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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
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1. NAME

COMMON: Caples Structures Nos. 1, 2, 3

AND/OR HISTORIC: Dover

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Butler Road

CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☒ Other (Specify) Garage	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Delphin D. Caples

STREET AND NUMBER: 6 Hanover Road

CITY OR TOWN: Reisterstown

STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Baltimore County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Towson

STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 4224/190

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) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed	
	(Check One) ☒ Altered ☐ Unaltered	(Check One) ☐ Moved ☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (*If known*) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CAPLES STRUCTURES. For purposes of identification, these three structures on the northwest side of Butler Road, between Dover Road and Mantua Mill Road, are identified as Caples Structure No. 1 (the log structure at the south end of the group), Caples Structure No. 2 (the stone structure in the middle) and Caples Structure No. 3 (the stone structure at the north end of the group).

CAPLES STRUCTURE No. 1

With its principal front to the south, its gable end to the road, this log structure is three bays in length, one and one-half storeys in height: log walls extend half a storey above the second floor joists, the ends of which are visible on the south front, and the gable ends are weatherboarded. A door is centered on the south front, flanked by a single window on each side. A modern garage door eliminates the northerly half of the east end and a shed-roofed framed addition extends across the entire north side, also a garage; there are no openings through the west end. There is no visible chimney.

CAPLES STRUCTURE No. 2

With its principal facade oriented to the road, facing east, this two storey stone structure, with a massive stone central chimney, was probably a double house originally. High in the north gable is a stone inscribed

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Each half of the structure is basically two bays in length but the first storey of the principal (east) front is divided into three bays, the central one being a door. Doors are in the inner bays of the back (west) side. First storey windows are (now) 2/2 and the overall size of the open-

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- ☐ Pre-Columbian
- ☐ 15th Century
- ☐ 16th Century
- ☐ 17th Century
- ☐ 18th Century
- ☒ 19th Century
- ☐ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* No.2-1837

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☒ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☒ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☐ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other *(Specify)*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Caples Structures Nos. 2 and 3 were probably erected either as servants quarters or as the dwellings for the mill hands who labored directly across the road. Both these stone buildings had initials and dates inscribed on the north gables originally; one inscription has weathered away, but the other, on structure No. 2, bears Richard Johns' initials and the date, 1837. The quality of the stone masonry of the Caples Structure No. 2 is noteworthy, with its worked jack arches and quoins. The wooden lintels of the Caples Structure No. 3 indicate a later date, near the middle of the 19th century.

The log structure No. 1 does not exist on a plat of Dover surveyed in 1885 (1); the other two structures do appear. Either the log building was considered even less significant than the barracks and barns that do appear, or it was not built yet or located in its present spot.

These structures are part of the early community of Dover, which developed around agricultural milling industry early in the 19th century. The log construction, the (conjectured) double dwelling and single dwelling plans may reflect the status of their intended occupants. Interestingly, the remaining stone structures in Dover have datestones:

Dover House (q.v.) 1824
Caples Structure No. 2 1837
Dover Church 1842
Caples Structure No. 3 (illegible)

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	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: 72.84 Acres

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Beverley W. Young and James T. Wollon, Jr. A.I.A.

ORGANIZATION: Worthington Valley Historical District

DATE: Jan. 1, 1976

STREET AND NUMBER: 1114 Bellemore Road

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore,

STATE: Maryland

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

Significance of this property is:

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Caples Structures Nos. 1, 2, 3

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Question #8

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Their visibility gives them added importance, being a group closely oriented to the public road, a village in a region of farm structures usually located a great distance from each other and public roads. As survivors in their unchanged small size they are unusual.

The shed roofed kitchen wing of the Caples Structure No. 3, its ridge perpendicular to the main portion of the dwelling, relate it to several other kitchen wings in its region.

wing.

In the east front, the principal entrance is centered between 6/6 windows; a 6/6 window in the second storey is above each opening below. A single 6/6 window is in the easterly bay of the kitchen wing in each storey and a 6/6 window and a door are in the westerly and easterly bay respectively of the kitchen wing's south wall. A six light casement window is in each of the three gable ends. Wood lintels support the masonry above each opening.

A square stone in the north gable, immediately beneath the chimney, was inscribed with initials and a date but the inscriptions have all but weathered away.

The front part of this house contains a large room in the first storey, with two rooms above, the northerly one being the larger. A single room is in each storey of the kitchen wing. The large kitchen fireplace has been closed, as have the fireplaces in the front chimney. The first floor is of concrete on grade but the second floor system appears original, including the winding stair extending to the attic floor immediately west of the chimney, the partitions and the doors. Doors are of vertical boards, beaded, joined with ledges attached with wrought nails. The interior is virtually void of mouldings.

ings is the same as the second storey windows, containing 6/3 sash. A single window is centered on each end in each storey, the second storey windows being 4 light casements. A stone jack arch supports the masonry above each opening and large roughly worked quoins form each corner. Some original pointed pointing remains intact.

Some window frames have been altered for screens and storm windows, but the south end window in the second storey retains its wide beaded jambs with an applied bold ovolo backband.

A one storey hipped roof porch with round Tuscan columns shelters the east front. All roofs are covered with standing seam tin.

Just below the top of the square central chimney, a thin course of stone projects to form a cap.

The entire interior of this structure has been rebuilt with modern materials but probably following the original plan. The first floor is of concrete on grade and second floor joists are of modern dimensional materials. Each half of the structure contains a single room on each floor and a winding stairway west of the chimney provides access to the second floor. Exterior walls are finished with plaster laid directly on the stone, void of mouldings at windows and doors. Each room has, or had, a fireplace but no original mantels are in place.

CAPLES STRUCTURE No. 3

With its principal facade oriented to the road, facing east, this two storey gable roofed stone structure is three bays in length with a two bay one and one-half storey shed roofed kitchen wing extending behind its north end; the north walls of the house and the wing are flush and continuous, indicating that the entire structure was built at the same time. A brick chimney rises at the ridge flush with the north wall of the house and another rises flush with the tall north and west walls of the

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