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COWPENS LIMEKILN - 18__ - 1101 Cowpens Road, Limekiln Valley, Towson vicinity. This kiln that probably was property of Samuel E. Parks, owner of "Oakland" estate was unearthed in 1977 by students of Loch Raven Junior High School. Measurement at the bosh in 5 feet by 9 inches. Possibly, this was the lime kiln of John Plaskitt of Limekiln Bottom advertised in the Maryland Journal of May 13, 1865. Owner: George H. Hocker, Jr.

COWPENS ROAD KILN. No. 1101 Cowpens Avenue, north of Crowell Bridge Road. Towson Quad. District 9.

On May 10, 1977, Jerry Hoffman a social science teacher at Loch Raven Junior High called. His class has unearthed a limekiln on the west side of Cowpens Avenue south of the ponds at George H. Hocker, Jr.'s driveway. Mr. Hocker gave them permission to excavate the kiln, and if necessary, cut down three trees growing inside the kiln. The maximum width at the bosh is 69 inches. Height of arch, from the floor, as excavated, is 3 feet 6 inches.

MRS. Hocker
823-0667

They found two pieces of iron on the floor level. No hopper has been found inside the kiln. Recent owners before Hocker were William Hill and Guy Holliday; Mr. Holliday was not aware that the mound in the hillside next to the pasture was a kiln.

The 1877 atlas shows property as Samuel Parks, "Oakland"--119 acres.

Present Tax Map 70, Parcel P58; George H. Hocker, Jr., 5013:16.

McGrain visited site, May 10. Instructor has also contacted Tyler Bastian, State Archaeologist.

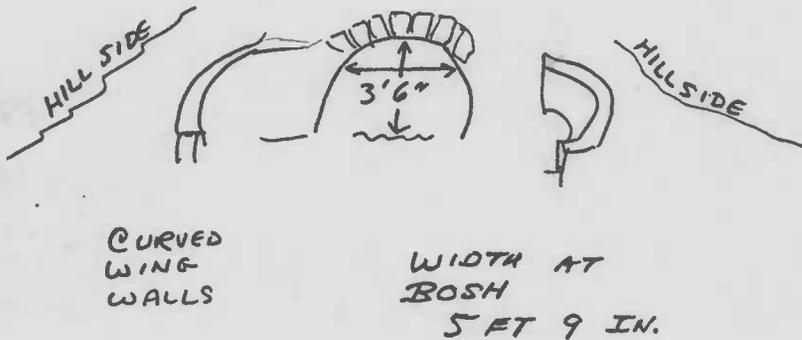
Jerry Hoffman (descendant of Hoffmans of 1776 paper mill)
Loch Raven Senior High School
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Loaned him my report on kilns in Delaware from HAER.

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Well built

18 ETLR 5
not a number
from Tyler

Bromley's 1915 Atlas shows no kiln. Plate 24.
Shows property of Samuel E. Parks, adjoining "Hampton."

Providence Road was called Holliday Road
Cowpens Avenue was called Furnace Road.

Loch Raven, SR, H.S.
1212 Cowpens Ave
Towson 21284

found Park in old
Towson
Found oyster shells
heated rock

Had it surveyed with a
transit.
ANTHONY F. MIKULA took
over this class &
project, See 1978
Valley Voice
APR 27 1978

Cowpens Road Kiln----title data---p. 1

Deeds OTG 5013:16

Wm. E. Hill--to--George H. Hocker, Jr. & wf ...
1969 ... two lots ... Old Furnace Road (sometimes
called Cowpens Avenue) ... 18.541 acres ... also
... second ... 4 acres ... Same As ... 1955 ...
recorded in liber GRB 2719, f. 435 ... by Guy T.O.
Hollyday & wf to Wm. E. Hill and wife ...

Deeds GRB 2719:435

Hollyday--to--Hill deed 1955 ... 9th District ...
18 acres ... Same as 1938 ... recorded in Liber
CWB Jr. 1026:471 ... granted and conveyed by
William F. Bauer, et al to parties of first part

. 4 acres ... Same As ... 1939 ... recorded Liber
CWB 1087:267 conveyed by John Ridgely, Jr.,
widower, to parties of first part

Deeds CWB Jr. 1026:470

Wm. F. Bauer et al--to--Guy T.O. Holloyday & wf ...
1938 ... 18.541 acres ... recorded in Liber
WPC 626:515 ... conveyed by John D. Roney & wf
to Frederick C. Bauer and Minnie F. Bauer
... 1928 ... (Bauers died etc.)

WPC 626:515

John D. Roney & wf --to--Frederick C. Bauer ...
and Minnie F. Bauer ... 1928 ... 2 Jan. lot ...
beginning ... east side of Mine Bank Road ...
119 acres ... Same As in deed from Cornelia E.
Smith and husband to within named grantors ...
March 10, 1925 ... recorded WPC 610:405 ...

WPC 610:405

Cornelia E. Smith and W. Gill Smith, her husband
--to--John D. Roney and wf Catherine ... March
10, 1925tractrecent survey ... Beginning
east side of Mine Bank Road ... 119.55 acres ...
... comprising the three tracts of land conveyed
to Joseph Parks aforesaid and by the three deeds
two from John Eager Howard, Jr. and one from
Frederick Littig Shaffer, et al

By the will of said Joseph Parks dated April
12 1866 ... recorded ... Wills OPM 4, f. 216 ...
property devised by Joseph Parks to his wife
Rebecca Parks, now deceased ... for life with
the remainder to her son Samuel E. Parks ... said
property being designated in said will as the
farm on which the testator then resided.

By the will of Samuel E. Parks ... 1902 ... recorded
Wills HJP 18, f. 432 ... property was devised
to the eight children of the said testator, to
wit (Cornelia E. Smith, Samuel A. Parks ... etc.)
buildings, improvements ...

Recited deeds to Joseph Parks:

- . from John E. Howard--April 5 1851
Liber AWB 456:431

- from John E. Howard--April 17, 1850
Liber AWB 440:169
- from Frederick Littig Shaffer, et al.,
--October 26, 1853
Liber HMF 6:336

(Other grantors in this deed of 1925 were Samuel A. Parks, Elizabeth Parks, his wife ... Louise R. Parks, Nannie E. Rutter et al.)

Deeds HMF 6:336

Frederick Littig Shaffer & Josias Pennington --to--Joseph Parks ... 26 October 1853 ... Whereas by Indenture dated ... recorded in Liber HMF 2:36 ... the tract of land of which the parcel hereinafter described forms a part ... became limited by way of mortgage unto the said Josias Pennington grantors join in release All that tract ... beginning ... at stone standing on Holliday's lane poplar tree standing near a spring passing a Rose Bush to the centre of Old Furnace Road ... 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres ... Same As ... conveyed by Samuel Worthington and wife to Frederick Littig Shaffer ... 2 October 1852 ... recorded ... HMF 3:120 ... also all the right ,.. in ... roads binding upon the tract

Deeds HMF 3:120

Samuel Worthington & wife --to--Frederick Littig Shaffer ... 2 October 1852 ... \$11,000 ... parcel ... part of Fellowship Wheeler's Beginning Ridgely's Inspection part of Gay's Good Fellowship ... part of Satyr Hill ... Strife ... described in deed from John Eager Howard of James unto Samuel Worthington ... 27 May 1854 ... recorded AWB 459:111 ... 462 acres (list of exceptions etc.)

Wills, Inventories

No clues found.

COWPENS AVENUE KILN (9)---more---

Looked up these deeds in B. City, but no clues to limekiln were found:

Deeds AWB 440:169

John Eager Howard of Baltimore County--to--Jpseph Parks ... 17 April 1850 ... parcel ... joining North Hampton Farm and the Old Mine Bank road, it being a piece of a tract of land called Risteau Farm left to John E. Howard by Charles Ridgely of Hampton 26 acres ...

Deeds AWB 456:431

John Eager Howard, Junior, son of James --deed to-- Joseph Parks ... 1851 ... \$2080.75 ... west side of Old Furnace Road ... ref to Mine Bank Road Furnace Road ... 74 acres (Second) ... Also ... half ... of parcel ... 21 square perches ... which includes a fine spring of water ... conveyed by Charles R. Howard et al to said John Eager Howard Junior about two years since (i.e. 1849) ... part of North Hampton, Fellowship Cross Chance, Ridgely's Inspection, ... Wheeler's Beginning ...

Deeds AWB 459:111

7 May 1851 ... John Eager Howard of Jas.--to-- Samuel Worthington ... part of Northampton, Fellowship, Ridgely's Inspection, Gay's Good Fellowship, Satyr Hill, small part of Strife (adj Hap Hazard ... the Enlarged Lot ...) ... ref adj "Carrs Lot" ...

.... ref to Mine Bank Road ... Old Furnace Road ... gate entering to the mansion ... lately occupied by James Howard ... Log Quarter ... 472 acres ... S/A ... by indenture ... 3 Jan 1849 ... conveyed by Charles Ridgely Howard

(exceptions: parcels conveyed to Joseph Parks ...)

Note:

A landowner in this vicinity was John Plaskitt shown on 1850 map by J.C. Sidney--- he does not seem to be in the title of the present Hocker property, but he did have a kiln:

(Adv.) farm. in Limekiln Bottom ... house ... stone dwelling
75 x 25 ... kiln ... lime business carried on

JOHN PLASKITT
Limekiln Bottom

--Maryland Journal, May 13, 1865.

Cowpens Road Kiln-----title data---[taxes]----p. 3

1918 Tax Ledger, District 9, f. 216

Samuel E. Parks

116 Acres E. of Towson, between "Furnace" and "Providence"

95 Acres Tillable @ \$80	7600
15 acres Pasture @ \$60	900
6 acres Wooded @ \$50	300
House 40 x 33	2244
Barn 60 x 40	960
Other Bldgs	250

1911 Tax Ledger, District 9, f. 718

Samuel E. Parks

Farm called "Oakland" E. of Towson, between Furnace and Providence Roads
116 acres--viz.:-

108 Acres	8100	8 acres	400	8500
House	2000	Barn	1000	Old Barn
				400
Household furniture	300	Vehicles	400	Live stock
				850
				1550
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				\$13,450

1896 Tax Ledger, District 9 (unpaged)

Parks, Samuel E. Towson P.O.

115 acres of land in Lime Kiln Bottom called Oakland about 2 miles e. of
Towson @ \$60 per acre 6900

Impts 1 Large Stone House	[BA 1780]	1700
Barn & other Out buildings		800

(etc. no clues--McGrain note)

1876 District 9 Tax Ledger (unpaged)

Parks, Jos.'s Estate Farm "Oakland" on the Rd to Providence
115 acres \$9200
Improvements
(include stone dwelling house, stone
barn, barrack, ice house, dairy,
meat house--but no clues to a kiln...
McGrain note)

Mr. McGrain
Historical Preservation Committee
Office of Planning and Zoning
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Towson, Md. 21204

Dear Mr. McGrain,

Thank you for your assistance in documenting the Lime Kiln located on Cowpens Road. The Loch Raven archeology classes appreciate your efforts to further our investigations.

I have recorded the site with Tyler Bastian and have had several additional people in since last I talked with you. First, an engineer studied (informally) the site and declared the trees expendible. Properly felled, they pose no serious structural deterioration problem. Also, an undergraduate surveying student plotted the site. Hopefully, his work will result in an accurate chart.

I am returning the information that you xprovided. I have Xeroxed what I need.

Again, thanks for your rapid and excellent research. It is pleasing to know that people such as yourself are available to further the efforts of the schools.

Sincerely,



Jerry Hoffman
Chairman, Social Studies LRSH