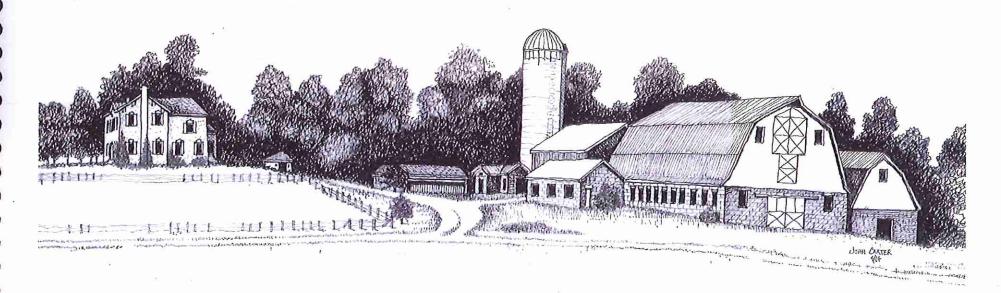
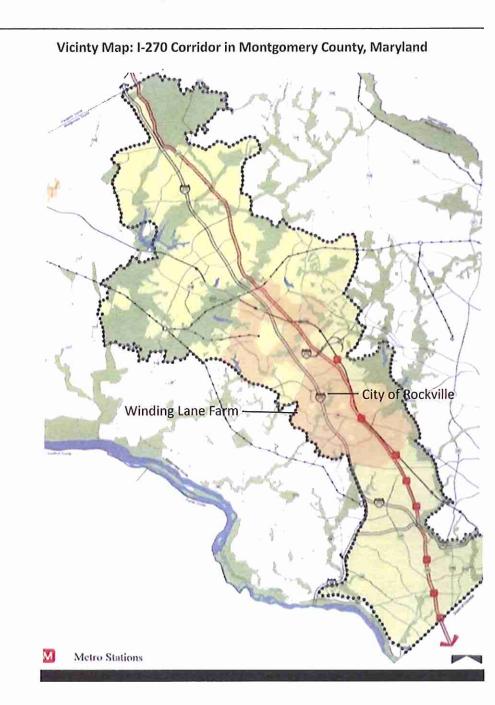
# Winding Lane Farm Winding Lane Farm

Darnestown Road, Rockville, Maryland



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#### INTRODUCTION: FROM DAIRY FARM TO COMMUNITY

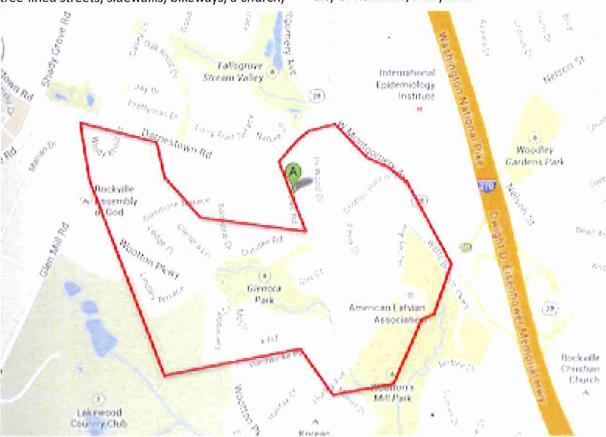
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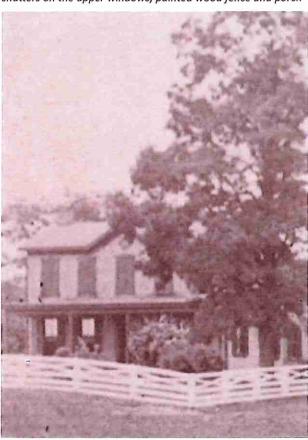
Henry Hurley purchased the land and established Winding Lane Farm in 1852. Six generations of the Hurley/Carter family have lived on this land. For over 120 years, the rolling hills, streams and pastures provided a place for dairy farming, and growing crops including wheat, sugar corn, alfalfa, soybeans, peas and grass hay. After 1972, the farmland was transformed into a complete, residential community. The original farmland provided a place for a community with a variety of homes, tree-lined streets, sidewalks, bikeways, a church,

and open space areas. The old winding lane was relocated and renamed Hurley Avenue. The Carter family dedicated eight acres of land to the City of Rockville for a stream valley park and a local park in memory of two sons lost in World War II. Natural resources including a distinctive rock ledge, two tributaries of Watts Branch, and large forest conservation areas were preserved along with the original mid-19th century, wood frame farmhouse located on the farmland in the City of Rockville, Maryland.

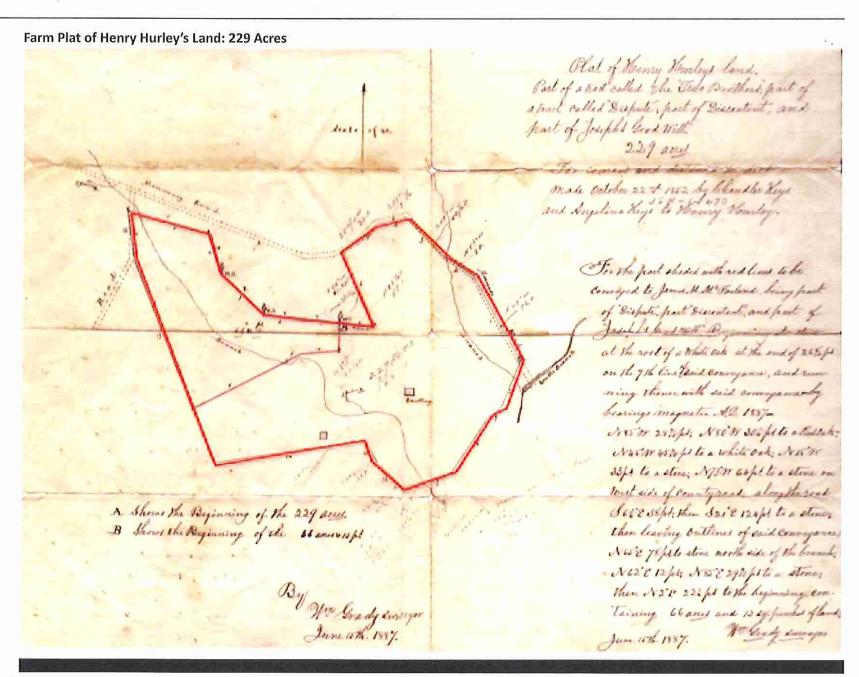
Lower left: Winding Lane Farm located at the intersection of MD 28 (West Montgomery Avenue or Darnestown Road) and I-270

Lower right: Original farmhouse (c.1900) with closed wood shutters on the upper windows, painted wood fence and porch





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#### Location

Winding Lane Farm was located at the intersection of MD 28 (existing Darnestown Road or West Montgomery Avenue) and I-270 within the present boundaries of the City of Rockville. It was located along both sides of Hurley Avenue and between MD 28 and Wootton Parkway. The original private, winding lane, provided the primary access to MD 28. The farm was approximately 1-1/2 miles from the existing old Red Brick Court House in the City of Rockville and approximately 2 miles from the existing Rockville Metro Station and the B&O Railroad Station.

#### Site Description

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The original farm included 229 acres. It was originally called Flint Ledge Farm. The farm was renamed Winding Lane Farm in the 20th Century. The site included two tributaries of Watts Branch, a series of rolling hills, pasture lands, forest areas, ice pond, and a unique outcrop of rocks (the flint ledge).

Below left: Henry Hurley's original rope bed



#### Henry Hurley (1832 - 1910)

Henry Hurley purchased the land for the original Flint Ledge Farm. After his parents died in 1832, Henry Hurley lived in Washington, D.C. with an aunt, Susannah (Fowler) Ireland. He was an outstanding student at the private, Rittenhouse Academy in Washington, D.C. After a wealthy uncle (Joseph Fowler) from New Orleans died on the steamboat Ohio in 1851, Henry Hurley received an inheritance. With this inheritance. Henry Hurley and his cousin John L. Dufief, bought farmland in Montgomery County. John L. Dufief bought approximately 700 acres of land and a mill along Turkey Foot Road in Potomac. His home was known as Millwood. John L. Dufief was a prosperous farmer, practical architect, member of the Montgomery County Agricultural Society, and a member of the County Board of Commissioners. Henry Hurley purchased four parcels from Chandler and Angelina Keys to create Flint Ledge Farm later known as Winding Lane Farm on October 22, 1852. The original 229-acre farm included four parcels: Two Brothers, Joseph's Good Will, Discontent, and Dispute.

Henry Hurley married Louisa DeHaven from New Castle, Delaware on December 2, 1852. She was from a prosperous family located in New Castle, Delaware and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Henry and Louisa had three children - Harry Clarence Hurley, Andrew Jackson Hurley, and Ida (Hurley) Worthen. The children were all born in New Castle, Delaware instead of on the farm. Henry Hurley started dairy farming, growing crops and boarding horses during the late 19th century.

The record of the farm shows that Henry Hurley sold 66 acres and 13 perches of land to Mr. James M. McFarland on June 15, 1887. After this sale, approximately 165 acres remained for Winding Lane Farm until additional land was sold in 1934 by Harry Clarence Hurley.

Below right: Rock ledge located on the farm



### Winding Lane Farm (c.1900)



#### Harry Clarence Hurley (1853 - 1934)

Harry Clarence Hurley stayed on the farm, and he assisted his father in dairy farming. He purchased the remaining portions of the farm from his siblings after the death of their father in 1910. Harry attended school at the Rockville Academy. He was known as a quiet man. He married Anna Miller McCormick from Rockville, and they had two children born in the farmhouse - Mary Louise (Hurley) Carter and Anna Braddock (Hurley) Garrett. They were active members of the Rockville Christian Church. Harry Clarence Hurley began large scale dairy farming. He started breeding Guernsey cows in the late 19th century. Harry was a trustee of the early Montgomery County Fair located in the City of Rockville.

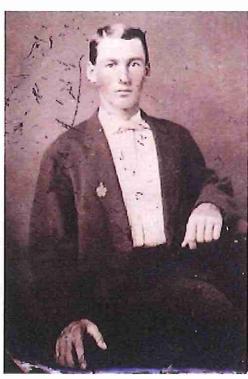
Harry's purebred Guernsey cows received several ribbons and awards. He also sold Guernsey cows to other farmers including Ashton M. Garrett of Maple Spring Farm to start their herds. Milk and other dairy products were shipped to Thompson's Dairy in Washington, D.C. for processing.

Draft horses were used on the farm for general farm use. Harry also continued to board a variety of horses tired from pulling milk wagons and other tasks in Washington, D.C. William Randolph Hearst boarded Morgan horses at Winding Lane Farm between 1903 and 1907, during the time he lived in Washington, D.C. as a member of the House of Representatives.

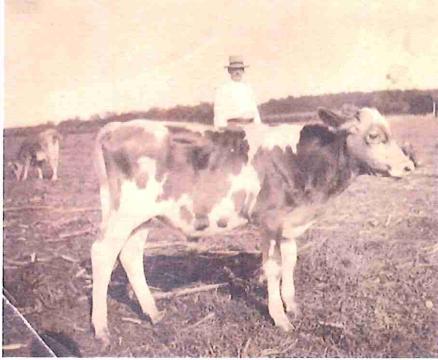
Lower left: Harry Clarence Hurley

Lower center: Anna Miller (McCormick) Hurley

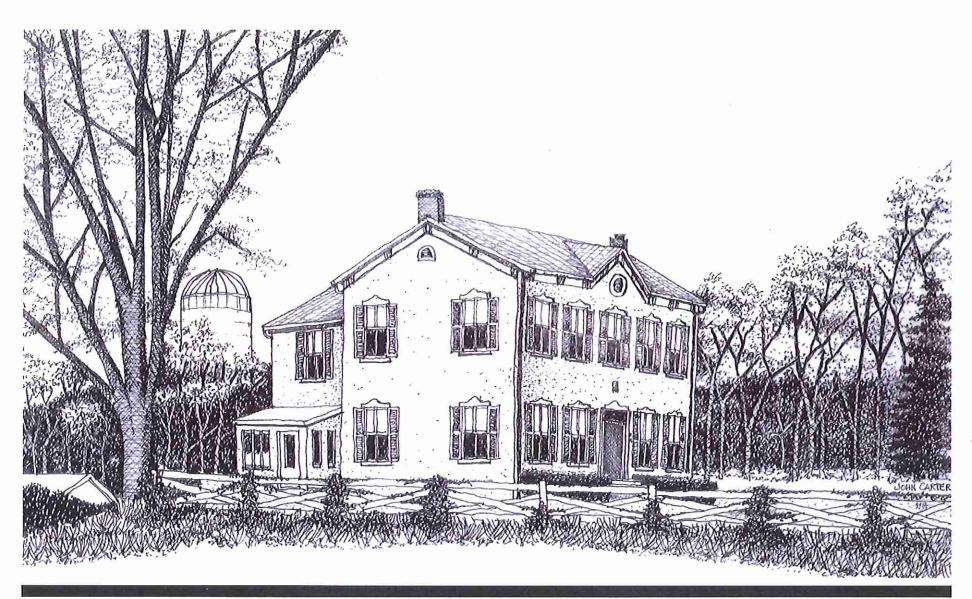
Lower right: Harry Clarence Hurley and purebred Guernsey cows on Winding Lane Farm







## Winding Lane Farm (c.1970)



# **Guy Lee Carter (1884 - 1972) and Mary Louise** (Hurley) Carter (1886 - 1967)

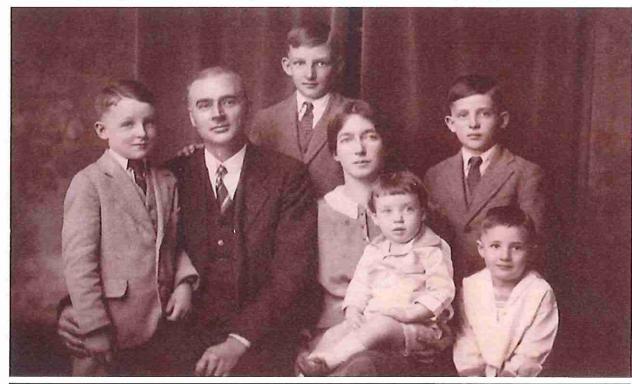
Guy Lee Carter grew up on farms in lowa. He graduated from Drake University in 1912, and he attended Yale University the next year. Guy Carter worked as the superintendent of the Christian Church Sunday School program in New York City for a year. During the next year, Guy was offered a position at Lynchburg College in southwestern Virginia. Guy Carter was responsible for starting the Department of Social Sciences at Lynchburg College, and he taught sociology, economics and psychology. Mary Louise Hurley was born and grew-up on Winding Lane Farm. She graduated from the Rockville Academy. She also studied watercolor painting and charcoal drawing at the

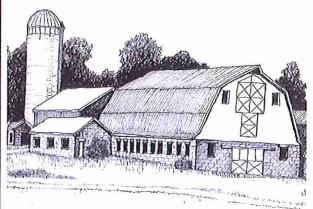
Corcoran School of Art in Washington, D.C.

Guy and Mary were married in 1916. They had opportunities to live anywhere in the world, but they were drawn to life on the farm in Rockville. They moved to Winding Lane Farm in 1919 to take care of Mary's mother. After leaving Lynchburg College and moving to Rockville, Guy Carter worked for the Federal Government Accounting Office (GAO) in Washington, D.C. for 30 years. After the death of Mary's father, Harry Clarence Hurley in 1934, Guy and Mary Carter purchased the remaining portions of the farm from Mary's sister Anna Braddock (Hurley) Garrett.

They continued dairy farming after 1934. During the Depression, Guy would often drive the milk truck to Thompson's Dairy in Washington, D.C. and proceed to work at the Government Accounting Office. After work, he would drive home to Winding Lane Farm for the afternoon milking, and begin the process over again the next day.

Guy and Mary Carter had five boys - Henry (Harry) Hurley, Guy Anderson, John McCormick, Hilton Lee and Robert Barnhill Carter (see family photograph). Guy and Mary Carter were also members of the Rockville Christian Church where Guy was the Chairman of the Board for 30 years.





Above right: Carter dairy barn, milking parlor, horse barn, and silo

Below left: Carter Family Photograph (c.1928) -John McCormick, Guy Lee (father), Henry (Harry) Hurley, Mary Hurley (mother), Robert Barnhill, Guy Anderson, and Hilton Lee Carter

## Winding Lane Farm (c.1950)



#### Henry (Harry) Hurley, Guy Anderson, John McCormick, Hilton Lee, and Robert Barnhill Carter

The five sons of Guy and Mary Carter were the fourth generation of the Hurley/Carter family to live on Winding Lane Farm. The boys were all born in the farmhouse. They went to the Rockville Academy in the City of Rockville, and they graduated from the public schools in the area. They knew other dairy farmers in Montgomery County including their aunt and uncle, Thomas Moore and Anna (Hurley) Garrett, owners of Maple Spring Dairy Farm located along MD 28 (Darnestown Road) at the intersection with Dufief

Mill Road in Montgomery County. The brothers also knew Walter Johnson, the former outstanding pitcher for the Washington Senators and owner of a 550-acre dairy farm in Germantown. The Carters purchased a prize team of horses, Bill and Jim, from Walter Johnson for use on their farm in 1940. Before leaving Winding Lane Farm to attend college, all five brothers assisted in raising farm animals, milking several dairy cows, harvesting crops, and maintaining the house and the farm buildings.

Below: Winding Lane Farm animals -Guernsey cow



Guernsey cow



Jersey cow



Morgan horse



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Five Carter Brothers - Henry (Harry) Hurley, Guy Anderson, John McCormick, Hilton Lee, and Robert Barnhill Carter

Each of the five brothers grew-up on Winding Lane Farm. A brief description of some of their contributions to this farm in Rockville, Maryland follows:

#### Henry (Harry) Hurley Carter

Henry (Harry) Hurley Carter was the oldest of the five Carter brothers. He participated in the operation of the farm with his brothers as they were growing up. After graduating from the University of Maryland with a Degree in Agriculture, he took over the large scale dairy operation. He married Genevieve Griffith, and they raised their family of four on Winding Lane Farm. He was recruited by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to tour and select livestock and herds of cows lost in England during World War II. He implemented automatic equipment in the milking parlor and continued dairy farming until approximately 1958. Henry (Harry) Hurley Carter was a Pioneer Board Member and Director of the Montgomery County Fair (see list of organizations, and sample list of awards and ribbons).

#### **Guy Anderson Carter**

Guy A. Carter grew-up on Winding Lane Farm. He worked on the farm and participated in harvesting crops on Winding Lane Farm and other farms in the area. Guy attended George Washington University and Lynchburg College before he joined the Merchant Marines after the start of World War II. He was an amateur photographer and interested in music. Guy Carter was lost on December 2, 1943 when his ship, the S. S. John Harvey, was sunk by German aircraft in the port of Bari, Italy as part of the first invasion into Europe by allied forces during World War II.





#### John McCormick Carter

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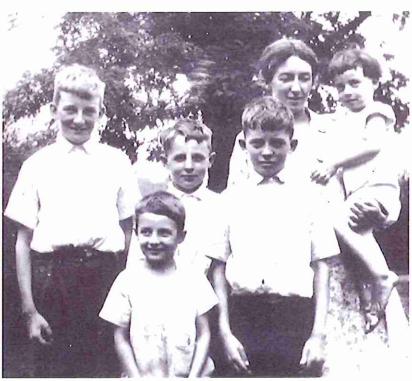
John M. Carter also grew-up on the farm, and he participated in harvesting crops. He attended the University of Maryland. John graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, Long Island. John was lost on June 10, 1943 when his ship, the S. S. Esso Gettysburg, was sunk by a German submarine approximately one hundred miles off the coast of Savannah, Georgia. Guy and Mary Carter gave eight acres of the farmland to the City of Rockville to create a local park with a baseball field, other recreation facilities and natural features in memory of Guy and John Carter.

#### Hilton Lee Carter

Hilton L. Carter was named after a favorite aunt of Mary Carter, Elizabeth Hilton. After learning to shoot on the farm, Hilton became an All-American on the rifle team and graduated from the University of Maryland (mechanical engineering). He served as an officer in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. After graduation, Hilton worked as an aeronautical engineer at the Naval Ordinance Laboratory in Montgomery County. Hilton Carter renovated the farmhouse in the 1980's, and he was responsible for obtaining historic designation of the original structure by Peerless Rockville.

#### **Robert Barnhill Carter**

Robert B. Carter was the youngest of the five brothers. Robert graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, served in the U.S. Navy, and worked as a computer systems engineer with IBM in Bethesda. As a young man, Robert was active in dairy farming, and he owned Jersey and Guernsey cows. Hilton and Robert Carter raised wheat and corn in the 1970's until the remaining land was transformed into a residential community. His daughter's family including four children (the fifth and sixth generations) also lived for a short time in the farmhouse on Winding Lane Farm.





Left previous page: Dairy barn, milking parlor, silo and horse barn

Right, previous page: Purebred Guernsey cows on Winding Lane Farm

Left: Carter family photograph of Henry (Harry) Hurley, Hilton Lee, John Mc-Cormick, Guy Anderson, Mary Hurley (mother), and Robert Barnhill Carter

Right: Robert Barnhill and Hilton Lee Carter with their Durac Jersey pig on Winding Lane Farm - Washington Post Staff Photograph, June 16, 1940

#### COMMUNITY

After 1972, Henry, Hilton and Robert Carter began the transformation of the former dairy farm into a complete. residential community located in the western portion of the City of Rockville. Today, this community includes:

- Variety of single-family detached houses and townhouses,
- Senior adult housing,
- Church,
- Small commercial building,
- Roadways, bikeways, pedestrian pathways and sidewalks,
- Parkland, open space, baseball field, community pool and other recreation areas, and
- Natural resource areas including forests, streams, rolling hills and a large rock ledge.

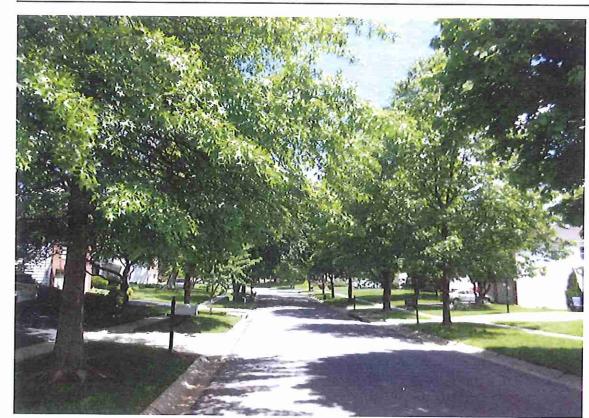
The over 160-year old, farmhouse has been recently improved by the MacDonough family, and it remains as a private residence in outstanding condition. This original farmhouse is protected as an historic resource by Peerless Rockville (see the last chapter for a description). A portion of the old winding lane has been renamed and relocated as Hurley Avenue in memory of the original family members.

Two tributaries of the historic Watts Branch and adjacent forested stream buffers remain protected as natural resources. The distinctive rock ledge located above the old ice pond remains. Carter Field has been dedicated to the City of Rockville in memory of Guy and John Carter for their service in the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II. This park has natural features and recreation facilities including a baseball field, basketball court, and play equipment. In addition, land for Woottons Mill Park has also been dedicated to the City of Rockville along MD 28, and it includes a stream and forest buffers.

Top: Single-family homes on Feather Rock Drive

Bottom left: Townhomes near Carter Field

Bottom right: Tributary of Watts Barnch







Portions of existing Hurley Avenue and Wootton Parkway were dedicated and constructed as part of the community. Bikeways have been provided along Wootton Parkway and MD 28 to improve access from the community to the City of Rockville. A network of sidewalks and pathways provide internal connections for the community.

The remaining land of the original Winding Lane Farm has been divided into the following neighborhoods:

- Carter Hill,
- Barnside Acres,
- Watts Branch Meadows,
- Flint Ridge Estates, and
- Jefferson Place.

These neighborhoods and open space features represent the transformation of the original dairy farm into the complete, residential community of today.

In addition to dairy farmers and dairymen, Winding Lane Farm has been home to six generations of the Hurley/ Carter family that included an aeronautical engineer, a computer systems engineer, a college professor, government employees, farmers, musicians, and artists.

A sample of creative writing that describes a day on Winding Lane Farm follows on the next page.

Top: Carter Field Local Park, dedicated to the memory of John and Guy Carter for their service in the U.S. Merchant Marines during World War II

Bottom: Carter baseball field





# A Day on Winding Lane Farm

Below the green alfalfa hill the misty morning meadow lies. It stretches from the sparkling brook to the wall of huge grey rocks. On its soft green mattress lie the dozing horses.

The cows are walking through the still morning haze in single file, like a column of tired soldiers. A few calves wobble along close to their mothers. The procession leads to the meadow gate where the cattle silently gather as if they are an audience waiting to hear a speaker.

Soon the dairyman comes and opens the gate and takes the cows up the hill and into the barn, leaving the meadow empty save for the drowsy horses and the bored frogs that are spaced around the old ice pond like night policemen, each watching over his sector and at timed intervals, solemnly sounding their "All Clear" calls.

How many times have I witnessed this morning meadow and how long will I remember it and all the childhood joys I associate with it. On warm summer days, I used to swim in the cool inviting water of the old ice pond. When I tired of swimming, I would play on the banks or lie down in the shade of the towering sycamores that half surrounded the pond.

But now the scene is changing. The sun is sending its first rays out over the horizon and down into the meadow. The horses roll over and stretch and loosen their sleepy limbs. The old bullfrog and all but a few of his subjects crawl down into the muck at the bottom of the pond.

The calves are back from the barn. They dance and kick their heels in the air. The cows graze briskly. The birds fly about looking for food. The night has passed and the tranquility of the misty morning meadow has once more passed.

Robert Barnhill Carter November 30, 1947



Top: Drawing of the farmhouse in 1966 as a Christmas gift to Guy and Mary Carter from their grandson John Carter

Botton: Meadow above the Watts Branch tributary today



#### DAIRY FARM AND EQUIPMENT

#### Summary

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The following outline summarizes the key features of Winding Lane Farm. The farm was owned by four generations of the Hurley/Carter family, and six generations of the Hurley/Carter family lived in the farmhouse.

#### Years the Hurley/Carter family lived on the farm, and years they shipped milk:

- The Hurley/Carter family owned and lived on the farm beginning in 1852
- Milk was produced and shipped from the late 1800's to approximately 1958

#### Names of family owners:

- Henry Hurley
- Harry Clarence Hurley
- Guy Lee Carter and Mary Louise (Hurley) Carter
- Henry (Harry) Hurley, Hilton Lee, and Robert Barnhill Carter

#### Breeds of cows milked on the farm and shown at the fair:

#### Guernsey Cows

Winding Lane Farm was one of the first farms in Montgomery County to breed and milk purebred Guernsey cows (started by Harry Clarence Hurley). Guernsey cows have many notable advantages over other breeds important to Winding Lane Farm. These advantages include high efficiency of milk production, low incidence of calving difficulty, and longevity. The milk has a high content of beta-Carotene, a source of Vitamin A. The milk of the Guernsey cow also has a high butterfat content of approximately 5.0 percent and a high protein content of approximately 3.7 percent. Guernsey cows are orange/red and white in color.

#### Jersey Cows

Jersey cows were less important to Winding Lane Farm. This breed is smaller than Guernsey cows. They come in all shades of brown, from light tan to almost black. Jersey cows have a lighter band around their muzzle, a dark switch (long hair on the end of the tail), and black hooves. They are calm and docile animals, and they are also highly recommended cows for first time owners. The main factor contributing to the popularity of this breed on Winding Lane Farm was greater economy of milk production including:

- Lower body weight resulting in lower maintenance requirements and superior grazing,
- High fertility and ease in calving,
- High butterfat conditions, 4.84 percent butterfat and 3.95 percent protein, and
- Ability to thrive on locally produced food.

Below: Guernsey cows





Below top: Jersey cow

Below bottom: International Harvester Farmall Tractor





#### Local and State Fairs

Both Guernsey and Jersey cows from the Winding Lane Farm were often shown at the local and state fairs (see the list of ribbons) as follows:

Guernsey and Jersey cows from the farm were shown at the Montgomery County, Frederick County, Howard County, and Maryland State Fairs, and

 Guernsey cows from the farm were also shown at several Montgomery County and Frederick County livestock shows, 4-H events, and Maryland Guernsey Breeders Association competitions.

#### Thompson's Dairy:

Dairy products were transported to Thompson's Dairy in Washington, D.C. for processing.

#### Names of men or families that worked on that farm:

Unknown dairymen and other farm tenants lived in two tenant houses on the farm.

#### Labor used on the farm during World War II:

• German prisoners of war were used on the farm during World War II to assist in the operation of the farm.

#### List of other crops raised on the farm:

- Alfalfa and field grasses for silage to feed the cows
- Wheat
- Peas
- Field corn
- Soy beans

#### Horses, tractors, and other equipment used on the farm:

- Horses were used prior to approximately 1940
- International Harvester Farmall tractor with a plow and pulley attachment system for use with the silo, and general farm use after 1940
- Flat bed truck for hay and other farm use
- Hay loader and mower

#### List of organizations and participation of owners:

- Montgomery County Fair (site of present Richard Montgomery High School)
  - Trustee (before 1932): Harry Clarence Hurley
- Montgomery County Livestock Show 1948: Near the Montgomery County Air Park
  - Director: Henry (Harry) Hurley Carter
- Montgomery County Fair, Gaithersburg: The First Fair 1949
  - Board of Directors: Henry (Harry) Hurley Carter
- Montgomery County Agricultural Center 1949
  - Pioneer Board Member: Henry (Harry) Hurley Carter

Sample list of awards and ribbons (Guernsey and Jersey cows):

- 4-H Club Champion: Maryland Guernsey Field Day, Maryland Guernsey Breeders Association, 1941
- U.S. Department of Agriculture: Feed a Fighter Certificate and Blue Ribbon:
   In recognition for war time efforts granted for production of sufficient food to feed one or more members of the armed forces during the current year, November 6, 1943
- Grand Champion: Poolesville Livestock Show, August 19, 1944
- Cattle Senior Champion Female: The Great Frederick County Fair, 1944
- Grand Champion: Poolesville Livestock Show, August 19, 1944
- Senior Champion Female: Maryland Guernsey Field Day, Maryland Guernsey Breeders Association, 1944
- Guernsey Junior Champion Bull: The Hagerstown Fair, 1944
- 4-H Champion Dairy Cows: Montgomery County Livestock Show at Hutten's Farm in Cloppers, Maryland, 1946
  - Jersey cow
  - Guernsey cow
- Grand Champion: Montgomery County Fair, August 1947
  - "Tipsy" the Guernsey Cow
- Grand Champion: Montgomery County Fair, 1951
- Senior Champion: Montgomery County Fair, Gaithersburg Maryland, 1951
- Grand Champion: Howard County Fair, 1951
- Champion: Howard County Fair, 1953
- Grand Champion Male: Maryland Guernsey Field Day, 1953

#### List of other farm animals:

- Variety of horses including large Morgan horses
- Durac Jersey pigs
- Chickens

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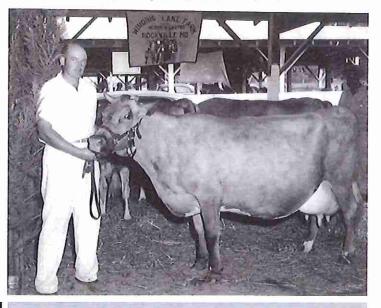
#### List of farm structures:

- Horse barn (oldest barn structure)
- Cow barn (primary milking area) and silo
- Calf barn with stalls
- A separate barn structure for bulls
- Barracks or barn building
- Spring house for storage of ice from the on-site pond and to cool dairy products
- Milk house and other dairy structures
- Machine shed for the storage of equipment
- Two tenant farm worker houses
- Original farmhouse



Top: Grand Champion Ribbon, Guernsey Cow, Montgomery County Fair, 1951

Botton: Henry (Harry) Carter with Grand Champian"Tipsy" the Guernsey cow, Montgomery County Fair, 1947



#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE HURLEY/CARTER FARMHOUSE**

Address:

Near the intersection of MD 28 and I-270

City of Rockville, Maryland

Condition:

Excellent condition, and located on the original site

**Description:** Henry Hurley purchased the house and the surrounding 229-acre farm on October 22, 1852. After a fire, the house was reconstructed in 1873. Six generations of the Hurley/Carter family lived in this house. The existing wood frame farmhouse has two-stories with an exterior of stucco over wood clapboards. Stone and brick foundations support the house. The main façade (south) has five bays with a low-pitched center gable at the roof line. The painted metal roof is part of the original construction. Brick chimneys are located on the east (external) and west (internal) sides of the house. The chimneys have internal stovepipes that were connected to wood stoves that were originally used for heating.

The former, front wood veranda has been removed and replaced with brick steps. The back entry and porch have been replaced with a garage. The central, front door has a transom light. The shuttered, wood windows are two over two, double-hung. Decorative trim boards in the form of paired, double brackets are located under the roof cornice. Scroll boards are located over each window. The first floor of the house has a parlor, living room, dining room and kitchen connected with a center hallway. A grand stairway near the front entry and a back stairway near the kitchen provide access to the second floor. Four bedrooms are located on the second floor. The house also has a cellar with access from the outside.





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Above: Milk can and dining room chair from Winding Lane Farm