

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M#29-2

Magi No. 1607495404

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Clagett Farmhouseand/or common Harker Preparatory School

2. Location

street & number 8501 Harker Dr. not for publicationcity, town Potomac vicinity of congressional district 4thstate 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 type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input 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 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 Harker Preparatory School, Inc.street & number 8501 Harker La. telephone no.:city, town Potomac state and zip code Md.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 3229street & number Rockville folio 294city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPHC Historic Sites Inventorydate 1976 federal state county localrepository for survey records Park Historian's Officecity, town Rockville state Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(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	
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8. Significance

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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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/
			<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

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

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

The Clagett house is significant as an example of Federal style architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County during the early part of the nineteenth century (but not as commonly found in rural areas such as this). This is one of the earlier houses still remaining in the Potomac area. It was probably built by Thomas Clagett during the early part of the nineteenth century.¹ The Clagett family was among the original families to settle the Potomac area. After many of the early families had left the area (mostly during the late nineteenth century) the Clagetts remained and farmed their extensive land holdings. Thomas Clagett built his house on a tract of land referred to as "Clagett's Folly" and "Addison" which he had inherited from his father.² At the time of his death in 1860, Thomas left over 800 acres to his heirs.

Thomas sold his house on a farm of 323 3/4 acres in November of 1856 to Lewis Kengla of Georgetown. Lewis died in 1869 leaving a widow, Susan, and ten children. Because the land was not susceptible to division, it was sold by a court appointed trustee once all the children had reached the age of 21. The farm was advertised in the trustees notice of sale as 323 3/4 acres on Falls Rd., 3 miles from Rockville and the Metropolitan Branch (of the B&O Railroad), adjoining the lands of Mrs. Clagett and Joseph Carberry. Approximately 200 acres were cleared, farmable land (divided into 7 fields). The improvements to the property consisted of a "large and well built brick dwelling house," a stable and other outbuildings, fruit orchards and a well near the house.⁴ The house was sold to Lewis Keiser in September of 1880 for \$5,200.⁵

The house was sold again in May of 1887, following the death of Lewis Keiser, to Jacob Dorcus.⁶ The house remained in the Dorcus family for many years. In September of 1900, Jacob and his wife, Ellen, conveyed the house to their eight children.⁷ They each conveyed their interest in the farm to their brother, George, in 1907.⁸ In 1913, George sold the house to Greenbury Jackson who sold it that same year to George G. Bradley.⁹ George was married to Katherine McDonald, the daughter of Capt. John McDonald of Potomac. George was a Montgomery County Commissioner.¹⁰ In November of 1937, the house was purchased

by Richard and Elizabeth LaGarde.¹¹ It was about this time that the house was remodeled and a brick addition was made.¹² The house is presently part of the Harker Prep School.

¹The date given is based on the fact that the house was standing when the property was purchased by Lewis Kengla in 1856, according to references made in the deed and by Brice Clagett in his manuscripts located at the Historical Society. (The head master of Harker Prep had been told the the previous owners that the central portion of the house could date as far back as 1810).

²Brice Clagett, M.C. Hist. Soc. Genealogy Files.

³Deed JGH 6/14, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁴Equity #171-1871, EBP 5/121, Mont. Co. Judgement Records.

⁵Deed EBP 22/445, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁶Deed JA 6/253, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁷Deed TD 22/403, " "

⁸Deed 196/198, " "

⁹Deed 240/164, " "

¹⁰M.C. Hist. Soc. Genealogy Files.

¹¹Deed 685/194, Mont. Co. Land Records.

¹²Col. Keefer, Headmaster of Harker Prep School.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Col. Keefer, Headmaster at Harker Prep, conversation, 1/82

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 820922 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing			

B

Zone	Easting			Northing			

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

state _____ code _____ county _____ code _____

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization M.C. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 1/83

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Rockville state 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.

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

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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<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/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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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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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NDMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 4/23/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Ave.

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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NAME CLAAGETT HSE (HARKER PREP.)

LOCATION TUCKERMAN LA., POTOMAC, MD.

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PHOTO TAKEN 4/23/75

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