

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-489**  
**3423 Black Rock Road**  
**Reisterstown, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1850**  
**Private**

This house was located to the north of the historic village of Butler and is now associated with the town of Hampstead in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. The locality of the village of Butler is at the southern edge of the district. During the late nineteenth century Black Rock Methodist Episcopal church and the J.H. Millender mills were located here. The Fifth District 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. Although an exact date of construction for the house has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a circa 1850 date.

This large farm property is nestled among a rural rolling landscape with landscaping, two man-made ponds, and wood rail fences lining the fields. The two-story dwelling is on a sloping grassy lot with foundation plantings and is surrounded by mature trees and shrubs. A long paved driveway leads to house. The original house sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation and is brick masonry with a stretcher veneer. The original house has been altered by several two-story wood frame additions. These additions altered the façade of the original house such as removing the entrance. The additions to the house are clad with vinyl siding. Eight windows pierce the entire façade; three 9/9 double-hung vinyl sash, four 9/9 double-hung wood sash, and one 8-sided 9-light vinyl fixed window. The original house features brick jack arch lintels. One single-leaf wood paneled door provide access from the façade. An ell addition on the façade has a brick foundation and is three bays wide with a center entry. A two-story addition is located on the southeast elevation and sits on a brick foundation. The cross gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles with three interior-end brick chimneys. Three historic and four non-historic outbuildings and one structure are associated with this property.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-489

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

historic

other

## 2. Location

street and number 3423 Black Rock Road not for publication

city, town Reisterstown vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Myrton and Mary B. Gaines

street and number Reisterstown telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21136

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 8505 folio 386

city, town Towson tax map 26 tax parcel 223 tax ID number 2200002968

## 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	4	4
<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	_____	1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	4	5
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				1	

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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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Three historic outbuildings are associated with this property. First, a circa 1850 springhouse in good condition is one-story high and one bay wide. It sits on a solid random rubble foundation and is of log construction using saddle notches. It has one single-leaf door, which is not visible. The overhanging front gable is clad with board-and-batten siding and the roof is covered with wood shingles. The stone chinking is whitewashed.

Next, is a circa 1850 log smokehouse one story high and one bay wide with V-notching. It has a single-leaf vertical board door, a boxed wood cornice, and a front gable roof covered with wood shingles.

A bank barn circa 1880 sits on a stone foundation and is wood frame and reclad with vertical boards. It has a side gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. A high drive leads to a sliding single-leaf vertical board door. It has a shed addition and a circa 1990 side gable wing with wood slatted vents with pedimented surrounds.

The wood frame tractor/hay shed from circa 1960 has a gable asphalt shingle roof and is clad with vertical boards with an open bay. Next, is a 1980s hayshed clad with board-and-batten siding with an open bay and capped with an off-center side gable roof sheathed with standing-seam metal. Then, there is a 1980s shed with vertical board siding, a two-leaf vertical board door, and a side gable asphalt shingle roof. Finally, there is a prefabricated 1990s shed clad with pressed vertical boards. It is one story high and one bay wide with a gambrel asphalt shingle roof. There is one concrete in-ground pool circa 1980s on the property.

# 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>	1850 ca.	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1850 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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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Map of Baltimore County.* Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.  
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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreeage of surveyed property 24.167 Acres  
Acreeage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling, constructed circa 1850, is located at 3423 Black Rock Road in Upperco in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 26, parcel 223 since its construction.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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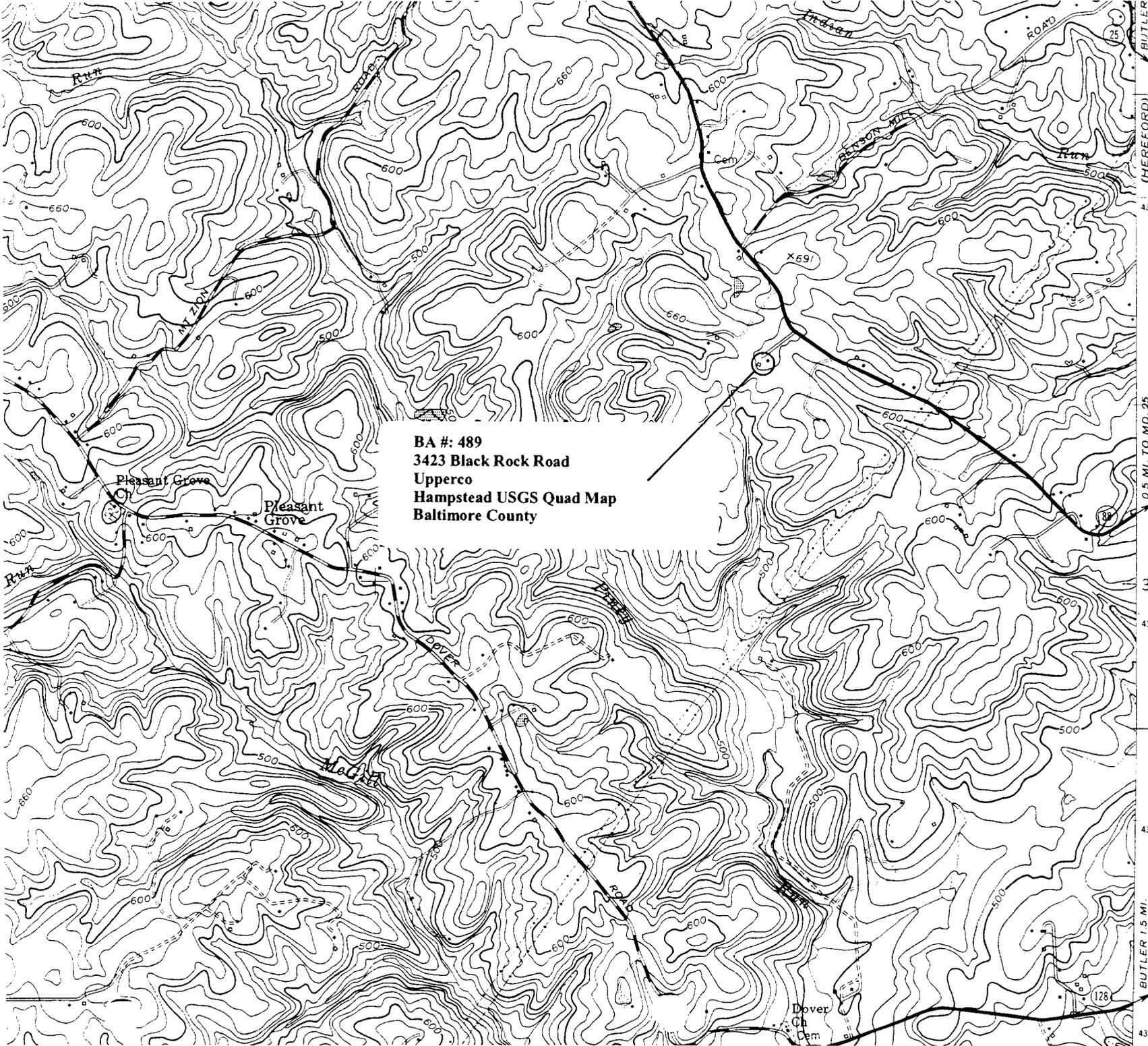
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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**BA #: 489**  
**3423 Black Rock Road**  
**Upperco**  
**Hampstead USGS Quad Map**  
**Baltimore County**

BUTLER 15 MI.  
4376  
BUTLER 15 MI.  
4377  
0.5 MI. TO MD. 25  
4378  
BUTLER 15 MI.  
4380  
BUTLER 15 MI.  
BALTIMORE  
(HEREFORD)  
5663 11 SW



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HOUSE, 3423 BLACK ROCK ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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SPRINGHOUSE AND MAIN HOUSE, VIEW LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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MAIN HOUSE, NORTHWEST CORNER

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SMOKEHOUSE, NORTHEAST CORNER

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