

HO-476  
Edgewood Farm  
Ellicott City  
Private

circa 1890

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Fenestration for the house is rectangular, double hung, holding two-over-two lights, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled.

Edgewood Farms is noteworthy historically through its association with the Dorsey-Clark-Gaither families of Howard County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Edgewood Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

11027 Clarksville Pike (MD 108)

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Phillip A. Dorsch

Telephone #: 730-6942

STREET & NUMBER

11022 Clarksville Pike

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21043

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Tax Map 29, p.1.  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Hall of Records

Liber #: 295

Folio #: 1

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978

—FEDERAL  STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

**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 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**

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Fenestration for the house is rectangular, double hung, holding two-over-two lights, vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. In addition, a central roman arched, double-hung window, holding two-over-two lights is placed on the east facade of the intersecting gable, while two four light, rectangular casement attic windows are located on the north and south elevations.

An excellent stone barn lies south of the house, as well as a Dorsey-Clark cemetery of the nineteenth century.

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 checked="" 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Edgewood Farm is significant historically and architecturally.

Historically, the farm goes back to the early nineteenth century when Elizabeth Freshour conveyed the farm in trust to William Gibbons on the 18 May, 1833 (18-47 A.A. County). Architecturally, the building is representative of the five bay wide, central hall, late nineteenth century "vernacular" style architecture of Howard County. This two and a half story high, frame farm house features a central intersecting gable and L plan seen throughout Howard County in the mid to late nineteenth century. Usually a two story high kitchen wing formed the L for this type of house.

Historically the farm comprised 253 acres of land and was known as "Owen Dorsey's Farm," conveyed to him by his brother, Michael Dorsey.

On February 1, 1877, James MacKubin, acting as trustee for the property (willed to William H. Freshour by Elizabeth Freshour on March 3, 1857), conveyed the farm to Elizabeth Colladay, after a public auction on the steps of the Court House in Ellicott City. (H.C. Land Records, Liber 37, folio 412). Some two years later the farm was acquired by Christopher Davis (LJW 40-465).

Later owned by the Clark and Gaither families, it is now the property of Mr. Phillip Dorsch and his wife, Katherine Gaither Dorsch, daughter of the previous owners, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark Gaither.

Historically noteworthy for its association with the Dorsey-Clark-Gaither families of Howard County and architecturally significant as a fine example of "vernacular" style architecture, Edgewood Farm should be considered for inclusion to the National Register of Historic Places and the State Critical Areas Program.

Such a step would help insure its continued preservation and the integrity of its present site, located on the northeast corner of Route 108 and Homewood Road. Its excellent stone barn should also be included on any such recommendation.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Howard County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 92 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 29

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, liber 295, folio 1

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

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

465-5000 x257

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

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.

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

G. Y. CLARK  
525/368  
P. 291  
609/745  
5.00A.  
P. 302  
GARNETT Y. CLARK  
689/18  
13.94A.  
P. 117  
W.C.  
WRIGHT  
760/687  
2.86A.  
P. 290  
2.65  
P. 120  
J. THOS.  
SCRIVENER  
609/780  
15.00A.  
P. 303

JOHN LEE CARROLL  
458/756  
77.60A.  
P. 20

PHILIP CARROLL  
444/35  
118.32A.  
P. 21

Attachment 1  
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Edgewood Farm  
Tax Map 29

LOT 5  
27.86A.

LOT 4  
26.81A.

ROBT. G. H. CARROLL III  
479/173  
35.32A.  
P. 279

PHILLIP A. DORSCH  
295/1  
92A.  
P. 1

L  
KLEIN  
PR  
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BD. OF ED.  
OF HO. CO.  
465/577  
25.32A.  
P. 99

PHILLIP A. CARROLL  
P. 28

ED. 3

P. 1-A

P. 97

P. 90

P. 28

195/47  
3.98A.  
P. 62

LEONARD  
MILLER  
3.92A.  
P. 65

P. 115  
3.96A  
P. 65

3.05A.  
P. 61

64/125

MURIEL D.  
CARROLL  
170/529  
151/336  
20.25A.

HARPER'S  
FARM

HOW.  
RESE  
& DEV.  
417/  
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EDGEWOOD FARM  
CLARKSVILLE  
PIKE

(P)

425

Attachment 2  
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Edgewood Farm  
Topographic Map of Howard County  
Indicating Historic Sites within  
the Alternate #5 or #6 State  
Highway Project Plan for Route 108  
Scale: 1"=200'

BROAD

450

470

1080

108

CLARKSVILLE

1130

450





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EDGEWOOD FARM  
EAST  
JULY - 1978

CHEORA THOMPSON, AIP