

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Worthington Tenant House

and/or common Cuttin Corners Farm

2. Location

street & number Sundown Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Laytonsville ___ vicinity of congressional district 1st

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 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 type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Norman Bernstein

street & number 2025 Eye St. N.W. apt. 400 telephone no.:

city, town Washington, D.C. state and zip code 20006

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 3384

street & number folio 136

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ___ federal state county ___ local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

| 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) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Uncolored <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site |
| DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE | |
| <p>The house is a two story, frame building, with a five-bay, main (south) facade. The central doorway has a transom light. Windows are 2/2 double hung sash. There is a board frieze and boxed cornice returned into the gable end. There is a central gable sheathed with shingles with a triangular headed window. The porch across the facade has bracketed, turned posts.</p> | |

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. Significance

Survey No.

M:23-32

| 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/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates circa 1860 **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 Worthington Tenant house is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical to that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house was probably built by Henry Gaither about 1860 as a tenant house for his farm "Pleasant Fields." The house sat on a farm of about 375 acres of a tract of land referred to as "Snowden's purchase." Henry and his wife, Juliet Maynard Gaither, lived in the main house until 1880 although the 1865 and 1878 maps of the county show both the main house and the tenant house as belonging to Lucy A.B. Worthington.¹ Lucy was Henry and Juliet's niece and evidently was conveyed the property at some point (though no deeds with Lucy listed as the grantee were recorded, nor was a will for Henry or Juliet).² Lucy did live at "Pleasant Fields" for a number of years with Dr. Maynard (also a relative of Juliet and Henry).³

When Lucy died in December of 1901, the tenant house went to her niece, Harriet E. Maynard, as directed by Lucy's will.⁴ In April of 1903, Harriet sold the house to Charles P. Higgins.⁵ Then in April of 1923, Charles sold the house on approximately 130 acres and it went through a succession of owners until June of 1965 when it was purchased by the present owner, Norman Bernstein. The house now sits on a 64.68 acre lot.⁶

¹Roger B. Farquhar, Old Homes and History of Mont. Co., Md. Wash., D.C.: Jud & Detweiler, Inc., 1952, p.246.
²Will GCD 12/466, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.
³Farquhar, p. 246.
⁴Will GCD 12/466, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.
⁵Deed TD 26/65, Mont. Co. Land Records.
⁶Deed 3384/136, "

Attachment Sheet

The Worthington tenant house is typical of the dwellings constructed in rural Montgomery County during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Features that identify this house as typical include its rectangular main block, five bays in width; the gable roof with center gable and the porch, supported by Victorian turned posts and brackets, which runs the length of the facade. The house, however, has been covered with aluminum siding which detracts somewhat from its nineteenth century appearance. Better examples, such as the Conrad Royer farmhouse (#23-5), exist in the area.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No.

M: 23-32

Mont. Co. Land Records

Mont. Co. Register of Wills

Farquhar, Old Homes and History of Mont. Co., Md.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 64.68 ACRES, 64.68

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

| | | | |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| A | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| | Zone | Easting | Northing |
| C | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| E | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| G | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

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| B | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| | Zone | Easting | Northing |
| D | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| F | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| H | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| | | | |
| state | code | county | code |

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist Preservation Comm. date 8/82

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
Shaw House
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
Cuttin Corners Farm

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Worthington Tenant House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Sundown Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Laytonsville

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY (Check One) | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC |
|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both | Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress |
| PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate) | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____ _____ |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Norman Bernstein

STREET AND NUMBER:
2700 Virginia Avenue SW

CITY OR TOWN: Washington, DC 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: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

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 |
| | (Check One) | | (Check One) | | |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered | <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> Moved | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site | |

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

| | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| <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"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY | | | OR | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|----|---|-------------------------|--|
| CORNER | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | | LATITUDE | LONGITUDE | |
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| SW | ° ' " | ° ' " | | ° ' " | ° ' " | |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 8 Nov 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring

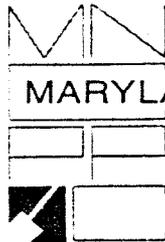
STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 1986 MAR 24 1986

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

TO: Richard Ferrara, Director
Department of Housing and Community Development
John L. Menke, Director
Department of Environmental Protection
✓ J. Rodney Little, Director
State Historic Preservation Office
Philip Cantelon, Chairperson
Historic Preservation Commission

FROM: Melissa C. Banach, Coordinator
Community Planning North *MB*

SUBJECT: Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for
Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern
Montgomery County Resources

I am pleased to transmit to you this Preliminary Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Northern and Eastern Montgomery County Resources.

This document contains the recommendations of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission on approximately 80 historic sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring, Aspen Hill, and Burtonsville areas of the County.

The Montgomery County Planning Board will hold a public hearing on this Preliminary Draft Amendment on Monday, April 21, 1986, at 7:30 P.M., in the Auditorium of the Montgomery Regional Office at 8787 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Should you have any questions concerning this specific Preliminary Draft Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart at 495-4565.

MCB:MR:dws
Attachment

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PRELIMINARY DRAFT

AMENDMENT TO THE APPROVED AND ADOPTED
MASTER PLAN FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

NORTHERN AND EASTERN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC RESOURCES

Including sites located in the Olney, Sandy Spring,
Aspen Hill, Norbeck and Burtonsville Areas

March 1986

An amendment to the 1980 Olney Master Plan, 1980 Sandy Spring/
Ashton Special Study Plan, 1970 Aspen Hill Master Plan, and the
1981 Eastern Montgomery County Master Plan; being also an
amendment to the General Plan for the Physical Development of the
Maryland-Washington Regional District and to the Master Plan of
Highways within Montgomery County, Maryland.

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

8787 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-3760

14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-3090

APPENDIX A

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

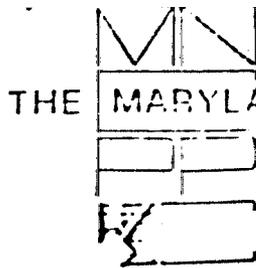
The following sites have been reviewed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and were found not to merit designation of the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. If not included in the Master Plan, these resources may be removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County. If removed from the Locational Atlas, the sites 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.

| <u>Atlas #</u> | <u>Site</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 15/31 | Tyson House (Mrs. W. Chandlee House) | 18600 Brooke Rd., Ashton |
| 13/32 | Brinklow Store & Post Office | 18930 New Hampshire Ave. Brinklow |
| 15/40 | Rawlings Mill House | 1820 Tucker Lane, Ashton |
| 15/44 | Pat Cuff House | 1515 Ednor Rd., Ednor |
| 15/48 | Chimney Ruins | Oak Hill Rd.-North of Rt. 198, Spencerville |
| 15/51 | Drayton | 16000 Oak Hill Road, Silver Spring |
| 15/57 | Murphy Ford Log House | 16500 Block of Batson Rd., Spencerville |
| 15/70 | Harriet Lea House | 18900 New Hampshire Ave., Brinklow |
| 23/1 | Gaither/Gray House | 24241 Hipsley Mill Rd., Gaithersburg |
| 23/2 | Leamon/Faucett House | 24405 Hipsley Mill Road, Gaithersburg |
| 23/3 | Dennis Thomas House | 24501 Hipsley Mill Road, Laytonsville |

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| <u>Atlas #</u> | <u>Site</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|----------------|--|---|
| 23/4 | Griffith-Hawkins House (Windcrest Farm) | 6630 Damascus Road, Laytonsville |
| 23/10 | William Belt House | 23511 Howard Chapel Rd, Brookeville |
| 23/16 | Elisha Riggs House | 5210 Damascus Road, Laytonsville |
| 23/20 | Ulysses Griffith House | 6001 Griffith Road, Laytonsville |
| 23/22 | Crow's Content | 6410 Sundown Road, Laytonsville |
| 23/25 | Walter Magruder House | 6201 Olney-Laytonsville Road, Laytonsville |
| 23/28 | E.R. Griffith House | 6121 Sundown Road, Laytonsville |
| 23/32 | Worthington Tenant House | 4201 Sundown Road, Laytonsville |
| 23/43 | Frank Brown House | 22015 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville |
| 23/44 | Bushrod Gartrell House | 22000 Georgia Avenue, Brookeville |
| 23/52 | Fletcher Veitch Farmhouse | 5211 Brookeville Road, Laytonsville |
| 23/55 | Spring Garden | 4700 Brookeville Road, Brookeville |
| 23/56 | Melwood (Captain Strain House) | 19715 Zion Rd., Olney |
| 23/59 | Locust Hill | 4415 Brookeville Road, Brookeville |
| 23/61 | Locust Grove II | 3415 Brookeville Road Brookeville |
| 23/73 | Gittings Ha Ha | 21030 New Hampshire Ave., Brookeville |
| 23/74 | Log Tenant House | 21020 New Hampshire Avenue, Brookeville |
| 23/88 | George Stabler Farmhouse | 101 Haviland Mill Road, Brinklow |



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated April 8, 1987

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites will be removed from the Locational Atlas.

| | | |
|--------|--------|----------|
| 23/1 | 23/28 | 23/96 |
| 23/2 | 23/32 | 23/98 |
| 23/3 | 23/43 | |
| 23/4 | 23/44 | *23/98-3 |
| *23/5 | *23/50 | 23/99 |
| | 23/52 | 23/107-2 |
| 23/10 | | *23/110 |
| *23/14 | 23/55 | 23/113 |
| 23/16 | 23/56 | 23/114 |
| 23/20 | 23/59 | |
| 23/22 | 23/61 | |
| 23/25 | 23/74 | 23/116 |
| | 23/88 | 23/117 |



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NAME WORTHINGTON TENANT HOUSE
LOCATION SUNDOWN Rd UNITY, Md
FACADE S
PHOTO TAKEN 11/8/74 MOWYER