

(Note: within Laytonsville HD)

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Weeks House
2. Planning Area/Site Number 14/37/2
Laytonsville H.D.
3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 8
I-10
4. Address 21601 Laytonsville Road
Laytonsville, MD
5. Classification Summary
 Category building
 Ownership private
 Public Acquisition NA
 Status occupied
 Accessible no
 Present use private residence
 Previous Survey Recording MNCPPC Federal ___ State x County x Local ___
 (Title and date: 1976; Inventory of Historical Sites)
6. Date c. 1868
7. Original Owner
Frank Bell
8. Apparent Condition
 a. good
 b. altered
 c. original site
9. Description: This two story, T-shaped frame house on stone foundations faces west on Laytonsville Road. A one story porch extends the entire length of the front facade. Windows are 6/6 double hung except for two windows in the rear second story which are 2/2. There are no windows on the north facade. The siding is random poplar weatherboarding and the roofing is tin. It was placed on top of the original wood shingle roof. The present owners are restoring the house.
10. Significance: This property illustrates the traditional custom of providing shelter as a perquisite of employment. The house was originally built for Hezekiah Weeks, a blacksmith for Frank Bell. Later it was used by a Bell family relative Joseph Higgins as a home for his store manager. It stands next to two large Vitorian houses which once served as the main houses for the Bell farm. The complex of houses reflects the town's rural heritage.
 Hezekiah Weeks had been a Howard County blacksmith, and served as a sergeant in the Independent Patapsco Guards during the Civil War. In 1867, he married Marian Hogan and it is believed that their children Harry (born 1868) and Maggie (born 1869) were born in that house. By 1879 Hezekiah Weeks and his brother-in-law had opened the Weeks and Kimble carriage and blacksmith shop several lots to the south of the Weeks house. In 1890 Frank Bell transferred this house to his daughter Annie Bell Higgins whose husband Joseph ran a drug store. The house passed to their granddaughter Mary Ann Griffith Hawkins in 1925 and then through in-law heirs until it was sold in 1977 to the present owners.
11. Date researched and researcher Anne Burke Wolf John M. Barrow-Arch.
Nov. 78 Description
12. Compiler Gail Rothrock
13. Date Compiled 2/79
14. Designation Approval ___
15. Acreage approx. 1/3 acre

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 14/37
Laytonsville HD
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Weeks House

AND/OR COMMON

Hawkins House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21601 Laytonsville Road

CITY, TOWN

Laytonsville

— VICINITY OF

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

John M. and Rosemary Z. Barrow

Telephone #:

Unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

Box 1003

CITY, TOWN

Laytonsville

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20760

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4991

Folio #: 092

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 style of the house is typical of 19th century Maryland farm and tenant houses. The house faces west and is a two story, "T" shaped structure (the rear wing was added subsequent to the front section). There were originally three chimneys of low-fired brick construction inside the house and located at each end.

The foundation is cut laid stone (local) assembled with sand mortar and constructed flush to grade. The north end of the building has a root-type cellar, finished off with stone and three sides and an earthen wall on the south side.

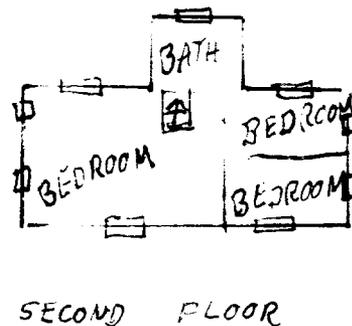
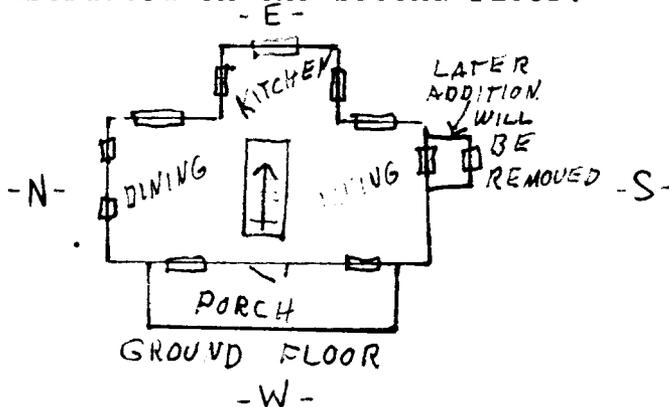
The framing of the house consists of six-over-six oak sills, oak log floor joists (24" o.c.), oak studs, six-over-six oak main beams, and rough sawn two-over-six oak rafters. The siding is random 5/8" poplar weatherboarding and the roofing is tin which was placed on top of the original wood shingle roof (still intact on sheathing). The first floor joists were oak, hand adzed logs covered with rough random pine flooring. Standardized tongue and groove pine flooring is used in the rear section of the house. The interior walls are plaster and the ceilings are 7'6" in height.

The windows are double-hung, six over six except two windows in the rear second story which are two over two. There are no windows on the north facade of the house.

A one story porch runs the entire length of the front side of the house. The close proximity of the house to the Laytonsville Road recalls the by-gone era of horse and carriage.

Due to the deteriorated condition of the structure and the need for modernization, the following modifications have been made. No attempt has been made to maintain the historic interior.

On the first floor the sills, joists, and floors were replaced. Wall surfaces on the first floor and part of the second were replaced and insulation was retrofitted. New wiring and plumbing replaced old deteriorated material. A wall and rear stairway between the dining room and the kitchen were removed. The new floor for the kitchen is brick and a six-over-six window has been added to light the kitchen on the east elevation. Access was created to the cellar from the first floor where a closet had been located beneath the stair. New closets were constructed on the second floor.



CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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. 1868

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property illustrates the eighteenth and nineteenth century custom of providing shelter as a perquisite of a job. The house was originally built for Hezekiah Weeks, a blacksmith for Mr. Bell, and was used by Mr. Higgins as a home for his store manager. Unfortunately, that store itself is now gone. However, the two large Victorian houses beside and facing Weeks house are still owned by Bell family members. They served as the main houses for the Bell farm, most of which has since become town lots. The complex of houses thus has a significance in addition to their individual values.

The date of construction of the Weeks house is undetermined, Mrs. Cuyler Duvall of Rockville believes that her mother, Maggie Weeks (born 1869), and her uncle, Harry Weeks (born 1869), were both born in that house. Their mother, Marian Weeks, lived in Laytonsville until her death in 1941. Their father, Hezekiah Weeks, had been a Howard County blacksmith serving as a sergeant in the Independent Patapsco Guards during the Civil War. After the Battle of Gettysburg, the Patapsco Guards remained in Gettysburg to guard Confederate prisoners confined at the Peach Orchard. While there, he met a Bell from Laytonsville who told him that his father wanted to hire a good blacksmith as the town had none at the time.

I do not know exactly when Weeks moved to Laytonsville. He married Marion Hogan of Ellicott City in 1867. By the time the Hopkins map was made, he and his brother-in-law William Kimble had opened the Weeks and Kimble carriage and blacksmith shop several lots to the south of the Weeks house.

In 1890 Frank Bell transferred this house to his daughter Annie Bell Higgins, Mrs. Joseph Higgins.¹ His son William lived in the larger house next door. Joseph Higgins ran a general store. There were three such stores in Laytonsville at that time, each one specializing in stock of some staple product such as clothing or hardware. Higgins' store served as the drug store, stocking the medicinal and chemical needs of people at that time.

The daughter of Joseph and Annie, Rae Higgins Griffith, lived in the house a while. However, the next official transfer of the property was in 1925, when the land parcel passed to her daughter Mary Ann Griffith Hawkins, the wife of Albert (Peck) Hawkins.²

Peck Hawkins was a clerk for Higgins' store, and he consequently lived in the house. The Hawkins family had one son, Griffith Hawkins, who committed suicide while in his twenties. The status of the property was clarified in the 1940s. The back lot had been owned by another Bell family member, Ethel Bell Taylor. By 1946 both parcels were in the names of Albert and Mary Ann Hawkins.³

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) Land Records of Montgomery County, MD
- 2) U.S. Census Records, 1840-1880, 1879 Hopkins map, MCHS picture file

Oral History: Cuyler Weeks Dwyer Duvall, Rockville.
 Maude Duvall Burke, Laytonsville.
 Rosemary Barrow

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY approx. 1/3 acre

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

Anne Burke Wolf, volunteer

John M. Barrow-Arch. Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

Nov. 78

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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 Dickerson, MD 20753
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Attachment Sheet A
Significance

After Mary Ann Hawkins died, Peck Hawkins eventually married a Mrs. Burns from Woodfield. The property went to her heirs, Maurice and Colleen Burns.⁴ After the Burns heirs received the property, they rented it to the Cole family and in 1977 sold it by trustee to the Barrows.

FOOTNOTES

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, JA 21/375.
2. Ibid., 389/49.
3. Ibid., 912/207, (1943).
4. Ibid., 4049/700 (1971).

Attachment Sheet B

Ownership of the property

1. James Brooke, Sr.
2. George and Deborah Chandler; Elizabeth Brooke
3. Samuel Riggs
4. Romulus Riggs
5. John Allnutt
6. Nancy and Rebecca Allnutt; John Ayton
7. Frank Bell
8. Annie Bell Higgins
9. Mary Ann Griffith Hawkins
10. Albert and Mary Ann Hawkins
11. Burns heirs
12. John and Rosemary Barrow

