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Cumberland House
Western Run - Belfast Road
Historic District
Priceville Road north and west
of Quaker Meeting House
Not accessible
1800-1820

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In 1869, Darby S. Ensor had the property resurveyed and took out a patent in his own name. His family inherited the farm from him and continued to live there until 1956. The MacFarlane house (q.v.) is an adaptation of this farm's grainery and, in addition, that property includes the springhouse and barn of the Cumberland House.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Caleb Bosley House (Ensor-Bowman House)

AND/OR COMMON

William G. Cumberland House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

15016 Priceville Road north and west of the Quaker Meeting House

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

__DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

__STRUCTURE

__SITE

__OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

__PUBLIC

PRIVATE

__BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

__IN PROCESS

__BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

__UNOCCUPIED

__WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

__YES: RESTRICTED

__YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

__AGRICULTURE

__COMMERCIAL

__EDUCATIONAL

__ENTERTAINMENT

__GOVERNMENT

__INDUSTRIAL

__MILITARY

__MUSEUM

__PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

__RELIGIOUS

__SCIENTIFIC

__TRANSPORTATION

__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

new owners: Mr & Mrs Michael Hoffberger

William G. Cumberland

Telephone #: Unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

Priceville Road 15016 Priceville Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21152

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5502

Folio #: 487

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

62-424

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The Cumberland House is a two storey stone house, three bays in length, facing south. Added to its east end, with gabled roof and walls coincidental with the original is a two storey three bay frame wing (its westerly bays expressed as one in the second storey); a similar addition extends further east, one bay in length, its roof slightly lower than roofs to the west.

The stone section of this house, the original portion, measures approximately 19½ by 27½ feet. It appears to date from ca. 1805-1820. The first frame wing dates from the mid-19th century, the last wing from very recent years.

A brick chimney rises flush above the west gablewall, flanked by two small four-light windows. The principal entrance is in the easterly bay of the south front and flanking areas of whitewash on the stone suggest that it was once sheltered by a small portico one bay in width. A hipped-roof one-storey porch now extends across the two easterly bays of the original house and across the two westerly bays of the first wing. Windows of the original house are 2/2 with narrow beaded frames and louvred blinds. The easterly window of the north or rear facade is low in the wall, related to the stair landing within. A stone walled gable-roofed enclosure shelters the cellar entrance at the west end near the southwest corner.

Windows of the first wing are 6/6 with narrow beaded frames and louvred blinds. A small brick chimney rises in the middle of this wing and another rises internally at the east end.

Internally, the original house consists of an exceptionally wide hall with the staircase rising, with intermediate landings, to the third floor; and a single large room to its west. The moulded handrail of the stair is

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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 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 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	Unknown	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The William G. Cumberlands, most recent owners, have just sold the house, but no deed has been recorded at the time of this writing.

¹ Deed: TK 294/234

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Sidney, J.S. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland. (Baltimore, 1850).

Hopkins, G.M. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. (Philadelphia, 1877).

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 A ±

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

Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

Nov. 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Rd.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Md.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Question #7 Description, Continued

is supported by slim but boldly turned newels with flat ball finials. The rectangular balusters extend to the treads of the stairs and to a bottom rail at the landings and floor levels. The newly-exposed second floor joists are of oak, hewn to approximately dimensional sizes. Nails formerly securing the lathe are cut. The mantel and most door and window trim in the first storey date from the late 19th century, as do the windows themselves, but the six-panel doors with fully-raised panels and integral ogee mouldings remain in place. The paneled jamb and original door east out of the hall into the addition suggests that earlier construction predated the present wing. In the second storey, the original architraves remain at the doors, consisting of two planes separated by a bead with a small ogee backband. Flanking the chimney in the second storey, with its late 19th century mantel, are built-in cupboards, each with an upper and lower pair of paneled doors.

The staircase at the attic level is enclosed with a board-on-board partition installed with hand-made nails. The log rafters are half-lapped and pegged at the ridge. A single small former window opens into the attic of the first wing.

In the cellar, the first floor joists are of logs.

The first wing to the east consists of two rooms, each with a fireplace in its east end. The westerly room's mantel consists of plain pilasters supporting a plain frieze and shelf. An enclosed back stair rises in the northwest corner of the westerly room, its enclosing boards vertical with a large beaded edge. First storey doors are of four raised but unmoulded panels; second storey doors are of vertical beaded boards.

A one-storey stone structure immediately northeast of the house is now a guest house but it was probably a smokehouse originally. It was built in two stages, the easterly two bays being the original, as indicated by the quoins and stone wall

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dividing the two sections. Modern doors and windows have been inserted in the walls; the north exterior door was the late-19th century replacement door at the principal entrance of the house. Of interest is a large triangular stone lintel above a very small window in the west addition to the smokehouse.

North of the smokehouse is a round, stone-walled pit, the substructure of a former ice house.

Immediately east of the former ice house is an underground root cellar, its round-arched vaulted roof extending slightly above adjacent grade and covered with earth. At the base of its west wall, internally, is a small rectangular recess, resembling a fireplace but probably the base of a ventilating flue which terminates above in a terra cotta flue cap.

For additional outbuildings, see MacFarlane House, an adaptation of this farm's grainery; the MacFarlane property now includes the springhouse and barn of this farm.

Continuation Sheet #3

Question #9 Bibliography, Continued

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1818, 1823.

Patent to Darby S. Ensor for "Bosley's Inheritance Resurveyed": Patent Book
WL & WS #2 folio 404. Hall of Records, Annapolis.

Will of Darby S. Ensor: Will Book 4 folio 434. Baltimore County Register of Wills.