# Maryland Historical Trust
## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

### 1. Name of Property

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### 2. Location

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### 3. Owner of Property

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### 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
  - X Other: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department

### 6. Classification

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Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory: 3
The Catherine Gardiner House is located at 16405 Baden Westwood Road in Brandywine, Maryland. The two-story, five-bay single-dwelling was built c. 1835. The Catherine Gardiner House is sited at the end of a dirt driveway on a sloping lot. Mature trees outline the rear of the property with agricultural fields surrounding. Multiple resources are associated with this property. A pump is located south of and adjacent to the dwelling. A shed is located to the southwest of the dwelling. A second shed is located to the west of the building, beyond a metal fence running north-south.

**Dwelling**

The dwelling known to as the Catherine Gardiner House was constructed c. 1835. The two-story, five-bay vernacular building has an I-house form. Set on a solid foundation of stretcher-bond bricks, this wood-frame building is clad in asphalt shingles with a wood applied texture. The side-gabled roof is covered in standing-seam metal and is marked by two corbeled chimneys of stretcher-bond brick. The chimney is located in the north (side) elevation gable end and the exterior-end chimney is located on the south (side) elevation. All windows feature a plain wood surround. A few of the original 6/6 windows are extant; the replacement double-hung windows have wood-sash. A one-story, one-bay addition is located on the south (side) elevation.

The façade (east elevation) of the Catherine Gardiner House is symmetrically balanced. A two-tread wood stair leads up to the centered entry which is composed of a replacement single-leaf wood door with elliptical light. The entry features a square-edged wood surround. The entry is flanked by two windows. The windows in the southern bays are 1/1, while the northern bays have 1/1 window and 6/6 windows. The second story is fenestrated by five 1/1 windows. Metal-frame storm-glass windows are applied to the northern portion of the first story as well as all of the windows on the second story.

The north (side) elevation is unfenestrated.

The west (rear) elevation is fenestrated by a multitude of window types. The first-story is fenestrated by a centrally placed 2/2 window located in an entry door opening. The entry opening is covered with plywood. Flanking this window to either side are two 1/1 windows. Fenestration on the second story consists of a centrally placed 1/1 window flanked by two 6/6 windows in the north bays and two 1/1 windows in the south bays.

The south (side) elevation is marked by the one-story addition. Based on its form and materials, the addition appears to have been constructed c. 1915. Set on a concrete-block foundation, the addition is
covered with asphalt shingles and capped by a side-gabled roof covered with standing-seam metal. The southern end of the ridgecap extends south, forming a small hanging gable.

Fenestration of the addition consists of a centered window opening on the façade (east elevation) that is now covered with plywood. The south (side) elevation is fenestrated by an offset window opening located in the gable end. Fenestration on the west (rear) elevation consists of a single-leaf paneled wood door with a square-edged wood surround. Based on its form and materials, the door appears to be original to the addition.

The interior of the Catherine Gardiner House was not accessible at the time of the 2007 on-site survey.

**WELL**

A well is located to the south of the dwelling. Based on its form and materials, the pump appears to have been constructed c. 1950. Set on a poured concrete slab, it features a cast-iron well pump. At the time of the 2007 on-site survey, it was not known if the pump was functional.

**SHED (1)**

Set on a concrete-block foundation, the one-story, one-bay shed is located to the southeast of the Catherine Gardiner House. The wood-frame structure is clad in T-111 siding and capped by a front-gabled roof covered with metal sheets. The façade (east elevation) features a single-leaf paneled metal door with a screened light. Based on its form and materials, it appears the shed was constructed c. 1980.

The interior of the shed was not accessible at the time of the 2007 on-site survey.

**SHED (2)**

The one-story wood-frame structure is clad in vertical boards and capped by a shed roof covered with standing-seam metal. The façade (south elevation) features multiple open bays. Based on its form and materials, it appears the shed was constructed c. 1950.

The interior of the shed was not accessible at the time of the 2007 on-site survey.
INTEGRITY

The Catherine Gardiner House, one of a few remaining I-houses from the first half of the nineteenth century extant in Prince George’s County, maintains a moderate level of integrity. The dwelling is vacant and missing pieces of exterior cladding and original windows, compromising its integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. The building’s integrity of feeling and association have been effected, but not compromised, due to the vacancy of the dwelling. Set on a small hill, the Catherine Gardiner House remains a visual feature in the local landscape. The building retains its integrity of location as the property and surrounding area remain rural and primarily agricultural.

The mid-twentieth-century well presents a low level of integrity. The pump retains its integrity of design, materials, and location. The well’s integrity of setting, association, feeling, and workmanship are compromised due to the vacancy of the Catherine Gardiner House.

Shed (1) retains a low-level of integrity due to its poor condition, which has affected its design, materials, and workmanship. This structure is a non-contributing resource due to its recent (c. 1980) construction date.

Shed (2) retains a low level of integrity of design, workmanship, and materials due to its poor physical condition at the time of the 2007 on-site survey. The shed retains its integrity of location. The structure’s integrity of association, feeling, and setting are compromised due to the vacancy of the property.

Of note are the mobile home and gambrel-roofed barn located southeast of the Catherine Gardiner House. These two resources are associated with the same Tax Parcel as the Catherine Gardiner House, but the property was subdivided in 2004, and as a result, these structures are no longer associated with the Catherine Gardiner House.\(^1\) These structures have a negative effect on the Catherine Gardiner House’s integrity of setting.

Overall, the Catherine Gardiner House and associated resources retain a moderate level of integrity.

\(^1\) Estate of Levi R. Harvey to Esther Harvey, Prince George’s County Land Records, 20569:24.
8. Significance

Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below
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1600-1699 | agriculture | economics | health/medicine | performing arts
1700-1799 | archeology | education | industry | philosophy
1800-1899 | X architecture | engineering | invention | politics/government
1900-1999 | art | entertainment/recognition | landscape architecture | religion
2000- | commerce | ethnic heritage | literature | social history
 | communications | exploration/settlement | maritime history | transportation
 | community planning | | military | X other: Local History

Specific dates | c.1835
Construction dates | c.1835, c.1915

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.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Catherine Gardiner House, located at 16405 Baden Westwood Road in Brandywine, Maryland, is one of a few extant wood-frame I-houses built during the first half of the nineteenth century in Prince George’s County. The vernacular single-dwelling was constructed c. 1835 on what was once a 522-acre property that has now diminished to 2 acres. Although the amount of property associated with the dwelling has diminished, the Catherine Gardiner House retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a mid-nineteenth-century vernacular building with an I-house form.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The Catherine Gardiner House is located approximately 10 miles to the southeast of Brandywine, Maryland, between Naylor, Maryland, and Aquasco, Maryland. Magruder’s Landing is located approximately two miles to the east on the banks of the Patuxent River while Horsehead, Maryland, is approximately two miles to the northwest. Located in southeastern Prince George’s County, the area surrounding the Catherine Gardiner House developed as a small collection of villages. This rural area was historically a tobacco farming region and today is primarily composed of agricultural fields. Most of the standing structures date from 1850 to 1930, reflecting the growth the area experience at this time. The area is now referred to as Woodville/Aquasco.

In 1835, Ignatius F. Gardiner acquired 522 acres of land in Prince George’s County. The land he bought integrated several tracts to include Anchovie Hills, Sidling, Taylorton, Archer’s Pasture, and Quick Sale. It is probable the dwelling was built under the direction of Ignatius F. Gardiner due to the fact the Catherine Gardiner House appears on Martenet’s 1861 Map of the Prince George’s County. Following the death of Ignatius F. Gardiner in 1841, Catherine Gardiner was devised her husband’s complete estate.  

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2 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George’s County Planning Department, Historic Sites and Districts Plan (1992), B-35.


4 Ignatius F. Gardiner to Catherine Gardiner, Prince George’s County Wills, PC 1:171.
Gardiner is listed on the map as having the last name spelled, “Garner.” Although her occupation cannot be positively identified, it was probable that with the amount of land holdings she was operating some type of agricultural enterprise. She was assessed in 1845 for real estate valued at $14,320 and a total estate value of $22,392, including slaves. Catherine Gardiner died in 1865, leaving her estate to her three daughters: Catherine Celestia, Anna Frances, and Margaret Hellen Gardiner. The Gardiner daughters would continue to own the 522-acre property until 1903, when they sold the property to Joseph A. Hurd.

Hurd and Sigel Brown reached an agreement in 1903 concerning the Gardiner property. Hurd and Brown were both interested in acquiring the 522-acre property. Hurd desired the property for timbering operations. As an agreement, Hurd would buy the property and convey to Brown a half interest after Brown carried out certain aspects of the timbering business.

Two years later, Hurd and Sigel conveyed 345 acres of the property to William H. White. White is listed as a general farmer at the time of the 1910 U.S. Federal Census. In fact, the property is known during the White’s ownership as the William H. White Farm. White and his wife, Mary M. White, owned the property until 1930, when they defaulted on their mortgage. The 345-acre property was sold to the highest bidders, Guy R., Samuel C. and Francis C. Seger. The property was conveyed within the Seger family until 1976 when Francis Clifton and Bernice Jeanette Segar conveyed approximately 63 acres of the property to Levi R. and Hilda Pearl Harvey. The property, now containing the farmhouse and 58 acres, was conveyed to the current owner, Esther L. Harvey, in 2004.

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5 Simon J. Martenet, “Atlas of Prince George’s County, Maryland, 1861,” Adapted from Martenet’s Map of Prince George’s County, Maryland (Baltimore: Simon J. Martenet C.E., 1861).
8 Margaret H. Gardiner to Joseph A. Hurd, Prince George’s County Land Records, 15:291.
9 Joseph A. Hurd agreement with Sigel Brown, Prince George’s County Land Records, 16:454.
13 Estate of Levi R. Harvey to Esther L. Harvey, Prince George’s County Land Records, 20569:24.
9. Major Bibliographical References


King, Marina. “Catherine Gardiner House” (PG: 87A-14), Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, 1985.


10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property: 58.0825
Acreage of historical setting: 522
Quadrangle name: Lower Marlboro
Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Catherine Gardiner House is located at the end of a dirt drive off of Baden Westwood Road. The eastern boundary of the property is Baden Westwood Road while agricultural fields are located to the north, west, and south. The Catherine Gardiner House has been associated with Parcel 26 as noted on Tax Map 168 since its construction.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title: Paul Weishar, Architectural Historian
organization: EHT Traceries, Incorporated
date: January 2008
street & number: 1121 Fifth Street NW
telephone: 202.393.1199
state: DC

declaration

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.
CHAIN OF TITLE
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY LAND RECORDS

Deed AB 10:146  William R. Baker to Ignatius F. Gardiner (522 acres).
November 10, 1835

Will PC 1:171  Estate of Ignatius F. Gardiner to Catherine Gardiner.
July 13, 1841

Will WAJ 1:318  Estate of Catherine Gardiner to Catherine Celestia, Anna Frances, and Margaret Hellen Gardiner.
February 21, 1865

Deed 4:21  Anna F. Gardiner to Margaret H. Gardiner.
May 24, 1901

Deed 15:291  Margaret H. Gardiner, plus 1/3 interest inherited from Catherine Celestia to Joseph A. Hurd.
1903

Agreement 16:454  Joseph A. Hurd with Sigel Brown, agreement that after Brown carried out certain aspects of the timbering business Hurd would convey a half interest in the real estate to Brown.
October 24, 1903

May 15, 1905

Mortgage 23:374  To secure debt, William H. and Mary M. White to Clara N. Jenkins. May 17, 1924 this mortgage was assigned to T. Van Clagett for the purpose of foreclosure.
May 18, 1905

July 18, 1930

August 12, 1930

May 7, 1932
Deed 400:183        Samuel C. and Mary C. Seger to Francis C. Seger.
    July 15, 1933

Deed 666:391        Francis C. and Bernice J. Seger and Mary C. Seger to R. Henry Robison.
    February 13, 1942

Deed 666:393        R. Henry Robison to Francis C. and Bernice J. Seger, as tenants.
    February 13, 1942

Deed 4621:408       Francis Clifton and Bernice Jeannette Seger to Levi R. and Hilda Pearl Harvey
    May 18, 1976
(63.2213 acres).

Deed 20569:24       Estate of Levi R. Harvey to Esther Harvey. Together with all improvements
    October 21, 2004
thereupon, and the rights, alleys, ways, waters, privileges, appurtenances and
advantages belonging or appertaining thereto, specifically including the separately
taxed, Farm House (Account # 0834937) but not surveyed on ~ 2.0 acres. Less 5.1388
acres deed by Levi R. Harvey to Phillip Clayton Harvey and Esther L. Harvey.
Photo: Catherine Gardiner House, view of the façade, looking northwest. (November 2007)
Photo: Catherine Gardiner House, isometric view of the northeast corner, looking southwest. (November 2007)
Catherine Gardiner House
Continuation Sheet

Photo: Catherine Gardiner House, view of the south (side) elevation, looking north. (November 2007)
Photo: Catherine Gardiner House, view of the northern portion of the west (rear) elevation, looking northeast. (November 2007)
Photo: Catherine Gardiner House, view of the southern portion of the west (rear) elevation, looking southeast. (November 2007)
Photo: Pump, looking north. (November 2007)
Photo: Shed (1), view of the façade (east elevation), looking west. (November 2007)
Photo: Shed (2), view of the façade (south elevation), looking northwest. (November 2007)