

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Dwyer House or "Bleakwood"

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3730 Damascus Rd. not for publicationcity, town Brookeville vicinity of congressional district 1ststate Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
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			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mayna Dwyer Elkinsstreet & number 3730 Damascus Rd. telephone no.:city, town Brookeville state and zip code Maryland, 20729

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 915street & number folio 236city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventorydate 1976 federal state county localdepository for survey records Park Historian's Officecity, town Rockville state Maryland

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Survey No.

M:23-33

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Specific dates 1877

Builder/Architect

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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Attachment Sheet

The Dwyer House is an example of a common architectural style found in the rural dwellings of Montgomery County. As usually found in this house type, it is three bays across and has a gable roof with a center gable. In this case the center gable is large and contains a small segmentally arched window. The center gable motif is repeated in the Victorian porch with turned posts and bracketing that runs the length of the facade. The house stands as a good, unaltered example of a popular nineteenth century house form; retaining its nineteenth century appearance.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

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

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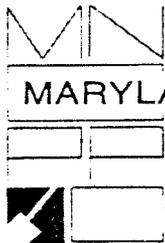
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MEMORANDUM

March 21, 1986 MAR 24 1986

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TO: Richard Ferrara, Director
 Department of Housing and Community Development
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 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

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

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.

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IMPLEMENTATION

Once designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation, any substantial changes to the exterior of a resource or its environmental setting must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission and a historic area work permit issued. The Ordinance also empowers the County's Department of Environmental Protection and the Historic Preservation Commission to prevent the demolition of historic buildings through neglect.

It is the intent of the Master Plan and Ordinance to provide a rational system for evaluating, protecting and enhancing Montgomery County's heritage for the benefit of present and future residents. The accompanying challenge is to weave protection for this heritage into the County's planning program so as to maximize community support for preservation and minimize infringement on private property rights.

THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Preliminary Draft Amendment is to consider the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission's recommendations that the following sites be designated on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation and protected under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. A copy of the Ordinance is provided in Appendix B of this document.

(NOTE: Unless otherwise specified in the Preservation Commission's nomination, the recommended environmental setting for each site is the entire parcel on which the resource is located as of the date it is designated on the Master Plan as defined in Section 24A-2 of the County's Preservation Ordinance. Where additional buildings of historical or architectural importance are associated with a site, these buildings are noted in the nomination as being part of the recommended setting.)

<u>Atlas #</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Location</u>
15/55	Spencer/Carr House	2420 Spencerville
-	Dating from 1855 with a rear section added in the 1870's, this three-story house is distinguished by three over three windows on the third floor and a one-story porch with bracketed pillars on the front facade.	
-	Significant as an example of the "Spencerville style", a local style characterized by a special grouping of architectural detail most notably half windows on the third story extending into the boxed cornice and roof line.	

23/31 Pleasant Fields/Sundown Hills 4615 Sundown Road

- Circa 1775 -- Georgian style stone house of tremendous proportion and of a scale not usually found in houses of the era.
- The house shows touches of high quality such as the suggestion of brick flat arches in the lintels of the first story windows and the use of larger cut stones in the water table in the front of the house.
- Associated with Henry Gaither I, an important Revolutionary era figure, and with other generations of the Gaither family, throughout much of the 19th century.
- Included in the recommended setting is the main house, the small stone smokehouse, and the Gaither family cemetery.

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Dr. Dwyer House (Bleakwood) 3730 Damascus Road

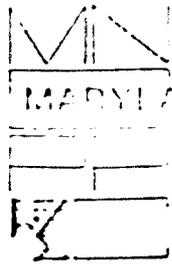
- Built in 1877, this two-story frame house features a central gable with arched window, a central entrance with transom and side lights, internal, end chimneys and a one-story porch across the front facade.
- Significant as a largely unaltered example of the Gothic Revival architecture prevalent in the County in the late 1800's with notable mill work on the front porch.

23/47 Pleasant View 21000 Georgia Avenue

- Dating from 1870, this two story frame house has undergone successive sympathetic additions which chronicle its growth from a late Federal style residential structure through the turn of the century into the 1940's.
- Believed built by Allen Bowie Davis, extensive land holder and one time State senator, as a residence for his mill hand, operator of the estate's mill located on Gold Branch.
- A number of excellent outbuildings as well as remnants of the mill race are included in the recommended setting.

23/50 Charles A.C. Higgens Farm 4300 Gregg Road

- Dating from 1869, this two and one-half-story frame farmhouse features white novelty siding, wrap-around porch with turned posts and jigsawed brackets and an intersecting gable roof with red, raised-seamed, metal covering.



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 10, 1986

ACTION TAKEN

The purpose of this Final Draft Amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

M: 15/67.....Maiden's Fancy

M: 23/19.....Retirement

M: 23/33.....Bleakwood

M: 23/82.....Grafton Holland Farm (Sunnymeade Farm)

M: 23/103.....John D. Berry House

M: 23/123.....Jacob Allnutt Farm



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NAME BLEAKWOOD/DR. DWYER HOUSE

LOCATION DAMASCUS RD, UNITY, MD.

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PHOTO TAKEN 11/8/74

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