

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Darby Miller's House and Mill Site

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 18/40

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 6
Coordinate D-134. Address: 23020 Bucklodge Road
Boys, Md.

5. Classification Summary .

Category building Previous Survey Recording None
 Ownership private Title and Date:
 Public Acquisition N/A
 Status occupied
 Accessible no Federal State County Local
 Present use agriculture; private

6. Date: 1864 (house)
before 1816 (mill)7. Original Owner: John William Darby (house)
Nathan White (mill)

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by five bay, two and a half story, L-shaped house faces east.

Built on fieldstone foundations, this house has dark green novelty siding on the east elevation and clapboarding on the other three elevations. On the east elevation there is a flagstone step and stoop before the wooden paneled door. On the south elevation there is a screened porch with a half hipped roof. On the north elevation there is a gabled hood supported by four chamfered posts. The north door is glass and wooden paneled and is surmounted by a two light transom.

There are two-over-two double-hung windows throughout the house flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. There is a round window with four lights. The cross gable roof has grey asbestos shingles. The cornice line is boxed and returned. There are two interior chimneys in the west ell.

10. Significance: The original mill was probably constructed by Nathan White before 1816, when he deeded the property to his son Benjamin. In 1864, John William Darby purchased 395½ acres and the mill from John and Sarah White, and constructed his house soon afterwards.

While the water-powered mill peaked financially in 1879, it was the coming of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad which brought a burst of prosperity to the neighborhood known as Buck Lodge. A station, general store, feed store, school, and about a dozen dwellings were constructed near the Darby house.

In 1890 John Darby sold the house, mill, and 34 acres to his son James W. Darby. The mill continued to operate into the 20th century, relying on a gasoline engine when water in the stream was at a low level.

Although the mill has burned down, remains of this operation can still be seen. The old road to the mill can also be traced, leading to White's Store Road beside the ruins of the former Buck Lodge School.

The house and property remained in the family until 1974 when it was sold to the current owners.

11. Researcher and date researched: Candy Reed - Arch. Description
Margaret M. Coleman July 197912. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled: Sept. 1979 14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 28.5 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC Darby Miller's House and Mill Site
 AND/OR COMMON _____

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER 23020 Bucklodge Road
 CITY, TOWN Boyds CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8
 STATE Maryland VICINITY OF _____ COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE |
|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME H.W. and J.L. Hough Telephone #: 972-1372
 STREET & NUMBER 20320 Bucklodge 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 #: 4602
 Folio #: 838
 STREET & NUMBER _____
 CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

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

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1864

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Darby miller's house at Buck Lodge signifies the modest prosperity of the 19th century mill industry. This mill was subsequently aided by its proximity to the railroad. It is also significant as part of a number of buildings erected in the Barnesville-Buck Lodge area by the Darby family and their relations.

The house was built by John William Darby about 1864. Darby graduated from Columbian College (now George Washington University) and married Ellen Ruth Edelen. He was the son of George Washington and Mary Riggs Darby of Barnesville and related to the Riggs, Dade, Harriss, Chiswell, Talbott, Poole and White families. He bought 395.5 acres from John and Sarah White in 1864.¹

The mill was probably already on the property, built by Nathan White before 1816, the date of his deed to his son, Benjamin White, which reserves mill rights to the grantor.² Benjamin, in turn, deeded the property to his son, John, in 1841.³

Energy to operate the mill was obtained by diverting Buck Lodge branch of the Little Seneca Stream on to the steep hill where Darby later built his house. The race had a run of stones ending with a 13 foot fall on the stream.⁴ A 2-inch pipe was laced through the crest of the hill, enabling the water to create considerable power and operate the wheel.

The Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad brought a short burst of prosperity to the neighborhood of Buck Lodge in the late 1870s. A station, general store, feed store, school and about a dozen dwelling houses were constructed near the Darby house. The mill peaked financially in 1879 with a value of \$2,000 on the mill, and livestock valued at \$910. In 1880 the mill had an annual output of 220 barrels of flour, 108 tons of meal and 1.1 tons of feed.⁵

In 1890 the son of John William, James W. Darby, was granted the house, mill and 34 acres.⁶ According to his nephew, Riggs Darby, James used a gasoline engine when the water in the stream was at a low level. Italian immigrants, supervised by a John Cole, operated the mill, turning out bran, flour, corn meal and middlings. Cole lived east of the road about 100 feet from the mill.⁷ This house is still standing.

Although the mill has burned down, remains of this operation can still be seen. The old road to the mill can also be traced, leading to White's Store Road beside the ruins of the former Buck Lodge School.

The house and property remained in the family until 1974 when it was sold to the current owners.

FOOTNOTES:

See Attachment Sheet A

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Darby Miller's House

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., EBP 1/352.
2. Ibid., 250/93.
3. Ibid., BS 10/370.
4. Tax Assessor's Record.
5. Ibid.
6. Land Records, Op. Cit., JA 17/245 et. seg.
7. Interview with Riggs Darby, Buck Lodge (1979).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Tax Records of Montgomery County, Md.
Riggs Darby, Buck Lodge, Maryland. Interview.
Montgomery County Historical Society files, Rockville, Md.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 28.5 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

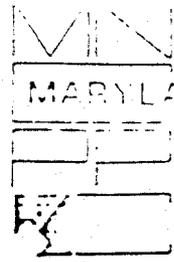
11 FORM PREPARED BY

| | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|
| NAME / TITLE | Margaret M. Coleman | Candy Reed | Architectural Description |
| ORGANIZATION | Sugarloaf Regional Trails | DATE | July 1979 |
| STREET & NUMBER | Box 87 | TELEPHONE | 926-4510 |
| CITY OR TOWN | Dickerson | STATE | Maryland 20753 |

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
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 9, 1988

ACTION TAKEN

APPENDIX A

SITES NOT RECOMMENDED FOR REGULATION UNDER THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE CHAPTER 24A OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE

The following sites have been reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and were found not to merit designation on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If not included in the Master Plan, these resources may be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. If removed from the Locational Atlas, the site will no longer be governed by the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance. The sites will, however, remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

The following sites were found by the Preservation Commission to be too greatly altered from the period of their architectural or historical significance or not to meet Ordinance criteria for designation.

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and Mill Site

20320 Bucklodge Road
Boyd's, MD

MEDLEY DIST.

No. 3.

Mont Co.

Scale 1/4 Inches to a Mile.



Note: The Figures on the Roads represent the Distance in Rods from junctions.

Barnesville

OLD BALTIMORE ROAD

BALTIMORE ROAD

Branch

Slidell 585

ROAD

BARNESVILLE

Bucklodge

RIDGE

BALTIMORE

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Darby Miller's House & Mill site
Germantown Quad, 1958, PR 1979

WHITES

STORE

AND

Bucklodge

Blocktown

ROAD

ROAD

Bucklodge

St Marks Ch
Cem 347

Taylor Sch

Boyd's
Cem

ROAD

ROAD

CHURCH

CHURCH