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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bowen House, site

demolished

AND/OR COMMON

(1990s?)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

40 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Lawrence H. Kammer

Telephone #: 823-1381

STREET & NUMBER

40 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Towson

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Winter 77/78</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The original portion of the Bowen house is constructed of stone and is two stories high with a finished attic and full basement being five bays in width and two bays deep (40' x 20'). The slate covered roof (original shingle) is gable-ended and there are three pedimented dormers on the west side. (main facade faces York Road). The 1930's Jeffersonian article mentions dormers on both sides. The gables are deeply corniced. Two interior end chimneys serve fireplaces on three different levels. They have brick caps.

The fenestration is generally regular but with exceptions. Prior to commercial alterations in the 1940's the main facade had a 6/6 sash window in each of the five bays except for the central bay of the first level which contains the entrance. There was a full porch that appears in a photo in a c. 1930's article in the Jeffersonian. The 1850's insurance policy mentions a "frame porch" on the west side 7' x 46'.

The north and south ends are windowless on the second floor. A single sash window vents the west bay on the first level of the south end. The first story of the north end has two windows. Each of the gable-ends contains two round arch windows which open up on either side of the chimney.

The entire east facade of the original building is obscured by an early 20th century frame addition. The addition is a two story construction with a hipped roof and clapboard siding. It is also five bays long and two deep and has 6/6 sash windows.

Commercial alterations by successive owners in the 20th century have destroyed much of the original fabric. Some observations, however, were possible.

The first floor was laid out according to a central hall plan. The ten foot wide hall contains a grand stairs of sorts that rises along the north wall. They are open string switch back stairs with a thin banisters and ornate scrolled step-ends. This is typical of the center hall plan. There are exterior doors at both ends.

Parlors exist on both sides of the hall. Each is lighted by deeply framed windows and both have centrally located fireplaces which have been closed up. According to Mrs. Henry I. Bowen Parlette both fireplaces once had white marble mantelpieces. A west window in the south parlor measures 50" wide and 65" in height. It is finished with a 5" wide moulding with an ovolo type profile

A doorway in the west wall of the north parlor has a raised panel frame that is two feet wide and suggests the possibility of an add-on kitchen or covered passageway leading to a summer kitchen (see "outbuildings").

The cellar can be reached by steps beneath the main stairs or by an exterior entrance on the north end. The walls are of uncoursed rubble. There is a large fireplace, presumably used for cooking, on the end. The description of this house in the 1865 American ad mentions its "basement kitchen." It has a 50" square opening and is 30" deep. Both chimneys project into the rooms 45". There is a crane of undetermined age and origin in the fireplace. The chimney and hearth above are reinforced by a collar made of hewn wood

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1800-1813

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Winter 1977/78

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

joined via mortise-and-tenon.

Also in the cellar one can observe that the floor above is made of random width ship-lap boards supported by 2" thick joists measuring 4" x 9".

The second story repeats the first in plan and the attic is finished in order to constitute a third level. The attic rooms are lighted by the dormers. While alterations (replacement materials) are evident on the exterior of the dormers the beaded paneling, sawn timbers with adze marks on their edges, random width rivens laths and beaded baseboards point towards the dormers as original features.

There is an accessible space between the ceiling and ridge which allows examination of the roof construction. The framing all consists of machine sawn rafters and cut nails, however, the principal rafters are lap joined and fixed with pegs at the ridge. It can be seen here as well that the chimney caps are replacements.

Cutbuildings

Except for a foundation of poured concrete which is about 50' off of the south-east corner of the building, nothing remains of the outbuildings. That they existed is proven by several different references. An ad in the American in 1865 was for this "stone dwelling house...a tenant House, Dairy and excellent spring of soft water, Smoke House and other outbuildings..." Another advertisement believed to be for this property was printed in the American in Sept 30, 1841 and mentions the "large stone Dwelling, Barn House, Blacksmith Shop, Wheelwright Shop, Dairy, Two Tenant's Houses and other improvements."

Among the Bowen family documents provided by Mrs. Henry L Bowen Parlette is an insurance policy for this property written in August of 1850 by the Mutual Fire Insurance Company for John Bowen. It describes the dwelling and lists with its six outbuildings all made of log.

Log Dwelling- 14' x 20' one and one half stories high with a cypress shingle roof located 21' east from the main dwelling.

Log meathouse- 12' x 12' one story high with oak shingle roof c. 60' from dwelling.

Log Chicken house- 10½' x 12½' about 14' from the meathouse.

Log workshop- 20' x 20' one story high, 00' south from the hen house.

Log Dwelling- adjoining the turnpike 16' x 24½' with a stone basement with one and one half stories above, plus two porches are on the North and one on the South and a shingle roof.

Log and Frame Barn- 36' x 22' with 10' x 30' South shed and 36' x 14' West shed located on the West side of the turnpike.

One or both of the log houses may have housed slaves. Thomas Taylor's "A Schoolboy's Remembrance of Towson" was printed in 1805 when he was middle aged and recalling this portion of York Road as a boy that "adjoining the old Bowen Mansion on the North was a log house at one time occupied by the late George W. Filson and after he vacated it an Irishman named Thomas Colfer occupied it. Tom was a lively old native of the Green Isle. Afterwards Henry L. Bowen used it as a paint shop, when it was finally torn down." A document appears among the Bowen papers which supports Mr. Taylor's recollection. It is an agreement of apprenticeship between G.P. Filson and H.L. Bowen made in "Towsontown August 5, 1868." Filson promised to serve two more years of his apprenticeship providing that Bowen promised to "immediately advance me to good work" and that in the first year Filson receive \$80 independent of his board and \$125 the second year. The "board" was most likely the use of the nicer of the two log tenant houses and Filson was probably training as a wheelwright and/or blacksmith.

John McGrain's research also produced the fact that Deedbook TR 226/464 (Nov. 5, 1813) refers to "William Bowen, wheelwright..." The 1841 ad was correct in citing the smithing and wheelwright shops as being old. Apparently the trade had been handed down by at least two generations of the Bowens and their location right on the York Turnpike appears to have made it a lucrative trade for over half a century.

BOWEN HOUSE, Towson.

2A-8711

The Bowen House at the SE corner of York Road and Linden Terrace, Towson, is a large stone structure dated at 1799 by the Towson Bicentennial book, p. 12. It stands on the tracts James Meadows and Hales Fellowship. No structure of this size is found on the 1798 particular tax list for those tracts. The house is possibly that of William Towson, advertised in 1812, as suitable for a tavern.

Recorded by: JOHN W. McGRATH, 24 Willow Ave., Towson, Md. 21284 (778)

Descent of Title: 1042 YORK ROAD, TOWSON, MD. 21284 (3067-1831) (778)

Shown on Tax Map 70, Parcel 92 -- Solomon Kammer, lot 180 x 220 x 197 x 240 (3067/463)

BC Liber 3067:463. 6 Nov. 1956 ... William L. Driskill and Virginia Driskill his wife - to- Solomon and Lawrence H. Kammer, trading as Ken Realty Co. ... \$5 plus ... beginning at 60 foot avenue now known as Linden Terrace, which place of beginning is 170 ft south 16 degrees west from the NW corner of said land, being the land described in a deed from James Joyce (Boyce) and wife to Henry L. Bowen ... Nov. 15, 1869 ... and recorded among the LR of BC in Liber EHA 64:228 ... east side of the York Road and running along the center of Linden Terrace 220 ft due east, ... etc. ... Same which by deed dated Sept. 20, 1938 and recorded in CWB JR. 1042 folio 412, was granted and conveyed by Noah E. Offutt, trustee, unto the grantors herein

CWB JR. 1042:412: 20 September 1938 ... Noah E. Offutt, Trustee - Deed -to- William L. Driskill & wf ... 20 September 1938 ... Whereas by decree of the Circuit Court in Equity dated 18th day August 1938 ... in Virvinia A. Hagan -vs- Thomas W. Hagan, Jr. Infant Defendant Offutt was named trustee to convey ... \$11,000 ... No. 40 York Road ... Same as ... Joyce-to- Bowen ... Being the same ... which by deed ... Dec. 20, 1895 and recorded in LMB 217:313 was granted and conveyed by Adam D. Talbott to Colgate Cockey ...

LMB 217:313. Adam D. Talbott ... Deed - to Colgate Cockey ... 20 December 1895 ... \$5 and natural love and affection ... same land which said party of first part obtained from Henry L. Bowen by deed dated 23rd day of March 1874, recorded ... Liber JB 86:162 ... Beginning at center of a sixty foot avenue ... east side of York Road ... 1 acre ... buildings and improvements ...

(The 1877 atlas showed both Willow Avenue and Linden Terrace as streets, but the names were not given; a Bowen Tavern is also indicated)

JB 86:162. Henry L. Bowen - Deed- to- Adam D. Talbott ... 23 March 1874 ... \$5600 ... parcel ... in or near Towson town ... Beginning for the same at the centre of a sixty foot avenue ... on the east side of York Road ... 1 acre ... improvements ... subject to two indentures of Mortgage recorded respectively in Liber EHA 34:472 and EHA 36, folio 18 ... which said Indentures of Mortgage the said Adam D. Talbott assumes to pay ...

(24-211)

EHA 64:228. James Boyce and wife - Deed to- Henry L. Bowen ... 15 November 1869 ... James & Elizabeth Boyce of Baltimore County ... \$9200 ... all those two tracts of land lying and being in Baltimore County aforesaid in or near the village of Towsontown and described as follows that is to say: Beginning, for the first of said tracts at a point on the west side of the York Turnpike Road 12 ft NE of the NE corner of Edward Taylors land and running thence N83-3/4W bounding on a twelve foot lane 24 perches thence N10 1/4 E 22 1/4 perches S77 1/2 E 26 perches to the York Turnpike Road, S15W binding on said Turnpike Road 21-2/10 perches to Beginning ... 3 acres ... 1 rood ...

Also, one other tract ... on York Turnpike Road ... opposite to the tract of land above described ... Beginning for the same at a stone planted on the NE corner of the land now or formerly the property of William Bowen as described in a deed from G.W. Cox and Solomon Hillen to Edward Taylor on the 10th day of April A.D. 1843 and recorded among the Land Records of BC in BC Liber TK 329, f. 280 and which said stone is also at the end of the north five degrees west twenty nine and six tenths perches line as described in a deed from George W. Dobbin Trustee of John Bowen dated October 17, 1844 and recorded among the land records afd in Liber TK 346:163 and running thence S88W 36 perches to a stone, thence continuing the same course 2 1/2 perches to the York Turnpike Road afd thence south fifteen degrees west 13-9/10 perches, thence continuing the same course 19-3/4 perches to a corner of John E. Owens land and thence south 80-3/4 east 58 perches binding on said Owens Land to a stake thence N2 1/4 W 11-3/4 perches to a stone and thence N2 1/2 W 29-7/10 perches to beginning ... 11 acres ... 3 roods .. which tracts are the same tracts of land described in a deed from Henry L. Bowen Trustee to James Boyce dated the 15th day of May 1866 and recorded in Liber BC JHL 48:550 ... with the improvements ...

JHL 48:550. Henry L. Bowen, Trustee - Deed - to- James Boyce ... 15th May 1866 ... Whereas by decree of Circuit Court ... in 30 June 1864 ... in cause ... equity ... Henry L. Bowen -vs- Ann M. Bonsall et al. ... appointed trustee to sell ... public auction ... James Boyce became highest bidder ... \$4850 ... beginning on west side of York Turnpike Road ... (same description as above) ... 3 acres ... 11 acres ...

Equity Docket- Henry L. Bowen -vs- Ann M. Bonsall ... 1864 ... Docket 2:147. See Judicial Records JHL 16:266 and WMI 85:596.

Judicial Records JHL 16:266: Henry L. Bowen -vs- Ann M. Bonsall, John Bonsall, Amanda L. Bowen ... filed 1 June 1864 ... about Feb. 1856, John Bowen departed this life ... seized of parts of "Hailes Fellowship" situated in Towson Town which was heretofore conveyed by George W. Dobbin, Trustee to the said John Bowen 16 October 1844 ... particularly described in deed ... Exhibit A ... twenty acres not capable of division ...

f. 268: decree to sell

f. 269: property was advertised in B.C. Union, & Md. Journal, before sale .. also Sun, American ... report filed 11 October 1865.

Exhibit A. (carried over to Judicial WMI 85:597): copy of BC Liber TK 346:163 ... Indenture ... George W. Dobbin, Trustee, Deed to John Bowen... 17 October 1844

American, Baltimore, September 29, 1865:

TRUSTEES SALE
OF
VALUABLE PROPERTY
IN TOWSONTOWN

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county, sitting in equity, the undersigned Trustee will sell at public sale at the Exchange Salesrooms, in the city of Baltimore, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1865, at one o'clock, P.M., the following VALUABLE REAL ESTATE of which the late John Bowden [sic] died seized, situate and lying in the village of Towsontown, Baltimore county, fronting on both sides of York turnpike road and Towsontown and Baltimore Passenger Railroad, containing fifteen acres and seventeen perches of excellent land together with the improvements, &c.

Lot No. 1 contains twelve acres, three roods, and thirteen perches and is improved by a STONE DWELLING HOUSE, with attic and basement, about forty-five feet front, airy rooms, basement kitchen and fine cellar under the whole, a Tenant House, Dairy and excellent spring of soft water, Smoke House, and other outbuildings ...

Lot No. 2 ... 3 acres ... 1 rood ... 4 perches ... log stable ...

...

The cars of the Towsontown and Baltimore Railroad pass immediately in front of the door every hour of the day, each way from 6. A.M. to 7 P.M., rendering it to business men in the city an opportunity to be met with, ...

Henry L. Bowen, Trustee
F.W. Bennett, Auctioneer

BC Liber TK 346:163: Indenture - Deed - George W. Dobbin Trustee, to John Bowen ... 17 October 1844 ... Whereas George W. Dobbin by decree passed in case between Alexander C. Cook and Richard J. Cross were complainants and Joshua Parlet and others were defendants in High Court of Chancery ... Dobbin was appointed trustee to sell ... decree of 1840 ... sold at public sale to John Parlet for \$2300 ... ratified ... John Bowen was substituted as purchaser ...

All that tract called James Meadows and a part of a tract called "Hailes Fellowship" Beginning at a corner of Jacksons land and running thence S9 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 19.6 perches to a stake, thence S82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 12 links to a cedar a corner of land lately belonging to said James Bowen, still S82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 112.9 perches to a stake near a Locust Tree still

(more)---

(still) S82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 13 links, N4 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 11-3/4 perches to a stone, then S86 $\frac{1}{4}$ W 36 perches, Still S86 $\frac{1}{4}$ W 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches to a stone, still S86 $\frac{1}{4}$ W 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches to beginning ... 20 acres and 20 perches ... same conveyed to Joshua Parlett and others by the said John Bowen by decree dated on or about the fourteenth day of April 1846 ... recorded in Liber TK 300, f. 424 ... buildings and improvements ...

Chancery Records, Liber B161:654 $\frac{1}{2}$: In Alexander C. Cook, Adm. of Ruth Carroll and Richard J. Cross -vs- Joshua Parlett & Leah his wife, Elizabeth Bowen and others. George W. Dobbin advertised in Baltimore Clipper and American before sale 9 March 1841 ... lot of woodland near Towson town containing 5 acres ... sold same to Dr. Josiah Marsh ... lot of woodland near Beattys Powder Mill sold to Edward Buchanan ... on 28 October 1841, ... sold 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres to Thomas Hillen ... sold to Joshua Parlet 20 acres of James Meadow and Hailes Fellowship ...

Sale ad, Baltimore American, Feb. 15, 1841 (an ad to sell various lots)

Sale ad, Baltimore American, September 30, 1841, p. 4:

TRUSTEE'S SALE

By virtue of a Decree of the High Court of Chancery of Maryland, the undersigned as trustee will on THURSDAY, the 28th day of October 1841 at the tavern of Benjamin Pain in Towson Town, Baltimore County, at 3 o'clock, P.M. offer at public sale, the following property ... of ... Solomon Bowen, deceased.

A LOT of cleared land, part of Tracy's Park ...

Also a lot of cleared land, near to Towson Town ...

Also a LOT OF GROUND, lying in Baltimore County, being part of a tract called James Meadow and part of a tract called Haily (sic) Fellowship, containing twenty acres and twenty perches, more or less. This lot is improved with a large stone DWELLING, Barn House, Blacksmith Shop, Wheelwright Shop, Dairy, two Tenant's houses and other improvements. The land is good and is under good fencing, and is well manured. There is a good garden, and a thriving orchard in full bearing. This property is located seven miles from Town upon the York Turnpike Road, and having been many years used as a stand for a Smith and Wheelwright Shop, is believed to be particularly valuable on that account.

The terms ..

GEORGE W. DOBBIN, Trustee

Liber TK 300:424: John Bowen and wife - Deed -to- Sarah Parlet & al. ... 14 April 1840 ... John Bowen and Loretta of Baltimore County ... to Sarah Bowen, Emily R. Bowen, Wm. Bowen, etc., etc. ... Whereas the said John Bowen and a certain Solomon Bowen being seized ... of certain land...desirous of dividing same equally ... did agree to refer the matter of division to Thomas Hillen and others ... Whereas Thomas Hillen and others did award the parcels hereinafter described to Solomon Bowen to John ... other lands ... And whereas the said Solomon Bowen before the execution of any deed ... did enter upon and take possession ... departed this life ... leaving ... Sarah his widow ... children who filed the bill of complaint ... against the said Solomon Bowen ... Chancellor on 14 March present year ... decreed said conveyance be made ... appointed George A. Dobbin trustee to execute conveyances ... This indenture witnesseth that the said John Bowen, Loretta Bowen for and in consideration of the premises and \$1 ... convey ... all that tract ... called James Meadows ... and part of Hailes Fellowship ... described as follows ...

Beginning at a corner of Jackson's Land ... etc. ... S9 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 19-6/10 perches, to a stake, S82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 12 links to a cedar, a corner of John Bowen's part of said land, still S82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 112-9/10 perches to a stake standing near a locust tree, still S82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 13 links N4 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 11-3/4 perches to a stone, N5W 79-6/10 perches to a stone ... thence S86 $\frac{1}{4}$ W 36 perches, still S86 $\frac{1}{4}$ W 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches to a stone, still S86 $\frac{1}{4}$ W 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches to a first place of beginning ... 20 acres and 20 perches ... Also tract of woodland ... Gotts Hope ... Also Powder Mill Lot ... 5 acres (The same being part of the land conveyed to said John Bowen and Solomon Bowen as tenants in common by William Bowen by Indenture ... 16 April 1833 ... Liber TK 226:353 ...

Chancery Papers No. 10,250: Joshua and Leah Parlet, Elizabeth A., Emily R., Wm., James P., Temperance, and Joseph S. Bowen -vs- John Bowen & Loretta uxore William Bowens Estate, 1840. Recorded Liber 157:35.

Bill of complaint filed 9 March 1840 --- Sarah Bowen - widow of Solomon Bowen late of B.C. deceased ... and your orators ... all of whom are infants ... Hillen and Rider met ... divided home place in two parcels ... north to Solomon ... south to John ... Sarah Bowen since married Joshua Parlet ...

Referees division ... division made along the given line of Tracey's Park ... N87 $\frac{1}{2}$ W to stone planted in ground near cedar tree ... Solomon to have all on north ... John on south ... weid therefore award & determine that he shall have the small wood lot near the powder mills ... 27 April 1833 ...

Thos Hillen
Edward Rider
Isaac Taylor

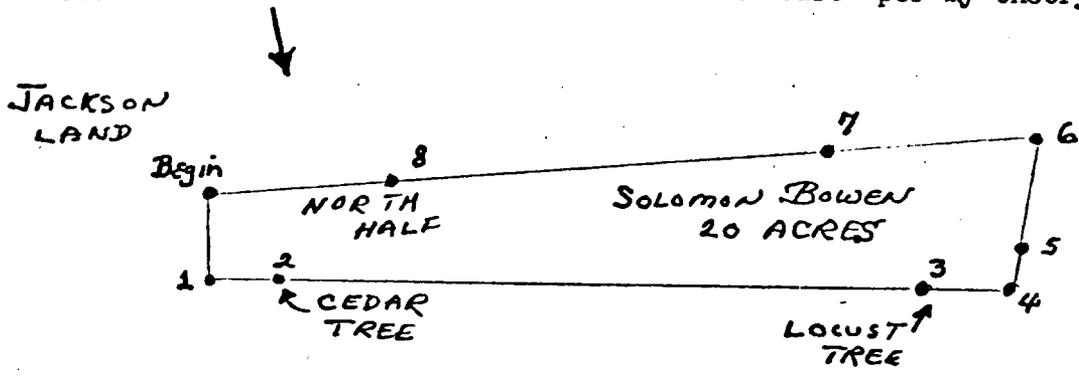
Plat of woodlot ... on Sater Hill, it being part of ... Gotts Hope ... Surveyed May 21 1833 Also plat of "powder mill lot"

. The court appointed George W. Dobbin trustee to convey the property.

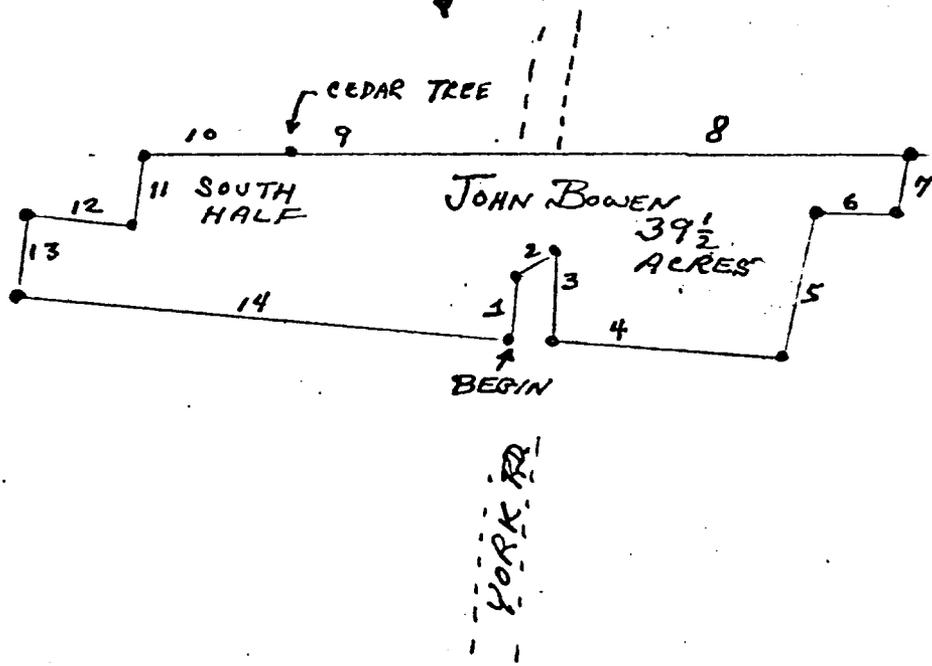
Plat of north portion: To Solomon Bowen ... part of James's Meadows and part of Hailes Fellowship ... Beginning at a stone a corner of Jackson's land and running thence S9 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 19.6 perches to a stake thence S82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 12 links to a cedar a corner of John Bowen's part of said Land still S82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 112-9/10 perches to a stake standing near Locust tree, Still S82 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 13 links, N4 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 11-3/4 perches to a stone, N5W 29-6/10 perches to a stone, thence S86 $\frac{1}{4}$ W 36 perches, Still

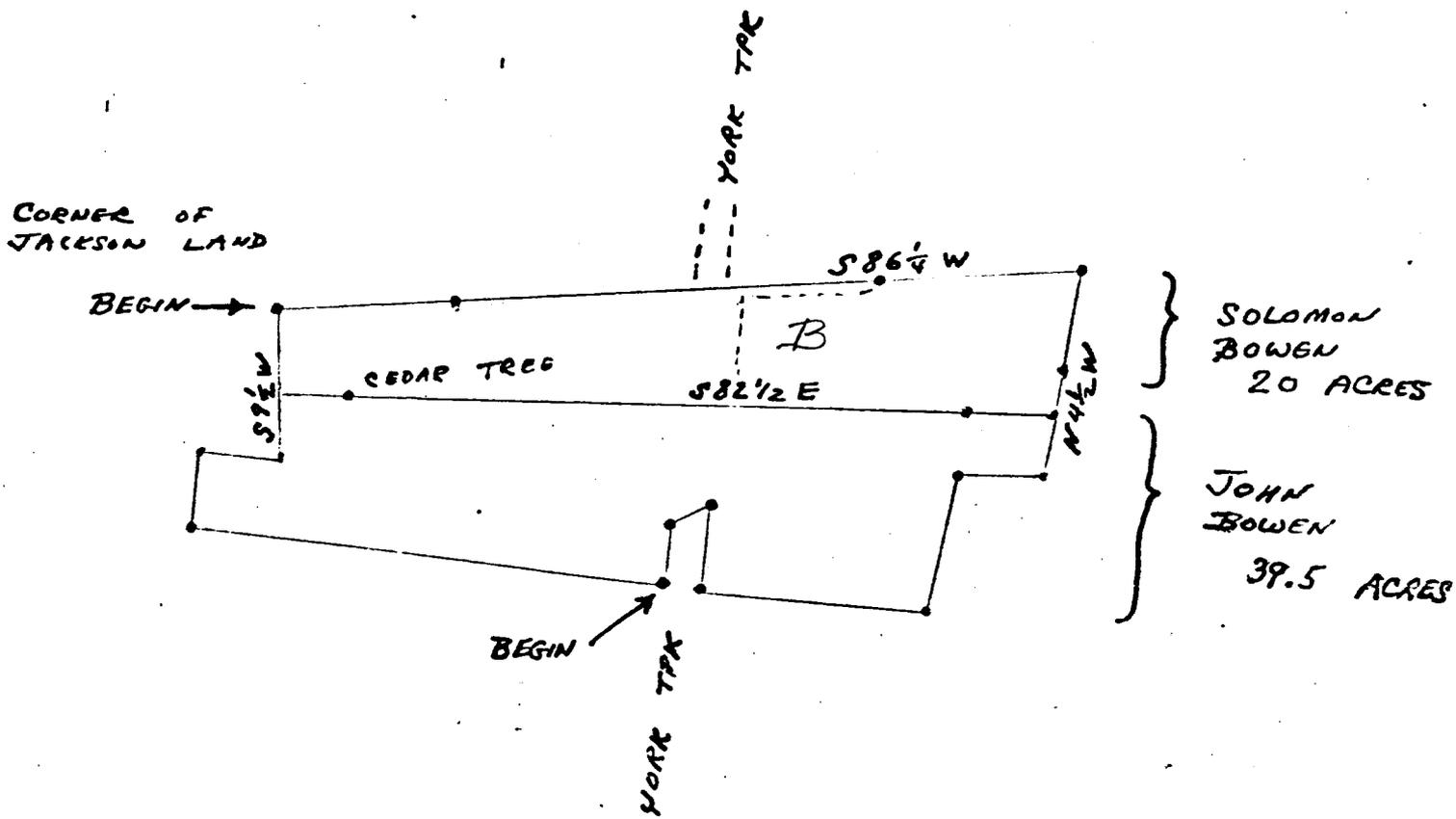
(Still) S86 $\frac{1}{4}$ W 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches to a stone Still S86 $\frac{1}{4}$ W 51 $\frac{1}{4}$ to first place of beginning ... 20 acres ... Surveyed May 24, 1833 ...

Note: This half contains the "stone Bowen House" per my theory, McGrain).



Plat of south portion: for John Bowen ... Beginning at a stone on western limits of Baltimore & York Turnpike ... N15 $\frac{1}{4}$ E, 16 perches, N53 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 5 perches to stone on East Banks of said road, S14 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 23 $\frac{1}{4}$ perches to stone on east side of road S74-3/4E (?) $\frac{1}{2}$ perch to stone N19E 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ perches to a stone S86-3/4E 6-3/4 perches to stone N4 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 18 perches to Solomon Bowens part of said Land thence running with and bounding on Solomon Bowens part of said Land reversing the three following courses N82 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 13 links to a stake standing near a Locust tree, Still N82 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 112-9/10 perches to a cedar tree, Still N82 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 12 links, thence S9 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 12-6/10 perches to a stone N60 $\frac{1}{2}$ W 22-9/10 perches to a stone, S38W 27-6/10 perches to a stone, S67E 85-6/10 to first place of beginning containing 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land more or less ...





The above is an attempt to piece together the plats in the Hall of Records for 1833 division of property between Bowen brothers. Not to scale.

The position of the York Turnpike and the northern boundary of the Solomon Bowen tract of 20 acres suggests that the former William Towson Property would reasonably fall east of the turnpike in the portion assigned to Solomon Bowen. Theory of J. McGrain, July 1973.

B -- Presumed area of William Towson House, later that of the Bowen family.

BC Deeds TK 226:353: William Bowen - Deed- -to- John Bowen and Solomon Bowen ... 16 April 1833 ... \$1.00 ... Solomon and John will keep and decently maintain the said William ... all those parcels Beginning with the tract James Meadows, Beginning at bounded stone standing in first line of said tract and at the end of the first line of Stephen Prices part of said tract ...

... 4 acres ... part of same same property conveyed by George Hale to the said William Bowen ... 10 March 1791 ... Liber WG FF;601 ... another part of James Meadows ... beginning on the first line of the stone marked No. 1 aforementioned running thence S85W 20 perches to a stone set up and marked No. 4 thence S5E 29½ perches to a stone marked No. 5 ... 6¼ acres ... conveyed to said William by Thomas Jackson by deed ... 5 April 1794 ... recorded Liber WG NN:428 ... Also ... tract ... 17 acres ... conveyed by Thomas Jackson by deed bearing date 9th November 1811 ... recorded Liber WG No. 116:486 ... Also ... other tracts in the county ... Fellowship, Golts Hope and James Meadows which was directed to be sold by the decree of the Honorable the Chancellor of Maryland ... same was conveyed to the said William Bowen ... 8 November 1813 ... recorded ... in Liber WG 125:462 ...

Other tracts ... 5-3/4 ... 5 acres ... conveyed to said William Bowen by Aquilla Carroll ... 26 July 1823 ... Liber WG 169:_____ ...

DEEDS CITED IN TK:226:353:

WG 125:462: Nicholas Brice - Deed- to William Bowen ... 8 November 1813... Whereas the said Brice was at September term 1812 by decree of Chancery in a certain cause wherein Daniel Evans and others were complainants and Joshua Anderson & others defendants ... Brice was appointed to sell certain real estate of late William Towson ... for division amongst his heirs ... did on 31 October in the same year at Schealy's Tavern near the premises amongst other property offer at public sale parts of tracts called James's Meadow and Hailes Fellowship which had been conveyed to the said William Towson from Thomas Jackson of said County by three Separate deeds ... 13 November 1799, recorded in Liber WG 60:449, second 2 March 1800, and recorded WG 71:287, third 10th day November 1800 recorded in Liber WG 64:138 ... containing together 22¼ acres ... also offered at auction ... part of Gotts Hope ... 10-3/4 acres sold to Thomas Paul ... since sold to William Bowen ... \$1410.93 ... release all ...

f. 464: 5 November 1813 ... Richard & Edward Gott -to- William Bowen ... William Bowen, wheelwright ... Beginning at stone marked T ... corner of lot belonging to heirs of Terrence Trainer ... 10-3/4 acres ... \$1.00

WG 116:486: Thomas Jackson - to- William Bowen ... 29 November 1811 ... \$568 ... part of James Meadows ... Beginning at stone set up in ground at a corner of said William Bowen's land and marked No. 4 and running S85¼W 51 perches to a stone set up in the ground thence S8W 41 perches to a stone set up at the foot of a Spanish oak thence S86E 52 perches, thence N16E 36 perches to a stone buried in ground ... thence by straight line ... 17 acres ... 2 roods ... 2¼ perches ...

Ad in American, October 2, 1812., p. 4, col. 4.

William Towson's Lands

In pursuance of a decree of the Court of Chancery, at September Term 1812, the subscriber will sell at Public Auction, at Sheely's Tavern, on the York Turnpike,

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on the 31st day of October next at 10 o'clock A.M.

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The following estate of the late William Towson:

One tract of land containing 22 acres, 1 rood and 20 perches, fronting on the York turnpike about one quarter of a mile south of Shealy's Tavern, and six miles from Baltimore; it has on it a small dwelling house and Kitchen.

Also two other Tracts, near the above, consisting of 11 acres, 1 rood and 8 perches, fronting on the said turnpike and the old York road: the place whereon the late Wm. Towson resided. This portion of land has on it a good dwelling house and outhouse, an excellent spring and dairy, and is deemed a fine stand for a tavern.

Also a Tract of Woodland containing ten acres and three quarters, lying near the above lands, and will be a desirable acquisition to the purchaser of the Tavern. The terms of sale, will be on a credit of 12 months from the sale, with interest until paid; the purchaser to give bond or note at the option of the Trustee, with a security for the purchase money. These lands will be divided to suit purchasers. Mr. Joshua Anderson, near the premises will shew this property to those desirous of purchasing.

N. BRICE

Deed WG 64:138: Thomas Jackson -deed- to- William Towson ...10 November 1800 ...
£ 65 5 Shillings ... parts of two tracts ... James's Meadows and Hailes Fellowship ...
Beginning at stone set up on the eastern side of the York Turnpike Road marked
WT No. 2 and running thence N85E 56 perches until it intersects a certain lot
of land conveyed by sd Thomas Jackson to the late Thomas Usher then bounding
on said lot N16°40'E 22 perches until it intersects the thrid line of the said
James Meadows formerly conveyed by sd Thomas Jackson to the said William
Towson, then bounding on sd line S85W 58 perches to a stone marked WT thence with
Straight line to beginning ... 7¼ acres ...

The 1850 Sidney map of B. County showed the Star Inn (G. Dunnin) on the west side of York Road opposite the house of J. Parlet. The Parlet house was north of William Jackson, south of Edward Taylor.

If as seems probable by study of 1833 plats, the stone Bowen House, was on the William Towson property, it was built after the 1798 tax list. At the time of the 1798 assessment, the tract would have been property of Thomas Jackson, who was charged with part of Hales Fellowship and James Meadows, plus "1 old frame dwelling house, 18 x 20 feet."

Other nearby tracts on 1798 tax list:

Solomon Bowen, Junr. — 1 log dwelling house 2 stories 10 by 25 feet
1 do stone 1 story 10 by 10 feet

Richard Gott — 1 frame dwelling, 1 story, 22 x 32 ...

Thomas Usher — 1 frame dwelling house, hipt roof, 20 by 30

Particular List of Lands:

Wm. Bowen -- Pt of James Meadows - 1 Log Dwelling house, 1 story 14 by 18
1 Log meat house 12 by 12
1 do 20 by 20
1 Blacksmiths Shop, 14 by 26 feet in measurement

Edward Gott — Pt Gunners Range - 1 frame dwelling house, 1 story, 16 by 20 feet
1 Logd bn 14 feet square
Log Stable 12 by 24 feet

Richard Gott of Samuel

— Pt Gunners Range 1 stone & log stable 24 by 34 feet
and Gotts Hope

Richard Gott of Richard

— Pt Gotts Hope

Thomas Jackson -- Pt Hales Fellowship
and James 1 old frame dwelling house, 18 x 20 feet
Meadows

Hales Fellowship was patented 1698 by Nicholas Hale and had been surveyed 1695. It adjoined "Young Man's Adventure" and Friends Discovery." (Cf. Md. Hist. Magazine, September 1963, p. 58:227.)

Patents, Liber CD:278: James Meadow ... March 23, 1702/3 ... Cert. 200 acres ... Thady O Tracy ... James Meadows lying in the woods on a rifge called Britton Ridge. Beginning at a bounded white oake standing by a Meadow in the northernmost line of a parcell of land called Fellowship and running thence north 179 perches to a bound white oak then west 179 perches to a bound red oak then south 179 perches to a bounded red oake then with a direct line to the first tree containing and laid out for two hundred acres to be held of the Manor of Baltimore ...

f. 278: issue of patent for James Meadows ...

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