

AL-V-B-086
Lybarger Brick House (King Farm)
Kings Road, Ellerslie
1795

Built in 1795 by Benjamin Tomlinson (a prominent citizen of his time) and located on Wills' Creek five miles above Cumberland near Pennsylvania, this is the earliest brick house in the county. Also it is one of very few to exhibit flemish bond brick work in its construction.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lybarger Brick House (King Farm)
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Kings Road

CITY, TOWN

Ellerslie

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ralph J. Lybarger

Telephone #: 777-0023

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. 267

CITY, TOWN

Ellerslie

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21529

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 311/356

Folio #: 246/170

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Lybarger Brick House is located on Kings Road, Ellerslie, Allegany County.

The building basically consists of a two story, seven bay wide, rectangular shaped structure. Wall construction is brick, laid in American Common Bond and some in Flemish Bond. Variations used are three to one and five to one. Wall features are plain. The building is supported by a low , brick foundation, featuring both beveled, and moulded brick water table. The roof of the building is gable flank and covered with asphalt shingles: replaced. Eaves of the roof exhibit a close fascia. Windows in the building are pegged, double hung, with mitred wooden sash frames with six-over-six and nine-over-six lights. Window trim features flat arches and gauged flat arches at the heads and lugsills at the bases of the windows. Plain trim surrounds the sides of the windows with some exhibiting fixed wooden shutters. There are three chimneys in the building. All are original, made of brick with corbeled caps. Two are located flush end and one is central with two chimney stacks. The main entrance is located on the southeast facade whose hardware is replaced, exhibiting a paneled, verticle board door. The southeast facade features a full - height portico, pedimented; with a balcony; and supported by four square columns. The northwest facade features a wooden closed verandah covered with a hip roof.

The building is structurally sound with moderate remodeling and still retains most of its original appearance.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

3 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1795 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Benjamin Tomlinson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The earliest brick house in the county, the Lybarger Brick House is also known as the King Farm and Rural Felicity. It was built by Benjamin Tomlinson in 1795 at a point on Will's Creek five miles above Cumberland. It was later passed down through the King family. 1.

Benjamin Tomlinson was a prominent citizen who was appointed as a County Commissioner by the State Assembly in 1793. 2. He also was elected to a total of nine terms in the state legislature. 3.

The unique architectural feature of this house is the Flemish Bond of the brick work - a style used on very few houses in this county. The bricks were reputedly fired on the property, making this house a well preserved reminder of the self-sufficiency of the earlier inhabitants of Allegany County. 4.

1. Thomas and James W. Williams, T.J.C., History of Allegany County, Maryland VOL. I (Philadelphia: L.R. Titzworth and Co., 1923) p. 450
2. Stegmaier et al, Allegany County - A History p. 78
3. Thomas and Williams History p. 139
4. Don Swann, Colonial and Historic Homes of Maryland : One Hundred Etchings by Don Swann. (Baltimore, Md.: John Hopkins University, 1875) p. 7

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland 21502
 Thomas, James W., & Williams, T.J.C. History of Allegany County, Maryland Vol. I
 Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Co., 1923
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 99.91 / 474.61

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson And William Pratt

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

6/16/77

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

507 National Highway

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

La Vale

Maryland

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

King Farm
King Road

Allegany County Deed: Liber 311, Folio 246
Grantee: Ralph J. Lybarger Date: June 8, 1959
Grantor: Jessie Sines Consideration: \$9,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 311, Folio 243
Grantee: Jessie Sines Date: April 29, 1959
Grantor: Isaac J. Metzler Consideration: \$14,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 222, Folio 365
Grantee: Howard L. See and Virgiana E. See Date: Aug. 3, 1948
Grantor: Walter L. See Consideration: \$5,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 208, Folio 419
Grantee: Walter L. See Date: April 24, 1946
Grantor: Chester Emerson Miller and Margaret Miller
Consideration: \$9,500.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 193, Folio 323
Grantee: Chester Emerson Miller Date: April 27, 1942
Grantor: Maxine E. White Consideration: \$6,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 179, Folio 638
Grantee: Maxine E. White Date: Dec. 30 1937
Grantor: William M. Sommerville, Assignee

Allegany County Deed: Liber 164, Folio 187
Grantee: Caleb J. White Date: Sept. 22, 1930
Grantor: William M. Sommerville

Allegany County Deed: Liber 151, Folio 551
Grantee: Joseph H. Reinhart Date: Oct. 5, 1925
Grantor: Mabel and Ralph Rizer

Allegany County Deed: Liber 142, Folio 715
Grantee: Mabel Kng Rizer Date: Feb. 10, 1923
Grantor: William H. Cole, Assignee Consideration: \$10,000.00

Allegany County Mortgage Records: Liber 49, Folio 399
Grantee: William E. Walsh, Trustee Date: April 30, 1909
Grantor: Clarence M. King

Allegany County Deed: Liber 55, Folio 570
Grantee: Clarence M. King Date: Nov. 17, 1881
Grantor: Abraham Baker Kinzie King and Lucy King zt al
Consideration: \$15,000.00

Allegany County Will: Liber A. Folio 415
Grantee: Hester McAllister King, Sarah Vance King and Ellener Lynn King
Grantor: Alexander King Sr.

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Continuation of King Farm

Allegany County Deed: Liber 1, Folio 39
Grantee: Alexander King Sr. Date: April 2, 1845
Grantor: Harden Neal and Elizabeth Collins Neal

Allegany County Will: Liber A, Folio 425
Grantee: Samuel Collins (grandson) Date: 1838
Grantor: Benjamin Tomlinson
Notes: "Rural Fellicity"

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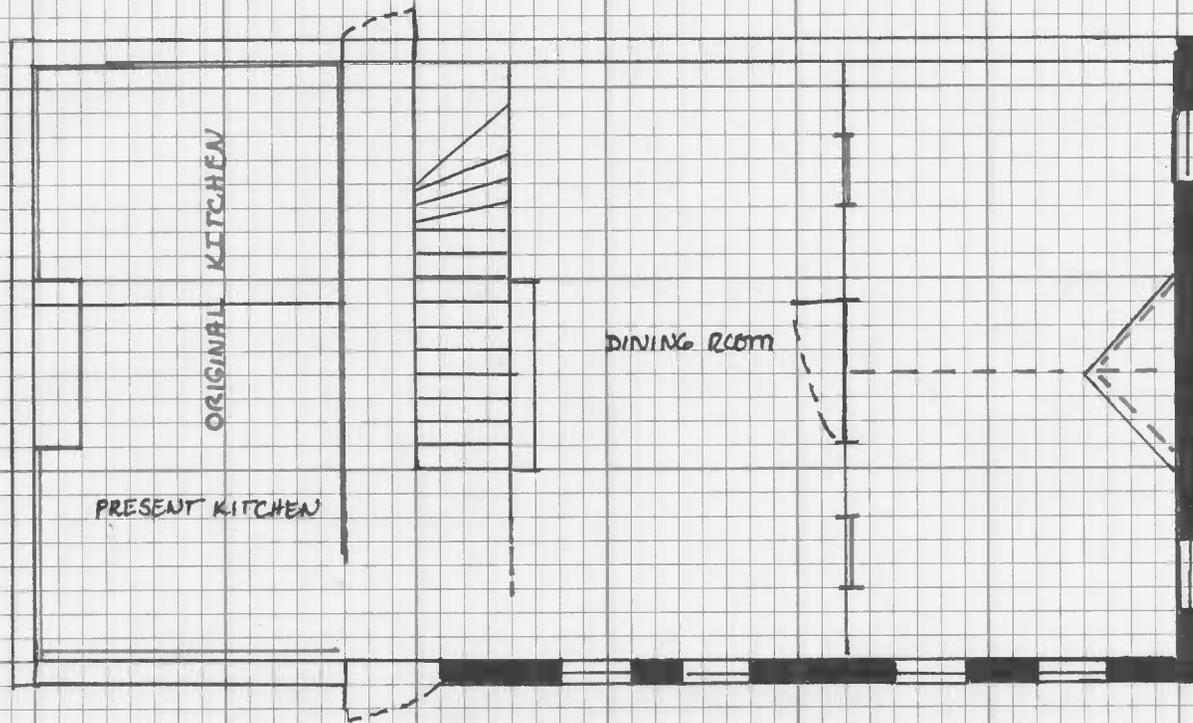
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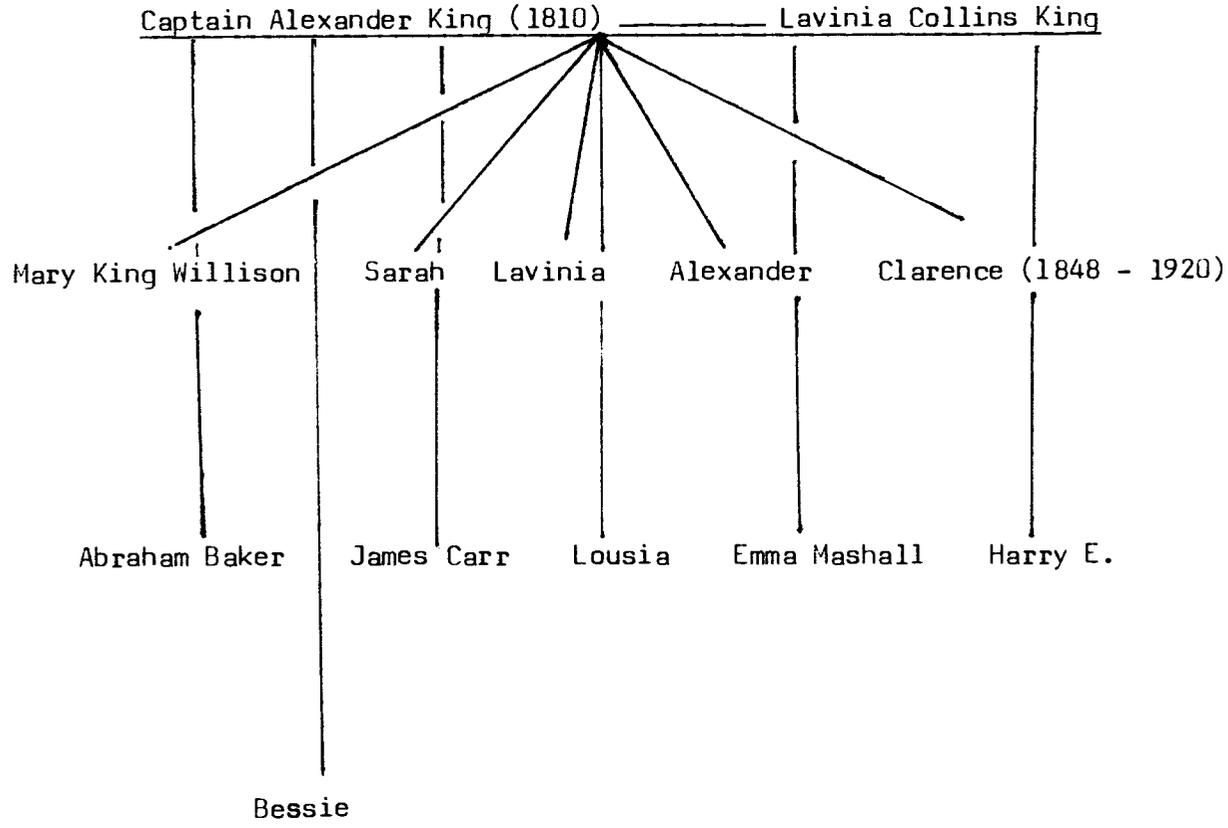
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ORIGINAL

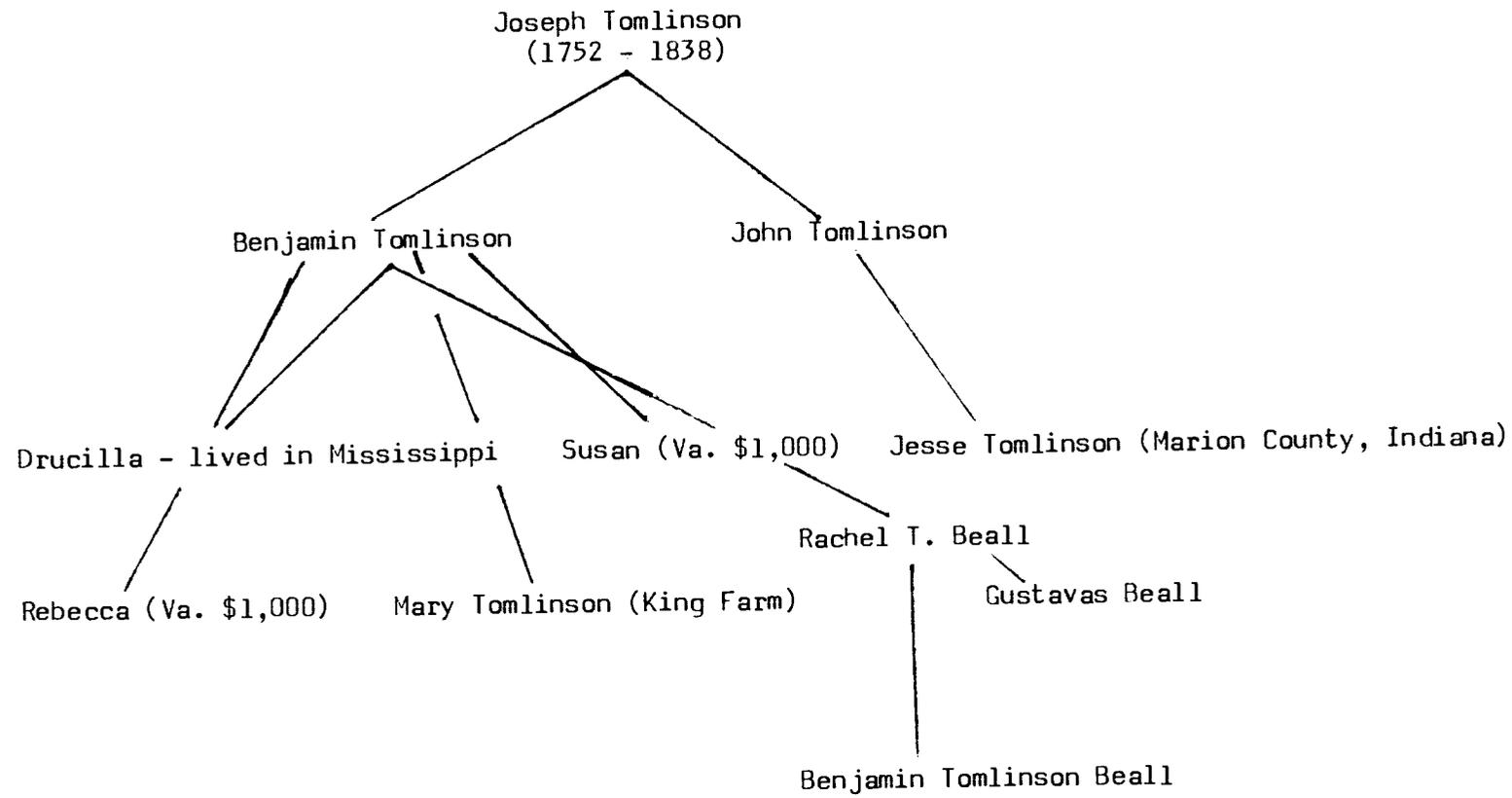
EXTERIOR AND
PRESENT INTERIOR

1 BLOCK = 1 FOOT





History of Allegany County.
James W. Thomas p. 927 and Judge
T.J.C. Williams L.R. Titsworth
and Company 1923 p. 927



Tomlinson - Will A, Folio 425
filed Sept. 26, 1838

OLD KING FARM ALLEGANY COUNTY

JUST outside the town of Ellerslie, close to the Pennsylvania boundary line, is Old King Farm, reputed to have been erected in 1793 by Jesse Tomlinson. A more beautiful site could not have been chosen for the first brick dwelling in Allegany County. Green-clad mountains rise on both sides of the valley in which it is located and a branch of Wills Creek flows nearby.

There is no doubt that the bricks of this house were made on the farm and that the stones for the foundation cellar running under the whole structure were gathered from the surrounding fields. The original house contained only three rooms, but later a hall and another room were added using the same type of brick, so that the two-and-a-half storey building with its three small brick chimneys jutting from the roof remains a harmonious whole.

There are two front doors. One opens directly into a large room with a fireplace on the left, and entrances to two smaller rooms with corner fireplaces on the right. This was the first section of the house to be built. All three of the rooms have ceilings and a moulding of hand-planed wood. A back door gives on an unroofed porch. The second front door opens into the hall from which rise the stairs to the upper floors. The stairway has none of the flourishes often found in southern manor houses. On the right of the hall is a door to the large sitting room, and on the left is the entrance to the dining room which has a fine built-in corner cupboard. The fireplace is against the left wall, but it has been closed up and its heating facilities replaced by those of a stove. In this room, as well as in all the others on the first floor, the only adornment is a chair rail, and the smallness of the twelve-paned windows bear witness to the high cost of glass in those days.

The exterior of the house has a wide wooden cornice under the eaves. There has been no effort to plant a formal garden, but the beauty of the surroundings is such that any attempt to improve on nature would impair the repose and simplicity of the homestead.

In a graveyard, some three hundred yards from Old King Farm on the side of a hill, are buried members of the Tomlinson family, many of whom died young. On the tombstone of Benjamin Tomlinson, who passed away at the age of five months and fifteen days, is written:

"Parents dear, do not weep.
I am not dead, but only asleep."

From the Tomlinson family the house passed into the possession of the Kings, who lived there so long the property took their name. From them it was acquired by B. Y. Cunningham, who sold it to a Mr. Reinhardt. The present owner, Caleb White, purchased it in 1929.

There is a story that the builder of Old King Farm buried a pot of gold on the property. He died with his secret untold. An old slave who knew where the gold was hidden would not tell, either, but his ghost comes back to wander about restlessly, seeking some one to whom he can deliver up his trust.

INVENTORY NO: AL-V-B-086

DATE: 6/16/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

311/246 99.91 Acres
356/170 474.61 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Lybarger Brick House (King Farm)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Kings Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southeast

NAME OF OWNER: Ralph J. Lybarger 777-0023

ADDRESS: P.O. Box 267
Ellerslie, Maryland 21529

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

INTERIOR FINISHES: Interior walls - brick
10 rm. plus servants quarters

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 3/1 5/1
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Plain

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() 9/6 pegged frames
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Southeast
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Farm
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1795
CONDITION: Good

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () RICKLE
- () SPECIAL

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

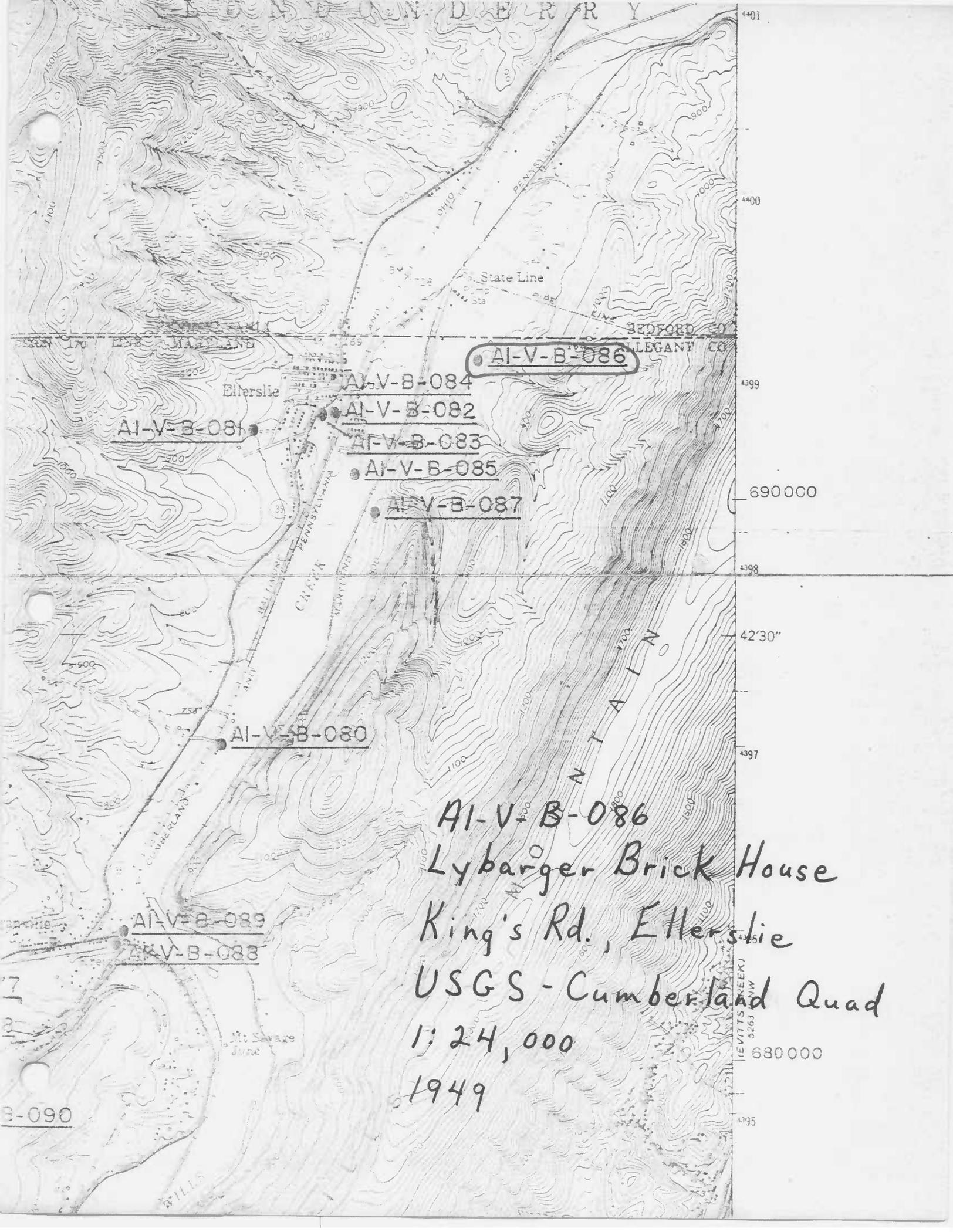
NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:



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Lybarger Brick House

King's Rd., Etterslie

USGS - Cumberland Quad

1:24,000

1949

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LEVITT'S CREEK
5263
NW

680000

4395



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LYBARGER BRICK HOUSE

KING'S Rd., Ellerslie

JOHN E. NELSON

6/16/77

WEST



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LYBARGER BRICK HOUSE

KING'S Rd., Ellenslie

JOHN E. NELSON

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NORTH



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NORTHEAST



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6/16/77

East



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LYBARGER BRICK HOUSE

KING'S Rd., Ellerslie

JOHN E. NELSON

6/18/77

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