

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no

Property Name: Mount Radnor Inventory Number: M:11-30
 Address: 9608 9610 Faith Lane City: Damascus Zip Code: 20872
 County: Montgomery USGS Topographic Map: Damascus
 Owner: Jon Peters Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 22 Tax Map Number: FY Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Project: Woodfield Road (CR 124) Extension Agency: Mo. Co. Dept. of Pub. Wrks. And Transp.
 Site visit by MHT Staff: ___ no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? ___ yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district ___ yes Eligible district ___ yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ___ yes no

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: *Historic Resources Determination of Eligibility Report-Woodfield Rd.*

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)

Architectural Description

The Mount Radnor property is located at 9608 Faith Lane, adjacent to the Radnor Heights subdivision. The former 110-acre property is now reduced to 2.76 acres. The main house is located on the south side of Faith Lane, east of Ridge Road, and is bounded by the subdivision on the south and east, Faith Lane on the north and the Damascus Lutheran Church and parking lot on the west. The house is set within a small depression and is accessed by a gravel driveway leading south.

Evaluation

Documentary evidence suggests the Mount Radnor house was built before 1865, but may have been added onto in several stages thereafter. It is a two-story, seven-bay frame house with a side gable roof with a central cross gable. The house presently is covered with aluminum siding. There are small brick chimneys (not original) on the northeast and central parts of the roof. The roof is covered with modern composition shingle. The one-story, four-bay, shed-roofed front porch has chamfered columns with jig-sawn brackets and a modern wooden railing. The cross gable is also decorated with jig-sawn trim. The front door is at an unusual location, near the southwest corner, suggesting a two-stage construction history. Most windows have 2/2 double hung sash, although several 1/1 windows are replacements of the originals. The two-story, gable-roofed wing on the

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Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
Comments: _____	
_____	_____
<i>Jon Peters</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>1/23/04</u> Date
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>2/19/04</u> Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

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rear of the house appears original. There is a later one-story shed-roofed ell with an entrance on the east. A modern wooden deck wraps around the house on the east and south. The house is in good condition, but has been altered in the last 20 years by the addition of aluminum siding, the deck, replaced windows and doors, and a composition shingle roof.

On the north side of Faith Lane is the sole remaining outbuilding associated with Mount Radnor. This large one-and-one-half-story, concrete block dairy barn has a gambrel roof with entrances on the north and south. There is an attached concrete silo on the northwest corner.

Evaluation

The earliest reference to Mount Radnor is contained in an 1859 deed from Grafton Watkins to Luther Watkins (Montgomery County Deed JGH 7/499) A house at this location is identified on the 1865 Martenet Map of Montgomery County as "LM Watkins." In 1865, Luther Watkins sold the 96-acre Mount Radnor property to Philemon M. Smith. A tax assessment for Smith in 1876 valued the house at only \$200, suggesting the original house was smaller than the present one. The house is identified as "PM Smith" on the 1879 Hopkins map of Montgomery County.

In 1879, Smith sold Mt. Radnor to William G. Merson, who in the 1880 tax assessment is listed as having \$1,000 worth of improvements, indicating an expansion or replacement of the original house. By 1885, improvements were valued at \$1420. (Montgomery County Deed Book EBP20/425). The farm passed through several additional owners before it was sold to Frank Bolek in 1968, who subdivided and developed the adjoining Radnor Heights subdivision. Tax assessment records indicate the dairy barn was built in 1941, when it was valued at \$2,000. The current owners acquired the property in 1972.

Mount Radnor is not associated with an event, pattern of event, or individual significant on the national, state, or local level and is not eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criterion A or B. Alterations to the house and its setting have diminished its ability to convey characteristic features of its late nineteenth century architecture. The house has been covered with vinyl siding, has replaced doors and windows, and has a large deck added to the rear of the house. In addition, its setting has been drastically altered by the construction of a large church and parking lot on its west, and the building of a residential subdivision that surrounds it on the other three sides. The dairy barn is now separated from the house by Faith Lane. Mount Radnor does not possess its integrity of design, materials, or setting and is not NRHP-eligible under Criterion C.

Prepared by: Geoffrey B. Henry

Date Prepared: February 2003

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Mount Radnor
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Mount Radnor (Watkins-Peters House)

9608 Faith Lane, Damascus

Before 1865

Private

The main house on the Mount Radnor property is located at 9608 Faith Lane, east of Ridge Road. Built before 1865, it is a two-story, seven-bay, gable-roofed frame building with a two-story rear wing. The shed-roofed front porch has chamfered posts with jig-sawn brackets. There is a central cross gable, also with jig-sawn trim. The front entrance is near the southwest corner. Alterations to the house include aluminum siding, a modern porch balustrade, a large rear deck, and replaced windows and doors. On the north side of Faith Lane is a large concrete block dairy barn with a gambrel roof, built in 1941.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Mount Radnor

other _____

2. Location

9608

street and number 9610 Faith Lane

N/A not for publication

city, town Damascus

___ vicinity

county Montgomery

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

name Jon Peters

street and number 9610 Faith Lane

telephone _____

city, town Damascus

state MD

zip code 20872

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse

liber 4175 folio 677

city, town Rockville

tax map _____

tax parcel _____

tax ID number _____

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: Maryland Historical Trust

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>
		<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
			<u>0</u>

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.

Summary

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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
X 1800-1899	X architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
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 Unknown

Construction dates before 1865, but altered later

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.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Deed records: Liber 4175, folio 677 and Liber TD26, folio 29
Martenet (1865) and Hopkins (1879) Maps of Montgomery County4

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.76 acres

Acreage of historical setting _____

Quadrangle name Damascus

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary is shown in a survey contained in Deed Book 4175, page 677 and includes the property associated with the main farm house at Mount Radnor.

11. Form Prepared by

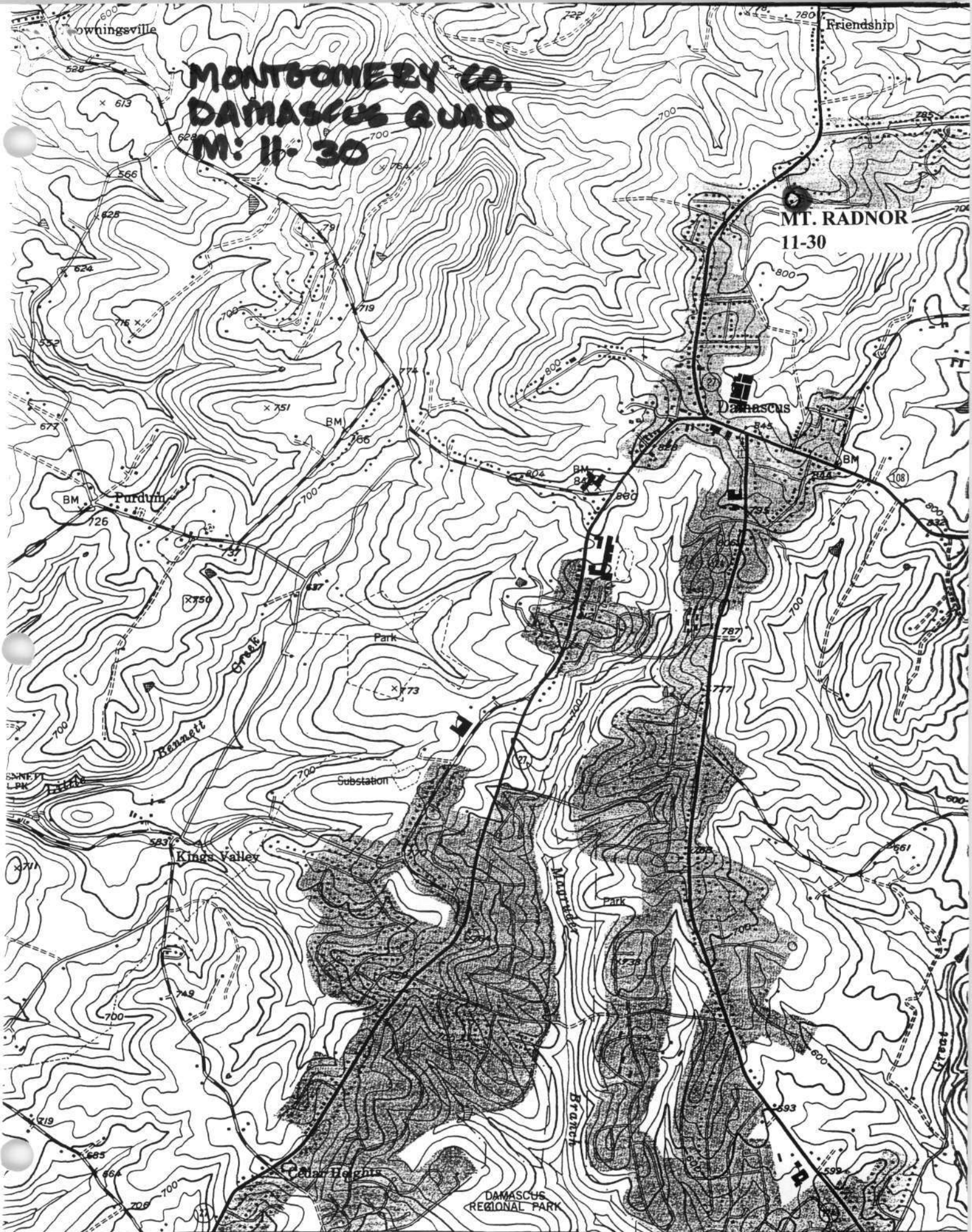
name/title	Geoffrey B. Henry, Lead Architectural Historian		
organization	GAI Consultants, Inc.	date	November 2002
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city or town	Monroeville	state	PA

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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MT. RADNOR
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Damascus

Kings Valley

Park Heights

DAMASCUS REGIONAL PARK

1000 FEET

1307

CEEDAR GROVE 0.4 MI. 1308
3.6 MI. TO MD. 355

1309

12'30"

WOODFIELD 0.5 MI.
GAITHERSBURG 10 MI.

(GAITH)
5562



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MOUNT RADNOR

9608 FAITH LANE, DAMASCUS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND 20814

G. HEWITT 11/02

MD SHOPS

MATH HOUSE, LOOKING SE



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