

**AA-952**

**Wroxeter-on-the-Severn**

**Arnold, Anne Arundel County, Maryland**

**Private dwelling**

Built in 1909, Wroxeter-on-the-Severn, formerly known as Uchllyn-on-Severn, is an outstanding and highly intact example of English Tudor Revival Style architecture. This 22-room brick mansion is the design of Philadelphia architect Guy King, who specialized in resort and cottage style architecture. Wroxeter-on-the-Severn is one of Maryland's grandest early-20th century homes.

Wroxeter-on-the Severn was built for fertilizer and chemical magnate, Edwin Pugh Baugh and his wife, the former Grace Howard Munnikhuysen.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-952

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Baugh Mansion / Rugby Hall / Uchlllyn-on-Severnand/or common Wroxeter-on-the -Severn (preferred)

## 2. Location

street & number 298 Rugby Cove  not for publicationcity, town Arnold  vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district \_\_\_\_\_state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name James and Linda Bowersoxstreet & number 298 Rugby Cove telephone no.: \_\_\_\_\_city, town Arnold state and zip code: MD 21012

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 5847street & number Franklin Street folio 801city, town Annapolis state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

 federal  state  count  local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

Wroxeter-on-the Severn is located at the top of a peninsula projecting from the north bank of the Severn River, between Ringgold Cove and Asquith Creek. This imposing U-shaped Tudor Revival style dwelling is two-and-a-half stories tall and rests on a full basement, and occupies approximately 12,000 sq. feet. The brick walls are accented with limestone, which is used in the beltcourse, mullions, projecting window surrounds, coping on the parapets, corbels, quoins and balustrades.

The symmetrical front façade features three projecting parapet gables. The center gable, unique for its Dutch style parapet, is fronted by a one-story entry porch, supported by paired Doric columns and topped with a limestone balustrade. Flanking projections feature steeply pitched gables with a Tudor-style parapet. Each projection is embellished with a two-story, semi-hexagonal window bay. The four bays of casements and superior stained glass transoms are separated by splayed, limestone mullions. Above each is a limestone balustrade that encloses a small open porch. This is reached through a pair of doors in the upper half story of the gable.

Chimneys are prominent features on each of the building's three blocks. Multiple shafts, representing different flues, and tall decorated chimney pots provide further accent. The steeply-pitched gable roof is covered with light tiles of variegated color. Dormers pierce the roof of the side wings (and though not visible, presumably the rear of the main block) and feature Dutch style parapet roofs and casement windows. These correspond below with either a two-story ~~box~~- or semi-hexagonal window bay.

Entrances are well defined and accented with either a stone porch, as with the front, or wide stone surrounds with either an ogee or lancet arch opening. This type of detailing is also found on the attached port cochere, found on the building's west side.

Access to the building was denied, but according to plans the internal arrangement includes a full-height grand foyer modeled after an English great hall. On the first floor the foyer is flanked by a living room and a library, while the dining room and music room are situated in the end rooms of the front block. Please refer to attached plan for further details. Reportedly, the interior is elaborately finished with marble floors and mantles, stained glass and liberal use of heraldic devices. Heraldic crests found in the house do not correspond with the Baugh family, for whom the mansion was built, but according to tradition E.P. Baugh considered the bumble bee, a motif found throughout the house, his personal insignia.

# 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			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) (recreation)			

Specific dates	1909	Builder/Architect	Guy King (of Philadelphia)				
Check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D			
and/or 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.

Built in 1909, Wroxeter-on-the Severn is an outstanding example of Tudor Revival Style architecture. This 22 room mansion occupies 12,000 square feet and employs materials of the highest quality, including limestone, marble, granite, bricks of various shades, stained glass and fine woods. This building is an architectural masterpiece and one of Maryland's grandest homes from the early 20th century.

Wroxeter-on-the Severn, previously named Uchlllyn-on-Severn, and also known as Ruby Hall and Baugh Mansion, was built in 1909. It is the design of Guy King (1863-1925), a Philadelphia-based architect who specialized in resort and cottage style architecture. According to an unconfirmed tradition, Wroxeter-on-the-Severn's design is based on the house Les Bucailles, a located in the Normady seaside resort of Villers-Sur-Mer. A lack of similarities between that simple and comparatively small French dwelling and the massive and elaborately styled Wroxeter-on-the-Severn, cast doubt on the veracity of that tradition.

The house was built as the home of fertilizer and chemical magnate, Edwin Pugh Baugh and his wife, the former Grace Howard Munnikhuysen. Baugh's family was from Philadelphia, and made their fortune as one of the world's leading producers of superphosphate fertilizers. In 1872, the company established a branch office in Baltimore, which Edwin joined in 1900. In 1908 Baugh married and soon purchased several hundred acres on the Severn River and undertook the construction of his home. The Baugh's named their estate "Uchlllyn" which is a Welsh word meaning "above the lake."

Edwin Baugh died in 1921. His wife maintained residence at Uchlllyn-on-Severn until about 1932, when she and her second husband moved to the Guilford area of Baltimore. From 1935 until 1941 the mansion housed, still owned by Grace Baugh Gilpin, was the home of a restaurant named Rugby Hall. During the war the mansion was used as a U.S.O. hall and in 1947 it became the Wroxeter school. The school operated for 32 years, after which it changed owners a number of times. In 1992 the overgrown and boarded-up mansion was purchased by James and Linda Bowersox. The Bowersox have renovated and restored the house and, reportedly, it is in excellent condition.



**Continuation Sheet**

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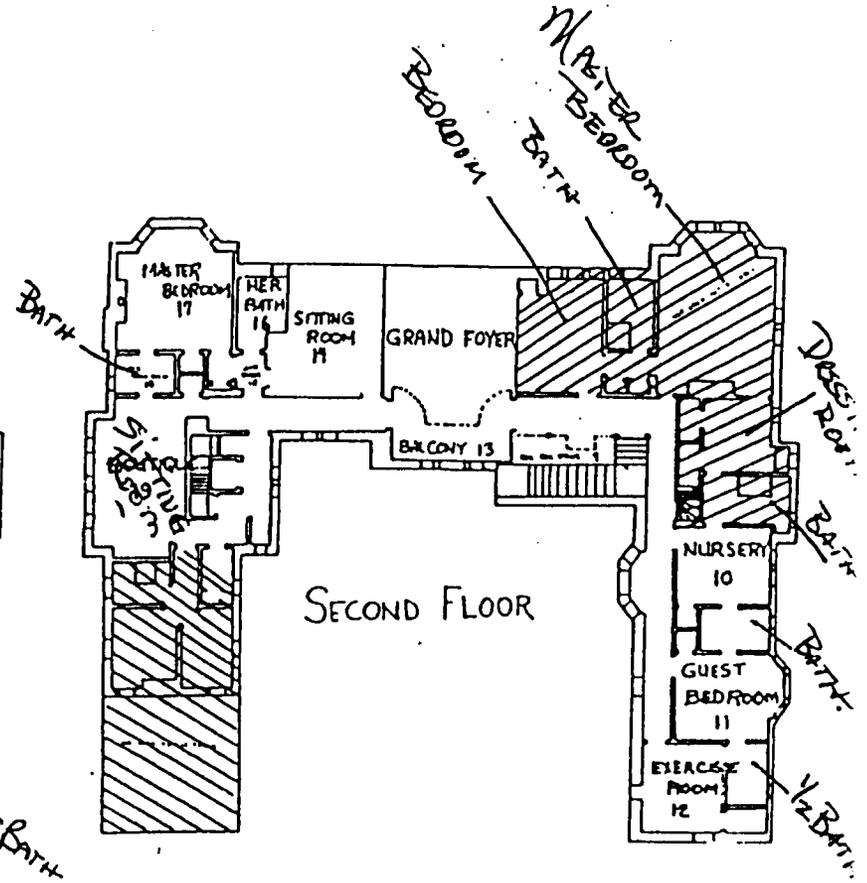
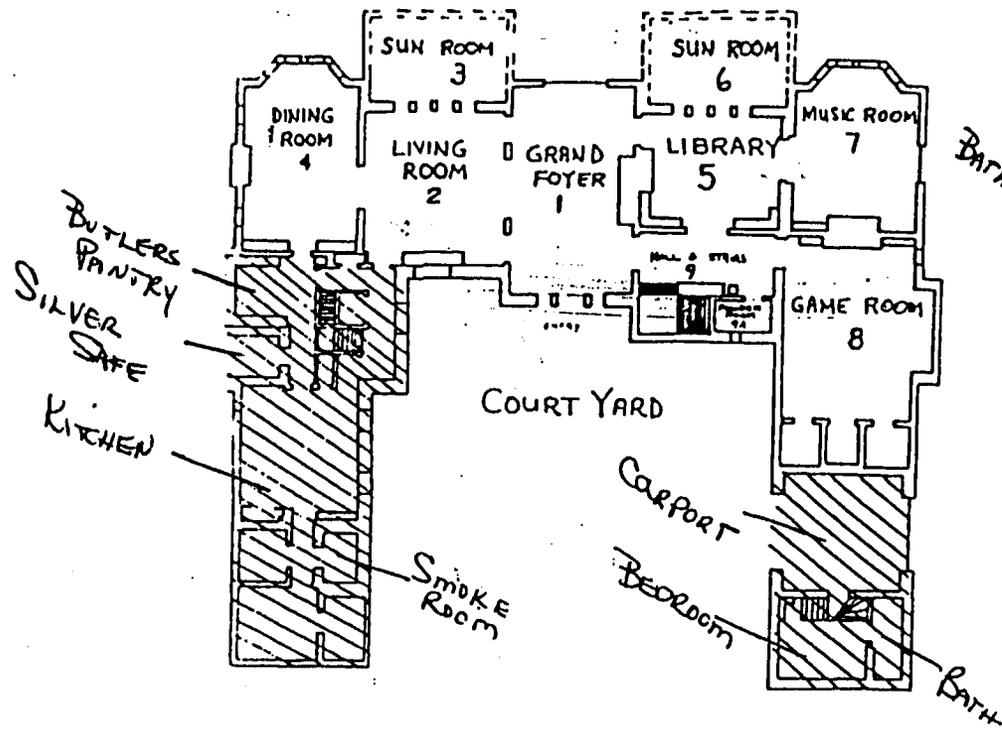
Photograph of Les Bucailles, Normandy, France



Continuation sheet

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Floor plan, not necessarily to scale



GRAND 3 Story Foyer  
w/ FIREPLACE

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

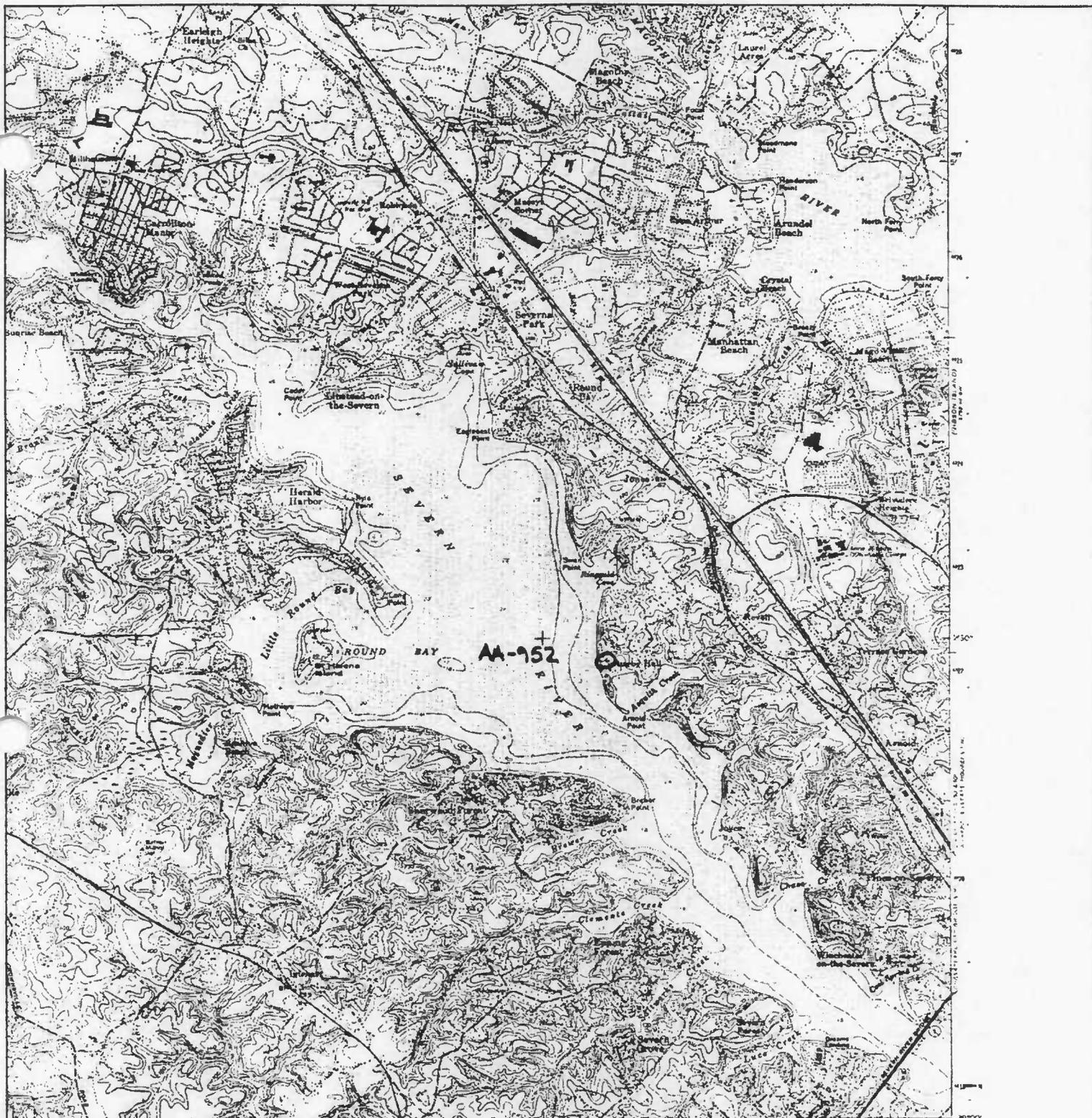
Resource Type:

Category Type: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Residence

Known Design Source: Guy King of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



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SCALE 1:24,000



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NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
 DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
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 SHIPWRECK SIGNS REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINES OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
 THE AVERAGE RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 3.5 FEET

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 FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt
U.S. Route	State Route

ROUND BAY, MD.

N 3901-W 7630/7.5

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Boundaries shown in blue computed from latest information available from the controlling authority. Figure for indicating extension of urban areas.

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 Date: 7/14/98  
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 Caption: U.S.G.S. Map, Round Bay Quad  
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