

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M-23-34-2
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name: Colliflower and Harvey's Store

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 23/34/2 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 9
Unity H.D. G-7

4. Address: 3320 Damascus Road, Unity

5. Classification Summary

Category <u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership <u>private</u>	Title and Date: <u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition <u>N/A</u>	<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status <u>occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>no</u>	Federal <u> </u> State <u>x</u> County <u>x</u> Local <u> </u>
Present use <u>private residence</u>	

6. Date: mid-19th century 7. Original Owner: Colliflower & James Harvey

8. Apparent Condition

a. fair b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This frame store served the Unity community from the 1880s until it was transformed into a private home a short time ago. This two story, L-plan house has white asbestos siding. There are two porches on the north (front) elevation. Both have shed roofs supported by narrow wooden posts. The east porch has a balustraded railing. There are two-over-two double-hung windows. Many have been replaced by modern one-over-one double-hung windows. The house has an intersecting gable roof covered by raised seam metal.

10. Significance: This building for most of its lifetime has been used as a general store, and as such has been a focal point of the rural village of Unity.

In 1843 Nimrod Davis had purchased two acres in Unity and set up his blacksmith business. Davis's daughter Lucretia married Lloyd C. Colliflower of Frederick County and together with James Harvey they opened a general store before 1878. Lucretia and Lloyd inherited the property in 1882 and Lloyd continued to operate the store after Harvey sold out in 1890, but the following decade was not a prosperous one for him. The store was sold by mortgage default in 1896. Joshua Higgins operated the store from 1899 until the 1920s. It was then operated by Charles Zeigler, and most recently by Fletcher and Litsinger Brown. It was converted to a dwelling in the late 1940s.

11. Researcher and date researched: Ellen Olson-6/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 8,085 sq. ft.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Colliflower and Harvey's Store
AND/OR COMMON Unity Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 3320 Damascus Road
CITY, TOWN Unity CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6
STATE Maryland VICINITY OF Brookeville 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 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 Eva Givens Telephone #: 774-4097
STREET & NUMBER 3320 Damascus Road
CITY, TOWN Brookeville VICINITY OF Unity STATE, zip code Maryland 20729

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 2128
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: 180
Montgomery County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites
DATE 1976
—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office
CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame building served the Unity community as a store until it was transformed into a private home a short time ago.

Built on stone foundations, this two story, L-plan structure has been covered by asbestos siding. There are two porches on the north (front) elevation. Both have shed roofs supported by narrow wooden posts. The east porch has a railing with square balusters, while the west porch is entirely open. The house has a gable roof covered by raised seam metal covering.

One original two-over-two double-hung window remains in the east wing on the north elevation. The remainder of the windows have been replaced by modern one-over-one double-hung windows. On the east wing the door and window have been interchanged as part of the modernization process the house is undergoing. The owner stated that the double glass and wood doors leading into the west wing would be replaced by a modern door.

The floor plan is two large rooms: the east room is now the kitchen. The west room, formerly the store, is being modernized and will serve as the living room. The store had built-in shelves along the east, west, and south walls. Walls and ceilings throughout the house were plaster over lath. Now as a result of the modernizing process in some places, there is sheet rock. The floors are all narrow wood. Doorways have simple molding; the original paneled doors have been replaced by modern doors.

Unity store sits on the south side of Damascus Road close to the street, facing north. Behind it is a lovely old maple tree near a cistern. The property does not pass county percolation tests and uses an old cistern-type waste system.

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 type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES mid-19th century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building for most of its lifetime has been used as a general store, and as such has been a focal point of the rural village of Unity.

Nimrod Davis purchased two acres of "The Resurvey on John and Sarah" in Unity in 1843 and set up his blacksmith business there.¹ Davis' daughter Lucretia married Lloyd C. Colliflower of Frederick County, and they opened their general store before 1878 in conjunction with James Harvey. After Davis' death in 1882, his heirs sold the store property to Lloyd and Lucretia Colliflower in two parcels.² Colliflower and Harvey sold "dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, oil, paint, fish, oysters, etc.", and advertised themselves as "buyers and shippers of produce, etc."³

Lloyd Colliflower continued to operate the store after his partner sold out in 1890, but the following decade was not a prosperous one for him. He took out a \$1,500 mortgage on the store property in 1894, but could not maintain the payments and defaulted two years later. The holder of the mortgage, Charles Adler of Baltimore, attempted to sell the property, advertising it in the Montgomery Advocate as 8085 square feet:

This property fronts on the main street through said village and is nearly surrounded by the Rich farm; formerly owned by Franklin Groomes. It is improved by a two-story frame STORE HOUSE about 20 x 40 feet, stable, and other outbuildings.

This is a well known and valuable business stand.

When a sale to Nathaniel Waters fell through, Adler purchased the property himself for \$1,400.⁴ He sold it three years later to Joshua Higgins and Clifford Howard, business partners.⁵

Although Howard did not remain in the business long, Higgins continued to operate it until his death in the 1920s. His widow Mary Higgins sold the property to Zachariah Windsor in 1926 who immediately sold it to Charles Zeigler;⁶ Zeigler operated the store for several years.

The Unity store was operated through the 1940s, most recently by Fletcher and Litsinger Brown, and came to the present owner in 1954. It was converted to a dwelling in the late 1940s.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., BS 11/603 (August 24, 1843); U.S. Census Records (1850); Martenet and Bond Map (1865).
2. Land Records, op. cit., JA 6/168 (July 19, 1887) and JA 33/234 (May 10, 1892).
3. Hopkins Atlas (1879).

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Continued on Attachment Sheet A

Colliflower and Harvey's Store

4. Montgomery County Equity Records, #1380.
5. Land Records, op. cit., TD 6/468 (February 7, 1899).
6. Ibid., 402/241; 402/244 (both June 3, 1926).

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Land and Equity Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.

Interview: Mrs. Eva Givens, present owner, September 1979.

Note: Mrs. Givens has old ledger books from the store.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheet A

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8,085 square feet

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

Ellen Olson

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

June 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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