

c. 1875

BA 1706
The Barn
Hopkins Lane
Owings Mills, Md. 21117
private

This building was once a barn and was converted in 1935 into a house. It is a good adaptation of an obsolete form, retaining much of its original interior detail and some of its original exterior detail as well.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

THE BARN

AND/OR COMMON

Alex Russell House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hopkins Lane

Second

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Owings Mills

— VICINITY OF

Baltimore

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

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 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

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Russell, IV

Telephone #: 363- 0447

STREET & NUMBER

Hopkins Lane

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 #: 3553

Folio #: 405

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

BA-1706

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1935</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

THE BARN is a mid-nineteenth century barn relocated in the mid-twentieth century, veneered in brick and adapted as a dwelling retaining much of its original hewn timber ceiling framing with interior partitions and other details added in a simplified late medieval style compatible with the primitive nature of that original framing. Now facing south, its original orientation was to the east.

Exterior walls were of board-and-batten. A gable was centered in the roof; it and the end gables were jerkin-headed and a tall square cupola with arched louvred openings and a pyramidal roof topped the principal crossing of the roof ridges. Multiple doors opened into both storeys. Today the jerkin-headed central gable remains and the brick walls are divided into five conventional bays. The principal entrance is centered and 8/8 windows are in other bays, both storeys. Exterior end chimneys stop each end gable without the jerkin-heads and the cupola is gone.

A small barn remains west of the principal structure, its straight-sawn board-and-batten sheathing fastened to the hewn braced-frame with cut nails.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

THE BARN is a good adaptation of an obsolete form, retaining much of its original interior detail and some of its original exterior detail as well.

Situated on land which was part of "Urath's Fancy" and "Owings Traverse" belonging to Samuel Owings, this building was built as a barn by Joseph Hopkins after he purchased 81 acres of property as a farm for his family. He had searched for a summer place which provided good drinking water and bought the land above Chattolanee prior to 1875.¹

The building originally faced east. However, when Marion Hopkins, daughter of Joseph Hopkins, converted it into a house, she had it turned so that it now faces south. The turning took two days. Much of the lumber used in the original barn came from the old mansion on the property "Haddon" which burned down in the early 1900's. The wood was made available when an addition was made to Haddon. When the barn was completely converted, beams in the living room attested to the fact that the room once housed a horse for holes remain in one exposed beam; the holes used to support rope which held up a mare whose foot was broken.³

Marion Hopkins moved into the Barn in 1935⁴ and lived there until she sold it to the present owners in June, 1959.

A severe fire in the summer of 1974 forced the owners to move out for 9 months. However, the building was restored and the Russells have continued to live in the Barn since the spring of 1975.⁵

Footnotes

¹ Baltimore County Land Records, County Courts Bldg., Towson, Md. Liber JB 106, folio 287.

² Conversation with Mrs. M. John Cromwell, granddaughter of Joseph Hopkins, 2-3-80.

³ Baltimore Sun, April 8, 1938.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Conversation with Mrs. A. R. Russell, 3-3-80.

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

3-27-1878	Liber JB 106, folio 287	Joseph Hopkins	to Annette H. Hopkins
2-10-1910	Wills, Liber JP 17/481	Annette	to Joseph and upon his death to Helen R. Hopkins Thom and Marion H. Hopkins
12-29-27	Liber WHM 653, folio 188	Helen Thom	Marion H. Hopkins
6-30-1959	Liber 3553, folio 405	Marion Hopkins	Alexander H. Russell and wife

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

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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

3-3-80

STREET & NUMBER

212 Washington Avenue

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

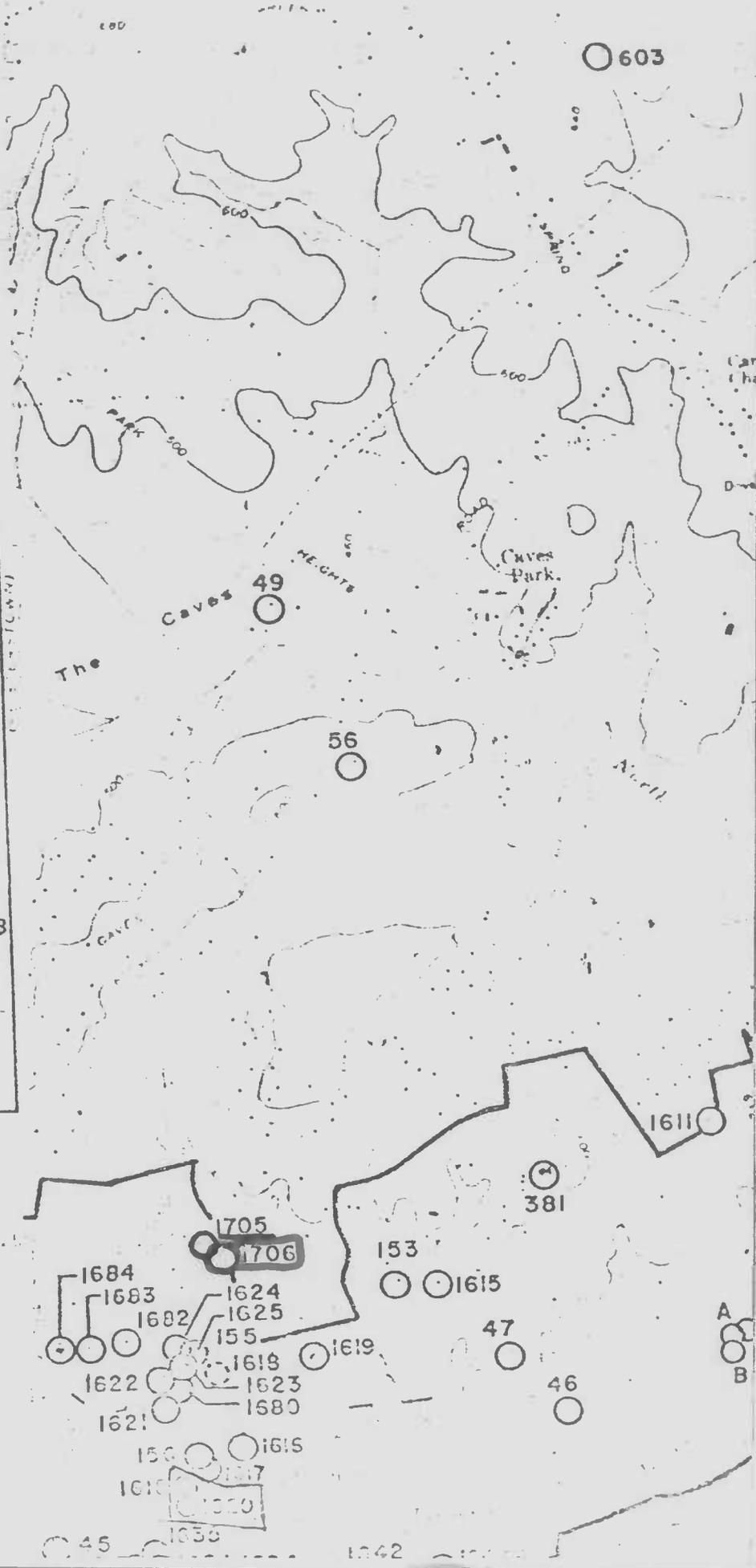
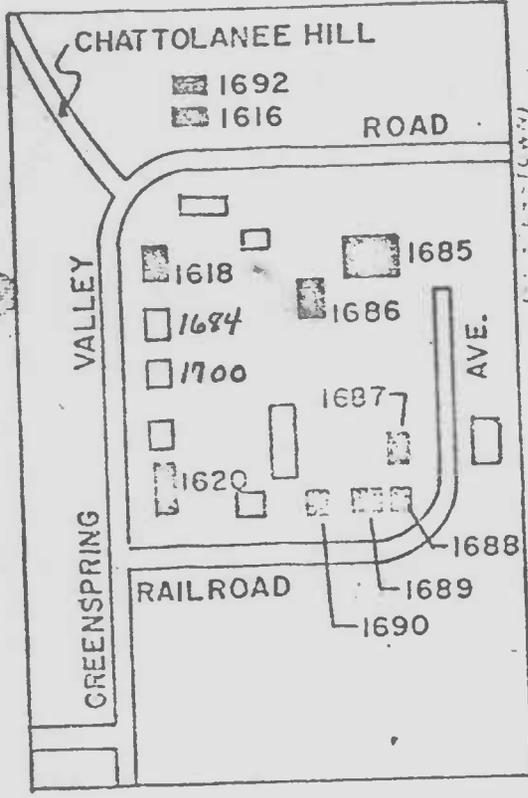
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from St. TN 2/10/10

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Hopkins Lane

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