

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-1153

Castle Calder

19112 York Road

Parkton Vicinity, Baltimore County

Ca. 1876

Private

The dwelling known as Castle Calder is located at 19112 York Road in Election District Seven near Parkton in Baltimore County. Captain James Calder purchased 1,700 acres circa 1745. Under the ownership of the Calder family, the current dwelling circa 1876 in the fashionable Italianate style of architecture. Although based on the presence of an early 19th-century domestic outbuilding, it appears a dwelling was built that predates the existing dwelling. The property remains the property of a Calder descendent.

The two-and-a-half-story building, known as Castle Calder, is constructed of brick laid in a stretcher bond and sits on random rubble stone foundation. The side and rear elevations are constructed of brick laid in a five-course American bond pattern. The shallow-pitched side gable roof is detailed with a raking cornice with returns and Italianate-style scroll-sawn brackets. Two interior-end stretcher bond brick chimneys with corbeled caps extend from the main block, a central interior stretcher bond brick chimney with a corbeled cap is located in the two-story ell, and an added stretcher bond exterior end chimney is located on the rear elevation of the main block. A one-story half-hipped-roofed porch with Italianate detailing shelters the central entry and stretches three bays across the façade. A two-story circa 1940 porch addition extends from the ell and the main block to the north. Additionally, a two-story wood frame porch addition projects from the south elevation of the ell. The house sits on the west side of York Road and is surrounded by rolling hills and a wooded landscape supported by an historic domestic outbuilding and an historic garage.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Castle Calder (preferred)
other Calder Farm

2. Location

street and number 19112 York Road __ not for publication
city, town Parkton X vicinity
county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Marion T. Clarke and Eleanor D. Spuill
street and number PO Box 1473 telephone
city, town Columbia state South Carolina zip code 29202-1473

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber folio
city, town Towson tax map 12 tax parcel 142 tax ID number 0704075110

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CASTLE CALDER

Constructed circa 1876, the five-bay-wide Italianate style dwelling known as Castle Calder is located at 19112 York Road. The two-and-a-half-story building is constructed of brick laid in a stretcher bond and sits on random rubble stone foundation. The side and rear elevations are constructed of brick laid in a five-course American bond pattern. The shallow-pitched side gable roof is detailed with a raking cornice with returns and Italianate-style scroll-sawn brackets. Two interior-end stretcher bond brick chimneys with corbeled caps extend from the main block, a central interior stretcher bond brick chimney with a corbeled cap is located in the two-story ell, and an added stretcher bond exterior end chimney is located on the rear elevation of the main block. A one-story half-hipped-roofed porch with Italianate detailing shelters the central entry and stretches three bays across the façade. A two-story circa 1940 porch addition extends from the ell and the main block to the north. Additionally, a two-story wood frame porch addition projects from the south elevation of the ell. The house sits on the west side of York Road and is surrounded by rolling hills and a wooded landscape supported by an historic domestic outbuilding and an historic garage.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The primary façade, facing east, measures five bays wide and displays symmetrical fenestration. The elevation features a central entry with a single-leaf carved wood Italianate style door with four rounded-arch molded panels. The entry also features a wooden molded surround, two-light and dado panel sidelights, and a three-light slightly inset transom. A pair of full-height 4/4 windows with wooden molded surrounds, operable wood louvered shutters, and square-edged stone lintels and sills flank the door. A centrally located one-story porch stretched three bays across the façade. It features a half-hipped roof, molded cornice and fascia detailed with Italianate scroll-sawn brackets, and Tuscan post supports. The second story is pierced with five evenly spaced 4/4 windows with wooden molded surrounds, operable wood louvered shutters, and square-edged stone lintels. The windows are placed just below the molded cornice, which features a flush fascia and scroll-sawn Italianate brackets.

The north elevation is composed of the main block and flush wall of the ell. The main block features a pair of evenly spaced 4/4 windows with wooden molded surrounds, operable wood louvered shutters, square-edged stone lintels, and square-edged wood sills on each of the two stories. In addition, the gable peak is pierced with a pair of 2/2 windows with square-edged wood sills and stone lintels. The ell is primarily obscured by a projecting two-story porch addition. The wood frame porch features a stretcher brick apron and brick post supports with molded wood Tuscan caps. The porch is enclosed with four pairs of six-over-one-light windows on each story on the north elevation and two similar pairs of casement windows on the east and west elevations. It also features a slightly overhanging molded wood cornice. The western end of the ell's north elevation

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features a pair of 4/4 windows with wooden molded surrounds, operable wood louvered shutters, square-edged stone lintels, and square-edged wood sills on each of the two stories.

The west, or rear, elevation is composed of the gable end of the ell with wood frame porch side addition and the rear elevation of the main block. The ell features a raking wood cornice with returns and is pierced just below the peak with a central 2/2 window with square-edged wood surround, lintel, and sill. The second story features a centrally placed 2/2 window with square-edged wood lintel and sill. The first story, also centrally pierced, features a 6/6 window with brick jack arch lintel and wooden square-edged sill. The weatherboard-clad porch addition, projecting to the south, features no fenestration. The rear elevation of the main block is pierced with a 4/4 window with square-edged wood surround, stone lintel and sill, and operable wood louvered shutters on each of the two stories.

The main block of the house and the two-story ell define the south elevation of the dwelling. The first and second stories of the main block each feature a pair of symmetrically spaced 4/4 wooden windows with wooden molded surrounds, operable wood louvered shutters, and square-edged stone lintels and sills. The basement level features an off-center single-leaf vertical beaded-board door with stone lintel and wooden surround. It is also lit with a fixed four-light window with square-edged wood surround and sill, and jack arch lintel. The south elevation of the ell is entirely composed of the wood frame shed addition with inset first story screened porch. The porch, which sits on a stone pier foundation with lattice infill, features a central single-leaf entry and chamfered square-wood-post supports. The weatherboard-clad second story features two off-center 4/4 windows with molded wood surrounds and sills and operable wood louvered shutters. It is also pierced, near the juncture with the main block, by a 1/1 horizontally oriented vinyl window. The addition is detailed with wooden cornerboards, slightly overhanging eaves, and a boxed wooden cornice.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior of the dwelling was not accessed at the time of the survey.

OUTBUILDINGS

A domestic outbuilding, constructed during the early part of the 19th-century, is located just to the west of the dwelling. It is constructed of hand-hewn chinked logs with V-notch joints and sits on a rubble stone foundation. A side-gabled wood-shingled roof with slightly overhanging eaves caps the building. A centrally placed single-leaf vertical board door with square-edged wood surround pierces the eastern facing façade. The west elevation is lit with a central three-light window with molded wood surround.

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A circa 1920 wood frame garage sits to the northwest of the dwelling. The front-gabled one-story garage features a square footprint and weatherboard side elevation cladding. An asphalt-shingled roof with slightly overhanging eaves and wooden cornice caps the structure. The façade, which faces east, features a full-width paneled with lights roll-up door with square-edged wood surround and a vertical board clad gable end. The building also features interior half-round logs and a wood post foundation.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1876 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1876

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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HISTORY

Castle Calder was constructed in the third quarter of the 19th-century near the town of Parkton, which appears on maps as early as 1850. Located near the intersection of York Road and the Northern Central Railroad, Parkton was home to fifty inhabitants in 1881. Due to its location, Parkton was, in the late 19th century, a center for trade and shipping in the rich agricultural region. Wiseburg is located to the south, near the Big and Little Gunpowder Falls and also had a population of just fifty in 1881. In addition, the 1868 Maryland legislature charted a \$60,000 survey to extend the Parkton and Manchester Railroad. In 1870, however, the company folded and the railroad extension into Carroll County was not completed.

The town Parkton was laid out just to the west of York Road, which featured many popular traveler's stops along the turnpike.¹ Prior to the organization of turnpikes in Baltimore County, many of the county's roads were considered unfit for use. Earlier efforts to incorporate turnpike companies originated from the county government, yet, by the turn of the 19th century, efforts to create better roads emanated from the state government's efforts to better serve the growing rural population. This action resulted in laying of a road from Baltimore, Maryland to York, Pennsylvania that would replace the winding, indirect Old York Road.² The privately organized York Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1805. Work on the new road ceased in 1810, when the thirty-five miles of road from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line was completed. This route soon became one of the primary north/south corridors in Baltimore County.

¹ Clemens and Clemens, p.22; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p.45.

² Sherry H. Olson, *Baltimore: The Building of an American City* (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), p.172; see also S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p.10.

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Castle Calder is located in the Seventh Election District, which was one of the largest and most populated regions of the county in the latter part of the 19th century. In 1870, the district had an area of 59.93 square miles and a population of 3,074 in 1870. The area historically consisted of rolling hills, traversed by major transportation corridors, such as the railroad and York Turnpike. Arable fields for plantings of wheat, corn, oats, and fruits supported the district. It was known for its dairy production and the breeding of cattle. In addition, the waterpower of the Gunpowder Falls and its tributaries supported numerous mills throughout the district.

Castle Calder was constructed in the fashionable Italianate architectural style that was popular during the early to mid 19th century. It appears to be illustrative of the transitional phase between the Federal and the Italianate styles of architecture. Characteristics of the Italianate style are wide eaves with an ornate bracketed cornice, one-story porches and elongated window openings. The Italianate style of architecture was begun in England as part of the Picturesque movement, a reaction to the formal classical ideals in art and architecture. Castle Calder represents the transition between classical building and Italianate detailing. The style first appeared in the United States during the 1830s and was popularized in the 1840s and 1850s by the pattern books of Andrew Jackson Downing.³ By the 1860s and 1870s, a more elaborate High Victorian Italianate style began to dominate the building type.

Captain James Calder, a prominent early Baltimore County settler with whom the building's nomenclature remains associated, originally purchased a 7,000-acre tract of land after 1745 when he emigrated from Scotland after the devastating battle at Culloden. Calder transferred 1,275 acres to his daughter, Charlotte Withers in 1811. A descendant constructed the current circa 1876 Italianate-style dwelling, although it appears a dwelling previously occupied the site. The property, which remains in the original family, has been transferred to numerous descendants including the Parkes, Rampleys, Littles, Emacks, HARRISES, and Turners. Marion Turner Clarke and Eleanor D. Spruill currently own the 191.71-acre property.

³ Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Architecture*, (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988), pp. 212-214.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 191.71 Acres
Acreage of historical setting 7,000 Acres
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Castle Calder is located at 19112 York Road near Parkton in Baltimore County, Maryland as noted on Tax Map 12, Parcel 142. Castle Calder has been associated with the site since its construction circa 1876. A domestic outbuilding dating to the early part of the 19th-century remains on the property.

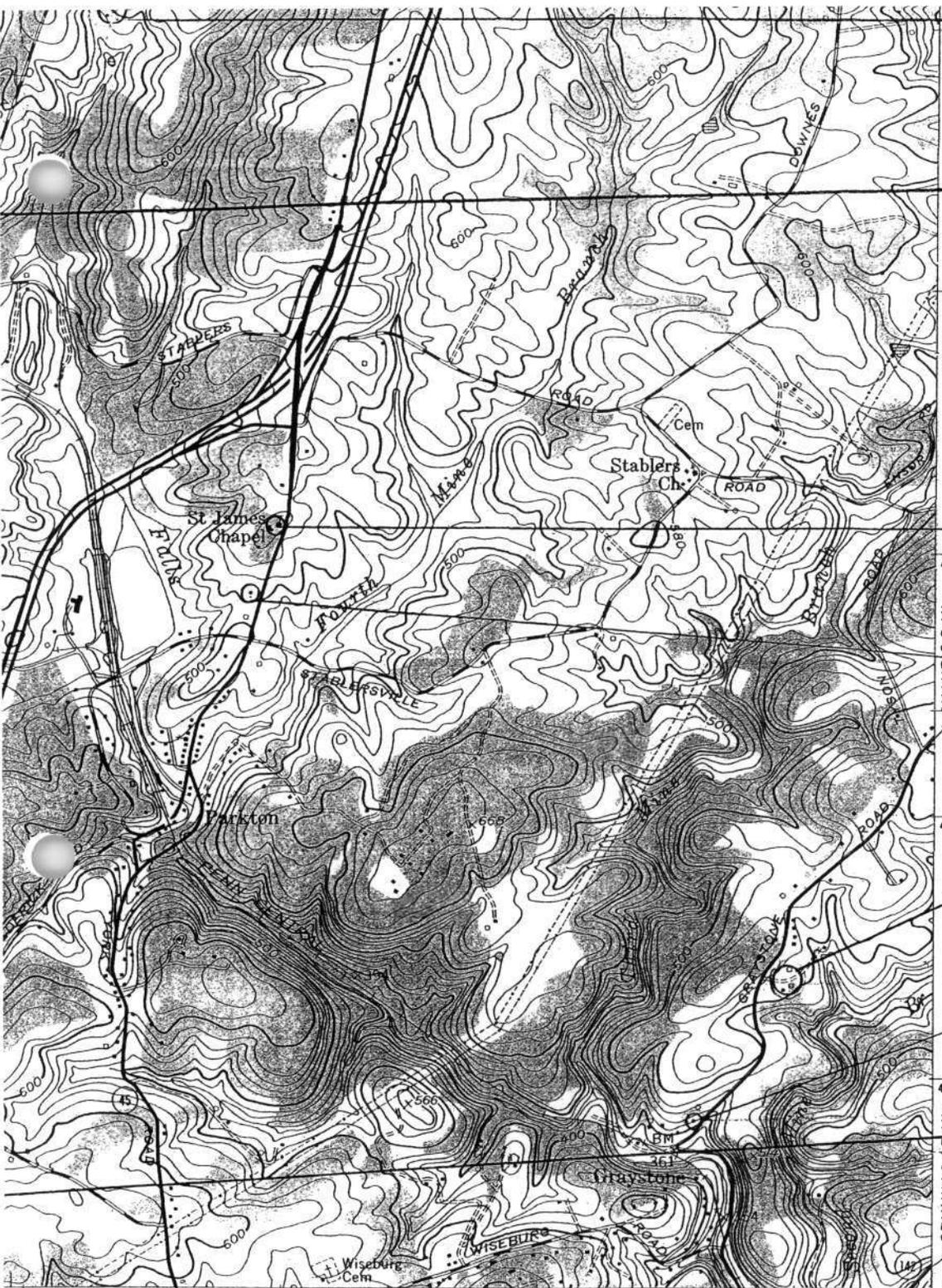
11. Form Prepared by

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organization	EHT Tracerics, Inc.	date	February 18, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street, NW	telephone	(202)393-1199
city or town	Washington, DC	state	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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TRACEY HOUSE
1919 CAMERON MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0403
WITHERS-MORRIS HOUSE
19635 EAGLE MILL ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0998
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
19200 YORK ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-1153
CASTLE CALDER
19112 YORK ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2897
BURNS-BOND HOUSE
18619 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2740
BURNS HOUSE
18404 GRAYSTONE ROAD
WHITE HALL
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0911
OLD COOPER HOUSE
1003 OLD BARN ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

HEREFORD 2.6 MI. (NORTH AVE) 22 MI. 2 310 000 FEET (PA.);

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1984 359000m E.

WHITE HALL 0.3 MI. 39°37'30" 76°37'30"

BA-1142
COOPER SCHOOL #6
1012 ARMACOST ROAD
PARKTON
BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty _____ Light-duty _____
Medium-duty _____ Unimproved dirt _____

U. S. Route State Route



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

NEW FREEDOM, MD.—PA.

N3937.5—W7637.5/7.5

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.

1958
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5663 II NW—SERIES V833

(PHOENIX)
5663 II SE



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castle calder
19112 York Road

Baltimore County, MD

Traceries

May/2000

MD SHPO

Dwelling, Northeast corner, view looking Southwest

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MD SHPO

Dwelling, south elevation, view looking North

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Dwelling, West elevation, view looking East

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19112 York Road
Baltimore County, MD
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garage, view looking West
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19112 York Road

Baltimore County, MD

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MD SHPO

Domestic outbuilding, view looking West

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CASTLE CALDER - 1876 - 19112 York Road, 0.6 mile north of Parkton. Gable-roofed, two-story brick house with double side porches and full width front porch; box cornice; Federal style; built to replace the original Castle Calder that had burned. Captain James Calder had come here after the war of 1745 and acquired 7,000 acres, including the Roser Mill site and a distillery. His property descended through his daughters to such families as Parkes, Rampleys, Littles, Emacks, Harris, and Turners. Recent generations called it just "Calder Farm". Castle Calder of 1876 is property of a descendant, Mrs. Marian Turner Clark.