

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hoskinson House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 14035 Darnestown Rd.  not for publicationcity, town Darnestown  vicinity of congressional districtstate 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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Carl Cuphaver, Arden Baker, William Crowell"Darnestown Joint Venture"street & number % Crowell & Baker telephone no.:152 Rollins Ave.city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20852

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4842street & number  folio 527city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Md. Hist. Trust, State Historic Sites Inventory Formdate July, 1983  federal  state  county  localdepository for survey records city, town  state



# 8. Significance

Survey No.

M:24-19-2

<b>Period</b>	<b>Areas of Significance—Check and justify below</b>			
<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 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)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		Local History

<b>Specific dates</b>	<b>Builder/Architect</b>
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

This house has been listed on the 1879 map as Hilliary Hoskinson's place of "private entertainment". When Louisa Darne Beall inherited the "houses and lots in Darnestown" in 1861, there is a possibility that there was already a house on the property. In 1864, Hoskinson bought two lots -3/4 acre - "with appurtenances".<sup>1</sup> In 1867, Hoskinson then sold the one lot of 77 sq. perches, next to that of Ann Wells, to Thomas Benson for \$400.<sup>2</sup> On the remaining lot he had his business.

As Hoskinson had been a tavernkeeper from Poolesville, it is probable that the house was used as a tavern, and perhaps also as a boarding house or hotel. The 1880 census lists unrelated persons living here. Court records also mention "Hoskinson's Hotel" in a property auction made at that time. As no other evidence of "private entertainment" can be found, perhaps it can be supposed that as a tavern and hotel it provided a rest from a trip on the near-by C & O Canal, or a stop for travelers from Maryland to the ferry across the river to Loudoun County in Virginia.

The heirs of Hilliary Hoskinson owned this property until 1905 and it has changed hands several times since then. The house was usually lived in as two private residences. The taller section of four rooms as one unit, and the lower section of six rooms as another. In 1976, the house and its accompanying .408 acres of land was bought by "Darnestown Joint Venture".<sup>3</sup> This group has been leasing the house temporarily as a residence and woodworking shop, but plan to make this property the entrance to a proposed shopping center.

1. EBP 1/164, Montgomery County Land Records
2. EBP 3/446, " " " "
3. 4842/527

4. Information also obtained from Mrs. Pauline Carter (formerly Mrs. Pauline Curtis: owner from 1937 to 1946.



Hoskinson House

Personal note: I believe Julia Daniels' paper "Darnestown: Community at a Crossroads" ---and subsequently the research quoting it on page 3 of the work done for the Darnestown Historic District --- to be in error on the following point:

On page 19, Daniels gives an estimated guess of 1853 to the taller section of the house - "only because it is the earliest time improvements are mentioned on the deed." However, this deed, mentioned on page 15 of her paper, actually refers to a gift of 200 acres to Alexander C. H. Darne - "With love and affection" - from his mother, Elizabeth Darne.<sup>1</sup> This 200 acres she had inherited from her father, Charles Gassaway, who had died in 1815. This gift is also referred to in Elizabeth's will, probated March 19, 1862, in which she bequeaths the remainder of the Darne farm - minus that part given to her son in 1853 - as well as all the lots and houses in the town.

This 200 acres was the home farm of William Darne. It was owned after 1870 by the Purdums, and for 60 years by the Boyer family, until 1972, when it was sold to Chestnut Lodge of Rockville. The house there, was built by Alexander C. H. Darne about 1856, but has been extensively remodeled.

1. JGH 2/161

Not all of the above is relevant to the Hoskinson House, but may aid in the larger picture of Darnestown.

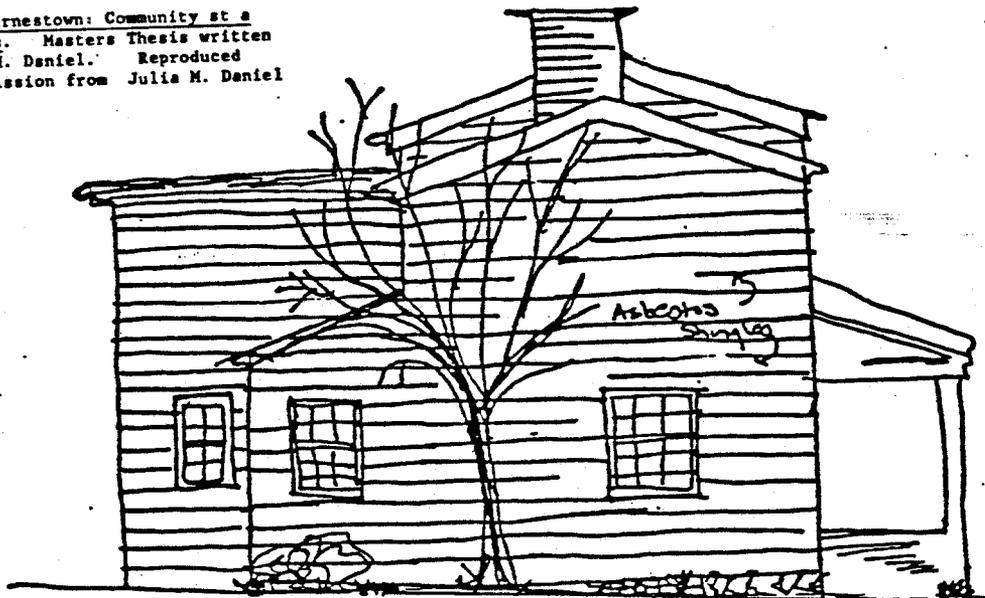
always covered by layers of siding. Even a cursory glance at this building reveals its very early beginnings to be well before the Civil War. In fact, it could reasonably be said that this structure is a very rare architectural specimen, as other structures of this simplistic form and early age have long since been completely entombed inside larger structures or demolished to be replaced by more complex, larger and newer construction.

As such, the Carter House is one of the most contributing houses in the district.

## 5. Hoskinson House

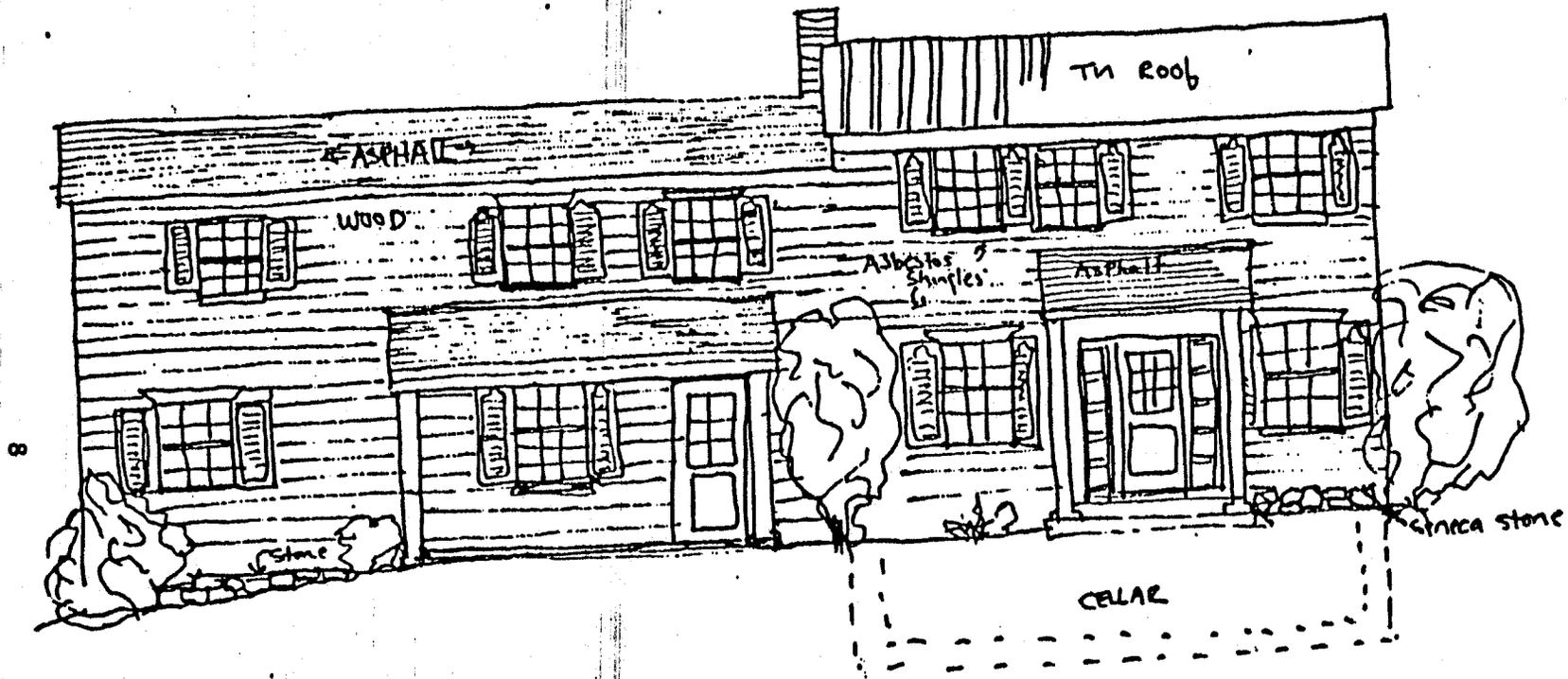
This two story house, originally started as a log structure, was the town Hotel/Tavern. The remaining structure built during the 1870's served as a stagecoach stop for many years. Due to its position at the center of the crossroads "tee", it served as the focal point of the community for many years. The Hoskinson's house was the subject of a masters thesis by Julia Daniels entitled "Darnestown: Community at a Crossroads". The following renderings were included in that thesis:

Source: Darnestown: Community at a Crossroads. Masters Thesis written by Julia M. Daniel. Reproduced with permission from Julia M. Daniel



Left Side Elevation

Plan C

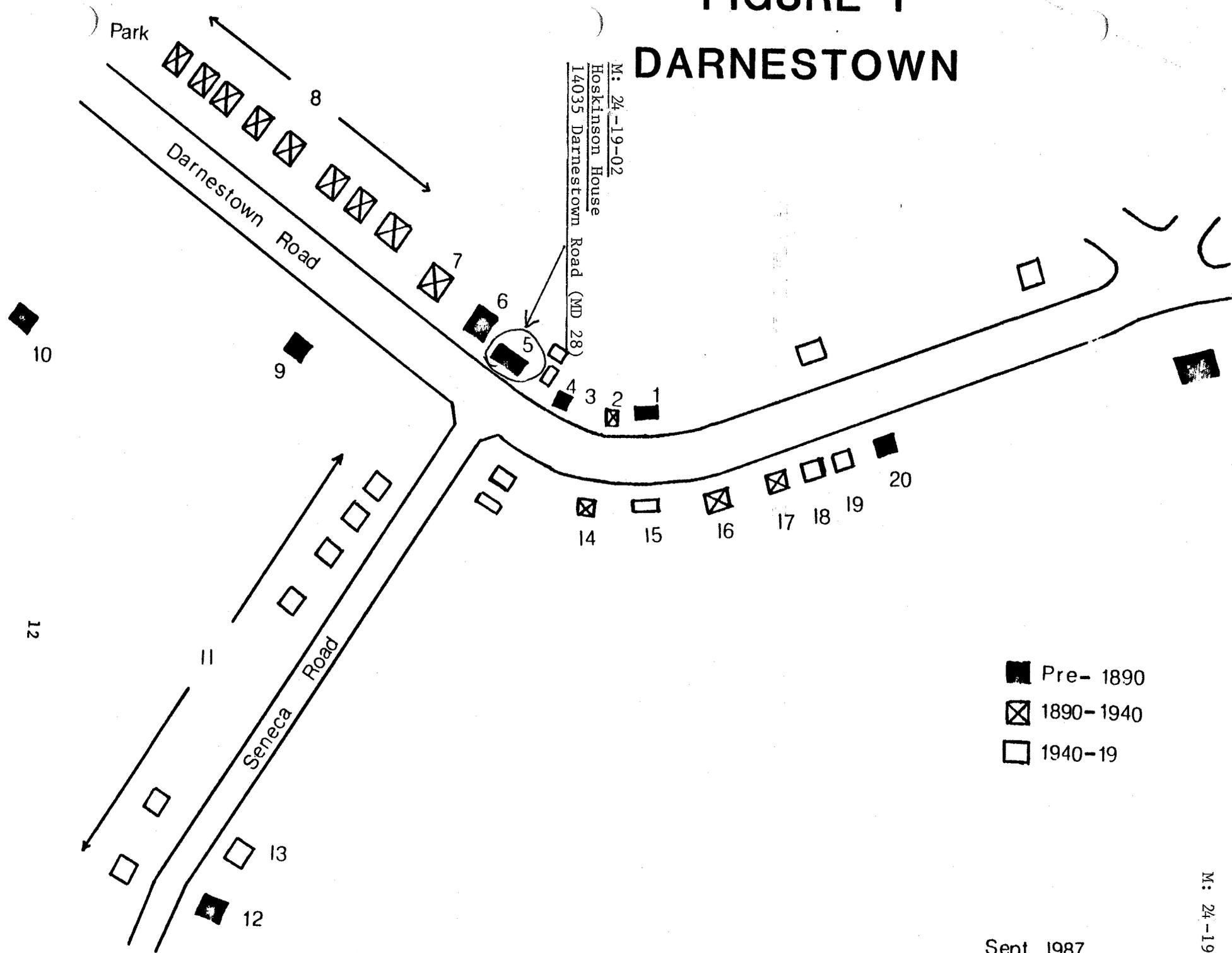


Front Elevation

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Plan A.

# FIGURE 1 DARNESTOWN



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HOSKINSON HOUSE



Front of house, facing intersection with Seneca Rd.



HILLIARY HOSKINSON'S PLACE OF "PRIVATE ENTERTAINMENT"  
as seen today on the west side of Rt. 28 at Seneca Road.

Sketch: showing house sans foliage