

(Within Washington Valley Historic District)

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INST. INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: **Dever House**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **Butler and Mantua Mill Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Near Glyndon**

STATE: **Maryland** COUNTY: **Baltimore**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Edward D. Allen**

STREET AND NUMBER: **145 Butler Road**

CITY OR TOWN: **Glyndon** STATE: **Maryland 21071**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Baltimore County Court House (Towson)**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Washington Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Towson** STATE: **Maryland 21204**

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 2116/279

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **None**

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Uncltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dever House is a five bay, two storey rubble stone house with a gable roof and flush end chimneys. Oriented to the road, it faces east. A 1 1/2 storey rubble stone wing is attached to the south end, its south end wall and gable roof extending the full depth of the house, its east wall recessed some 5 1/2 feet back, behind a narrow porch. The wing's roof is assymetrical, and changes pitch slightly to cover the porch; a dense growth of ivy prevents examination of the walls to determine if this irregularity is original or not; most likely it is original. The vertical joint between the wing and the main house indicates that the wing has no north wall, suggesting, but not proving, that it was constructed after the main house, the wing measures, approximately 12 1/2 by 20 feet.

High in the north gable of the main house is a stone with the following inscription:
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 1824
 Its principal entrance is in the middle bay, but the northerly bay in the east facade, once contained another door, now filled with wood frame construction and a window. Windows are 6/6 and massive stone jack arches support masonry above. The rear (west) facade is divided into three bays, the central one being a secondary entrance. The northerly bay was originally void of openings; it now contains a triple 6/6 window. Cornices are of wood, simply designed, with rake overhangs.

Entrance to the wing is through the northerly bay of the east facade; a single nine-light casement in the southerly bay of the east facade, and one in the west facade, light the kitchen within. Its massive fireplace in the south end was designed for cooking. The hewn ceiling joists are exposed.

Within the main house is a central hall, containing a straight, open staircase to the second floor; newels are plain, square members, and the

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1824

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dever House is part of the Dever estate owned and operated by John Telley Johns during the mid-nineteenth century. The present house, located at the west side of the intersection of Butler and Mantua Mill Roads, was erected in 1824 as part of a small milling center. The former entrance in the northerly bay, and lack of west (rear) windows in this area indicate the dual function of the structure - a commissary or store and postoffice, combined with its keeper's residence. Such combined uses were typical in American culture. The modest functions of the building dictated its simplicity of style. The present owners purchased the building in 1952 and restored it as their home.

Dever estate is mentioned as the former residence of John Telley Johns in litigation over his will in 1886. (1) He had inherited it from his father Richard Johns, who purchased 200 acres in 1797 from the widow of Thomas Matthews, miller. The Johns family's grist and saw mills stood on the east side of Butler Road and the mansion was located opposite. The 1798 Federal Direct Tax lists a stone dwelling with log kitchen and one log "quarter" belonging to Richard Johns at this site. Foundations of that structure can still be seen just north of the Dever House, and there are two outbuildings of later period still standing - all that remains of the rural milling complex.

(1) First Administration Account of estate of John T. Johns, Book 11, folio 74, Baltimore County Register of Wills.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Frank, Beryl. "Traces of Johns Still in the Valley", Northwest Star
 (November 27, 1975).
 Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage Tour Book, 1956.
 Baltimore American, December 9, 1891, p. 5. (Advertisement)
 Johns Family Genealogy. (G. Rodney Crowther III) Md. Historical Society.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1 acre**

Acreage Justification:

(This area is currently blank for justification.)

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catherine F. Black and James T. Wollen, Jr. AIA		DATE: Jan. 1, 1976
ORGANIZATION: For Mrs. E.W. Nichols		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1114 Bellemere Road		
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore	STATE: Maryland 21210	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

 Signature

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