

Assessment:

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Benson-Hammond House
Linthicum Heights
Public

Circa 1820 with a
circa 1865 addition

The Benson-Hammond House, a 2-1/2 story, 6 bay by 2 bay, 19th century brick dwelling, constructed in the Greek Revival style, is located in north Anne Arundel County, Maryland, at the northeast corner of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. The main block of the house is brick, laid in common bond, and faces east. A frame, 2-story shed addition extends from the north end of the rear, west elevation of the main block. A 1-story wooden porch with a hip roof covers the central 3 bays of the facade. Recently restored/renovated by the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, the Benson-Hammond House was built in two stages. The earlier section, comprising the southern 3 bays of the house, consists of a 2-story, central passage plan dwelling constructed c. 1820 or c. 1830. Sometime after the Civil War, the house was lengthened 3 bays to the north. The half story appears to have been added at that time, reminiscent of the Greek Revival style. The frame ell addition was reconstructed in 1982, replacing a late 19th century one of similar dimensions.

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National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name Benson-Hammond House
other names/site number Ann Arrundell Historical Society Headquarters AA-118

2. Location

street & number Poplar Avenue N/A not for publication
city, town Linthicum Heights X vicinity
state Maryland code MD county Anne Arundel code 003 zip code 21240

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>1</u>	<u> </u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u> </u>	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u> </u>	<u> </u> structures
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total

name of related multiple property listing: N/A Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

[Signature] 3/6/90
Signature of certifying official Date
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register. See continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain:)

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

RECREATION AND CULTURE/museum

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Greek Revival

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation brick

walls brick

roof metal

other wood

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:

The Benson-Hammond House, a 2½ story, 6 bay by 2 bay, 19th century brick dwelling, constructed in the Greek Revival style, is located in north Anne Arundel County, Maryland, at the northeast corner of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. The main block of the house is brick, laid in common bond, and faces east. A frame, 2-story shed addition extends from the north end of the rear, west elevation of the main block. A 1-story wooden porch with a hip roof covers the central bays of the facade. Recently restored/renovated by the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, the Benson-Hammond House was built in two stages. The earlier section, comprising the southern 3 bays of the house, consists of a 2-story, central passage plan dwelling constructed c. 1820 or c. 1830. Sometime after the Civil War, the house was lengthened 3 bays to the north. The half story appears to have been added at that time, reminiscent of the Greek Revival style. The frame ell addition was reconstructed in 1982, replacing a late 19th century one of similar dimensions. The main block of the house has a masonry foundation and no water table. There is a cellar under one-third of the house at the south end. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal, painted brick red, as is the shed roof of the ell. There are three brick chimneys, two of which are flush gable end chimneys, and the third is a central one, marking the gable end of the earlier central passage section. There is a plain corbeled brick cornice. The house has recently been painted off-white as it was historically. Windows on the first and second stories are 6/6 sash with single course brick jack arches. The windows at the half-story level are small 6-pane windows. Much of the interior is intact, including the plaster walls and most of the interior trim.

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The Benson-Hammond House, an imposing 19th century, 2½ story brick structure, is situated in the northeast portion of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport property, in north Arundel County. It stands in the southwest corner of the intersection of Hammonds Ferry Road and Poplar Avenue, and faces east towards Hammonds Ferry Road. It is surrounded by post-World War II residential development to the north and east and by the BWI Airport to the south and west. The house is leased by the Airport (State Aviation Administration) to the Ann Arrundell Historical Society.

It was recently restored/renovated by the Ann Arrundell Historical Society using their own funds and some from the Maryland Historical Trust and the Anne Arundel County Office of Community Development. From a near ruinous condition, the Society has completed a careful restoration/renovation, maintaining and enhancing the original integrity of the house.

The main block of the house is 2½ stories and measures 6 bays by 2 bays, the overall dimensions being 19 x 58½ feet. It is constructed of brick laid in common bond. A frame, 2-story shed addition extends from the rear, west elevation, of the house at the north end.

The house was built in two stages. The earlier section, comprising the southern 3 bays of the house, consists of a 2-story, central passage plan dwelling constructed c. 1820 or c. 1830.¹ Sometime after the Civil War, the house was lengthened 3 bays to the north. The half story appears to have been added at that time, reminiscent of the Greek Revival style. The frame ell addition was reconstructed in 1982, replacing a late 19th century one of similar dimensions.²

The main block of the house has a masonry foundation and no water table. There is a cellar under one-third of the house at the south end. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal, painted brick red, as is the shed roof of the ell. There are three brick chimneys, two of which are flush gable end chimneys and the third is a central one, marking the gable end of the earlier central passage section. There is a plain corbeled brick cornice. The house has recently been painted off-white as it was historically. Windows on the first and second stories are 6/6 sash with single course brick jack arches. The windows at the half-story level are small 6-pane windows.

The central three bays of the facade, east elevation, are covered by a wood porch with a hip roof. The roof is covered with standing seam metal, painted brick red, and is supported by four Doric columns. It covers the two main entrances into the house: the southern one enters into the earlier central passage section and the northern one into the later addition. This porch is a recent reconstruction of a similar, late 19th-century porch which had collapsed.³

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The entrance into the central passage section is composed of a six-panel door with a box lock. It is surmounted by a five-pane transom and flanked by three-paned sidelights. This passage contains the stair and a rear door at the end of the hall/passage. The stair rises to the half-story level, with landings against the rear wall. It has been blocked at the second story. It consists of plain slender newel posts and square balusters.

There is a single room on either side of the passage at both the first and second stories.

The first story architrave trim in this section appears to date from the post-Civil War additions, with the use of bulls-eye corner blocks and a beveled ogee molding profile. The second story architraves, however, are earlier, with the use of a Greek Revival ogee and astragal profile. An original plain wooden mantel, with Greek Revival moldings supporting the shelf, is located in the second story, north room of this section. The one in the south room is a replacement. The two mantels on the first floor of this section are late 19th-century marbelized slate mantels, consistent with the architrave changes made to the first floor during that period.

The post-Civil War addition at the north end has an entrance in the southern bay of this addition. It consists of a six-panel door with a box lock and is surmounted by a three-pane transom. It leads into a single room with the rear of a boxed beaded board stair directly inside the door. The staircase is approached from the rear of the room. An opening immediately to the left upon entering this section connects it with the central passage section. A door, located at the foot of the stair on the west wall, provides access to the first floor of the ell. The stair rises to a landing on the facade, east wall, at the second floor. A door at the landing leads into the north room. There is an opening into the second floor of the ell on the west wall. A door leading to the stair passage which provides access to the half-story level is located on the south partition wall within the north room.

The architrave trim in the addition is very plain, consisting of plain boards with no cornerblocks. The chair rail is more elaborate - a beveled ogee profile.

The half-story level is presently unfinished; however, there is evidence that it was once finished with lath and plaster. Rafters are mitred at the top over the central passage section and are half-lapped and pegged over the north addition. At this level, evidence of two small gable end windows, now filled with brick, can be seen flanking the northern chimney of the central passage section.

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An archeological investigation conducted in 1979 by the Archeological Services, Inc., found that there were two rear additions: one dating from the latter half of the 19th century, which was replaced by a smaller ell in the late 19th century. Also, two porch phases were found - a smaller and earlier one covering the entrance into the central passage section of the house, followed by a larger one covering the central three bays of the entire house. The latter was the one which was recently reconstructed for the restoration. The area surrounding the cellar entrance was also examined.

An earlier log house once stood southeast of the house. Other outbuildings also stood east and southeast of the house, none of which are extant.

Footnotes

¹Family tradition holds that Thomas Benson constructed this section in c. 1820. However, based on an architectural analysis of the house conducted in 1975, James Wollon, Jr., a restoration architect, has dated this section c. 1830.

²Interview with Mark Shatz, President, Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, December 14, 1983.

³Ibid.

8. Statement of Significance

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Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally statewide locally

Applicable National Register Criteria A B C D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions) A B C D E F G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)
architecture

Period of Significance
c. 1820-c. 1870

Significant Dates
N/A

Cultural Affiliation
N/A

Significant Person
N/A

Architect/Builder
unknown

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY:

The Benson-Hammond House is significant as an unusual and atypical 19th century brick farmhouse in northern Anne Arundel County, an area which was once predominantly farmland. Rapid post-World War II residential and industrial development combined with extensive highway construction have changed this area dramatically. As a result, few 19th century rural structures have survived, making the Benson-Hammond House an important visual and interpretive link with the north county's architectural, social, and economic past. The Benson-Hammond House is an unusual example of the Greek Revival style, with the c-1870 Greek Revival addition being constructed many years after the popularity of that style. Based upon a survey of the area, it is doubtful that the Benson-Hammond House represents the type nineteenth century farmhouse in northern Anne Arundel County.

See continuation sheet for
HISTORIC CONTEXT and MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC
PRESERVATION PLAN data.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC/single family

Known Design Source: none

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The Benson-Hammond House and the surrounding 2 acres are owned by the State Aviation Administration and are currently being leased to the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society. It was built in two stages, c. 1820 or c. 1830, and c. 1870. It is believed that the earlier portion of the house, a two-story central passage plan dwelling, was built by Thomas Benson, a farmer in north Anne Arundel County.¹ Sometime after the Civil War, Joseph Benson, the son of Thomas, added to the house, resulting in its present appearance.

Thomas Benson acquired the farmland, portions of three tracts - "Andover," "Buck's Luck," and "Addition to Timber Ridge" - in 1809 and 1815.² According to family tradition, the Bensons occupied a log house on the property before building the two story brick central passage plan dwelling.³ In 1838 and 1854, these parcels were conveyed to his son, Joseph, who owned the farm until his death in 1882.⁴ Joseph and his wife, Mary, expanded the modest farmhouse in c. 1870, to its present size in order to accommodate their growing family of 11 children.

In 1882, Joseph Benson died. In his will, he requested that the farm be split because he felt that his debts would exceed the worth of his personal property.⁵ It was sold in 1887 for \$13,600.00 to John T. and Rezin Howard Hammond, prominent farmers and landholders in the vicinity.⁶ One of Joseph Benson's daughters, Mary Susanna, was married to Rezin Hammond, father of John T. and grandfather of Rezin Howard, which may also explain why the Hammonds purchased the 152 acre farm. The grandson, Rezin Howard Hammond, apparently made his home there.

In 1947, the house and farm were purchased by the City of Baltimore from the estate of Rezin Howard Hammond to be developed as the then Friendship Airport. Thirty-one years later, the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society obtained a long-term lease from the State Aviation Administration (Friendship was purchased by the State in 1972) and began restoration/renovation of the house.

The Benson-Hammond House is significant for its vernacular architecture. Few brick 19th century houses, which incorporate an early 19th century dwelling, survive in north Anne Arundel County, an area which has grown rapidly since World War II as a suburban bedroom community for Baltimore and as a prime industrial park area. The few late 19th and early 20th century structures that do survive are primarily frame, two-story ell farmhouses that have been greatly altered.

The Benson-Hammond House is an unusual example of the Greek Revival style, with the c. 1870 Greek Revival addition being constructed many years after the popularity of that style. It is doubtful that this dwelling represented the typical 19th century farmhouse in north Anne Arundel County.

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While the existing (original and restored) character of the Benson-Hammond House holds the architectural significance described above, it nevertheless is situated on land belonging to the owner and operator of Baltimore-Washington International Airport, a major domestic and international facility. The current Master Plan for the Airport does not propose any actions which would affect the future of the Benson-Hammond House, however, as changes in Airport needs occur, the owner of the structure cannot guarantee its continuity in situ. The State Aviation Administration is quite cognizant of the perceived architectural and historical significance of the Benson-Hammond House and has demonstrated this awareness through the long-term (at nominal cost) lease with the Ann Arrundell Historical Society.

Footnotes

- ¹Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, Inc., "Benson-Hammond House Restoration Project," unpublished paper, June 20, 1979, p. 1.
- ²Anne Arundel County Land Records, Liber WNG No. 4, Folio 37, and Probate Records Box 123, Folder 57.
- ³Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, Inc., p. 1.
- ⁴Land Records, Liber WSG No. 23, Folio 15, and Liber WNG No. 4, Folio 37.
- ⁵Will of Joseph Benson, Liber R.J.D. No. 1, Folio 486.
- ⁶Land Records, Liber SH No. 31, Folio 608, and G.M. Hopkins, C.E., Atlas of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Fifth District, (Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins, C.E., 1878).

See footnotes for Section 8.

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

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Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

acreage of property 2.602 acres
JSGS quad Relay, MD

UTM References

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See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

See continuation sheet No. 10.1

Boundary Justification

The property is bordered by two roads and Baltimore Washington International Airport.

See continuation sheet

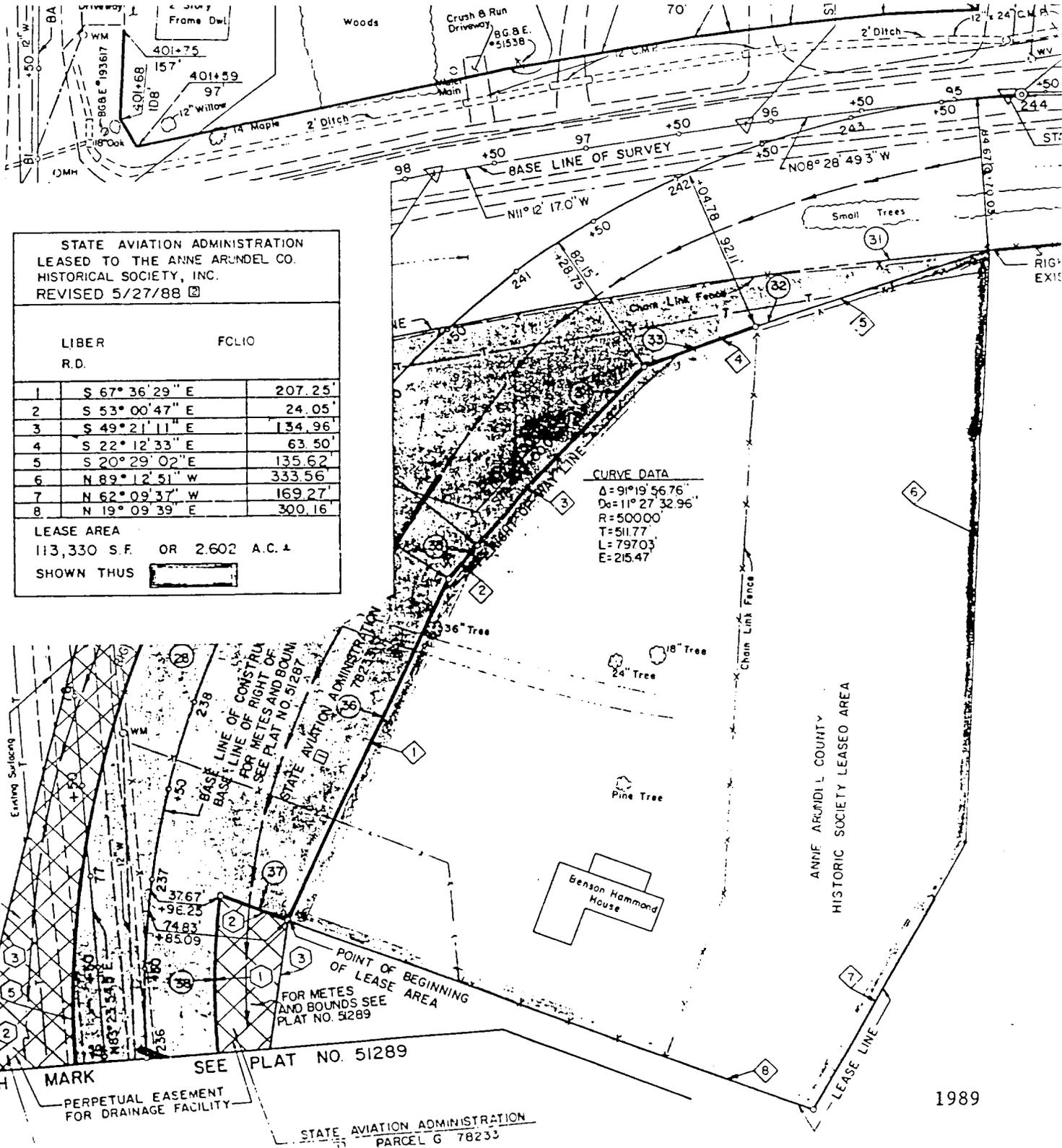
11. Form Prepared By

name/title Donna Ware
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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-118

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common BENSON-HAMMOND HOUSE

2. Location

street & number Southwest corner of Poplar Ave. & Hammond's Ferry Rd. not for publicationcity, town Linthicum Heights vicinity of 4th congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Maryland Department of Transportation
State Aviation Administration

street & number P.O. Box 8766 telephone no.: 301-859-7060

city, town Baltimore/Washington state and zip code MD 21240
International Airport

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 2508

street & number Church Circle folio 252

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust

date 1980 federal state county local

repository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

7. Description

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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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Summary Description

The Benson-Hammond House, a 2-1/2 story, 6 bay by 2 bay, 19th century brick dwelling, constructed in the Greek Revival style, is located in north Anne Arundel County, Maryland, at the northeast corner of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport. The main block of the house is brick, laid in common bond, and faces east. A frame, 2-story shed addition extends from the north end of the rear, west elevation of the main block. A 1-story wooden porch with a hip roof covers the central 3 bays of the facade. Recently restored/renovated by the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, the Benson-Hammond House was built in two stages. The earlier section, comprising the southern 3 bays of the house, consists of a 2-story, central passage plan dwelling constructed c. 1820 or c. 1830. Sometime after the Civil War, the house was lengthened 3 bays to the north. The half story appears to have been added at that time, reminiscent of the Greek Revival style. The frame ell addition was reconstructed in 1982, replacing a late 19th century one of similar dimensions.

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Much of the interior is intact, including the plaster walls and most of the interior trim.

General Description

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8. Significance

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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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary Paragraph

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The main block of the house is 2-1/2 stories and measures 6 bays by 2 bays, the overall dimensions being 19 x 58-1/2 feet. It is constructed of brick laid in common bond. A frame, 2-story shed addition extends from the rear, west elevation, of the house at the north end.

The house was built in two stages. The earlier section, comprising the southern 3 bays of the house, consists of a 2-story, central passage plan dwelling constructed c. 1820 or c. 1830.¹ Sometime after the Civil War, the house was lengthened 3 bays to the north. The half story appears to have been added at that time, reminiscent of the Greek Revival style. The frame ell addition was reconstructed in 1982, replacing a late 19th century one of similar dimensions.²

The main block of the house has a masonry foundation and no water table. There is a cellar under one-third of the house at the south end. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal, painted brick red, as is the shed roof of the ell. There are three brick chimneys, two of which are flush gable end chimneys, and the third is a central one, marking the gable end of the earlier central passage section. There is a plain corbeled brick cornice. The house has recently been painted off-white as it was historically. Windows on the first and second stories are 6/6 sash with single course brick jack arches. The windows at the half-story level are small 6-pane windows.

The central three bays of the facade, east elevation, are covered by a wood porch with a hip roof. The roof is covered with standing seam metal, painted brick red, and is supported by four Doric columns. It covers the two main entrances into the house: the southern one enters into the earlier central passage section and the northern one into the later addition. This porch is a recent reconstruction of a similar, late 19th-century porch which had collapsed.³

The entrance into the central passage section is composed of a six-panel door with a box lock. It is surmounted by a five-pane transom and flanked by three-paned sidelights. This passage contains the stair and a rear door at the end of the hall/passage. The stair rises to the half-story level, with landings against the rear wall. It has been blocked at the second story. It consists of plain slender newel posts and square balusters.

There is a single room on either side of the passage at both the first and second stories.

The first story architrave trim in this section appears to date from the post-Civil War additions, with the use of bulls-eye corner blocks and a beveled ogee molding profile. The second story architraves, however, are earlier, with the use of a Greek Revival ogee and astragal profile. An original plain wooden mantel, with Greek Revival moldings supporting the shelf, is located in the second story, north room of this section. The one in the south room is a replacement. The two mantels on the first floor of this section are late 19th-century marbelized slate mantels, consistent with the architrave changes made to the first floor during that period.

#7. Continuation sheet, page 3

The post-Civil War addition at the north end has an entrance in the southern bay of this addition. It consists of a six-panel door with a box lock and is surmounted by a three-pane transom. It leads into a single room with the rear of a boxed beaded board stair directly inside the door. The staircase is approached from the rear of the room. An opening immediately to the left upon entering this section connects it with the central passage section. A door, located at the foot of the stair on the west wall, provides access to the first floor of the ell. The stair rises to a landing on the facade, east wall, at the second floor. A door at the landing leads into the north room. There is an opening into the second floor of the ell on the west wall. A door leading to the stair passage which provides access to the half-story level is located on the south partition wall within the north room.

The architrave trim in the addition is very plain, consisting of plain boards with no cornerblocks. The chair rail is more elaborate--a beveled ogee profile.

The half-story level is presently unfinished; however, there is evidence that it was once finished with lath and plaster. Rafters are mitred at the top over the central passage section and are half-lapped and pegged over the north addition. At this level, evidence of two small gable end windows, now filled with brick, can be seen flanking the northern chimney of the central passage section.

An archeological investigation conducted in 1979 by the Archeological Services, Inc., found that there were two rear additions: one dating from the latter half of the 19th century, which was replaced by a smaller ell in the late 19th century. Also, two porch phases were found--a smaller and earlier one covering the entrance into the central passage section of the house, followed by a larger one covering the central three bays of the entire house. The latter was the one which was recently reconstructed for the restoration. The area surrounding the cellar entrance was also examined.

An earlier log house once stood southeast of the house. Other outbuildings also stood east and southeast of the house, none of which are extant.

¹It has been family tradition that Thomas Benson constructed this section in c. 1820. However, based on an architectural analysis of the house conducted in 1975, James Wollen, Jr., an architectural historian, has dated this section c. 1830.²

²Interview with Mark Shatz, President, Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, December 14, 1983.

³Ibid.

#8. Continuation sheet, page 2.

In 1947, the house and farm were purchased by the City of Baltimore from the estate of Rezin Howard Hammond to be developed as the then Friendship Airport. Thirty-one years later, the Ann Arrundell County Historical Society obtained a long-term lease from the State Aviation Administration (Friendship was purchased by the State in 1972) and began restoration/renovation of the house.

The Benson-Hammond House is significant for its vernacular architecture. Few brick 19th century houses, which incorporate an early 19th century dwelling, survive in north Anne Arundel County, an area which has grown rapidly since World War II as a suburban bedroom community for Baltimore and as a prime industrial park area. The few late 19th and early 20th century structures that do survive are primarily frame, two-story ell farmhouses that have been greatly altered.

The Benson-Hammond House is an unusual example of the Greek Revival style, with the c. 1870 Greek Revival addition being constructed many years after the popularity of that style. It is doubtful that this dwelling represented the typical 19th century farmhouse in north Anne Arundel County.

While the existing (original and restored) character of the Benson-Hammond House holds the architectural significance described above, it nevertheless is situated on land belonging to the owner and operator of Baltimore-Washington International Airport, a major domestic and international facility. The current Master Plan for the Airport does not propose any actions which would affect the future of the Benson-Hammond House; however, as changes in Airport needs occur, the owner of the structure cannot guarantee its continuity in situ. The State Aviation Administration is quite cognizant of the perceived architectural and historical significance of the Benson-Hammond House and has demonstrated this awareness through the long-term (at nominal cost) lease with the Ann Arrundell Historical Society.

¹Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, Inc., "Benson-Hammond House Restoration Project," unpublished paper, June 20, 1979, p. 1.

²Anne Arundel County Land Records, Liber WNG No. 4, Folio 37, and Probate Records Box 123, Folder 57.

³Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, Inc., p. 1.

⁴Land Records, Liber WSG No. 23, Folio 15, and Liber WNG No. 4, Folio 37.

⁵Will of Joseph Benson, Liber R.J.D. No. 1, Folio 486.

⁶Land Records, Liber SH No. 31, Folio 608, and G. M. Hopkins, C.E., Atlas of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Fifth District, (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, C.E., 1878).

BENSON-HAMMOND HOUSE
Background Research

Liber SH 31, Folio 608

Dec. 19, 1887

Grantor: Mary S. Benson (widow)

Grantee: John T. Hammond & Rezin Howard Hammond

Consideration: \$13,600.00

Parts of 3 tracts known as "Andover," "Bucks Luck" and "The Second Addition to Timber Ridge" = 152 acres, more or less, bounded on north by land of R. S. Shipley, on south by land of Joshua Hawkins (separated by narrow lane) and on west by Telegraph Rd. and on east by the Main Road leading from Hammond's Ferry to Annapolis.

Same conveyed by Oregon R. Benson, executor to Mary S. Benson.

Mortgage between Oregon Benson and the Hammonds, 12/19/1887, in SH 31/609, for \$8,600. Oregon named executor of last will and testament for Joseph Benson, July 6, 1882, recorded in wills RJD No. 1, 486.

Will of Joseph Benson

R.J.D. No. 1, #486

July 6, 1882

- First - Since sons, Joseph K. Benson and Oregon R. Benson, have already been advanced \$3,000.00 each, and Benson believed he would not be able to provide for his other children as well, he does not devise any part or parcel of his estate to Joseph K. or Oregon.
- Second - Since debts will exceed worth of his personal property, consisting of a farm and farming implements, Benson authorizes that the farm be sold. Oregon is named as Executor. Sale proceeds shall first go to funeral expenses and 5% payment to Executor on real estate and 10% on property.
- Third - After payment of above mentioned expenses, \$500.00 is bequeathed to daughter, Margaret Ann Benson.
- Fourth - Residue of money realized from sale of property goes to wife, Mary S. Benson, for and during her lifetime.
- Fifth - After the death of wife, Mary, whatever property, estate or investments remaining go to nine children, Margaret Ann Benson, Oliver E. Benson, Elmira I. Smith, Thomas M. Benson, Mary S. Hammond, Elva R. Johnson, Solon L. Benson, Gertrude V. Hodges, and Lola G. Linthicum.
- Last - Oregon R. Benson named Executor.

L. JWB No. 1, F. 78

Inventory of Joseph Benson

In addition to numerous farm implements

1 Baymare Shoofly	90.00
1 Mare Janette	75.00
1 Mare Hattie	70.00
1 Mare Fannie	60.00
1 Mule Buck	125.00
1 Mule Jack	40.00
Lot of manure	225.00
One very sick horse	value nominal
Total value of inventory	1560.07
Cash on hand at death	3500.00
Two shares of stock	
in Patapsco Academy	6.76
Total	<u>\$5066.83</u>

Liber SH 31, Folio 606

12/19/1887

Grantor: Oregon R. Benson of Baltimore Co.

Grantee: Mary S. Benson

Sold parcel mentioned in Liber SH 31, Folio 608 on Sept. 3, 1883
(?) for \$12,160.

Same obtained by Joseph Benson in several parcels:

- 1) From Thomas Benson, Apr. 18, 1838
Liber WSG No. 23, Folio 15 (140 acres)
- 2) Fr. Joshua Stewart et ux, July 10, 1848, Liber JWN No. 3,
Folio 484 (5 acres).
- 3) Fr. Thomas Benson, Sept. 29, 1854, Liber WNG No. 4, Folio
37 (7 acres, more or less).

Parcel 1) Liber WSG No. 23, Folio 15 (140 acres)

April 18, 1838

Grantor: Thomas Benson, John Smith & Elizabeth Smith (his wife),
Charles Smith & Ann Smith (his wife), and Basil Benson & Margaret G.
Benson (his wife), heirs at law of Basil Smith, deceased, of Anne
Arundel Co.

Grantee: Joseph Benson, also one of the heirs at law of Basil Smith.

Division of estate

Parts of two tracts, "Andover" and "Bucks Luck"

Same conveyed to Basil Smith by Richard Ridgely on June 23, 1810.

Parcel 3) L. WNG No. 4, F. 37

Sept. 29, 1854

Grantor: Thomas Benson

Grantee: Joseph Benson

Consideration: \$75.00

Part of tract called "Addition to Timber Ridge" - 7 1/8 acres.
Same conveyed to Thomas Benson by John G. Cromwell on Jan. 17,
1809.

Probate Depositions

Box 123, Folder 57 1815

Basil Smith dies with will. Subject of Probate Hearings covers 1815-1820.

Caveators are grandchildren of Basil Smith, children of daughter Nancy Benson, who married Thomas Benson (she is deceased before Basil).

Benson & others

Caveators: Eliz. Benson

vs.

Basil Smith Benson

Smith & Cromwell

Anne Smith Benson

Joseph Benson

Will - Basil Smith

- To wife Elizabeth Smith & Sarah Cromwell: home plantation - two tracts, Bucks Luck & Andover

After wife's death her share to Ann Smith Benson, grandchild.

- To Basil Smith Benson, 104 acres "Addition to Timber Ridge"

First purchase made from Christopher Johnston.

106 acres, 50 of which were sold to Thomas Cole, the remaining 56 to wife, and at death to Ann Benson & Sarah Cromwell.

Liber NH No. 16, Folio 245

June 23, 1810

Grantor: Richard Ridgely (Attorney)

Grantee: Basil Smith (Farmer)

Consideration: 420 pounds

140 acres - part of Andover & Bucks Luck, west side of Hammond's Ferry Road (bordering Horatio Johnson's land and George Wright's).
(wife of Ridgely - Elizabeth)Liber NH No. 15, Folio 173

Jan. 17, 1809

Grantor: John G. Cromwell of Anne Arundel Co.

Grantee: Thomas Benson

Consideration - \$85.00

Part of Addition to Timber Ridge = 7 1/8 acres

(Sounds like Andover is to north and this lot - Addition to Timber Ridge - is situated west of Hammonds Ferry Rd.)

Last will and testament of Richard Benson (April 11, 1820)Liber JG No. 39, Folio 150

To sons John and Samuel "Addition to Timber Ridge" equally.
 To son John - negroes Charles and Hagar, but to be set free at age of 35.
 To son Samuel - negroes Peter and Sue until the age of 35, then to be set free.
 To sons John and Samuel - negro Anthony until age of 35.
 To son Richard the tract "Aldridge"
 To son Thomas \$200.00, feather bed and furniture, best horse.
 To daughter Rachel Yealdhall \$55.00
 To daughter Margaret Sanks \$55.00
 To two grandsons, Richard Steward and Benson Steward, sons of daughter Elizabeth Steward, \$55.00 equally.
 To daughter Ann Forrest \$55.00
 Residue of estate equally to three sons Richard, John and Samuel
 Executor - son Richard Benson

Liber NH No. 13, Folio 286

Oct. 25, 1806

Grantor: Christopher Johnston of Baltimore
 Charles Carroll of Carrollton, of Annapolis, and
 Daniel Carroll of Dudington (Md.)

Grantee: Richard Benson, Farmer, of Anne Arundel Co.

Consideration: \$1,208.00

Addition to Timber Ridge
 (bordering Bachelors Chance)
 151 acres, more or less

Will of Thomas Benson (died 1795)

L. JG No. 1, F. 482

- 1) 5 shillings to oldest son, Richard
- 2) Gun to second son, Thomas
- 3) 5 shillings to third son, John
- 4) 1/2 of Estate to fourth son, William
- 5) 5 shillings to oldest daughter, Elizabeth Cheney
- 6) 5 shillings to second daughter, Sarah Danielson
- 7) 5 shillings to son-in-law, John Miller, formerly husband to third daughter, Comfort
- 8) 1/2 of Estate to fourth daughter, Rachel Cheney.
 She and husband John Cheney shall take care of William and his 1/2 of estate and if he marries, he will have his 1/2 to himself. If William dies without heirs, his 1/2 goes to Rachel and her heirs.
- 9) 5 shillings to Ann Warfield, fifth daughter.
 John Cheney, Executor

Tax List 1831

(HR G-794 (2))

Dist. 4

Benson, Thos. of Richd	
Personal	367
Real	1071
Total	1438
Tax	16.54

Tax List 1830 (HR G-794 (1))

Dist. 4 Benson, Thos.
 Same as above, except
 Tax
 County tax = 12.23
 School tax = 2.88

(Appears to be slightly above average for both years in Dist. 4)

1798 Federal Direct Tax Index

Andover (Patapsco & Magothy Hundreds)
 Bobey V. Ridgely, owner \$7,200 assessment
 2300 Acres Folio 16
 Pt. of Andover
 Eliz. Dorsey (of Nicholas) owner
 Wm. Elliott, tenant
 100 acres Folio 10

Name Index

Cromwell, John (Patapsco & Magothy Hundreds)
 owner
 two houses 20 x 16
 one outhouse 11 x 9
 \$120 assess. 2 acres Folio 2

Dorsey, Elizabeth (of Nicholas) owner
 Patapsco & Magothy Hundreds
 Elliott, Wm., tenant
 1 house 20 x 16
 2 outhouses 12 x 10
 2 acres \$105 assessment
 Folio 3

1782 - 1783 Tax AssessmentsTracts Index

Andover Assess. of 1783 p. 2
 owner Thos. Harrison
 Patapsco Hundred
 Pt. of Andover Assess. of 1783 p. 1
 owner Nicholas Dorsey (Sr.)
 Patapsco Hundred
 Bucks Luck Assess. of 1783 p. 2
 Thos. Harrison (heirs of)
 Huntington Hundred
 Timber Ridge Assess. of 1783 p. 1
 Charles Carroll of Carrollton & Co.
 Huntington Hundred

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Benson-Hammond House
AND/OR COMMON
Cedar Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
SW side of Poplar Avenue and Hammond's Ferry Road
CITY, TOWN
Lithicum
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
4th
STATE
Maryland
COUNTY
Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
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	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
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			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Maryland State Dept. of Transportation
State Aviation Administration
Telephone #: (301) 243-7060
STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 8766
CITY, TOWN
BWI Airport
STATE, zip code
Maryland 21240

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Anne Arundel County Courthouse
Liber #: 2508
Folio #: 252
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Annapolis
STATE
Maryland 21401

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
Maryland Historic Sites Inventory
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

68-112

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Benson-Hammond House is located ca. 250' south of Poplar Avenue and 450' west of Hammond's Ferry Road at the NE corner of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport property, in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The house consists of two sections, forming an elongated 2½ story rectangular brick block with a masonry foundation and, sheathed in metal, a moderately pitched gable roof with a N-S ridge. Astride the ridge are three corbeled brick chimneys, two rising inside each end wall; the other, inside the north wall of the south section. Both sections are three bays wide and have regularly disposed 6/6 double hung sash windows with 3/3 attic lights. They differ in that the bays of the south section are wider and their second floor windows smaller than their counterparts on the north. Moreover, the south end wall is blank, while the north is distinguished by single windows flanking the chimney on each floor. On the east or principal facade are a single door surmounted by a rectangular transom in the lower left bay of the north section, and a double door with transom and narrow side lights in the lower center bay of the south section. Both are mirrored on the west facade by single doors. The central bay of the south section is missing a window while the north section is completely blank. Originally a small portico, later replaced by a porch, sheltered the south door. Although neither projection is standing, investigations in 1979 by Archaeological Services, Inc. revealed five brick footings, defining an area seven feet wide and sixteen feet long, which had supported columns of the portico. Four small footings between the porch and a brick walkway apparently supported a group of steps. Evidence for the porch consists of an L-shaped line of bricks projecting from the north end of a porch shadow on the facade. There have been two, three story block additions adjoining the west facade, both of which formed an "L" with the remaining sections. Evidence for the first, measuring twenty-two by twenty-two and a half feet, was uncovered during the 1979 investigations and consisted of a robbed builders trench containing red and blue feather edge ware and leaf patterned decal decorated ware. The first addition appears to have been destroyed during the late nineteenth century. The second addition, measuring sixteen by fourteen feet, was destroyed during the 1950s.

The interior of the south section is divided into two rooms separated by a wide central transverse hallway containing a stairway to the upper floors. Beneath the steps is a closet. Upper floors have a similar room arrangement. The fireplace at the south or parlor end of the first floor originally had a white marble mantel; that of the sitting room at the north, a white slate mantel with a brick hearth. The north section consists of a single room on each floor. From the dining room on the first floor, an enclosed stairway rises to an attic, room formerly containing a clothes press. Upper floor rooms in both sections contain fireplaces with wood mantels.

see continuation sheet.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Benson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Benson-Hammond House is an excellent example of an early nineteenth century middle class farm house. Archaeological sites to the south and east provide evidence of daily life in a rich farming area. Although the house lacks the high style Federal detail which distinguished dwellings of the gentry, it is much larger and more substantial than most other houses in the area which date from the same period. It is the only house remaining of many which stood on the BWI Airport property.

The house was built on Cedar Farm, composed of two former tracts, Buck's Luck and Andover. The Benson family owned the house until 19 December 1887 when it was sold to Rezin Howard Hammond and John Thomas Hammond. Rezin Howard Hammond was an eighth generation descendant of John Hammond (1643-1707) a major general and commander-in-chief of the militia of the Western Shore. Archaeological excavations conducted in 1979 revealed two phases of construction for the addition and porches which may reflect alterations associated with the change in ownership.

Presently the State Aviation Administration leases the house to the Anne Arundel County Historical Society which is restoring it as its headquarters, museum, and library. The mid nineteenth century addition and the ca. 1900 porch are being rebuilt. Funded by a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust, work is to be completed by December 1981.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

see continuation sheet.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.15A

Quadrangle Name: Relay, MD
Quadrangle Scale: 1:24 000
UTM References: 5,357070,4338 140

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

see continuation sheets and site plan.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME - TITLE	
Richard Meyer/Historic Sites Surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Maryland Historical Trust	1980
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
21 State Circle	(301) 269-2438
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland 21401

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

Benson-Hammond House

7.

Ca. 200 feet SE of the house is the site of an outbuilding. This area is undisturbed and probably contains archaeological remains. Archaeological testing along a proposed utility line extending from the NE corner of the house to Hammond's Ferry Road failed to reveal any in situ features. Archaeological material to the west of the house would have been disrupted by grading operations in the 1960s. Remaining areas of the yard are relatively undisturbed.

9.

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10.

BEGINNING for the same at a concrete monument found on the west side of Hammonds Ferry Road opposite Station Number 96 + 50 as shown on State Roads Commission Plat No. 36700 dated February 1, 1968; said point being at the end of line 19 or the North $09^{\circ} 24' 01''$ West 632.72 foot line of the conveyance from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the State Highway Administration of the Department of Transportation, by deed dated December 1, 1971, and recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County in Liber 2501, page 149; and running from said beginning point so fixed and with the arc of the curve subtended by the above mentioned line in a southeasterly direction to the right, said curve having a radius of 3,209.05 feet, a central angle of $40^{\circ} 48' 27''$, a chord of South $12^{\circ} 54'$ East 269.16 feet for an arc distance of 269.26 feet to a pipe set;

Benson-Hammond House

10. continued

THENCE leaving the right-of-way line of Hammond's Ferry Road, South $83^{\circ} 30' 17''$ West 337.28 feet to the southeast corner of the fence around the three story brick home formerly owned by Charles E. Hammond;

THENCE along said fence North $70^{\circ} 00' 43''$ West 100.00 feet to the southwest corner of said fence;

THENCE with the western fence and its extension North $19^{\circ} 0' 17''$ East 115.00 feet to a pipe set;

THENCE North $83^{\circ} 30' 17''$ East 67.58 feet to a point;

THENCE North $19^{\circ} 00' 17''$ East 186.99 feet to a point on the south side of Poplar Avenue as it passes through the Baltimore-Washington International Airport;

THENCE with the south side of said Poplar Avenue, North $83^{\circ} 30' 17''$ East 143.10 feet to an iron pipe set;

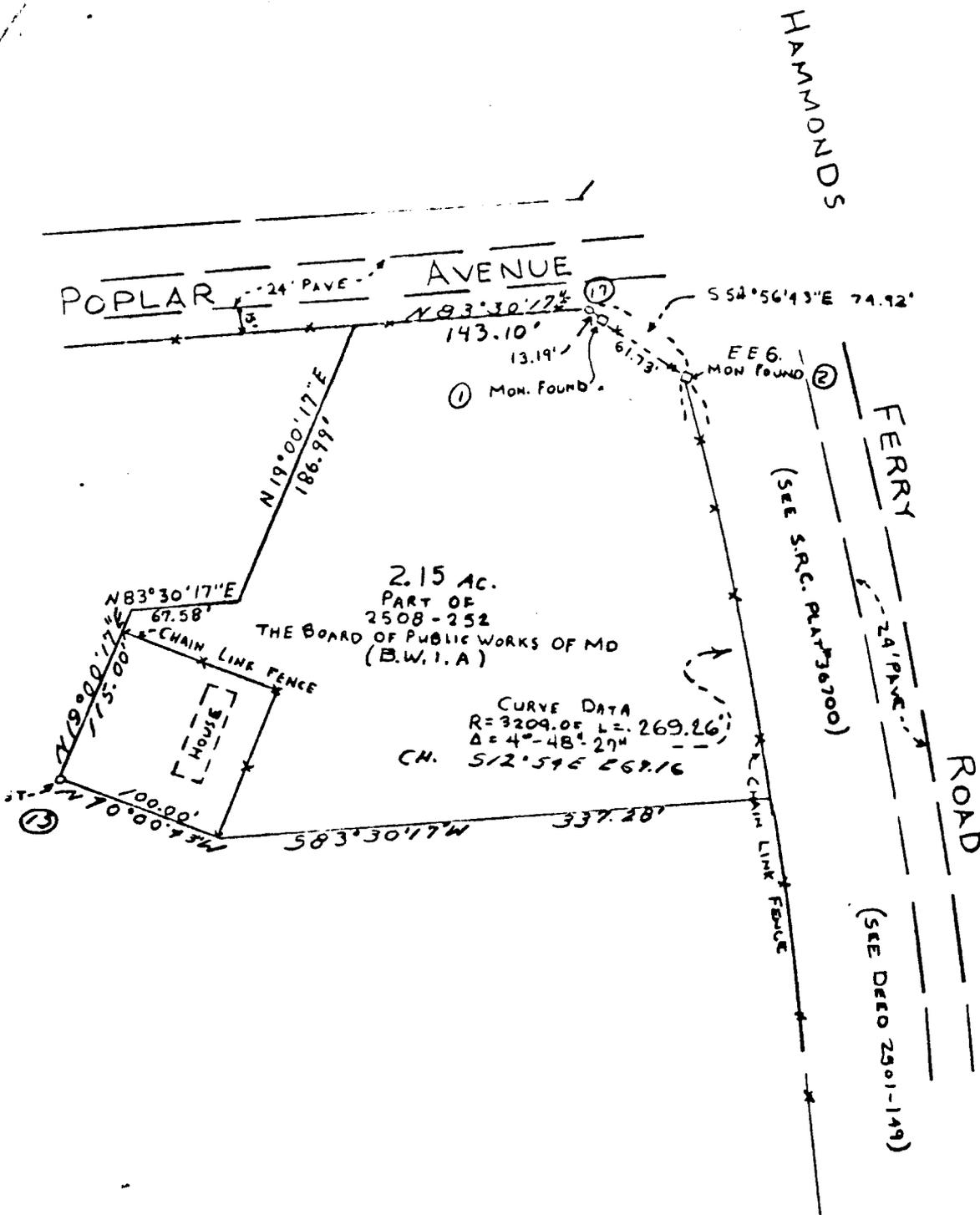
THENCE leaving Poplar Avenue and running with the extension of the 20th line of said conveyance from the Mayor and City Council to the State Highway Administration, South $54^{\circ} 56' 43''$ East 13.19 feet to a concrete monument found at the end of said 20th line;

THENCE with said 20th line, reversely, the bearings being adjusted to those bearings used in the survey of the Baltimore-Washington International Airport in 1959 by the Beavin Company and referred to in the conveyance from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to the State of Maryland dated July 26, 1972, and recorded in Liber 2508, folio 252, South $54^{\circ} 56' 43''$ East 61.73 feet to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING 2.15 acres and shown on a plat to accompany this description.

BEING part of the above mentioned conveyance from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, acting by and through the Board of Estimates of Baltimore to the State of Maryland acting by and through the Board of Public Works of Maryland, by deed dated July 26, 1972, and recorded in Liber 2508, folio 252.

ALSO BEING part of the conveyance from Charles E. Hammond, et al., to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, by deed dated November 10, 1947, and recorded in Liber 447, page 449, and being that portion that surrounds the old three story brick home known as the Hammond House.



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Martenet's Map of Ann Arundel County Maryland 1860



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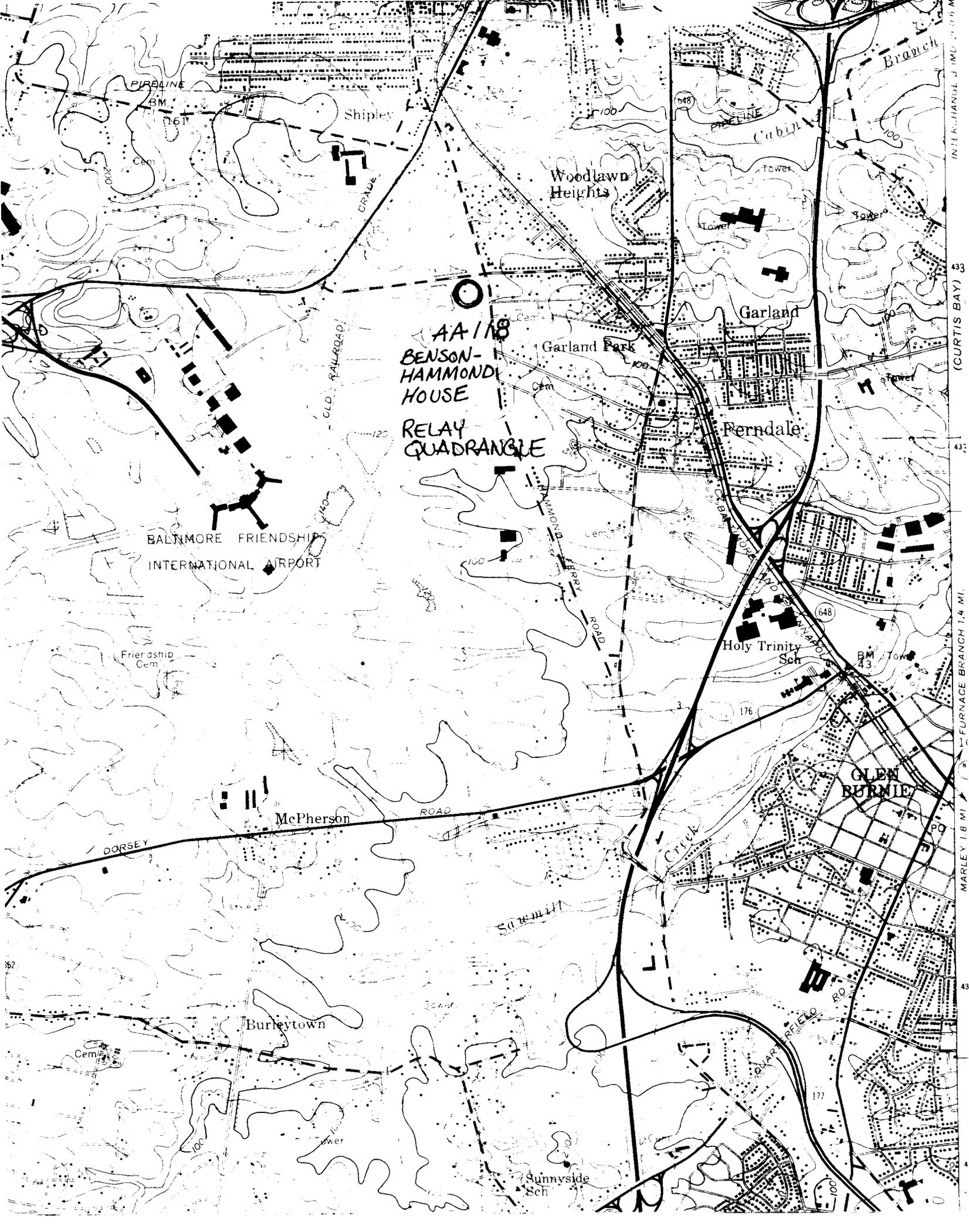
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cedar Farm

AND/OR COMMON

Benson-Hammond House (preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Southwest corner of Hammond's Ferry Road and

Poplar Avenue

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Linthicum

VICINITY OF

Fourth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

024

COUNTY

Anne Arundel

CODE

003

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

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STATUS

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DISTRICT

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OCCUPIED

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SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER: vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY (State of Maryland)

NAME

Lessee: Ann Arrundell County Historical Society, Inc.

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Dr. E. Roderick Shipley
P.O. Box 836

CITY, TOWN

Severna Park, VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21146

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South Street

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis,

STATE

Maryland 21401

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

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7 DESCRIPTION

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A brick stack chimney projects above the gable roof at each end of the house. A third rises in the center between the two sections.

There are two windows on each of the three floors on the north gable end and no windows on the south end.

The original portico on the front of the house (see above) was replaced by a large porch which has since fallen down.

The first floor contains a parlor on the southeast end, a smaller sitting room and a dining room. The parlor originally had a white marble mantel and the sitting room a white slate mantel with brick hearth. Between the two rooms is a wide hall with a double front door with sidelights and transom. The stair to the second floor is in this hall; there is a closet beneath the steps.

The second floor has large bedrooms over the parlor and sitting room. An enclosed stairway rises from the dining room. Both this stair and the one in the hall continue to the third floor. All of the second floor rooms had wooden mantel shelves.

The third floor has three bedrooms and a smaller room that contained a clothes press.

The original rear wing formed an L and was three stories high with one room on each floor. The kitchen was on the first floor with bedrooms above. This wing has been destroyed.

A cellar exists only under the parlor third of the house. It contains hand-hewn timbers flattened on one side.

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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SPECIFIC DATES 1820

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Benson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Benson-Hammond house is thought to have been built circa 1820 by Thomas Benson. It is much larger and more substantial than most other houses of the same period in northern Anne Arundel County. Although it contains none of the stylish detail found in the homes of the wealthy, it is a good example of what the middle class considered a proper dwelling for a prosperous farmer of the early to mid-19th century.

The house was built on land made up of two tracts, Bucks Luck and Andover. The property was called Cedar Farm because of the abundance of cedar trees in the area. The Benson family owned the house until December 19, 1887 when it and the second addition to Timber Ridge were sold to Rezin Howard Hammond and John Thomas Hammond for \$13,600.00. This transaction included 152 acres.

Rezin Howard Hammond was an eight generation descendant of Major General John Hammond (1643-1707) who became commander-in-chief of the militia of the Western Shore. Rezin Hammond died March 25, 1928, and the house remained in his estate until it was bought by the City of Baltimore for what is now BWI Airport.

The Ann Arrundell County Historical Society has undertaken the restoration of the Benson-Hammond house, beginning with its recent stabilization. When completed, the house will serve as headquarters and museum for the Historical Society. One room of the museum will serve as an airport transportation museum. The restoration involves the participation of the Linthicum-Ferndale Womens Clubs and several other civic associations and churches.

Historic archaeological potential exists for the 19th-century wing and outbuildings that once stood here.

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Harry W. Newman, Charles F. Stein "Origin and History of Howard County, Maryland?" (Hammond information)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.98 acres

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

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Larry R. Paul

ORGANIZATION

Anne Arundel County Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 1573

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis,

DATE

TELEPHONE

STATE

Maryland 21401

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

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As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

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DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC Cedar Farm

AND/OR COMMON Benson Hammond House

2 LOCATION South west corner of junction Poplar Avenue and Hammonds
STREET & NUMBER Ferry Road, at B.W.I. Airport, Linthicum

CITY, TOWN _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT _____
VICINITY OF _____
STATE Maryland COUNTY Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

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5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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The three-story brick structure was built circa 1830 by Joseph Benson. The surrounding 152-acre farm was known as Cedar Farm. The 1860 Martenet Map of Anne Arundel County shows that the house was occupied by ~~D. S. Benson~~ Benson. B. R. Benson is shown as owning the house on the 1878 Hopkins Map. The property was sold in 1887 to Rezin H. Hammond and John T. Hammond. In 1944, the City of Baltimore began acquiring land for the new airport and the house and about 135 acres were sold again.

The house is, at present, in a state of deterioration. It is much larger, and more substantial, than most of the other houses of the same period in the north part of the county. It consists of two parts, of similar depth and height, attached end to end. The uniformity of the facade is broken only by variation in the spacing of the windows in the two sections. The front (east) elevation has six openings on each floor; the third floor windows are square and probably had six panes each. The tops of the windows are set just under the roof and projecting brick cornice. The second floor windows have 6/6 pane openings, surmounted by a flat arch. On the first floor level there is a door in the center bay of the south section of the house and another in the south bay of the north section. The doorway has a transom light, indicating that this was probably considered the "front" entrance to the house. A paint-line on the wall above the door reveals the shape of an earlier porch roof which covered only the doorway. The first floor windows appear to have had 6/9 pane sashes.

A brick chimney stack projects above the roof at each end of the house and a third rises in the center between the two sections.

The roof of the house appears to be intact and the walls in relatively sound condition except for a gaping hole in the upper part of the west wall. Almost all of the window sashes are missing and the porch has fallen.

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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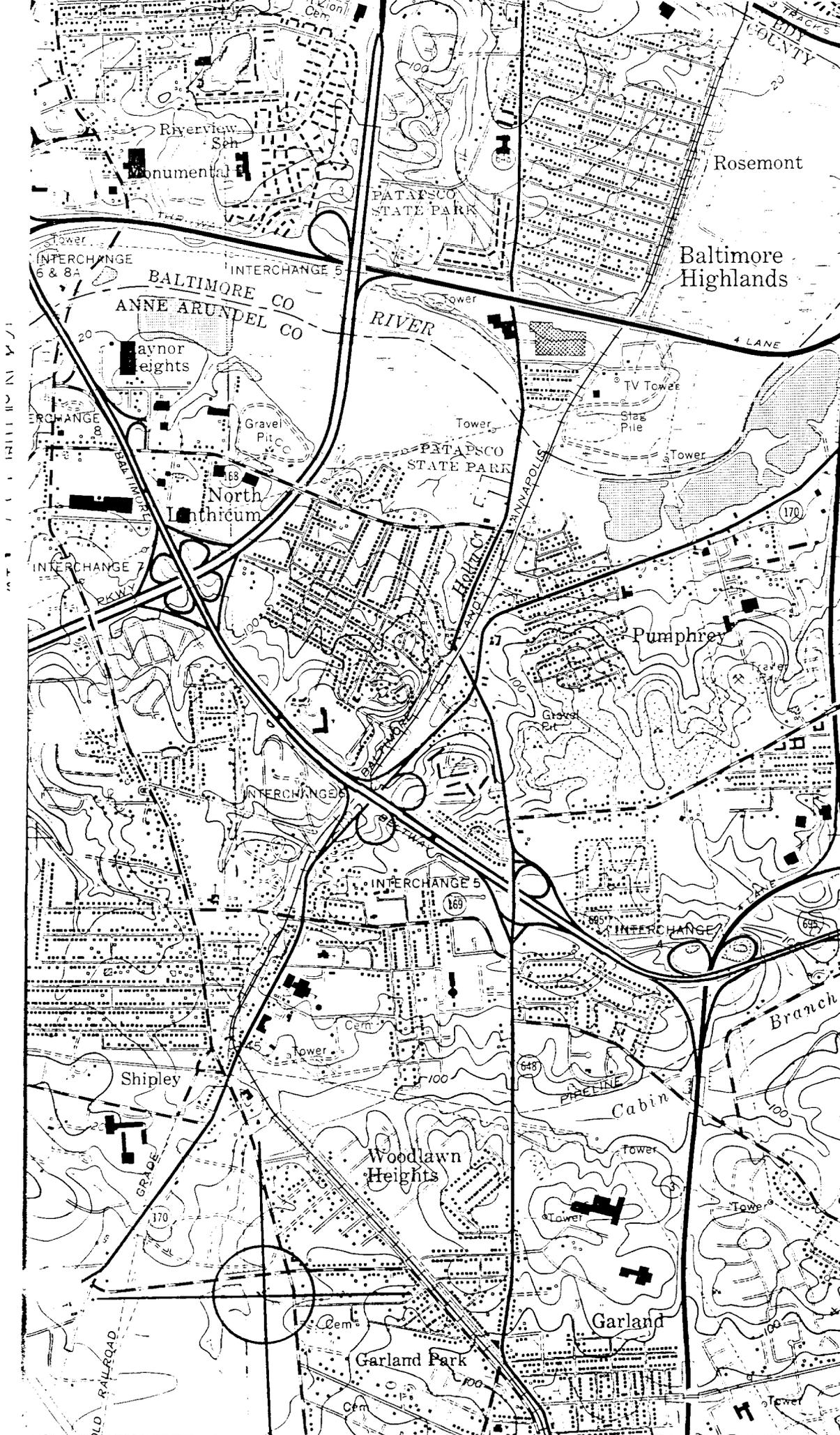
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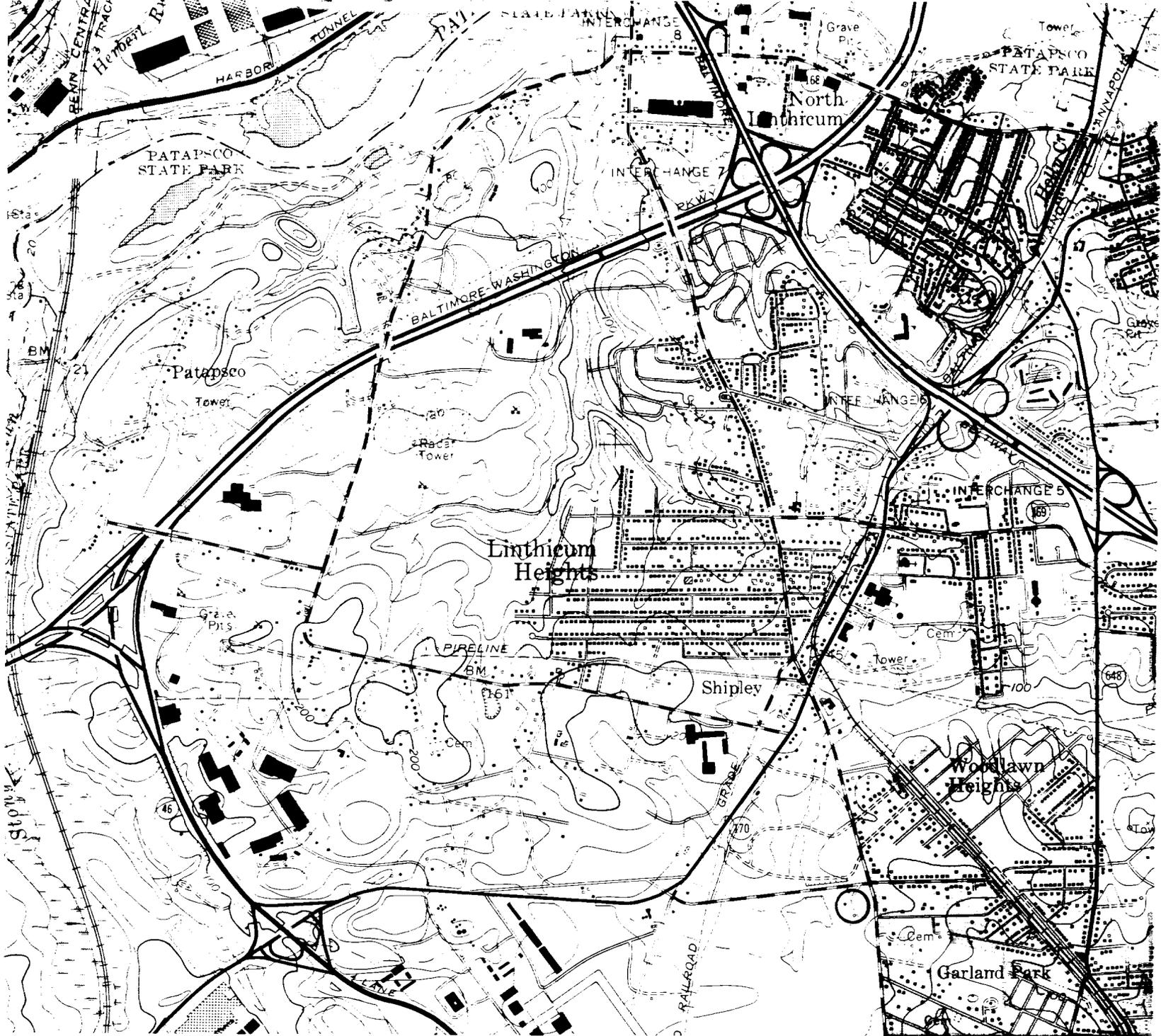
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Benson-Hammond House
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 Benson-Hammond House
 S.W. corner of Poplar Ave. &
 Hammonds Ferry Road
 Linthicum Heights vicinity



Benson-Hammond House

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Anne Arundel Co., MD

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Facade: east elev.



Benson-Hammond House

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Rear - west elev.



Benson-Hammond House

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North elev.