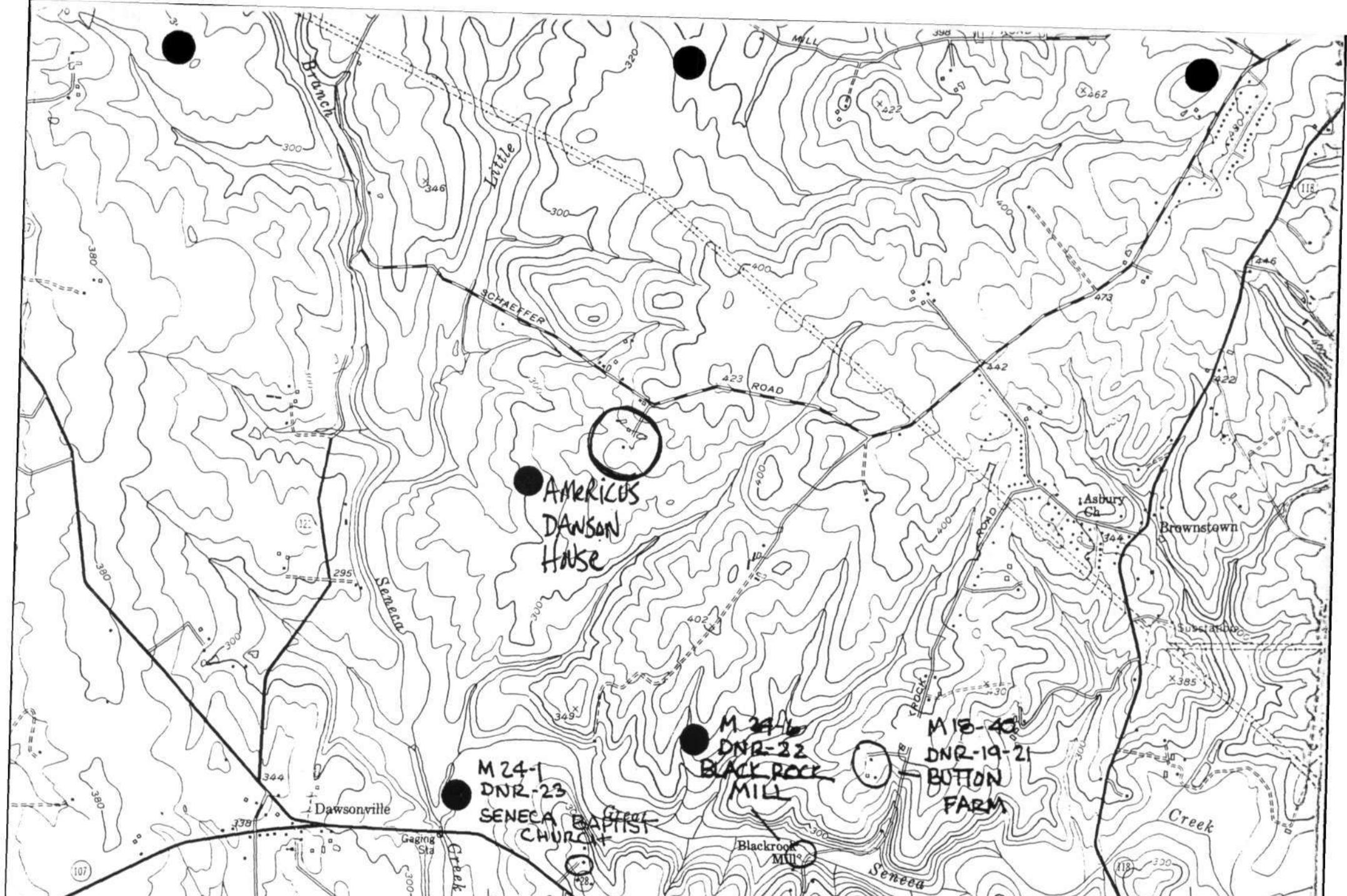
<u>SITE</u>	<u>INDEX NO.</u>	<u>DEP CASE NO.</u>
1. Moxley Log Cabins	10/2	10-1-60, 10-1-57, 10-1-58
2. Mary Day House	10/9	10-2-181
3. Glaze Log House	10/22	10-2-222
4. Middleton King Farm	10/25	14-2-94
5. Thomas Hilton Farm	11/8	10-2-29
6. Sellman Station	12/14	7-1-366
7. William T. Poole House	12/16	7-1-315
8. McKendree Bowman Farm	14/1	10-6-135
9. Abandoned Log House	14/19	10-3-24
10. Sylvester Burns House	14/23	10-3-29
11. William Soper House	14/30	10-3-17
12. A Mullinix Log House	15/11	10-4-286
13. Etchinson Log House	15/18	11-3-148
14. Caleb Carr House	15/68	13-2-4
15. Ashton Acres Farm	15/69	12-2-17A
16. James Dawson Farm	18/22	18-2-93
17. Americus Dawson Farm	18/27	9-3-44
18. Brownstown School	18/29	
19. Caven/Sabine Farm	22/5	11-2-228A
20. Cooke's Range/Pope Farm	22/22	11-2-223
21. Howard Log Cabin	23/8	11-4-85
22. Jones/Claggett Farm	24/14	9-4-154
23. Travilah Town Hall	25/10	9-2-223
24. Mills House	24/15	

AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE
SENECA CREEK STATE PARK; MONTGOMERY CO., MD
DRAWN BY C. MAZUREK, OCTOBER 28, 1997
SCALE

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- STONE FOUNDATION
- CLAPBOARD SIDING COVERED WITH ASBESTOS SHINGLE SIDING
- TIN SEAMED ROOF
- FENESTRATION OBSCURED FOR MOST OF THE HOUSE



POOLSVILLE 3.8 MI. 1700 000 FEET 298 20' 299 (SENECA) 5562 III SE 301 17'30"
 Biological Survey USGS GERMANTOWN DARNESTOWN 2.4 MI. SCALE 1:24000 1.1 MI. TO MD. 28 M:18-27
1 1/2 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99 100
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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

S.E. ELEVATION

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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SOUTH ELEVATION

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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

S.E. ELEVATION

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M: 18-27

AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

N.W. ELEVATION

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M:18-27

AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

N.W. ELEVATION

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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEW OF FARM BUILDINGS (SOUTH)

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AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

11/97

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

VIEW OF FARM BUILDINGS (WEST)

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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFB



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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER RD DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



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NAME AMERKUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd. DAWSONVILLE, Md.

FACADE N

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 M. DWYER



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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE W

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD



#18-27

NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd. DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 H. DWYER



#18-27

NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE SW

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#18-27

NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE

LOCATION SCHAEFFER RD DAWSONVILLE, GA

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFS



#18-27

NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE - SUMMER KITCHEN?

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md.

FACADE E

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 M DWYER



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NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE - CHIMNEY FOR
KITCHEN
LOCATION SCHAEFFER RD
DAWSONVILLE, Md.
FACADE W
PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MDWYER



#18-27

NAME AMERICUS DAWSON HOUSE - BARN

LOCATION SCHAEFFER Rd DAWSONVILLE, Md

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 5/6/74 MFD