

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:27-13
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Parker Farm
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 27/13 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 16
Coordinate J-12
4. Address: 14114 Layhill Road
Silver Spring, Md.
5. Classification Summary
- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Category <u>building</u> | Previous Survey Recording <u>MNCPPC</u> |
| Ownership <u>private</u> | Title and Date: <u>Historic Sites Inventory</u>
1976 |
| Public Acquisition <u>N/A</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: c. 1893 7. Original Owner: Charles H. Parker
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This five bay by three bay, two and a half story L-shaped house faces east. It is now covered by white aluminum siding. The east porch wraps around to the south elevation. It has a shed roof supported by nine wrought iron posts and is enclosed by a wrought iron railing. On the south elevation of the west ell there is a porch with a shed roof. There are two-over-two double-hung windows flanked by green aluminum louvered shutters. The first level windows, east elevation, extend down to the porch floor. The house has a hipped roof with red raised seam metal covering. At the peak of the roof there is a shingled cupola with double windows on all four elevations and a pyramidal roof.
10. Significance: The Parker farmhouse exhibits unusually distinctive architectural styling and is one of a handful of pre-1900 structures remaining in the rapidly suburbanized crossroads community of Layhill. The property was purchased in 1892 by Charles Henry Parker, a Washington D.C. land speculator who in 1874 had founded the real estate company which still bears his name. The 130 acre sale included a 4 room log house, stable, corn crib, spring house and other outbuildings. Parker constructed the house in 1893, putting in such modern amenities as gas lighting, indoor bathrooms with running water. He divided his time between his Washington realty business and his role a "gentleman farmer" which included dairying. He died in 1915 and is buried along with his second and third wives in the walled cemetery behind the house. One of his children Eva J. Turner purchased the 155 acre property and it has remained in the Parker family to this day, the acreage now reduced.

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

11. Researcher and date researched: Mark Walston 7/79
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval
15. Acreage: 31/18 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Parker Farm

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 14114 Layhill Road

CITY, TOWN Silver Spring VICINITY OF Layhill 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 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 J. Turner c/o C.H. Parker Co. Telephone #: Unlisted

STREET & NUMBER 633 Pennsylvania Avenue

CITY, TOWN Washington, D.C. VICINITY OF STATE, zip code 20906

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 272
Folio #: 244

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites and HABS 1968

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This interesting Victorian structure, with its steeply pitched pyramidal roof and high square cupola, has an almost carnival flavor. This five bay by three bay, two and a half story L-shaped house faces east. It was one of the first houses in the area to have gas lighting. Built on quartz and fieldstone foundations, the house was recently covered by white aluminum siding. There are fishscale shingles at the second level which are now covered by the white aluminum siding. The east porch wraps around to the south elevation. It has a shed roof supported by nine wrought iron posts and is enclosed by a wrought iron railing. The east central wooden paneled door is flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a transom light. On the south elevation of the west ell there is a porch with a shed roof. There is a glass and wooden paneled door which leads into the west ell.

There are two-over-two double hung windows flanked by green aluminum louvered shutters. The first level windows on the east elevation extend down to the porch floor. There is an internal chimney on either side wall. The house has a hipped roof with red raised seam metal covering. At the peak of the roof there is a square shingled cupola with double windows on all four elevations and a pyramidal roof. The west ell has a roof covered by red raised seam metal.

South of the house is a small log house with a gable roof. Its walls have been white washed. The family burial plot is now empty.

The east (front) door opens into a central hallway. An open string single run stairway ascends along the north hall wall. It has a square carved newel post and turned balusters. To the north, of the hall is the parlor and to the south of the hall is the living room. West of the parlor is the dining room and west of the dining room is the recreation room, originally the kitchen. West of the living room is the kitchen, formerly the music room. At the west end of the hall there is a pantry utility room.

There are narrow hardwood floors throughout the house. These replaced the original random width Georgia pine flooring. The living room now has wall to wall carpeting and the kitchen floor is covered by linoleum. The walls and ceilings are plaster over lath; the walls are covered by wallpaper. The dining room has both a chair rail and crown molding. The living room has a chair rail. The door and window surrounds have bullseye corner blocks. Many of the wooden paneled doors are surmounted by a single fixed transom light. Only one of the four original, diagonally-placed corner fireplaces remains. The living room fireplace mantle is constructed of wood and marbelized slate and has Eastlake design elements. The music room was converted into a kitchen about 1927-1928. It was remodeled in 1950-1951 at which time tile wainscoting and metal cabinets were installed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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 **c. 1893**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Parker Farm, one of a handful of pre-1900 structures remaining in the rapidly suburbanized crossroads community of Layhill, exhibits an architectural styling singular among historic residential dwellings in Montgomery County.

The tract of land upon which the house came to be situated was purchased on October 6, 1892, by Charles Henry Parker, a Washington, D.C. land speculator who, in 1874, founded the real estate company which still bears his name today. The property, 130 acres of "Piney Grove", was obtained by Parker from the heirs of George Keith by means of a private offer of \$4,500 submitted by Parker subsequent to the property's withdrawal from public auctions due to the lack of sufficient bids. The sale advertisements described the Keith farmstead as:

130 acres, about 40 of which is in timber land. The improvements consist of a four room log house with water at the door, good stables, corn crib, spring house and other outbuildings. There is also a good apple orchard on the place.¹

A formal deed conveying the property to Charles H. Parker of Washington, D.C., was executed on November 21, 1892.²

It is believed that Parker began the construction of the present house soon after the date of conveyance, with the dwelling completed c. 1893. (The four room log house may have been retained by Parker for use as a tenant house.) The new Parker mansion included such "modern" amenities as gas lighting (serviced by the house's own compressor), indoor bathrooms, and a hydraulic ram system which pumped water to a wooden storage tank in the attic, providing the bathrooms and kitchen with running water.

Charles Parker divided his time between his Washington realty business and his role as "gentleman farmer", which included dairying. Parker died on August 12, 1915, at the age of 71, and was buried alongside his second and third wives in the walled cemetery situated in back of the house. In 1918 his children petitioned the courts to authorize the sale of the property, in order to discharge Parker's unpaid debts. Accordingly, on May 4, 1918, the property was offered up at public auction. The handbills circulated prior to the sale described the farm as:

containing 155 acres, more or less, situate on the west side of Norwood Turnpike, at Layhill, about 2 miles from Glenmont and 7 miles from

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Parker Farm

the District of Columbia line. The improvements consist of a two story and attic frame dwelling house containing 11 rooms, bath and cellar. The house has a hot-water heating system. Water is supplied by a hydraulic ram. The house is piped and equipped with gas fixtures and a gas machine (presently out of commission) for lighting purposes. There is a porch across the front and one side of the house. The lawn is attractive and well shaded. Other buildings consist of a large bank barn, with horse and cow stable in basement, a hay barrack which holds over 100 tons, two corn houses, wagon house, ice house, tool house, and all other necessary structures. There is also a fine dairy, supplied with running spring water. Two good apple orchards in bearing are on the place....There are two lots, situated on the east side of the Norwood Turnpike, containing respectively 1 and 1½ acres, and each is improved by a good 4 room tenant house with a well of water at the door...also, 18 ¾ acres (adjoining) the 155 acres of Parcel 1, (improved) by a good two story frame dwelling house containing 6 rooms and a cellar with a well of good water at the kitchen door. There is also on the premises a stable, corn house, meat house and other necessary outbuildings....All buildings are in good repair and both parcels are fenced with woven wire in good shape.³

At the sale, the first parcel, containing 155 acres, was purchased by Eva J. Turner, a daughter of Charles H. Parker, for \$18,100.⁴ The property has remained in the Parker family to this day, with various parcels having been sold over the years, thus reducing the size of the farm to its present 31.18 acres.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Montgomery County Equity Records, Judgment JA 12/309, Filed September 18, 1891).
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, JA 36/96.
3. Equity Records, op. cit., Judgment PBR 17/408, Filed February 25, 1918).
4. Land Records, op. cit., 272/244.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land Records.
Montgomery County Equity Records.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 31.18 acres

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	Mark Walston	Candy Reed Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE July 1979
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE Maryland 20753

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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M # 27 B

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME			
COMMON:			
AND/OR HISTORIC: (Charles) Parker House			
2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: 14114 Layhill Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Layhill			
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One) <input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		OWNERSHIP <input type="checkbox"/> Public Public Acquisition: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	
		STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	Comments
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNER'S NAME: Mrs. C. Albert Parker, Sr.			
STREET AND NUMBER: 14114 Layhill Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Layhill		STATE: Maryland	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville		STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):			
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY: NONE			
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a large, square, frame structure with a hipped-roof and a square lantern at the peak. The main (east) facade is five bays with a central doorway. The door has both transom and sidelights. The windows on the ground floor are large, 2/4 double hung sash, extending from floor to ceiling. On the second floor, the windows are 2/2 double hung sash.

There is an internal chimney on either side wall.

The lantern has two 6/6 double hung sash on each face; the roof is a bell-cast hip with a finial.

The house is now sheathed with aluminum siding.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

SIGNATURE

PERIOD (Check)

DATE

15A

A. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

circa 1900

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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of Site

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 22 Apr 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

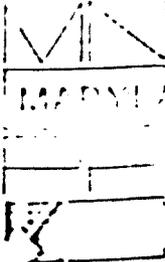
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature _____

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

10/2		23/70	
10/9		23/98-1	
10/11		24/12	
10/22		24/14	
10/25		24/15	
10/54		25/1	
10/71		25/10-1	
10/73		27/5	
	<u>Site No.</u>	27/7	
10/74	15/68		<u>Site No.</u>
11/8	15/69		35/6
12/14-1	16/19	*27/11	36/9
12/16	*17/4	*27/13	*37/4
12/26	17/55	28/15	
	18/1	28/26	
13/15	18/9	30/3	
13/16	18/22	30/7	
13/28	18/27	30/9	
13/32	18/29-1	30/15	
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14/1	19/18	30/19	
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14/18	20/6	33/3	
14/19	20/14	33/5	
14/23	20/27	33/11	
14/30	22/5	*34/1	
14/31	22/6-1	*34/9	
14/40	22/18		
14/48	22/21		
14/54	22/22		
15/10	22/23		
15/11	22/24		
15/18	23/13		
*15/62			

*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.

Parker Farm





NAME Ni# 27-13 PARKER HOUSE

LOCATION LAYHILL + BEL PRE RDS, LAYHILL
MD.

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PHOTO TAKEN 4/22/74 m. DWYER