

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Luther Moore Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 7201 Damascus Road __ not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg __ vicinity

county Montgomery

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Gary C Martin et al Trustees

street and number 7201 Damascus Road telephone

city, town Gaithersburg state MD zip code 20882

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 36172 folio 45

city, town Rockville tax map GW43 tax parcel P489 tax ID number 01-01728548

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing <u>3</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing <u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The farmstead includes a vernacular side-gable dwelling house, a log tobacco house, and a frame outbuilding. The dwelling house was built in two main periods. The earliest section, the southeast block, is believed to have been built by Luther W. Moore, about 1847. This section is timberframe construction and has a box staircase and large overhead beams exposed on the interior of the first level. The buildings were each part of the Moore farmstead however they were moved from their original locations about 1989 to their current sites.

The main, front, block is five bays wide with a side-gable roof. Luther J. Moore, son of Luther W., built the front section of the house between 1912 and 1918.¹ The large chimney on the south end of the main block had a free-standing stack, as recorded in 1974. A shed roof addition extending across a portion of the rear façade opens onto a rear deck. The house is covered with vinyl siding. A two-car basement garage has been constructed underneath the southern portion of the house. The house was moved about 200 feet from its original location within the Damascus Road right of way to its current location.

Located behind the dwelling house is a log tobacco house. Large square openings mark both eaves sides of the structure. A third, smaller square opening is on the west gable end facing the dwelling house. The roof is covered with standing seam metal. A brick interior chimney stands on the east gable end. The tobacco house was moved about 1989 from its original site northeast of the house.²

A frame domestic outbuilding stands northeast of the tobacco house. The farmstead included both a smokehouse and a dairy when it was documented in 1974. A 1974 photograph shows the buildings stood behind the original south end of the house. The current structure, the larger of the two, was moved to its current location. The building faces north and has a front gable roof. Set on masonry piers, the structure is covered with weatherboard siding. And standing seam metal roof. A vertical board door on the north façade is held in place by three strap hinges.

Located southeast of the dwelling house are two non-contributing buildings. One is a side gable stable structure. To its north is a side gable structure with three open bays for sheltering equipment.

A double crib barn documented in the 1970s is no longer standing.

¹ Catherine Crawford. Date of oldest section based on land purchase, 1865 Martenet and Bond and 1878 Hopkins Atlas. Date of later section based on tax assessment records, 1911-1918.

² Annotate USGS map 1944/1993; 1989 topo map; historic photograph.

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Luther Moore Farm, view north
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Luther Moore Farm, Dwelling House
Main (south) façade
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Luther Moore Farm, Tobacco House
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Luther Moore Farm, Outbuilding
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Luther Moore House showing original location with the Damascus Road right of way
Michael F. Dwyer, 1974 photograph

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Luther Moore Farm, View from Damascus Road
Double crib barn, no longer standing
Log tobacco house in background
1970 photograph by Steven Hawkins

Source: Steven G. Hawkins 412-521-9399

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates c1847-52/1912-18

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Luther Moore Farm is highly representative of folk building types and reflects the persistence of tradition in the Patuxent River area. The farmstead is significant for its rare surviving log tobacco house and vernacular side-gable dwelling house. The dwelling house is also significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical to that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid 19th century to the early 20th century. The early part of the house is believed to have been built by Luther W. Moore, about 1850. The Moore family later built the front section of the house, possibly as late as 1912-1918.

The property was a 108-acre tobacco farm. Luther W. Moore's father Henry Moore first acquired the land from Frederick Gaither, in 1842, part of tracts known as "Resurvey on Hartley's Lot" and "Griffithsburg". Henry sold 108 acres to his son Luther W. Moore in 1846 for \$1200. Luther W. is believed to have built his house soon thereafter. He married Lydia R. Etchison in 1852. Lydia R. Etchison (born 1829) was the daughter of Caroline Etchison (Resource #15-17).³

Luther W. Moore died in 1859. His wife Lydia R. and their son Luther J. inherited the farm. In 1880, Luther J. married Lydia E Warfield. They had five children born between 1882 and 1899: William F., Clifton H., Luther H., Ida May, and Russell G. Between 1893 and 1911, Luther J. added acreage to the farm in three transactions. The assessed value of the property rose substantially between 1912 and 1918 which is likely to account for the construction of the main block of the house.⁴

Luther J. died in 1927, leaving the farm to his wife Lydia and their five children. In 1930, Lydia is listed as head of household. Living with her were Clifton (single, age 43) and Russell (age 31) and his wife, Hatty.⁵ Lydia continued

³Deeds STS 2:309. BS 11:182. The house appears on the Martenet and Bond map of 1865. Sarah Brandenburg Farm, Resource 15-17, Sandra Youla MIHP form, 2009. William Hurley, Etchison family history, p17.

⁴Deeds 797:17, JA 36:358, TD 26:31, 216:461. 1930 census. Tax Assessment book 1911-1918, cited in Crawford op cit.

⁵ William and Ida May married and built houses across the street from the Moore homeplace. Both houses are Vernacular Gothic houses built in the second decade of the 20th century. Ida May Moore (1891-1943) married Walter Allnut (1888-1979) and acquired land from Luther J. and Lydia E. W. Moore, in 1917. They constructed the Vernacular Gothic house at 6920 Damascus Road about this time. William and Pearl Moore acquired property from Luther and Lydia in 1916 and built the house at 24221 Laytonsville Road. See Etchison HD form, Clare Lise Kelly, 2009.

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to live here until her death in 1940. Son Russell Moore and his wife Hattie retained ownership of the farm until 1961. After a succession of owners, the farm was purchased in 1979 by Gary C Martin. The property, now five acres, is still owned by the estate of Gary Martin.⁶

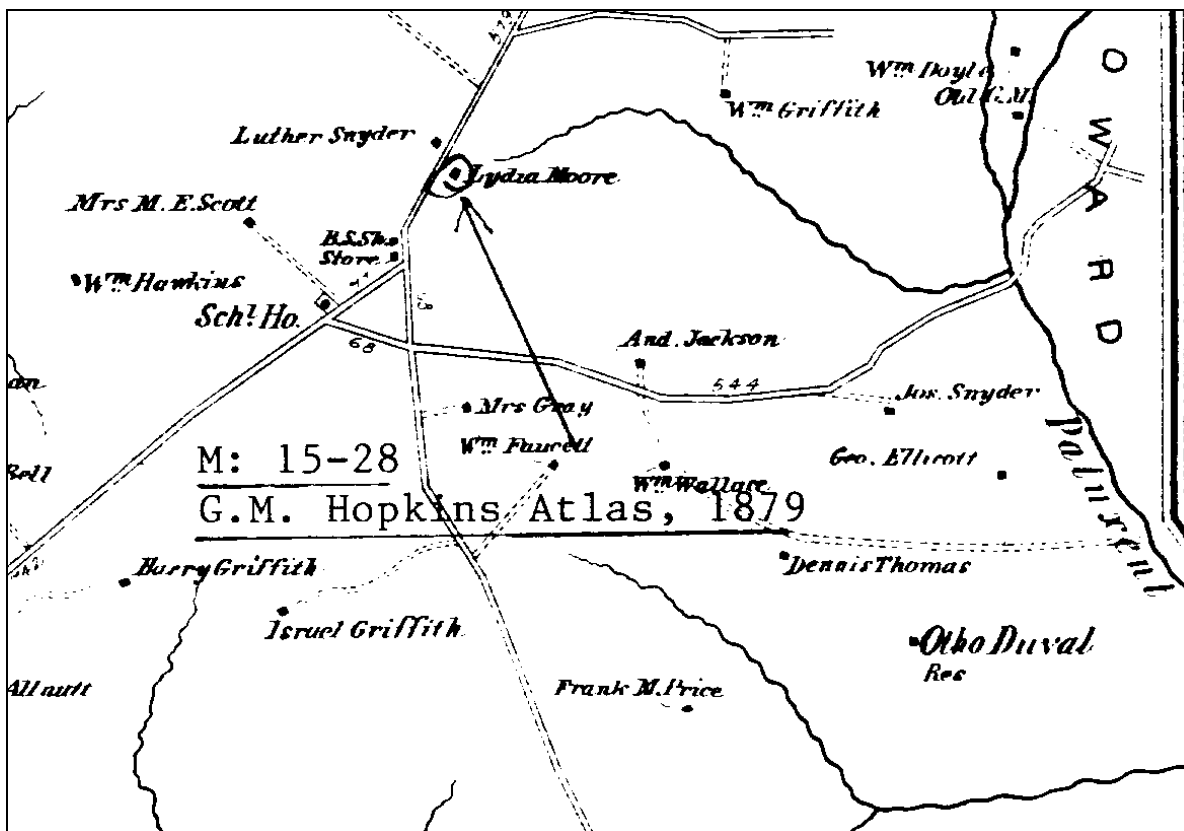
⁶Will PEW 9:250, cited in Crawford, op cit. See Lorin Farris, Chain of Title.

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1879 Hopkins Atlas

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15/28 Griffithsburg or Moore House
1701 Damascus Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20882-3313
Lorin V. Farris Research – 6/2008

Deed	Date	Parties	Land
6357.168	January 1979	James G. Duggins and Dora P. Duggins (wife) To Gary C. Martin and Deneen B. Martin (wife)	\$15 ROW Highway 108 and Colonial Gas Co. Easement
Liber 4175, folio 565	January 1972	David T. Cavanaugh and Elizabeth C. Cavanaugh (wife), James C. Cavanaugh and Pauline G. Cavanaugh (wife) To James G. Duggins and Dora P. Duggins (wife)	\$10 40.0261 acres Griffithsburg Etchison Road and Damascus Etchison Road
Liber 3821, folio 268	June 1968	David T. Cavanaugh and Elizabeth C. Cavanaugh (wife) To James J. Cavanaugh and Pauline G. Cavanaugh	\$5 1/3 undivided interest in and to the lands
Liber 3389, folio 146	July 1965	Marvin L. Burdette and Juanita T. Burdette (wife) To David T. Cavanaugh and Elizabeth C. Cavanaugh (wife)	\$5
Liber 797, Folio 17	August 1940	William F. Moore and Pearl Moore (wife), Clifton L Moore, Luther H. Moore and Louise Moore (wife), Ida M. Allnutt and Walter T. Allnutt (husband) To Russell G. Moore and Hattie A. Moore	

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.0

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Clare Lise Kelly		
organization	M-NCPPC	date	11-2009
street & number		telephone	
city or town		state	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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