

Inventory Number: M 24-33  
Hunter Davison Farm  
Montgomery Co., MD  
C. Mazurek  
2/1998  
Section 7.1

#### Addendum

The Hunter Davison Farm is located off of Old River Road within Seneca Creek State Park, in Montgomery County. The farmhouse is wood frame construction, two stories tall, and set upon a fieldstone foundation. It has a "T"-shaped design, with a side porch on the northwest corner, and is covered with clapboard painted white. Since the last survey of the house was undertaken in 1979, the structure has not changed much on the exterior. The one noticeable addition are corner brackets on the wood, front porch, post supports. Other structures include a wood frame barn with a tin roof, and also a two story, wood frame garage with asphalt shingles. This property is a rental by the Department of Natural Resources and is in excellent condition.



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HUNTER / DAVIDSON FARM

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

3/98

DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BARN

1 OF 6



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HUNTER/DAVISON FARM

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N.E. ELEVATIONS

2 OF 6



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HUNTER/DAVISON FARM

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GARAGE

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S.E. ELEVATIONS

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HUNTER/DAVISON FARM

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

C. MAZUREK

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WEST ELEVATION

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HUNTER / DAVISON FARM

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

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DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BARN

60F6

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

DNR 35-39  
M 24-33

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Hunter Davison Farm

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Old River Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Seneca Creek State Park — VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

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

Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21401

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

M:24-33

<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**

The Hunter Davison House, located to the north of Old River Road, is a two-story, gable-roofed, frame farmhouse dating from between 1900-10. The principal rectangular block of the house is intersected by a rectangular two-story wing of lesser height resulting in a T-shaped plan which is one room deep at all points. This plan is modified by the addition of a shed-roofed, one-story porch at the northeast corner. The entire building is sheathed in wooden clapboarding, painted white.

The south facade, where the main entrance is located, is characterized by a three-bay system: on the first story, a central doorway is flanked by two equal-sized windows; in corresponding positions on the second story are three similar shuttered windows, all containing sash which have been subsequently replaced by two-over-one divisions. A one-story, open porch on four plain, rectangular post supports with a slightly sloping shed roof extends the full length of the facade. A pressed tin ceiling with a pattern of small squares exists in good condition over the wooden, plank-floored porch. The central entrance is emphasized by the presence of a gable-roofed wall dormer projecting from the standing seam tin roof but unbroken by any window opening.

A chimney projects from the intersection of the two wings of the house and another newer one is located on the gable end of the "L" (north elevation). The shed-roofed addition on the east side of the building contains another entrance leading directly into the kitchen. More recent triple-sashed windows have been installed on the west face of the building on the first floor of the "L".

The interior of the house, also in excellent condition, is elaborated by detailing of door and window surrounds characteristic of other houses in the Seneca area.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hunter Davison farmstead is significant to the Seneca area because it typifies a once-abundant type of early twentieth century house and farm complex, which is becoming increasingly rare in the wake of suburban sprawl.

The parcel of land on which the farmhouse sits can be traced, in more or less its present configuration, to 1896.

The farm was located just off of Old River Road and so would have been an integral part of the community called Riley's Lock, which centered around Poole's General Store and the Benuti Allnut house, both of which were also built in the first ten years of this century.

Features such as the well-preserved, pressed tin ceiling of the front porch and the interior window and door trim which it shares with other area houses (Gassaway, Charles Allnut) distinguish this unprepossessing dwelling.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

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 Coxe, Historic Sites Surveyor

February 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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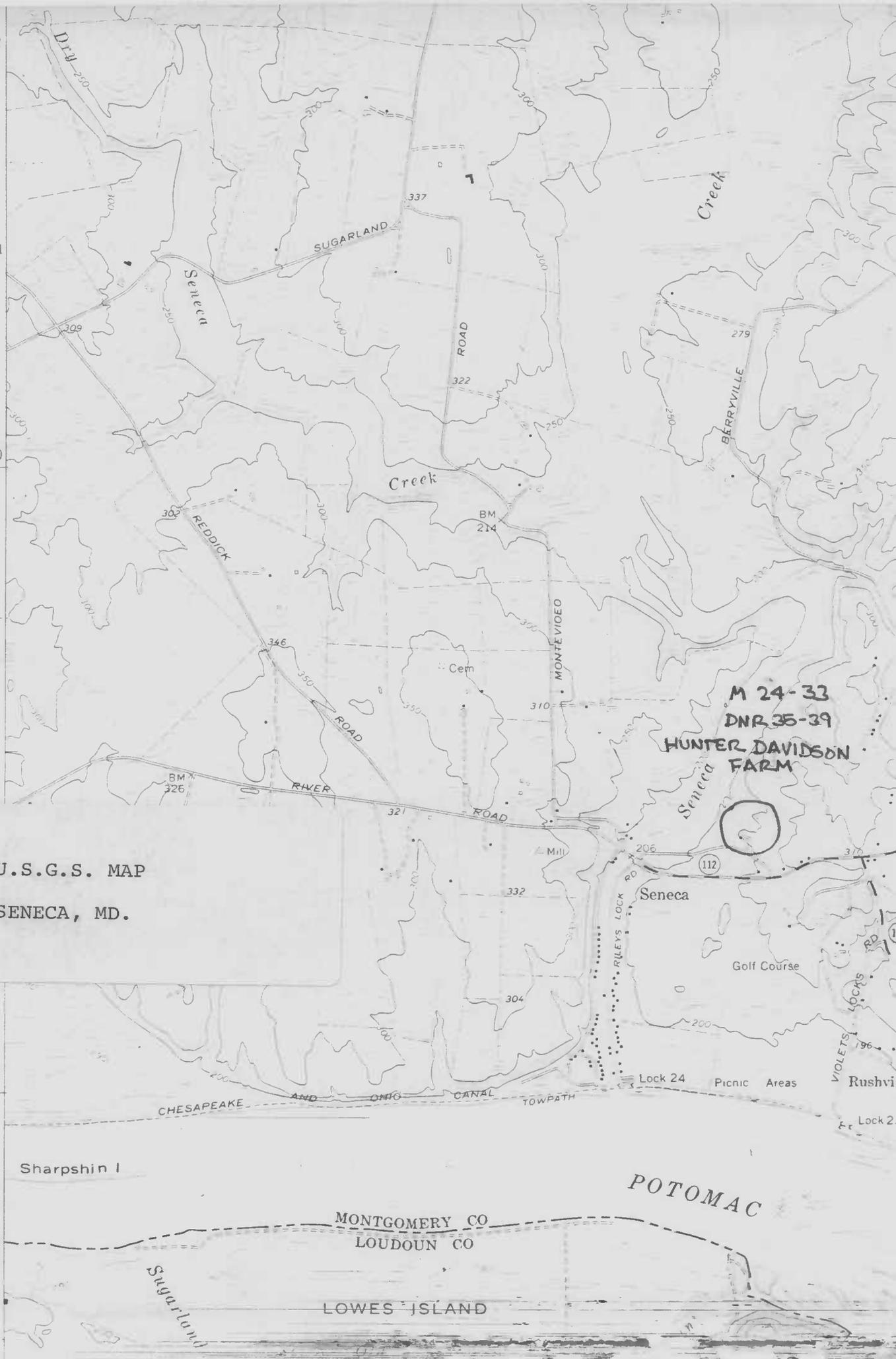
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U.S.G.S. MAP

SENECA, MD.

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5562 III SW (STERLING)

Sharpshin I

MONTGOMERY CO  
LOUDOUN CO

POTOMAC

LOWES ISLAND

Sugarland

Lock 24 Picnic Areas  
Lock 2

VIOLETS  
Rushvi

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DNR 35-39  
HUNTER DAVIDSON  
FARM





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HUNTER DAVIDSON FARMHOUSE  
SENECA STATE PARK

7/78 BMD

SE ELEV.