

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-472**  
**17525 Grace Road**  
**Upperco, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1820**  
**Private**

This Federal-style house is located near the historic village of Armacost in the Fifth District of Baltimore County, and is associated with the town of Hampstead. Armacost started out as a crossroads community in the last half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century when after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century it gained the name Armacost. According to the 1915 atlas it was served by a school, and had a sawmill to the east. Although an exact date of construction for the house has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1820 date. The house first appears on the 1850 Sidney Atlas and then the 1877 Hopkins Atlas and the 1915 Bromley Atlas as being occupied by W. Kemp with 67 acres.

Located in a rural rolling landscape this masonry dwelling sits on a sloping grassy lot surrounded by several mature trees and with foundation plantings. A long paved driveway leads to the house. The two-and-a-half-story Federal-style house was constructed circa 1820. It stands on a raised solid coursed stone foundation and is constructed in a five course American bond with a stretcher veneer on the façade. Five bays wide, the façade is pierced with nine 6/6 double-hung wood sash windows, and one center single-leaf wood paneled door. The recessed door is illuminated with a four-light transom. The windows are capped with jack arch lintels and supported with lug wood sills. The three bay wide porch sits on a stone pier foundation and has a half-hipped roof supported with Tuscan square posts. The porch has recently been screened. The porch is supported underneath with large hand hewn logs. The side gable asphalt-shingle roof features overhanging eaves, a wide wood fascia board, and a molded wood cornice with returns. This I-house form has two interior-end corbeled brick chimneys. A one-story hyphen and a one-and-a-half story two-car garage have been added to the southwest elevation. Four historic outbuildings; a springhouse, root cellar, barn, carriage house, and two non-historic sheds are associated with this property.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-472

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

## 2. Location

street and number 17525 Grace Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Hampstead \_\_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sterling E. and Gladys T. Walsh

street and number 17525 Grace Road telephone Not Available

city, town Hampstead state MD zip code 21074

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6343 folio 241

city, town Towson tax map 19 tax parcel 7 tax ID number 0506045575

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	5	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	5	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b> _____ 1	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

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Four historic and two non-historic outbuildings are associated with this property. A springhouse on the property dates from circa 1820. It is one bay wide and consists of a solid coursed stone foundation sunk into the ground with a single-leaf braced wood door. Stone steps lead down to the springhouse which are covered over with an extended front gable wood shingle roof. The roof is supported with square wood posts and there is one 6/6 double-hung wood sash window on the side elevation.

Next, is a circa 1820 root cellar on coursed stone foundation. It stands one-and-a-half-stories high and is one bay wide. It is wood frame reclad with German weatherboard siding. The front-gable standing-seam metal-roof features overhanging eaves with exposed roof rafters. The entrance contains a single-leaf vertical board door and there is one 6/6 double-hung wood sash window in the upper half story.

Next, is a barn one-and-a-half-stories high and four bays wide and dates from circa 1920. It is wood frame clad with board-and-batten siding with a side gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. It has three roll-up aluminum doors and one single-leaf board-and-batten door.

To the southwest is a large one-and-a-half story three bay wide carriage house. The foundation and walls are of random rubble stone and the side gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The three bays each contain a two-leaf crossed braced lighted, vertical-board sliding door. Three dormers are seen on both the front and rear elevations, each with a single 6/6 double-hung wood sash window. One interior corbeled brick chimney rises above the roof.

Next, is a 1980s prefabricated wood frame shed one story high and one bay wide. It is clad with aluminum siding and capped with a gambrel asphalt shingle roof.

Finally, there is a shed constructed in 2002 that is wood frame clad with vertical boards. It is one story high and one bay wide capped with a front gable asphalt shingle-roof. It sits on a poured concrete foundation.

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# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input 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:

<b>Specific dates</b>	1820 ca.	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1820 ca.		

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.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of surveyed property 10.006 Acres  
Acreeage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

This house, constructed circa 1820, is located at 17525 Grace Road in Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 19, parcel 7 since its construction.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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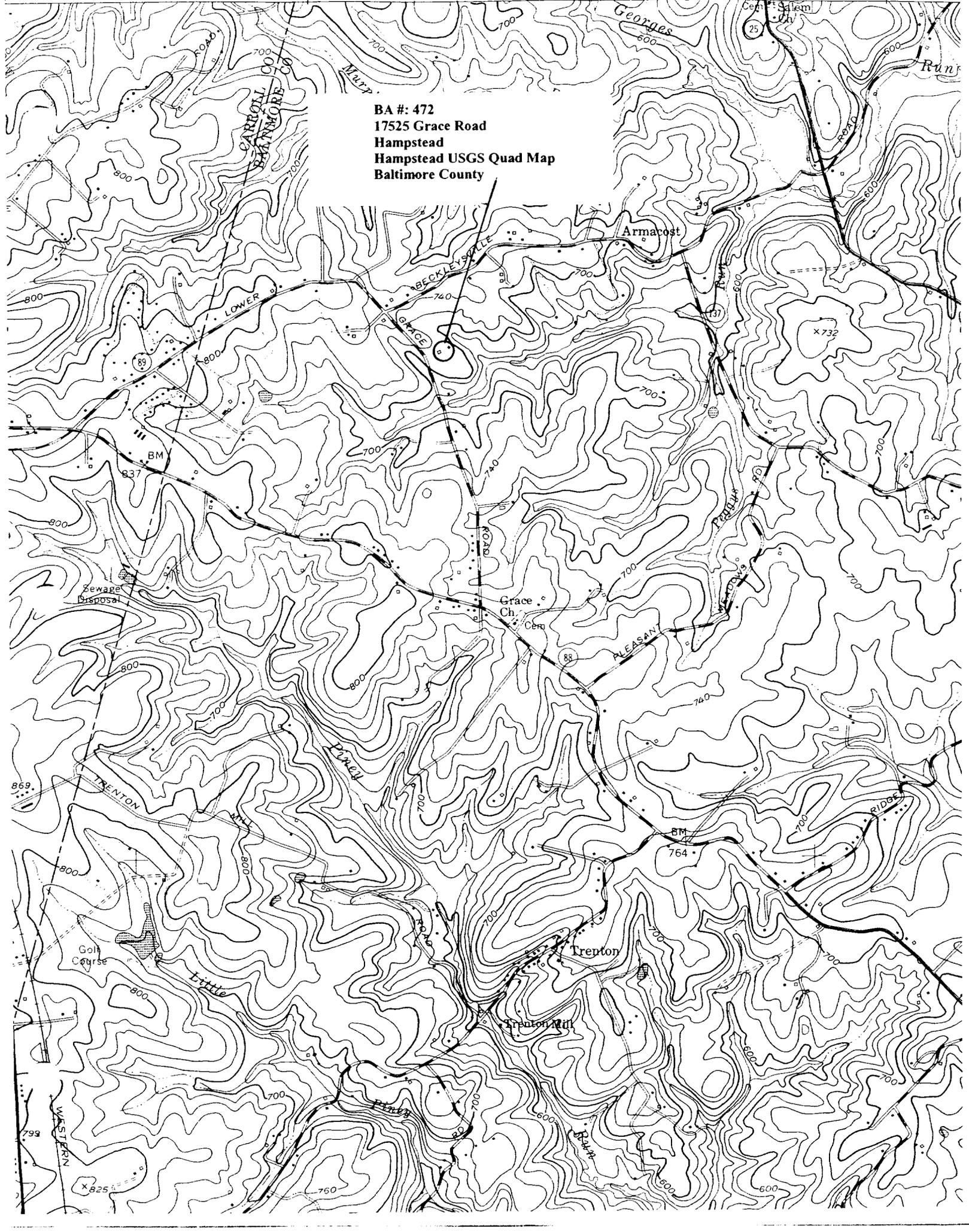
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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17525 Grace Road  
Hampstead  
Hampstead USGS Quad Map  
Baltimore County





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HOUSE, 17525 GRACE ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MAIN HOUSE, SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

1 OF 6



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HOUSE, 17525 GRACE ROAD

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MAIN HOUSE, WEST CORNER

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MAIN HOUSE, NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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HOUSE, 17525 GRACE ROAD

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TRACERIES

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SPRINGHOUSE AND SHED, VIEW LOOKING NORTHWEST

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HOUSE, 17525 GRACE ROAD

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TRACERIES

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SHEDS, VIEW LOOKING EAST

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HOUSE, 17525 GRACE ROAD

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BARN, SOUTHEAST CORNER

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