

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-459

4673 Black Rock Road

Hampstead, Baltimore County

Circa 1790

Private

This vernacular stone house is located near the historic village of Trenton, and is now associated with the town of Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. In 1881, the population was only 75 people. Serving the village at this time was one public school, which was established in 1845, a lodge of the Independent Order of Mechanics, and several churches; the Union Chapel and the Trenton Chapel both of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mount Zion Church of the United Brethren, and a Lutheran Church. Although an exact date of construction for the house has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1790 date. First appearing on the 1850 Sidney Atlas and then on the Hopkins 1877 Atlas, this house is noted on both as occupied by John Armacost. The 1915 Bromley Atlas shows F. Price at this residence.

This two-story dwelling is located in a rolling landscape surrounded by mature trees and shrubs on a sloping grassy lot. The house sits on a solid coursed stone foundation and is constructed of coursed stone, half of which is covered with stucco. The façade of the main block of the house is pierced with five 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows, one 9/6 double-hung wood sash, and two single-leaf 9-light paneled wood doors. Four-light transoms illuminate the storm doors on the façade. The windows and doors exhibit molded wood surrounds and thin wood sills. Two interior-end capped brick chimneys rise above the side gable roof sheathed with standing-seam metal. Across the full-width of the façade of the main section is a shed roof porch covering the first story. The porch is supported with square-wood posts. The roof features overhanging eaves and a molded wood cornice with returns. A one-story board-and-batten addition is seen on the northeast elevation. It is three bays wide and constructed circa 1940. The side gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal. The southwest elevation has a one-and-a-half-story wood frame addition constructed circa 1980. It is clad with board-and-batten siding and has one gable dormer on both the façade and rear elevation. An enclosed shed porch with a wood deck in front is seen on the façade. The side gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal. Two historic outbuildings are associated with this site.

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This two-story vernacular stone dwelling is located in a rolling landscape surrounded by mature trees and shrubs on a sloping grassy lot. A low rock wall and a retaining rock wall is seen at the southwest and northwest side of the house. There is a cobblestone path and parking area in front of the barn. The house sits on a solid coursed stone foundation and is constructed of coursed stone, half of which is covered with stucco. The façade of the main block of the house is pierced with five 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows, one 9/6 double-hung wood sash, and two single-leaf 9-light paneled wood doors. Four-light transoms illuminate the storm doors on the façade. The windows and doors exhibit molded wood surrounds and thin wood sills. The single 9/6 window suggests the right two bays belonged to the original section of the house. Stone quoins down the center of the building exhibit where the original building ended. Two interior-end capped brick chimneys rise above the side gable roof sheathed with standing-seam metal. Across the full-width of the façade of the main section is a shed roof porch covering the first story. The porch is supported with square-wood posts. The roof features overhanging eaves and a molded wood cornice with returns. A one-story board-and-batten addition is seen on the northeast elevation. It is three bays wide and constructed circa 1940. The side gable roof is clad with standing-seam metal. The southwest elevation has a one-and-a-half-story wood frame addition constructed circa 1980. It is clad with board-and-batten siding and has one gable dormer on both the façade and rear elevation. An enclosed shed porch with a wood deck in front is seen on the façade. The side gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal.

A circa 1850 bank barn and a circa 1900 shed is located to the northeast of the house. The barn has a stone ashlar and a random rubble stone foundation. It is wood frame clad with vertical boards, and with two sliding vertical board doors. There is a rear overhang with a stable. The side gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal and features overhanging eaves and a wood cornice.

The wood frame shed sits on a stone foundation and is clad with board-and-batten siding. It has a single-leaf vertical board door, and the gable-front roof is clad with standing-seam metal.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1790 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1790 ca., 1940, 1980

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

This vernacular stone house was located near the historic village of Trenton, and is now associated with the town of Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. Trenton is in the northwestern section of the district along Piney Run. In the late nineteenth century the Baltimore and Hanover Railroad passed directly through the village. In 1881, the population was only 75 people. Serving the village at this time was one public school, which was established in 1845, a lodge of the Independent Order of Mechanics, and several churches; the Union Chapel and the Trenton Chapel both of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Mount Zion Church of the United Brethren, and a Lutheran Church.¹

The Fifth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its abundant waterpower and timber that spurred construction of sawmills, paper mills, and flour mills, making this an industrial region of the county. Located along Black Rock Road, this house was constructed circa 1790. Although an exact date of construction for the house has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1790 date. First appearing on the 1850 Sidney Atlas and then on the Hopkins 1877 Atlas, this house is noted on both as occupied by John Armacost. The 1915 Bromley Atlas shows F. Price at this residence.

¹ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men* (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 85.25 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Michael Armacost house constructed circa 1790 is located at 4673 Black Rock Road in Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 19, parcel 31 since its construction.

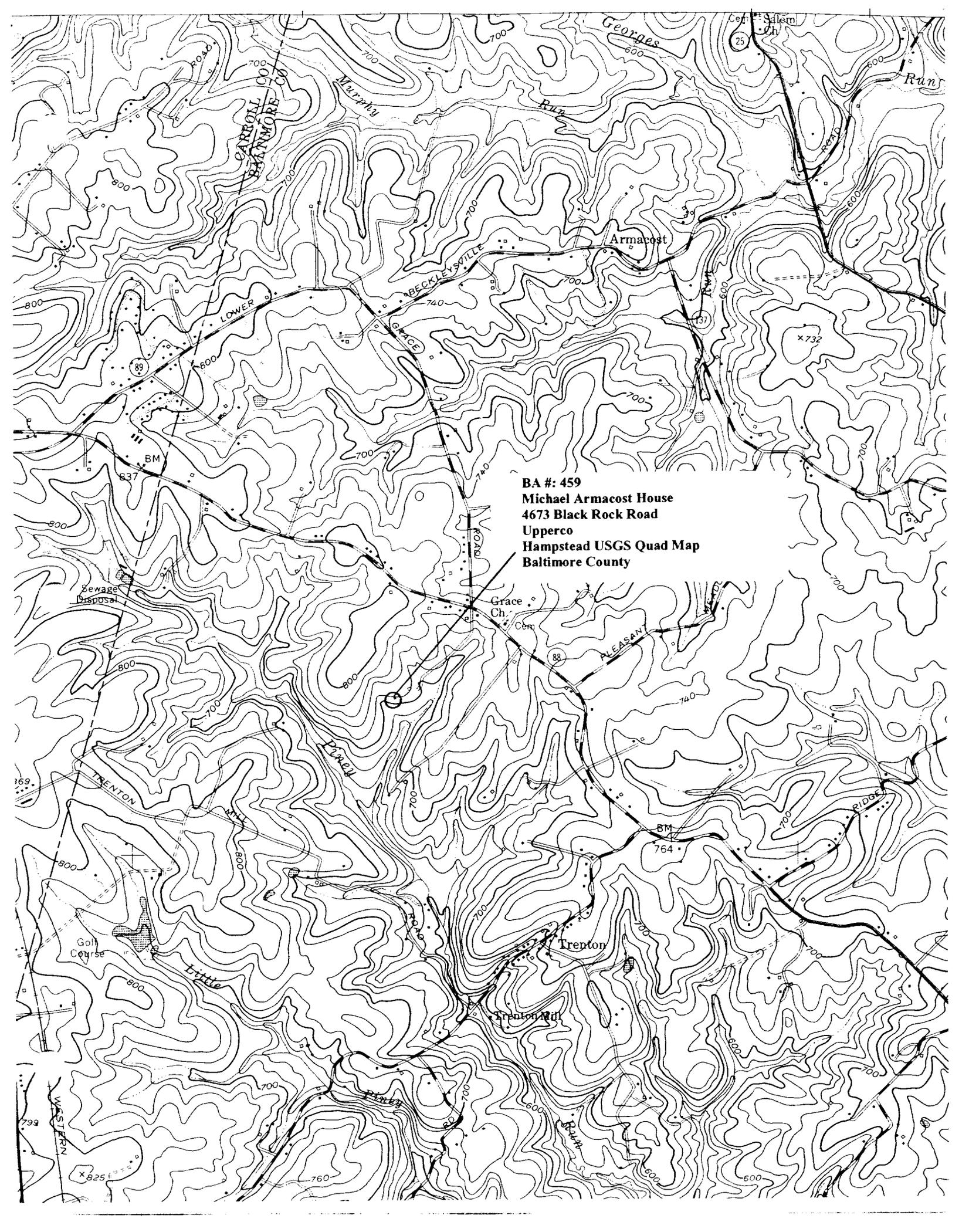
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Michael Armacost House
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Hampstead USGS Quad Map
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MAIN HOUSE, EAST CORNER

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MAIN HOUSE, NE ELEVATION

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MAIN HOUSE, WEST CORNER

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BARN, VIEW LOOKING NORTH

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