

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Ann Wells House

and/or common Carter house

## 2. Location

street & number 14015 Darnestown Road  not for publicationcity, town Darnestown  vicinity of congressional district

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 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 Mrs. Helen Carter

street &amp; number 14015 Darnestown Road telephone no.: 926-1736

city, town Darnestown, state and zip code Maryland 20878

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 2658

street &amp; number folio 551

city, town Rockville, state Md.

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Md. Hist. Trust, State Historic Sites Inventory Form

date July, 1983  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. M.24-19-4

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Wells house is a small 1½ story dwelling situated very close to the road. It is made of logs, with a frame addition at the rear. This house can be seen on the photograph taken in the late 1800s - next to the Griffith store - and has changed only very little since that time. The same roof covers the small front "porch" and the two front doors. The photo shows two small interior chimneys, but the one on the east side was unused in recent years and the above-roof part was removed. The house has a gable roof covered with tin, and the entire house is covered with a light green masonite sheathing.

The first floor of this log house contains a living room and bedroom, each with a front door, and has two bedrooms upstairs. A kitchen and a den are in the frame addition in the rear, with an enclosed porch which is across the width of the house at the back. The log construction of the main part of the house is easily seen in the walls of an upstairs bedroom. The logs are close together with not much chinking required between. The cellar is small with dirt floor and has walls of varying sizes of rocks, some large blocks and some shale, with mortar between only some of them. The beams here are of large logs with the bark still remaining.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. M:24-19-4

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 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** \_\_\_\_\_ **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

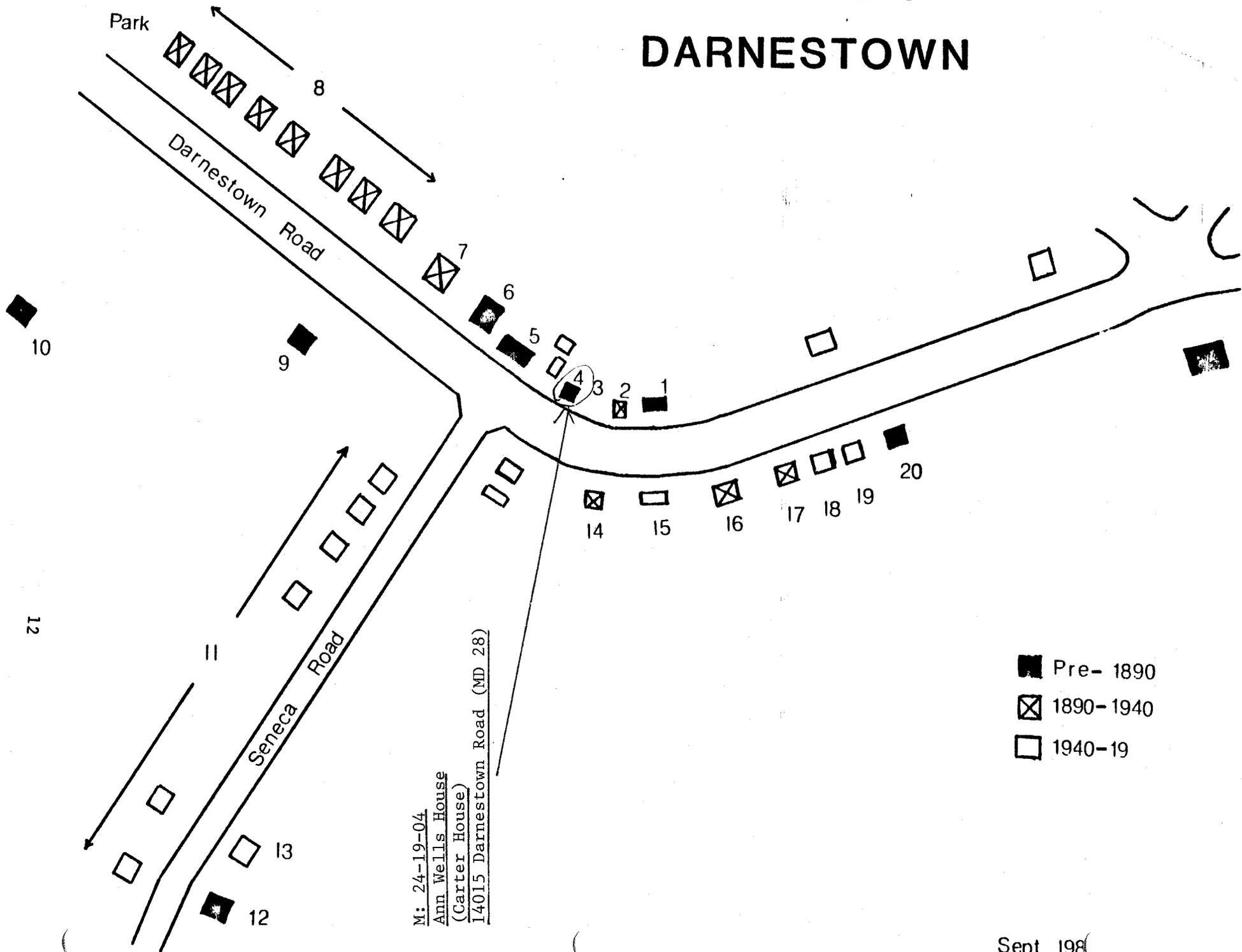
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This house, made of logs, appears on the 1865 map as the residence of John Wells, and on the 1879 map as the property of Ann Wells. The land records show that Ann Wells purchased the property, 47½ sq. perches, from Louisa Beall in May of 1862 for \$325.<sup>1</sup> Louisa Beall had inherited "houses and lots in Darnestown" from her mother, Elizabeth Darne. However, Ann was living in the community before 1858, as she appears on the roll of the Darnestown Presbyterian Church that year. Although there was no mention of appurtenances in the deed, the possibility exists that the house could have been one of those "houses" that Louisa inherited. After John Wells' death in 1877, Ann must have found ends hard to meet as she received money from the Widows and Orphans Fund of the church for a number of years. When she died about 1885, her heirs sold the property.<sup>2</sup> The house then went through a succession of owners until 1924, when it was purchased by Fenton Carter,<sup>3</sup> who was already living there. The Carter family has lived there ever since.

1. JGH 8/599, Mont. Co. Land Records  
 2. EBP 35/207 " " " "  
 3. 362/31 " " " "



# FIGURE 1 DARNESTOWN



M: 24-19/4

ANN WELLS HOUSE



1985 photo: shows west side of house.

Also - please see late 1800s photo and 1985 photo for  
east side of house.  
(these incl. with Griffith-Esworthy house paper)



NAME DARNESTOWN, MD.

#24-19

LOCATION RTS. 28

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PHOTO TAKEN 2/26/75

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M: 24-19-3 Griffith-Esworthy House, site (on right)

M: 24-19-4 Ann Wells House (on left)