

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC LIMESPRING

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
5530 Glen Arm Road

CITY, TOWN

Glen Arm

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

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

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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5530 Glen Arm Road

CITY, TOWN

Glen Arm

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21057

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 2889

Folio #: 385

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Baltimore County Historic Sites Survey

BA 141

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

7 DESCRIPTION

BA-141

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

LIMESPRING FARM is a two and one-half story stone house of traditional form and style dating from two periods: ca. 1810-1825 and 1849. The principal facade is to the south. The original section consists of the three easterly bays (hall with staircase; and parlor) of the main block together with the lower three-bay (sitting room and kitchen) east wing. The absence of a vertical joint in the unaltered stonemasonry, together with the consistent detailing within, indicates that these two sections were built together, architecturally related to the slightly-earlier Gittings-Baldwin house (BA-265) q.v. In 1849, a date suggested by an inscription in the mortar of the cellar wall near the exterior entrance, double parlors were added at the west end; the stucco of the south facade and the Greek Revival portico at the original entrance probably date from the same period.

Virtually all the original interior detailing remains, each piece indicative of its period. Detailing in the original hall and parlor (now the dining room) is delicate, recalling the bolder detailing of the previous century: doors with six partially-raised panels; the staircase with its slim, tapered, paneled newels, rectangular walnut balusters and round walnut rail, its scrolled step ends and its paneled enclosure beneath; two-plane architrave trim with applied backbands; chair railing; parlor (now dining room) mantel with reeded pilasters, frieze blocks and mouldings; simpler pilastered and architrave mantels in lesser rooms. Detailing in the double parlors is of

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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		
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

LIMESPRING, the substantial stone dwelling of a prosperous farmer, is traditional in form, elegantly detailed, and one of the earliest houses in the District. The original section dates from ca. 1810-1825 (architecturally related to the slightly earlier GITTINGS-BALDWIN HOUSE (BA 265, q.v.). An addition of ca. 1849 provided stylish double parlors, extending the original form of the house but with conservative detailing contemporary with its era. An unusual number of original or very early outbuildings remain of the many which were required to support nineteenth century rural life. Two are unique to this District: the square barn with pyramidal roof, and the stone ice house, a rare survivor of a building form not easily adapted for present-day needs, hence seldom preserved.

LIMESPRING was built on Cullen's Lot, 300 acres surveyed for James Cullen of St. Mary's County in 1683. This together with Cullen's Addition was sold to Thomas Tolley in 1725, and subsequently called Tolley's Purchase. The land passed to Walter Tolley and then to his daughter Ann, wife of Aquila Hall. (Please cf. section 8, HAYSTACK FARM, BA 1895).

In 1815, Aquila Hall left this portion of his property to his son Robert. In 1818, Robert Hall was assessed for 270 acres

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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DATE

August 3, 1981

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Glen Arm

STATE

Maryland 21057

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LIMESPRING FARM

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the Greek Revival era, simply wrought with wide profiled architraves having corner blocks; doors with four panels including the double doors between the parlors; mantels of black marble dating from the same period but brought here from Baltimore City.

Many original or otherwise very early outbuildings remain in virtually unaltered condition including: a stone smoke house immediately behind the dwelling; a square stone barn having a pyramidal roof (the square shape and roof are unique in this Historic District); a stone spring house; a stone ice house (also unique in this District); the stone walls of another unidentified structure now incorporated into an automobile garage; a frame corn house; and a frame chicken house.

without improvements. Presumably he was still living with his mother, either at HAYSTACK FARM or another of the Hall dwellings. In 1823 he was assessed for \$100 improvements, and in 1833 for \$450, suggesting that the original sections of the present house had been constructed.

Joshua Price of Virginia had purchased LIMESPRING just before the outbreak of the Civil War. One of his sons was in the party of Major Harry Gilmor, whose raiders passed through Long Green Valley in 1864 en route to burn the railroad bridge on the Baltimore and Philadelphia line. Gilmor spent a night at LIMESPRING. The following morning one of his scouts was shot by Ishmael Day when he attempted to take down Day's¹ Union flag on Sunshine Avenue near Fork.

1. Brooks and Rockel, A History of Baltimore County. Friends of the Towson Library, 1979, p.248. Probably taken from Gilmor, Four Years in the Saddle. The Joshua Price referred to was formerly thought to be a Joshua Price residing in Jacksonville, but he denied Confederate sympathies. The Joshua Price of LIMESPRING is a far more likely candidate. The property was registered in his wife's name, and was foreclosed before the next census, due to the fact that the purchase money was in frozen Confederate dollars. LIMESPRING would have been on Gilmor's direct route from Dulaney Valley across the Gunpowder to Fork.

Maryland
Baltimore County
District XI
Glen Arm Road near Longgreen Pike

BA-141
Lime Spring Farm
0 15 15

1750

Additions made in 1849. Stone barn built on three levels. Numerous springs on the property.

(First HABS Report)
E. Frances Offutt
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 29, 1965

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(PHOENIX)

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

BA-141
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
WHITE MARSH QUAD

