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Driver Farm

Howard Co., MD

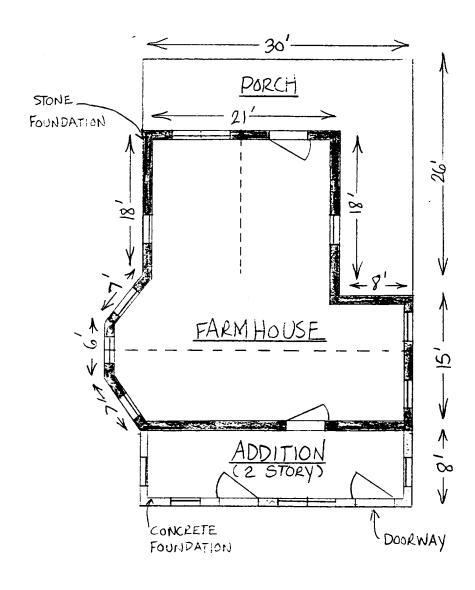
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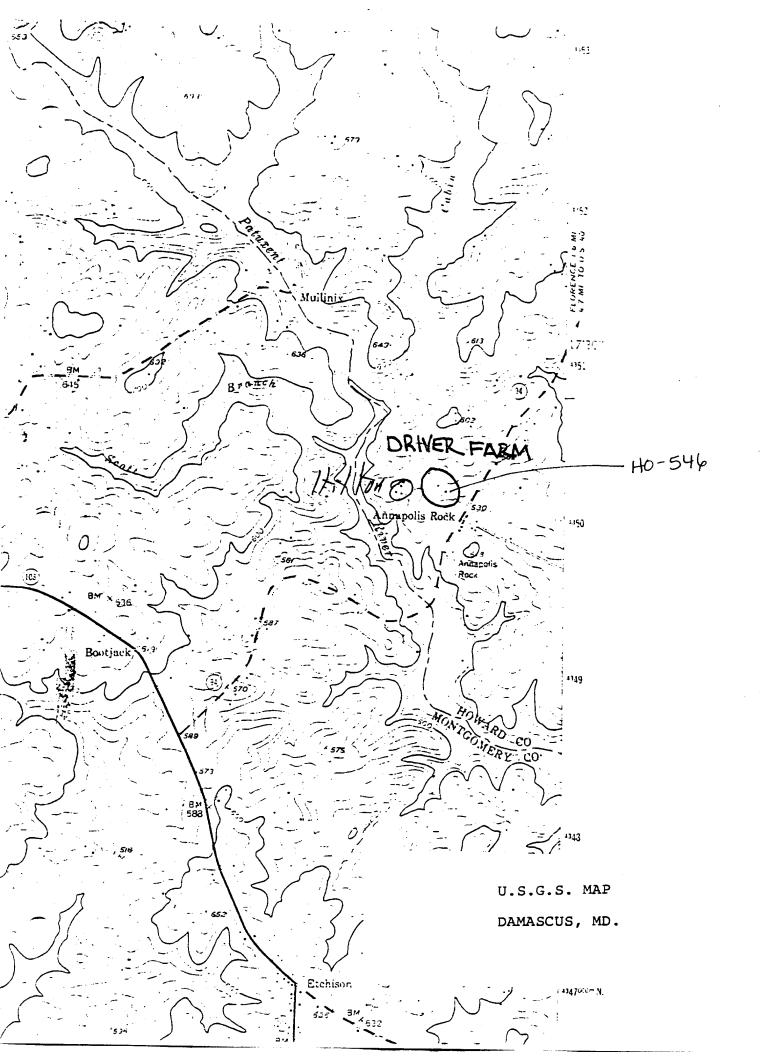
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The Driver Farm is located off of Maryland route 94, north of its intersection with Annapolis Rock Road, near Woodbine. The main farmhouse is T-shaped, frame built, and covered in clapboard, although later additions were added to the structure. According to the last survey taken in 1979, the Driver farmhouse was built between the third quarter of the 19th century and the early 20th century. Other outbuildings on the farm include a gambrel roofed barn, two sheds, and a corn crib, all of which are constructed of wood with tin roofing. The farmhouse has been a rental since 1963, when the State of Maryland acquired the property, and is kept in good condition by the family, as have the outbuildings.

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CLASSIFIC	ATION			
CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRES	ENT USE
DISTRICT X_BUILDING(S)	X_PUBLIC	X_OCCUPIED	X_AGRICULTURE	MUSEUM
STRUCTURE	PRIVATE	UNOCCUPIED	COMMERCIAL	X_PARK
SITE	BOTH PUBLIC ACQUISITION	WORK IN PROGRESS	EDUCATIONAL	X_PRIVATE RESIDE
OBJECT	_IN PROCESS	ACCESSIBLE YES: RESTRICTED	ENTERTAINMENT	
	BEING CONSIDERED	YES: UNRESTRICTED	GOVERNMENT	SCIENTIFIC
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CONDITION

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__ALTERED

X_ORIGINAL SITE

__FAIR

__RUINS
__UNEXPOSED

__MOVED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Driver House, located on the west side of Ellicott Road (Maryland Route 94) north of its intersection with Annapolis Rock Road, is a rambling two story clapboard farmhouse built in serveral sections between the third quarter of the 19th century and the early 20th century. The overall exterior house configuration yields a T-shape plan. The two story 19th century section is three bays wide with its main (south) facade altered by a taller two story, two bay wing constructed in the early 20th century which projects perpendicularly to this facade. remains visible is an entrance flanked by a 2/2 sashed window in the westernmost bay on the first story, surmounted by a similar 2/2 sashed window or the second story. Windows and door are framed by a simple The rear(north) facade also has been altered. A two timber surrounds. story lean-to addition across the entire facade also disguises the original configuration of the three bay facade. The first story is defined by two entrances separated by a double 2/2 sashed window. Similar 2/2 sashed windows are located in the easternmost bay of this facade and the single bay of the east facade. The second story is an open porch with simple 4"X4" timber supports. The window and door openings of this rear facade however are evident at this level. A doorway located in the westernmost bay with 2/2 windows occupies the two remaining openings. A centrally located, corbel capped brick is in evidence on this facade. The two bay west facade is defined as follows: single paned window flanked to the north by a 2/2 sashed window on the first story and a 2/2 sashed window on the second story. Again, all window openings receive a simple wooden surround as their only decoration.

The attic level area is executed in shingles rather than clapboard with deeply projecting eaves line and heavy cornice returns. Cornerboards and an interior brick chimney further accentuates this facade.

The two bay east facade, which is the facade first visible to the viewer as he enters the farm, has received a more elaborate treatment. Its tripartite bay construction is distinguished by three 2/2 sashed windows in each of the bays on both stories. This three part division is further emphasized by cornerboards at each plan change. Window surrounds are simple timber frames. At the attic level is located a central single light window. Fishscale shingled, heavy cornice returns and wooden brackets articulate the pediment area.

The 20th century addition extending from the south facade is highlighted by an open porch with doric wooden column supports which extend across the two bay south facade and around the west facade. The south facade of this section is marked by an entrance flanked to the east by a double 2/2 sashed window. Surmounting this are a 2/2 sashed window and identical double 2/2 sashed windows, respectively. This gable entits well defined at attic level by a small semicircular window surrounded by diamond pattern shingles. Cornerboards further accentuate

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Driver House is a good example of rural victorian architecture characterized by its tripartite bay, fishscale shingles and irregualr roof lines. The dwelling bears a distinct resemblance to three other nearby structures also within Patuxent State Park: The John Layman (DNR 108), the Ridgely/Bowman House (DNR 9) and the Harry Chrobot House (DNR-93)

Land Records research indicates that this house and an abandoned two storey frame dwelling located several hundred yards west of this structure were part of several large tracts of alnd owned by Philemon Dorsey in the early years of the mineteenth century, including part of "Silence", part of "Defiance" and part of "Second Thought". Captain Philemon Dorsey was a district surveyor and the owner of thousands of acres in Howard County.

During the second and third quarters of the nineteenth century, the property, referred to as "The Plantation", was owned by Basil Duvall whose residence is noted on the 1865 Martenet and Bond Map of Montgomery County. It was located in Howard County on the Patuxent River at the juncture of what is now Ellicott and Madcap Roads.

In 1883 the heirs of Basil Duvall sold 182-1/2 acres of his estate to Sarah, Charles and Randolph Layton. Five years later the Laytons sold the entire 182-1/2 acres to James Driver. Although this property was divided into two parcels of land in 1915, both were owned by members of the Driver family and remained in the Driver family until the State of Maryland purchased the property in 1963 for the development of Patuxent State Park.

Recommendations

The Driver Farm, well situated in an undeveloped area of Patuxent State Park and in remarkably good condition, should be returned to, private ownership. A restrictive easement should be attached to the sale of the property to prevent private development inconsistent with the present day environs. Although this property is currently leased by the Department of Natural Resources to responsible tenants and is therefore in good condition, the park management has allowed similar structures within the area to fall into total ruin.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY				
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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.

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this facade.

The east and west facades are very plain: single 2/2 sashed window on the first story of the west facade and a 2/2 window surmounted by a similar window on the east facade.

Various outbuildings surround the farmhouse. The most notable is a large 20th century gambrel roofed barn with painted round-arched windows.

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Should the present tenants leave the Driver property, the farm could suffer similar abuse. The farmhouse and its attendant outbuildings, therefore, should return to private ownership

-	Land Record	Grantor	Grantee		Description
	494/421 9 /26/196 3	Driver, Maude D. Evelyn A.		Maryland Forests and Parks	101.008 acres ±
	193/9 9/30/1946	Hall, Rosalie	Driver,	Maude D. Ralph V. Evelyn A.	contains 90 acres +25 perches
	99/373/ 7/3/1915	Driver, James W.	Driver,	Denton W. Maude D.	contains 90 acres and 25 perches
	53/162 3/16/1888	Layton, George E. Sarah E. Charles F. Sarah E. Randolph D. Lucinda M.	Driver,	James	Being part of same land described in deed 30/449 dated 4/6/1890 containing 182½ acres
	46/362 6/9/1883	Bett, Thomas Mary A. Duvall, Margaret A Bleakley, Samuel H. Augusta Ellicott, Kate		Sarah Charles F. Randolph D.	182½ acres; (Mary, Margaret, Augusta, and Kate are children of Deborah and Basil Duvall)
	30/446 4/6/1870	MacKubin, James, Trustee	•	Augusta Margaret A. Kate Mary	See equity case dated 9/30/1854 Waters vs Warfield
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HO-546; DNR-65Driver Farm 68
west side of Ellicott Road
Woodbine, Maryland
Patuxent River State Park

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HO-546; DNR-65-68
Driver Barn
west side of Ellicott Road
Woodbine, MD
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