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**BEAVER DAM QUARRIES BUILDING (MARBLE FINISHING BUILDING) -**  
1873 - East side of Beaver Dam Road, Cockeyville. Erected by Sherwood Park Marble Company as a "marble sawmill" with dimensions of 80 x 50 feet; separate engine house was 20 x 35 feet, built from stone found on the premises. Thomas Todd was the builder; mason work by Jacob Vance, both under supervision of company treasurer, A. W. Berry. Designed to run six gangs of saws. Shown on Cockeyville inset map in Hopkins 1877 atlas. Material for many public buildings was quarried at this deposit, and before construction of this building, the works had prepared monolithic columns for the Capitol in Washington. Ston from this deposit was also used in Baltimore City Hall. For some reason, a datestone marked 1888 appears on the building, although newspaper accounts of the time give 1873. Large structure of quarried marble; square smokestack; huge arched windows and doors. Refurbished in 1970s by the Maryland Pigment and Research Corporation. Owner: Cinder and Concrete Block Corp.

1. STATE **Maryland**  
 COUNTY **Baltimore**  
 TOWN **Cockeysville** VICINITY **Dist. VIII**  
 STREET NO. **Beaver Dam Road**

ORIGINAL OWNER  
 ORIGINAL USE  
 PRESENT OWNER  
 PRESENT USE  
 WALL CONSTRUCTION  
 NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY  
 INVENTORY **BA-200 199**

2. NAME **Beaver Dam Quarries Building**

DATE OR PERIOD **1888 or earlier**

STYLE  
 ARCHITECT  
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

A large structure, and smaller one, of quarried marble, square smoke stack, high arched windows and doors. Marble obtained from nearby quarries, cut and finished here for many public buildings in the last century, including the Baltimore City Hall and the Columns of the Capitol building in Washington. The above date is etched in one of the building stones, but is not verified. Presently the quarries are used for swimming and the building occupied by the Maryland Pigment & Research Corporation.

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 HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE  
 COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    Endangered                      Interior                      Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)  
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

DATE OF RECORD

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