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Balfour House
Valley Road
Owings Mills, Md.
private

cc. 1910

The Balfour House is a very large and rather correct interpretation of the best in eighteenth century American design.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Balfour House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Valley Road

Second

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Owings Mills

___ VICINITY OF

Baltimore

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William L. Balfour & Dale E. Balfour

Telephone #: 363-1359

STREET & NUMBER

Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Owings Mills

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21117

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courts Bldg.

Liber #: 4743

Folio #: 330

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Dating from the first decade of the twentieth century, the BALFOUR HOUSE is of the Colonial Revival style, brick laid in Flemish bond, two storeys in height, five bays in length. The central bay of its principal (north) facade projects beneath a gable in the roof. A one storey service wing extends to the east. Windows are 6/6 and are flanked by louvred blinds. The principal entrance, in the projecting pavilion centered in the north facade, has a deep surround of the Tuscan order supporting a shallow iron balcony in front of a large 9/9 window with a shouldered architrave supported by carved scrolled consoles. A small round window, with architrave surround and four keystones, is in the gable. Fenestration of the flat south facade is more irregular; the three central openings are grouped close together and the middle window is small. Openings in the first storey are all French doors and a closely spaced group of three is beneath the westerly window. Three double dormers with hipped roofs are in the southerly slope of the gabled roof, which rises above a wide moulded wood cornice with bold eave returns.

Internally little has been changed from the original construction. The principal entrance opens into a small vestibule several steps below the first floor; the landing of the open staircase is above. An inner door with leaded sidelights opens to the stair hall and an arcade separates the stair hall from the longitudinal center hall which has a barrel-vaulted ceiling. A large drawing room is centered in the south half of the house, a dining room extends through the house at the east end, a library at the west end. Original interior details recall the best of eighteenth-century America, as reinterpreted in the early twentieth century. Principal rooms have a plaster cornice. Mahogany-finished doors have one large raised panel with loose mouldings. The mantel of the drawing room, centered on the north wall, has slim reeded columns supporting a frieze. The dining room mantel, centered in the east wall, has a pair of slim fluted Greek Ionic columns supporting a carved architrave, a frieze with applied swags between end and center blocks having applied figurines. The library mantel, in the south wall, has fluted Doric columns supporting an architrave and frieze. Library woodwork is all of natural oak. The principal staircase, open to the third floor, has a moulded handrail, round balusters and fretted step ends.

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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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dating from the first decade of the twentieth century the BALFOUR HOUSE is a rather correct interpretation of the best in eighteenth century American design with original innovations in the tradition of the many nineteenth century revivals.

DEED SEARCH - Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md.

<u>De</u>	<u>Liber</u>	<u>Folio</u>	<u>Grantor</u>	<u>Grantee</u>
1910	359	110	Sally C. Cradock, Trustee James McHenry & Merc- antile, executors for Priscilla, wife of John McHenry	John McHenry
1963	4106	350		
1967	4743	330	W. Emmet Wilkinson & wife	W. Emmet Wilkinson, Jr. and wife William L. Balfour and wife

1915 Atlas of Baltimore County, Plate 14, indicates brick dwelling on property belonging to John McHenry.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Land Records, Baltimore County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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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ORGANIZATION

Valleys Planning Council

DATE

April, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

212 Washington Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

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Green Spring Golf Course

Chattalonnee

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Green Falls

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Glenmar

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Canterbury Estates

Crawwood

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Stone Chapel

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Pikesville Reservoir

Woodholme Golf Course

(WCAO)

Long Meadows Estates

35

688

Cemetery

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PIKESVILLE

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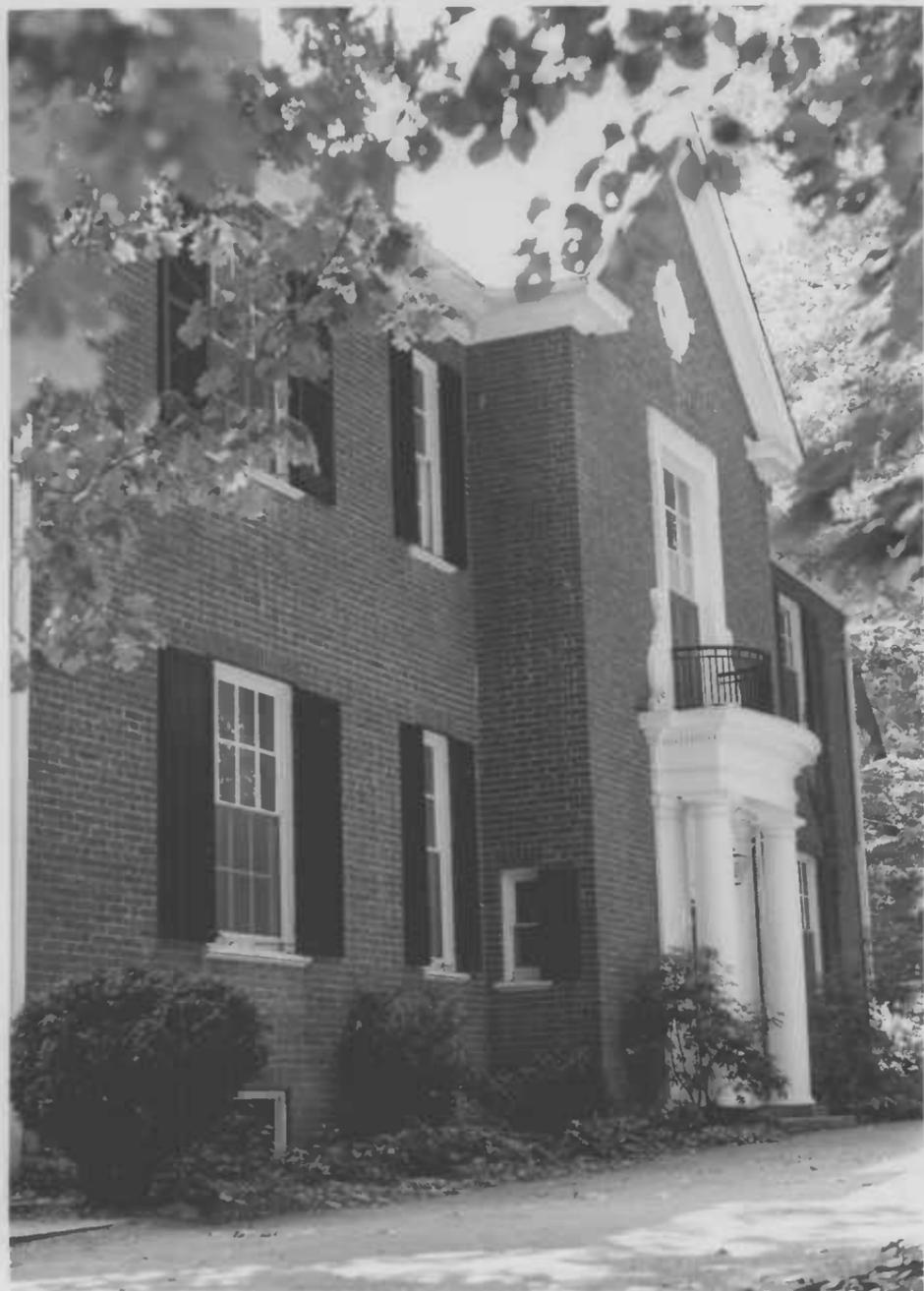
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