

Western Run Turnpike Tollhouse
West side of Western Run Road
Not accessible
Date: 1850-1875

The Western Run Turnpike Tollhouse dates from 1868. It is a two story German sided frame house with gabled roofs and a single flued chimney. The storekeeper lived in the very simple traditional structure and worked in the northerly half as well as made use of it for a tollhouse. The house illustrates the rural tradition of integrating a business with family living.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Western Run Turnpike Tollhouse and Wheelwright Shop

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Western Run Road near Western Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDINGS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

947 Western Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5176
Folio #: 415

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Tollhouse is a two storey log structure, two bays in length, with its east gable end oriented to the road. A one storey hipped-roof porch extends across its east front, and a one storey shed-roofed addition, possibly an enclosed porch, extends across its south side. The second storey extends into the roof-space, its ceiling being the roof collar beams.

Exterior walls are covered with German siding. Windows are 6/6, except for the small second storey windows of the north side which are four-light casements. The two south windows of the second storey are raised as half-dormers. Windows in each storey are centered in each gable end, and the principal entrance is through a door in the east end, immediately south of the window. A single flue brick chimney rises in the middle of the structure.

Grade falls away from the road, allowing the cellar entrance at grade in the west end. The cellar walls (foundation) are of rubble stone.

Internally, each floor is divided into two rooms; a stair, formerly enclosed, rises to the second floor in the westerly room, along the north wall. Joists, some circular sawn, some straight, are exposed in the first storey, but they were plastered, using sawn lathe. Some logs are exposed internally.

Interior finishes and trimpieces are extremely simple.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
REHISTORIC	<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Unknown BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Western Run Turnpike, incorporated in 1868, had two toll-gates - one at the intersection of York and Shawan Roads and this one at Western Run and Western Roads. Although the exact date of construction of this log house is unknown, it is likely that an already existing structure was pressed into service when the toll road was established. Later, the tollkeeper built a wheelwright shop and a new home adjoining the original building.

The 1896 tax assessment shows the owner, Melchoir Tracey, had two dwellings, a wheelwright shop, and a store on the premises which comprised 3½ acres and included the Ackerman property (q.v.). A dwelling also appears at this location on the 1850 map of Baltimore County.

Mr. William Hollifield, a student of Baltimore County turnpikes, states that the Western Run Turnpike was used principally by farmers carrying hay and produce into Baltimore City. He believes that two tollgates were operated here, one when the keeper was at work in his wheelwright shop, and the other at the Ackerman house when he was not. The turnpike company disbanded in 1918.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County tax assessments: 1876, 1896.

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

Interview with William Hollifield, May, 1976.
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

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	
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For Valleys Historical District Project	September 1976
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
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CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Baltimore	Maryland

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Western Run Turnpike Tollhouse and
Wheelwright Shop
Valleys Historical District

Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 continued

Log construction is almost timeless; this one probably dates from the first half of the 19th century; it probably received its present exterior finishes in the second half of that century.

The Wheelwright's Shop is a one storey frame structure, three bays in length, with a gable roof; its walls are covered with asphalt roofing shingles. Standing close to Western Run Road, its gables face north and south, parallel to the road. Through the southerly end is a large doorway, allowing vehicular entrance to the interior. Facing the road, in the east side, are two 6/6 windows, with a door through the northerly bay.

The circular-sawn structure is all exposed internally, and exterior walls are covered with vertical board-and-batten siding. The fairly heavy frame construction is fastened with wire nails, indicating a construction date of ca. 1900.