

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-0365
John E. Healey House
12900 Fork Road
Baldwin, Baltimore County
1850 Ca.
Private

The John E. Healey House is located at 12900 Fork Road in the Fork in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. The Eleventh District is known for its rolling and fertile soil, as well as its abundant waterpower from Little Gunpowder Falls. In the mid-19th century, the town of Fork Meeting was a small rural community near Joppa Road and the Harford Turnpike. According to the 1850 Atlas of Baltimore County, the village had a post office, a meetinghouse, a tavern, and a number of dwellings. The town continued to remain small in nature and by 1877, there was also a hotel, a store, and the Fork School. The house appears on this map and was occupied by E. P. Porter. According to the List of Patrons in the 1877 Hopkins Atlas, Edward P. Porter had settled in Baltimore County in 1871 and was a farmer who owned 64 acres. In 1915, the map continues to show the schoolhouse, meetinghouse, store, and hotel. However, at this time, there appears to be a more densely populated residential area near the intersection of what is currently Harford and Fork Roads.

Constructed circa 1850, the John E. Healey House is representative of the Gothic Revival style of architecture. Fronting north on Fork Road, the house is set back from the roadway and is surrounded by mature trees and shrubs. Set on a solid foundation, the dwelling rises two-and-a-half stories in height and is five bays in width. Currently, the wood frame dwelling is clad in asbestos shingles and the side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles. The front gable peak, with three lancet arched windows and a balcony, and the octagonal-shaped cupola dominate the roofline. Nine-light lancet arched windows pierce the wood frame cupola. The central entry has a single-leaf wood paneled door with four panels and is framed by two-light sidelights and a six-light transom. This opening is mimicked at the second story by a 4/4 window with 2/2 narrow, elongated windows that simulate sidelights. Two elongated 2/2 windows at each story flank the central bays. The first story of the facade is set behind a full-width one-story porch with a half-hipped roof and turned posts. To the rear of the dwelling, there is a circa 1950 garage, a circa 1990 shed, and an in-ground swimming pool.

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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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To the rear of the dwelling, there is a circa 1950 garage, a circa 1990 shed, and an in-ground swimming pool. The one-story, one-bay wide garage is set on a poured concrete foundation. It is clad in asphalt shingles and has a front gable roof that is also clad in asphalt shingles. The wood paneled roll-up door is not original. The prefabricated shed is clad in pressed vertical board with double-leaf doors. It has a front gambrel roof with asphalt shingles and a wood post foundation. The swimming pool was installed in the last decade of the 20th century. Oval in shape, the pool is surrounded by a concrete deck and a wood fence.

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
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<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 1850 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 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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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.62 Acres
Acreage of historical setting 64 Acres
Quadrangle name White Marsh Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The John E. Healey House is located at 12900 Fork Road in Fork in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 54, Parcel 5633 since its construction circa 1850.

11. Form Prepared by

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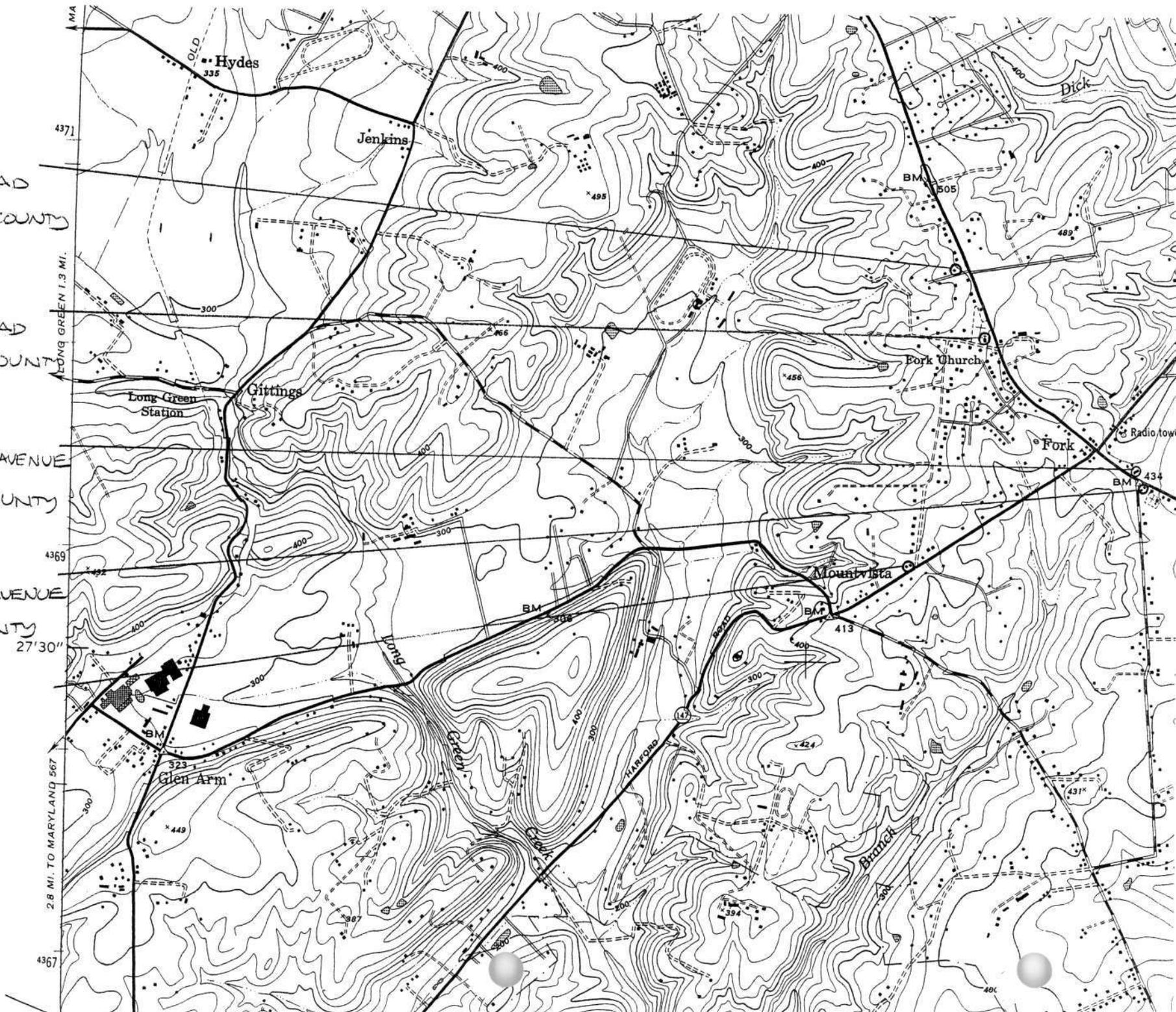
BA-0364
12800 FORK ROAD
FORK
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1517
6740 SUNSHINE AVENUE
FORK
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1516
3801 SUNSHINE AVENUE
FORK
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0247

A-0540



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LONG GREEN 1.3 MI.
4369
27' 30"
2.8 MI. TO MARYLAND 567
4367



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JOHN E. HEALEY - 18__ - South side of Fork Road, opposite terminus of Cherry Hill Road. Large Victorian house with a cupola, supposedly added by an owner who was a builder of lighthouses. The house was supposedly expanded from a log cabin that had served as the "Fork Meeting House" post office (established 1839). Shown in 1877 atlas as E.P. Porter residence.