

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:23-92  
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Della Brooke
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 23/92      3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 9  
K-17
4. Address: South side of Gold Mine Road, Brookeville
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>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use        | <u>private residence, agriculture</u> |                           |   |
6. Date: 1817      7. Original Owner: Mahlon Chandlee
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good      b. altered      c. original site
9. Description: This five bay by two bay, two-and-a-half-story rectangular house faces southwest. The house has yellow clapboarding. There is a northwest fieldstone patio and a southeast screened porch with a shed roof. There are six-over-six double-hung windows flanked by green wooden covered shutters. There are two gabled six-over-six double-hung dormer windows on the southwest elevation. The house has a gable roof with black asbestos shingles.
10. Significance: Della Brooke is a simple, well-executed early 19th century farmhouse, associated with the wealthy and influential Brooke family. It was the home of Mahlon Chandlee, an expert woodworker who also made his mark as a farmer, miller, carpenter, and inventor.
- Mahlon Chandlee was the seventh generation of the Brooke family, born in 1790, the son of Deborah (Brooke) and George Chandlee. Mahlon built a grist mill on the Hawlings River, and married Catharine Frame. He began construction of his house in 1817, naming it Della Brooke. He prospered as a farmer, miller, carpenter, and inventor, building pews for the Sandy Spring Meeting House. When he died in 1890 at age 100 the estate was bought by Albert Gilpin, whose son Clarence and his wife (Rose Stabler) modernized the farm. They sold it in 1935.
11. Researcher and date researched: Donald Leavitt-8/79      Candy Reed  
Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock      13. Date Compiled: 10/79      14. Designation  
Approval \_\_\_\_\_
15. Acreage: 195.81 acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 23/92

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Della Brooke

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER South side of Gold Mine Road

CITY, TOWN Brookeville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

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 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 S.C. Cohn and Suburban Trust Bank, Trustees Telephone #: 270-7327

STREET & NUMBER 2601 University Blvd West

CITY, TOWN Wheaton VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 20902

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: VMB 127  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: 147  
 Montgomery County Office of Wills

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**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This five bay by two bay, two and a half story rectangular farm house faces southwest. Its pleasing Federal lines reflect the good, simple tastes of the industrious Quakers in the area.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has yellow clapboarding. On the southwest elevation there is an aggregate concrete stoop. The southwest door is wooden paneled. On the northwest elevation there is a fieldstone patio built on a similar base. There are two pairs of French doors which open onto this patio. On the southeast elevation there is a screened-in porch with a shed roof.

The house has six-over-six double-hung windows flanked by green wooden louvered shutters. There are two gabled six-over-six double-hung dormer windows on the southwest elevation. The gable roof has black asbestos shingles. There is an interior chimney at the northwest gable end.

The outbuildings are especially notable. Northeast of the house a large fieldstone bank barn. South of the house is a fieldstone spring or meat house with a gable roof. Southwest of the house is a fieldstone, two bay by three bay one and a half story barn which faces north. It has two gabled dormer windows set into the gable roof.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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

SPECIFIC DATES 1817 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Mahlon Chandlee

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Della Brooke is a simple, well-executed farm house of the early 19th century, one of many connected with the wealthy and influential Brooke family. It was the home of Mahlon Chandlee, an expert woodworker who also made his mark as a farmer, miller, carpenter, and inventor.

In 1650 Robert Brooke established a Protestant Colony on the Patuxent River in St. Mary's County. This little outpost was called "Della Brooke". Later generations of Brookes moved into the area now called Montgomery County and settled on large land grants. By the 1760's Robert's great-grandson James Brooke the Elder had acquired over 11,000 acres of land in the Sandy Spring vicinity, making him the largest land owner in the area. At his death in 1784 James left a portion of this land to two of his granddaughters, Deborah and Elizabeth Brooke. Deborah married George Chandlee and gave birth to two children, Hannah and Mahlon. Deborah died soon after giving birth to Mahlon in 1790 so her sister, now Elizabeth Ellicott, looked after the land. In 1799 Elizabeth assigned John Ellicott to be trustee for Hannah and Mahlon until they reached the age of majority.

After gaining possession of his share of his mother's lands, Mahlon Chandlee built a grist mill on the Hawlings River. (This mill provided the name for Chandlee Mill Road, which cuts across the estate.) In 1817 he married Catharine Frame and began construction of a new house, at first living in a barn he had built earlier. The new house was christened "Della Brooke" after his ancestral home on the Patuxent River.

Mahlon prospered as a farmer, miller, carpenter, and inventor. He built the pews for the Sandy Spring Meeting House. He lived in Della Brooke right up until 1890, when he died at the age of 100. Over the years he had acquired other properties and at his death left a large estate. An advertisement for his lands describes the property as consisting of over 400 acres, "more than half (of which) is cleared and in good state of cultivation - 45 acres in grass - the balance in splendid timber, chestnut, oak, hickory, poplar, etc....The entire tract is well watered and has a number of fine springs. The improvements consist of a Frame Dwelling House of 11 rooms, Barn, Cow Shed for 20 cows, Corn house, Canning house, Shop, Carriage house, and Spring Dairy...." His adjacent properties included a five room frame house, a barn, corn house, his saw mill "with attachments for grinding meal and chop, an eight room stone house, a blacksmith shop, numerous tenant houses, several orchards, and a stone quarry."

(Continued on Attachment Sheet A)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## Della Brooke House

Albert Gilpin bought Chandlee's estate in 1892,<sup>2</sup> and soon afterward his son Clarence bought half of it, including the main house.<sup>3</sup> Clarence had recently married Rose Stabler and together they modernized the farm. Modern heating and plumbing were added to the house and the farm yield was increased through modern methods.

In 1935 Nathan Kahn bought Della Brooke from the Gilpins,<sup>4</sup> and at his death in 1960 he left the beautiful estate in trust for his grandson Warren Brown.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Judgment Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 8/267, (11/8/1890).
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 34/286, (8/17/1892).
3. Ibid., JA 51/171, (9/27/1895).
4. Ibid., 602/203, (8/16/1935).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and Judgment Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Farquhar, Roger Brooke. Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, Md., Washington, D.C.: Judd and Detweiler, 1962.

Scharf, Thomas J. History of Western Maryland. Vol. 1, Philadelphia: Lewis H. Everts, 1882.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 195.81 acres

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Located approx.  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Gold Mine Road. near the town of Brookeville.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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

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

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Box 87, Stronghold  
Dickerson, Md. 20753  
(301) 926-4510

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Della Brooke or Brother's Content

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South side of Gold Mine Road

CITY, TOWN

Brookeville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Kahn heirs-S.C. Cohen & Riggs Nat. Bank Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

M:23-92

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a two-story, frame house, of pleasing Federal lines. It reflects the good, simple tastes of the industrious Quaker families that built it in the early 1800's. The house sits on a wooded knoll above James Creek. It has a five-bay main (east) facade, with a central door. The door has a four-light transom. There are three dormers on the steep A-roof here, and two on the rear (west). Window sash throughout the house is 6/6. A large fireplace chimney is enclosed in the north end-wall. Siding is clapboard. The outbuildings here are especially notable. They include a large stone bank barn, with a recessed entrance bay, and a one-story stone workshop.

M:23-92

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

- | PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
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|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was built and owned for years by the Chandlee family, Quakers who were expert wood-crafters. They ran a saw mill nearby, at the confluence of James Creek and the Hawlings River. The house features a number of fine wood details, and the barn and workshop are unique to this area.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- 1) Farquhar, R.B. OLD HOMES & HISTORY OF MONT. CO., (1962), pp. 132, 133.
- 2) Forman, Henry Chandlee. OLD BUILDINGS, GARDENS & FURNITURE, pp. 279-281, 305.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

SEE PAGE 104

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/13/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, MD 21403  
Circle

# Della Brooke

**L**ITTLE known and seldom seen in recent years, Della Brooke sits among large oak trees on a high hill two miles north of Ashton on the Gold Mine Road. Owned by members of the Brooke family for over two hundred years, its background is as interesting as its situation is picturesque.

The name given to the homestead in 1890 was obviously borrowed from Della Brooke, the plantation in Saint Mary's County settled by Robert Brooke who arrived from England in 1650 in his own ship.

Having a pleasing view over the hills and meadows of the Hawlings River Valley toward



NO. 22 D-9 MAHLON CHANDLEE 1817

the upper Patuxent, the plantation's first owner was James Brooke, a great-grandson of Robert Brooke. James married Deborah Snowden, a daughter of Richard Snowden III in 1725. James Brooke, Jr., married Hannah Jamney of Virginia and their home stood across the Ashton-Brighton road from Walnut Hill. A daughter of James and Hannah, Deborah, married George Chandlee. A son of this union, Mahlon, was a remarkable man in his day.

Born December 22, 1790, Mahlon Chandlee outlived his wife, six brothers and sisters, and all six of his children, and died February, 1890, at the age of ninety-nine and one-half years. His mother had died when he was only six months old, and he lived nearly a century within a short distance of where he was born. He

married Catharine Frame about 1817, a daughter of David Frame.

Chandlee, a builder himself, is believed to have built the grist mill on the Hawlings River which he operated for many years, and while building the large barn on his 400-acre farm, he lived with relatives at Brooke Grove. While building Della Brooke in 1817, he lived in the barn. He built a shop, half stone and half frame, for blacksmithing and woodworking. This building still stands in good condition as do a meat house and spring house, both of stone. He also made the sturdy hardwood benches which have served the Friends in the Sandy Spring Meeting House. Placed there when the Meeting House was built in 1817, they appear to be good for at least a couple of centuries more.

Skillful with all tools, he busied himself with experiments during the later years of his life. Unable any longer to do farm or garden work, he even tried to prove that perpetual motion could be attained in a man-made machine. His pre-occupation with this "fad" may have added years to his life but not necessarily advanced the cause of science.

Sarah, daughter of Mahlon and Catharine Chandlee, married into the Pidgeon family of Loudoun County, Virginia. Son of this union, Charles M. Pidgeon of Washington, married Katie Duvall, and in 1888 they came to Della Brooke to look after the farm, as Mahlon's death seemed imminent. Charles Pidgeon recalled the shop and its equipment. His grandfather had some very fine tools kept in prime condition, among them a foot-power lathe. "There was a large chest into which we were scarcely ever allowed to look and which contained some parts of a device, including two beautifully finished wheels connected by a wooden cogwheel." Mahlon had told his neighbors of his work on a "self-moving machine," and these wheels made over a century ago were on display in the window of Pidgeon's shop on K Street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second Streets, in Washington in 1951.

Making occasional business trips to Baltimore, Mahlon could not be induced to stay overnight. The last such trip was made after he had

passed his ninety-ninth year. "He attracted attention wherever he went," says the *Annals of Sandy Spring*. "Fully six feet tall, he was erect to within a few years of his death, and always wore the quaint and peculiar garb of the primitive Friend."

Shortly after the death of Mahlon Chandlee the farm was sold to the brothers, Edward C. and Alban Gilpin, Alban died soon afterward and Clarence L. Gilpin, son of Edward C. Gilpin, purchased the place in 1891. Clarence married Rose M. Stabler, daughter of Frederick and Martha Stabler of Oak Hill in 1893. With the arrival of the Gilpins the place took on a new period of activity, for this active and industrious young couple greatly increased the farm's production. Modern plumbing and heating were installed, a barn was built, and a dairy set into operation.

Retiring from the farm in 1934, Clarence Gilpin remained active in many neighborhood affairs. For sport he especially enjoyed fox-hunting in many meets with the hounds around the county. He was President of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society Rockville

Fair. After his death in 1936 Rose Gilpin stayed on in the commodious house in Olney to which they had moved upon leaving Della Brooke. Rose Gilpin died March 25th 1961.

This rugged old house, facing east, has stood for over 140 years. From the square front porch the wide hall passes through to the back lawn. Right of this hall is a double parlor with two fireplaces having plain mantels. To the left side is the dining room and kitchen. The original oak floors on the first floor are all in good condition. On the stair are neat square spindles supporting a maple handrail.

On the second floor two bedrooms cover the double parlor. Each has its fireplace. Across the hall are two bedrooms, one with a fireplace; over the front hall a bath has been installed. A spiral stairway rises from the kitchen to the third floor. In the cellar the heavy, sawed floor beams of the first floor are exposed. There is also a large fireplace in the cellar under the kitchen.

Della Brooke is owned by the estate of a wealthy Washingtonian, and is leased to a Rockville lawyer, Irving Abb.

## Drayton

THE land surrounding the house shown on page 134 has been called The Manor for a century. The area so appropriately described was the Caleb Stabler tract referred to in what follows. The name has been generally applied because the district has been endowed with natural advantages and characteristics which have been developed and utilized to a rare degree by earnest, competent men who made the most of their opportunities along agricultural lines.

On a plateau which is 550 feet above tide-water, The Manor has a soil almost exclusively Chester Loam. This is by far the best type of soil in Montgomery County because of several qualities which it possesses, which enhance the growth of grasses, grains, legumes, and fruits. Bluegrass thrives and spreads naturally on this soil.

Drayton is eighteen miles north of the Zero milestone and near Spencerville, half-way be-

tween Ashton and Burtonsville, and a half mile east of the Ashton-Silver Spring highway, Route No. 29.

The comfortable house built in two parts of logs in 1841-1842 by Caleb Stabler, was Caleb's home for forty years, and remained in possession of his family for just a century. Caleb Stabler, a son of William and Deborah Stabler, was born at Harewood in 1799, and exerted a powerful influence on the progress and prosperity of the community when he settled here at the age of forty-two. Drayton was the heart and center of the family group which from this humble beginning attained unusual success from the soil of their adoption.

Caleb Stabler married Ann M. Moore, daughter of Thomas and Mary B. Moore, of Longwood in 1825. When they came to Drayton the land had been abused, and was unproductive; most of it covered with scrub pine trees and sage grass.



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

M:23-92

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

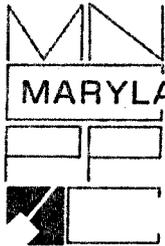
See correspondence dated 8/25/82

ACTION TAKEN

8/25/82.....Sites recommended for inclusion in  
Chapter 4 of the Master Plan

- M: 14/41
- M: 14/60
- M: 22/17
- M: 23/57
- M: 23/78
- M: 23/92
- M: 28/11-1
- M: 28/13

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M: 73/92



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

June 12, 1984

RECEIVED

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MEMORANDUM

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  
 Susan Kuklewicz, Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

FROM: Perry Berman, Chief, Community Planning North P.B.

SUBJECT: Approved and Adopted May 1983 Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation

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I am pleased to transmit to you the May 1983, Approved and Adopted Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This amendment designates fourteen historic resources for preservation and protection under the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, it identifies 83 sites that have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Ordinance. Those properties listed on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Resources in Montgomery County, Maryland are also exempted from any further regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, Section 24A-10 of the Preservation Ordinance.

Please adjust your records to reflect this action. Should you have any questions concerning this amendment, please do not hesitate to contact Marty Reinhart of Community Planning North at 565-7354.

PB:MR:sdr  
 Enclosure

- The house sits on a knoll facing east and is highly visible from Bowie Mill Road. An appropriate environmental setting could be based on the 495 contour line and should include the house, and the hillside to the front of the house to retain views of and from the structure.
- The barn does not need to be preserved as part of the environmental setting.

## 23/57 Falling Green (p. 13)

- 1815 -- Excellent example of Georgian style architecture with fine detailing and Flemish bond brickwork.
- Associated with the Brooke family: farmers, landowners, and legislators of considerable importance to the development of Montgomery County.
- To preserve this site, located in the Rural Density Transfer Zone, any development that occurs should be clustered away from the main house. An environmental setting should be delineated that preserves a vista of the site and maintains the relationship of the house to the main road.
- The barn does not need to be preserved as part of the environmental setting.

## 23/92 Della Brooke (p. 14)

- Early 19th century frame farmhouse in a simple Federal style.
- Home of Mahlon Chandler, expert woodworker, farmer, and inventor; son of Deborah Brooke of the Brooke family, influential in Montgomery County history.
- Farmstead with several significant fieldstone outbuildings including a bank barn, spring or meat house, and workshop.
- The environmental setting should include approximately 7 acres to buffer the farmhouse and some significant outbuildings from future surrounding development.

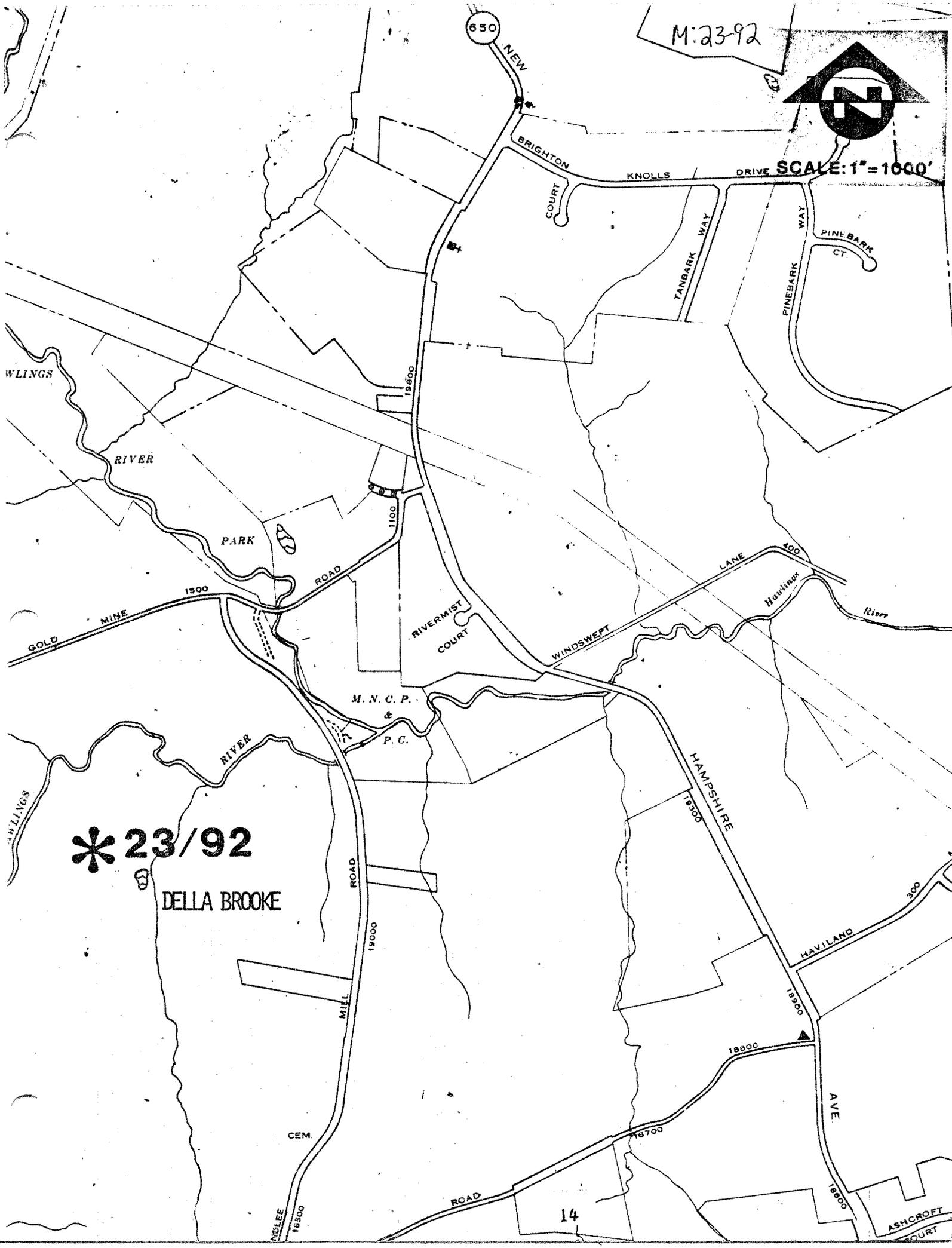
## 28/11-2 Ashton Orthodox Meeting House (Sherwood Library) (p. 15)

- 1880 -- 1½-story frame T-shaped structure covered in German siding.
- Constructed by a small group that separated from the main congregation of Friends of the Sandy Spring/Ashton area in 1861.
- Since the resource has been moved from its original site, the delineation of an environmental setting is not critical to designation. This Amendment recommends the resource be designated with its building footprint and that regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance deal with exterior architectural alteration and any future relocation of the structure.

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SCALE: 1" = 1000'



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