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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland
COUNTY: Baltimore
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ENTRY DATE

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Timonium

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Belle Field

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Timonium Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Timonium

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:
Second

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

COUNTY:
Baltimore

CODE:
005

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Comments

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Caleb C. Ewing

STREET AND NUMBER:
2252 Fairfax Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Hagerstown

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Baltimore County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Washington Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Towson

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Baltimore County Survey

DATE OF SURVEY: 1965
 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Baltimore County Historical Society

STREET AND NUMBER:
Agriculture Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Cockeysville

STATE:
Maryland

CODE:
24

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Timonium Mansion is situated on the north side of Timonium Road, one-half mile east of the intersection of Timonium Road and Interstate 83, in Timonium, Baltimore County, Maryland. The house is situated on a lightly wooded 2.8 acre tract of land bounded on the north side by the State Fairgrounds, on the east and west sides by light industrial development, and on the south side by heavily traveled Timonium Road. Also on the property are several nondescript, small frame structures, including a tenant house and various barns and sheds, that date from the mid-nineteenth century and later.

The house is a large, two story structure, half of which is brick and the other half stone. The brick, or south half of the building is the earliest part and contemporary records indicate that it dates about 1780. Its principal facade faces west and its five first floor bays consist of a centered door with fan and side lights, a molded, keystone surround and paneled jambs, flanked by four evenly spaced windows of eighteen lights each. At the second floor level there were initially five windows of nine over six lights each but two windows, those occupying the second and fourth bays from the southwest corner, were bricked in at a later date. It is not known what type of porch or entrance stoop was initially utilized. At present there is a balustraded porch with tapered posts and shallow hip roof which is shown in a 1932 photograph. (The present porch posts, however, are a replacement of square ones shown in the photograph.)

The east elevation of the initial brick stage repeats the fenestration and door arrangement of the west facade, except that the entrance door has a flat head and a plain two-piece architrave. The window directly above this door was later enlarged to create a door that opened onto the second level of a two story galleried porch, presumably erected against this elevation at some time during the nineteenth century. Initially, the only openings in the south end were two small gable windows. In the mid-or-late nineteenth century, however, a door was introduced at the southeast end of the first floor level.

Following the addition of the north wing the house was covered with a thin coat of stucco, later painted white. A sufficient amount of this plaster-like material has fallen from the walls of the original house to reveal exceptionally fine brickwork beneath. On both the front and rear elevation a Flemish bond pattern employing regularly placed glazed headers was used. This highly decorative effect is further enhanced by rubbed segmental arches of alternating stretchers and headers on the windows and doors. (This type of brick masonry is characteristic of the southern counties, rather than the northern reaches of the State where stone was the more commonly preferred building material.) The house is built on fieldstone foundation walls that are pierced by small windows lighting a full cellar. At both ends of the gable roof rise single, enclosed chimneys.

The first floor room configuration of the first stage

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consists of a center stair hall flanked by two rooms. The main stair occupies a location in the southeast corner of the hall and is reminiscent of earlier styling with its composition of winders, boldly turned balusters and high paneled sides. While of an overall early appearance, the details of the posts, balustrade, and paneling are obviously the product of later tastes, and it is likely that they constitute a later introduction. In contrast to the stair, the hall and north chamber are embellished with wide, six-piece ceiling cornices decorated with Wall-of-Troy moldings. All three rooms contain deep, two-piece chairrails and two-piece architraves on the windows and doors. Unfortunately, the two mantles of this floor level have been removed. On the second floor the first floor plan is repeated except that a partition wall at the head of the stair provides for a small third room. Entrance to the cellar is by a stair enclosed within the main stair-closet. Both the cellar and attic remain unfinished.

At some time during the first quarter of the nineteenth century, a two story fieldstone addition was added to the north end of the original structure. It doubled the house in size and initially repeated the same room configuration of the first stage. The earlier room arrangement, however, was altered to its present plan during the second quarter of the twentieth century by the present owner's parents, but its general similarity in all other detail suggests that the plan was probably the same as the first stage. Most of the interior detail, such as mantles and door and window trim, is characteristic of molding profiles and detail dating about 1815 to 1835.

The addition, originally five bays in width on both side elevations, had the first bay in from the northwest corner of the first and second floor levels closed as the result of the change in floor plan and an alteration in the location of the stair. The windows, like the first stage, are of nine over nine over six lights. The west entrance door is unornamented and is presently covered by a one story porch with balustrade and turned, tapered posts. The porch probably dates from the early twentieth century and is shown in 1932 photographs of the house. The appearance of the first floor entrance on the east facade was obliterated when this area of the wall collapsed. In the nineteenth and, presumably, early twentieth century this elevation was covered by a two story galleried porch that extended across the full width of the total structure. As on the brick portion of the house the window directly above the first floor door was enlarged to provide access to the second floor gallery. The wing also has a full cellar, completely open (the partition walls in both parts

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of the house are of frame) and unfinished; one of the chimney bases, however, provided for a large fireplace, and in the north-west corner of the cellar was a small, winding stair. There are no formal openings connecting the cellars or the attics of the two parts of the house. Two cellar windows in the north gable of the first house have had their sash removed, so that access from one attic to the other at that level is possible.

Although the house has suffered extensive damage due to exposure and neglect, it still remains in relatively sound structural condition. If the fireplace mantles removed from the earliest part of the house could be retrieved, this portion could be accurately restored with a minimum amount of reconstruction. If the exterior of the first stage was properly restored, the house would display an example of the brickmason's art that is unrivaled by any other house in the region.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian
- 15th Century
- 16th Century
- 17th Century
- 18th Century
- 19th Century
- 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The village of Timonium, today a thriving suburban area both residential and commercial in character, takes its name from Timonium Mansion, once part of an estate of over 250 acres, which is now reduced to less than three.

The house, known as Belle Field prior to 1786, was built in the early 1780's, probably by Archibald Buchanan, a Baltimore merchant, whose father, Dr. George Buchanan, had owned the land and left it to his son at his death in 1750. Dr. Buchanan was among the first commissioners of Baltimore Town and laid off the original lots there. He was a wealthy Scottish physician, and his home was "Auchenterolie", now part of Druid Hill Park. Archibald Buchanan was himself a prominent citizen of Baltimore and served as a member of the committee to carry out the Congressional Resolution of 1774 on non-importation of British goods. He married Sarah Brooke Lee, the sister of Thomas Sim Lee, Governor of Maryland in 1779-1782 and 1792-1794. It was apparently she who changed the estate's name to Timonium, following the death of her husband in 1785.*

In 1831, after many years of ownership by the Buchanan family, the house was sold to Amon Bosley, one of the largest landowners in Baltimore County, who was engaged in agriculture and the manufacture of lime. Mr. Bosley had a one-mile race-track on the place, thought to be the first official track in the area. Later, however, when a right-of-way was sold to the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad, the racetrack was destroyed.

Dr. Crafton M. Bosley, a son of Amon and resident of Towson town, acquired Timonium, and it was he who sold part of this tract to the Baltimore County Agriculture Society for a fair-grounds. The mansion became the property of the Caleb Cherbonnier family. Mr. Cherbonnier was an attorney, and the property was inherited by his daughter, Katherine Cherbonnier Ewing, and left by her to her son, the present owner, Caleb C. Ewing.

* The name "Timonium" is said to be derived from the tower in Alexandria, Egypt, where Mark Antony fled following his defeat at the Battle of Actium.

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The house which Archibald Buchanan is believed to have built is an important landmark to the people of Timonium, being a visual reminder of their link to the heritage of Baltimore County. This relatively simple but dignified structure is severely threatened by the steadily increasing commercial and industrial development that surrounds it. The architectural merits of the building alone warrant its preservation, and its size and location provide excellent material for adaptive use renovation, if correctly applied.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: Less than 10 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catharine F. Black and J. R. Rivoire

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: 3 October 1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Historic Preservation Officer

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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4370
4369
27'30"
4368
4167
E. 2552 (NCSMOL)

Check the area

TIMONIUM

LATITUDE
39° 26' 27"

LONGITUDE
76° 37' 46"

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Baltimore County, Md.
Dist. VIII
Timonium Road, Near York Road

1750

0300725205

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Timonium

Destroyed - 1977

* see National Register form

A long house, part brick, part stone, fire places in each room, and porches facing York Road.

Originally on a tract of land by this name, owned by Archibald Buchanan.

color slide

(First HABS Report)
E. Frances Offutt
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
County Historical Society

July 29, 1965



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