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This building was constructed by Henry Meriweather in 1805 and was acquired by Samuel T. Owings prior to 1840, who is noted on the 1860 Martenet Map. In 1878 Joshua Dorsey acquired 82½ acres of the 221 acre tract of land and made his home here.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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THE SOUTH FACADE

Two wide, stone steps, flanked by an iron railing lead to the central, rectangular, open bible and cross paneled entrance door of the main building block. It is flanked by fluted pilasters and surmounted by a one light transom. The capitals of the pilasters hold a deep, flat lintel, decorated with a row of dentils and rope molding, upon which is placed a closed pediment, also decorated with a row of dentils and a row of rope molding.

Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Windows are rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by projecting wooden sills, and

decorated with shutters.

Two first floor windows flank the central entrance, with five second floor windows above.

A basement window rests between the two east and west bays of the facade.

The south wall of the stone addition lies flush with the main building block and holds a wide, central, brick chimney on its west wall. A first floor window and two second floor windows are set into this wall, similar to those described.

The south wall of the kitchen holds two six-six lights, rectangular casement, first floor windows, flanked by flat pilasters, surmounted by flat wooden lintels, underlined by projecting wooden sills and decorated with shutters. Two gabled roof, dormer windows rest above, holding six-over-six light windows.

THE WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation of the house is almost completely covered by the one and a half story high, kitchen wing. A rectangular, second floor window is placed on the north side of its west wall, which is of clapboard.

Four stone steps, flanked by an iron railing lead to the south

bay, kitchen entrance door, flanked by flat pilasters and surmounted by a flat lintel. A six-over-six light, rectangular window rests in the north bay of this wall with two square, four light, attic casement windows, flanked by flat pilasters, surmounted by flat wooden lintels and underlined by flat wooden sills.

THE EAST ELEVATION

The east wall holds a three light basement window in its south bay and a square, louvered, attic window above. A wooden balustrade runs around the perimeter of the basement entrance, located along the north side of this wall. Inset into the base of the brick chimney at the gable is a stone inscribed HM 1805.

THE NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation holds a two story high, gambrel, slate roofed, stone and cypress frame addition along the two east bays of the main building block.

The north elevation of this new living room addition is constructed of stone and holds a central, pent roofed bay window, holding a central twelve-light square picture window, flanked by four vertical lights. A rectangular, eight-eight light, second floor casement window is centered above the bay.

The east wall of this living room addition is of vertical cypress

boards, and holds a large pent roofed, rectangular, bay window, holding three continuous, four-four light, rectangular casement windows. A slate, shed roofed dormer window rests on the south side of this wall, holding a six-six light, rectangular casement window.

The west wall of this living room addition is constructed of vertical cypress boards and holds a large, four-four light, rectangular French door, flanked by four vertical side lights. This entrance enters on to the stone patio, which runs between the living room addition on the east and a one story high, hipped roof, screened in porch on the west, extending from the north wall of the kitchen wing.

A slate, shed roofed dormer rests in the second floor of the gambrel on this west elevation, holding two six-over-six light, second floor windows. The remainder of the north wall of the main stone building block holds a six light, rectangular entrance, fronted by four stone steps, which leads into the central hall of the original, five bay wide, building block. Above rests a six-over-six light, staircase window. A six-over-six light, first floor window is placed west of the door. West of this window lies a six-six light, rectangular French door, fronted by a stoop, leading down to the stone patio. A six-over-six light, first floor window is placed on the west side of this entrance.

The second floor is punctuated by three six-over-six light windows. Two dormer windows, added circa 1932, are placed in the

roofline at this elevation.

The north elevation of the kitchen wing holds a six-six light casement window in its west end bay. East of this window rests a nine light, rectangular entrance door, which leads into the one story high, hipped roofed, screened in porch. Above rests a gabled roof dormer, holding a rectangular, six-over-six light window.

A one story high, hipped roof, screened in porch runs along the kitchen wing, extending northward.

Northwest of the house lies a one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) stone smoke house, which is now used as a guest house.

Tennis courts lie northeast of the house and a swimming pool northwest. Along the south elevation of the house runs a stone retaining wall, lined with boxwood. A broad lawn lies north of the house.

INTERIOR

In 1950 Merriweather was burned and its interior staircase destroyed. This staircase was rebuilt in the same manner as the original and features square balusters.

At this same time the living room addition was added to the two east bays of the north elevation. A new fireplace was also installed in

the center of the living room's east wall and is of a similar period, circal805. It features a row of carved, sculptured molding along the architrave.

This row of molding is repeated in the crown molding, running along and decorating the ceiling of the living room and its addition. Another fine period mantlepiece was installed in the library at this time, which takes up the two west bays west of the central hall.

The stone west addition of the house holds a large dining room with entry to both the kitchen to the west and library to the east.

An unusually fine, stone, cooking fireplace is found on the west wall of the kitchen, featuring a large cooking crane and side oven.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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SPECIFIC DATES 1805

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Meriweather is best known in Howard County, Maryland as the site where the annual Howard County Hunt Club races are held. 1 Additionally, Meriweather is representative of the best in Howard County, vernacular stone architecture. 2 The additions to this five bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gabled roof, stone structure, feature a continuity of scale, proportion and building materials, which enhances rather than detracts from the original building, whose facade features fine stylistic detail. These stone and frame additions originally formed an "I" plan, but a later frame and stone living room addition, constructed in 1950, now creates an "L" plan. The stone addition on the west wall is so continual in its line and treatment that it is with difficulty that one identifies it as an addition. Since these early stone and frame additions to the original building block continue the line and direction of the building they create a "oneness" and integrity, which are not lost with the addition of the 1950 living room wing, constructed partially of vertical cedar boards, scaled to the main building block. These vertical boards attempt and succeed in lightening the addition to harmonize with the structure. The building is associated initially, with Henry Meriweather, who came from Virginia, building the house in 1805, and with both the Owings and Dorsey families of Howard County, Maryland.4

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- 1. The annual Howard County Hunt Club race is one of the best loved social events for Howard County, attended by both horse lovers and local residents alike. For a number of years it has been held at Meriweather, the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Butler.
- 2. Meriweather is representative of the best in Howard County, vernacular, stone architecture. The south facade of the main building block features vertically aligned and proportionally scaled fenestration, with dimensions which are elegant and pleasing to the eye. Initially, this facade featured a central bay, entrance door, which, with the addition of the two west bays, became a third east bay entrance. These two west bays continue the window line of the main building block and are constructed of a similar stone.
- 3. This first addition, as well as the later ones to the building, have been thoughtfully designed and executed, leaving the south facade untouched. The two west bays are only a continuation of the main building block, while the frame kitchen wing, added along the west wall of this stone addition, nestles into the building, smaller in scale and pleasing in proportion and softened by landscaping. The living room north wing of 1950 has been carefully designed not to interfere with the east or south wall of the original building block. It is constructed of frame on its east and west walls to lighten the feeling of this large room, while its north wall continues the stone construction of the main building block, presenting north walls similar in construction and building material.

The gambrel roof of this addition adds a note of interest and charm, while the screen porch on the north wall of the kitchen wing provides a balanced composition, creating a courtyard effect.

Historically, the property can be traced back to a deed dated, 4. September 15, 1865 (liber 25, folio 229) in the Howard County Land Records. We find here that two parcels of land of some 201 and 20 acres respectively were owned by a Samuel T. Owings and an Elizabeth A. Owings. The Martenet map of 1860 indicates an S.T. Owings at this location. George Dorsey Owings of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, William G. Owings and Joshua Owings of Howard County, Maryland, as the only heirs in law, got together. The result was that George Dorsey Owings and William G. Owings conveyed the two parcels of land to Joshua Owings for \$5,500.00, "together with the buildings." No reference was found in the Grantee List of Howard County of a deed conveyance of such a property to Samuel T. Owings This points to the fact that he acquired the property prior to 1840 and that such a deed would be found under the Anne Arundel Coun ty Land Records in Annapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Butler, in their own private research of the property, have determined that the initials HM beneath the date 1805, at the base of the top of the brick chimney, on the east elevation, stand for Henry Meriweather, who came to Howard County from Virginia. Sometime prior to 1840 Samuel T. Owings became the owner of these two parcels, holding them until 1865. Three years later, in 1868 the property passed into the Dorsey family, from Joshua and Mary W. Owings to Nimrod and Sarah E. Dorsey. Nimrod B. Dorsey immediately conveyed

these two parcels to Stephen Boone Dorsey for the same price for which he bought it, \$10,948.12. Ten years later a case in equity between Sallie Dorsey and her son, Stephen Boone Dorsey, awarded 82½ acres of this 221 acres to another son, Joshua Dorsey. Joshua picked up additional acreage for his farm in the following way:

- 1. His mother, Sallie E. Dorsey, devised two tracts of land to him in her will of February 21, 1882 (wills 2-450-Howard County). They were:
 - a. A lot containing 18 acres of land, "lying in front of the dwelling ot the said son and east of the land running from the Old Annapolis Road to said son's house, and bordering on the Old Annapolis Road to the land owned by Thomas O. Warfield to thence bordering on the land of Thomas O. Warfield to the land belonging to my said son, Joshua.
 - b. The lot of land known as the "quaterfield" containing 20 acres with whatsoever woodland that may belong to me, adjoining said field and lying on the branch running from E.S. Dorsey's mill on condition of payment of \$20.00 per acre to the children of "my son Humphrey" and my daughter, Hester, to be equally divided.
- 2. His brother, Stephen Boone Dorsey, conveyed a five acre tract of land to him for \$100.00 on March 22, 1899. Apparently it was a piece of property, which filled up the northwest corner of "Lot #3",

the 82½ acre tract of land, which he acquired in the 1878 equity case between his mother and brother. Please see Attachment 5, Plat from Equity Case of 1878.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mr. & Mrs. Leo Butler at their residence on August 11, 1980.

Howard County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA	
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Date	Liber-folio	Grantor	Grantee	Transaction
Nov. 7, 1969	521-412	Leo Butler & Celia K. Butler "subject to the life estates herein- after reserved."	Frances B. Devlin	Deed to 4 parcels 1.a. 123 A b. + 1,549 sq. yds.+ 2-52.4 A + 3-91.28 4-328.461
March 2, 1940	169-479	Bertrand H. Bratney, unm.	Leo & Celia Butler	Deed to 2 tracts of land 1-123 A 2-+1,549 sq. yds.
July 2, 1936	154-401	Stephen B. Dorsey & Mary E. Dorsey	N.Y. Life Ins. Co.	Deed to 1,549 sq. yds.
Oct. 31, 1935	153-106	N.Y. Life Ins. Co.	Bertrand H. Bratney	Deed to 123 A+
Aug. 18, 1931	142-20	George H. Lamar, Subst. Trustee (133-196) 17 March appointed as trustee.	N.Y. Life Ins. Co.	Deed to 123 A+
Feb. 16, 1882	Wills 2-450	Sallie E. Dorsey	Stephen B. Dorsey	By will conveyance of 1,549 sq. yds.
Feb. 24, 1927	129-344	Perry Cantwell (Single) & Paul Henry Cantwell	Andrew L. Todd, trustee	Deed to 123 A <u>+</u>
March 16, 1926	126-332	James Clark, Attny. & H. Thomas Grimes & Emma	Perry Cantwell & Paul Henry Cantwell	Deed to 123 A <u>+</u>
James Clark was vested with authority "in a mortgage from Cornelius Cantwell to Mary L. Clark and Caroline S. Dennis, dated April 8, 1921" James Clark sold property to Grimes for \$6,000, who in turn sold it to Perry Cantwell.				
March 12, 1921	112-171	Wallace J. & Annie L. Clark	Cornelius S. Cantwel	ll Deed to 123 A <u>+</u>

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April 5, 1917	105-85	Humphrey D. Wolfe & Margaret	Wallace J. Clark	Deed to 124¼ A for \$7,000
April 18,1899		Joshua Dorsey At excepting a small tract of which Joshua conveyed to Edm (3)		Deed to 4 tracts of land of 125½ A for \$4,240.50

2. Two tracts devised by Sallie E. Dorsey to Joshua Dorsey by her will.

Will of Sallie A. Dorsey 21 February, 1882 (Wills 2-450)

- A- To my son Joshua lot containing 18 A+, lying in front of the dwelling of the said son and east of the land running from the "Old Annapolis Road" to said son's house, and bordering on the "Old Annapolis Road" to the land owned by Thomas O. Warfield to thence bordering on the land of Thomas O. Warfield to the land belonging to my said son Joshua.
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- C- To son Joshua The bed and bedstead; the wardrobe and washstand now standing in his bedroom; the bureau now in the passage near the door of his bedroom, six chairs.
- D- To son Stephen Boone Dorsey all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal.
- 3. Tract of 5 Acres conveyed to Joshua by Stephen Boone Dorsey 22 March, 1899 for \$100 Total Acreage = $125\frac{1}{2}$ A+

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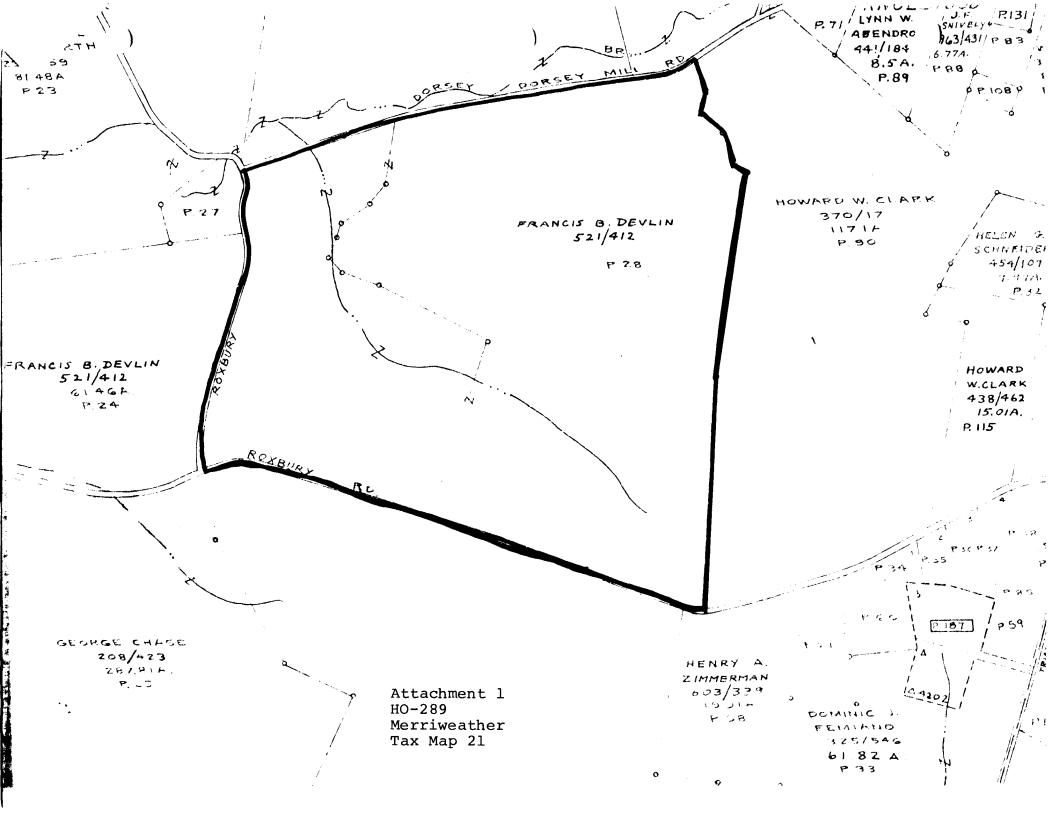
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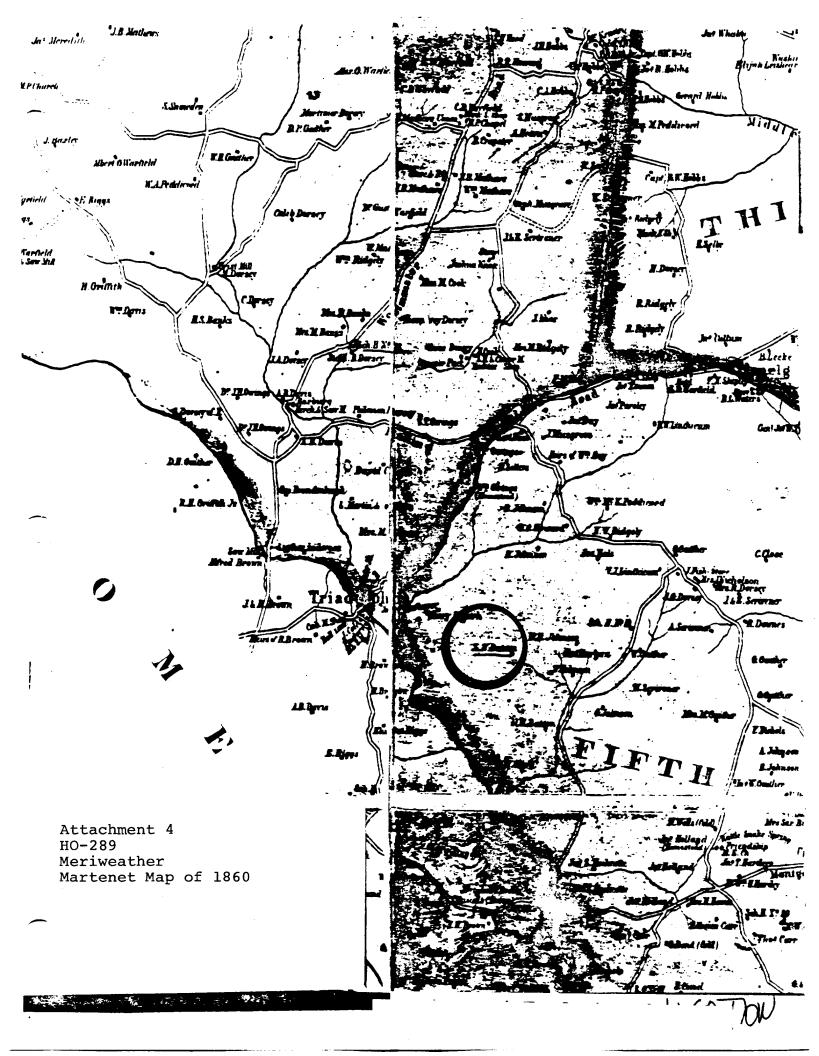
<u>Date</u>	<u>Liber-folio</u>	Grantor	Grantee	Transaction
Jan. 4, 1878	Equity Record 9-56-64	Court in Equity between Sallie E. Dorsey & Stephen Boone Dorsey	Joshua Dorsey	Deed of Partition to Lot #3 82½ A, P/O 198A-
May 16, 1868	28-246 "together with	Nimrod B. Dorsey & Sarah E. Dorsey buildings and improvements"	Stephen B. Dorsey	Deed to 2 parcels: 1-deed to 198 A+ 2-20 A lroad, 26 p. for \$10,948.12
May 20, 1868	28-243	Joshua Owings & Mary W. Owings	Nimrod B. Dorsey	Deed to 2 parcels of land for \$10,948.12
Sept. 15, 1865	25-229	George Dorsey Owings & William G. Owings	Joshua Owings	Deed to 2 parcels of land, 1) 201 Acres, 1 rood of 8 perches of land, 2) 20 A, one rood and 26 perches for \$5,500.00 "together with the buildings.

"Whereas Samuel T. Owings died intestate and whereas George D. Owings of Philadelphia, PA., Joshua Owings and William G. Owings of Howard County are the only heirs at law and whereas Elizabeth A. Owings also died intestate and whereas George, William and Joshua Owings are her only heirs at law -

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