

BA 1965

FIFE-TAYLOR HOUSE/ SHUMAN HOUSE

1857-1876

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This is a large duplex house, covered with pebble-studded stucco, with large, single sheet sash windows, gable roof, and full-width front porch. The main facade is decorated with a dentilled cornice. This house presents a bright, fresh appearance, but it was probably extensively refurbished with materials characteristic of the Colonial Revival period. The basic house seems to date from some point between 1857, when the lot was vacant, and 1876, when the tax ledgers showed John Fife as owner of a house and lot worth \$1,000. None of the tax records would suggest that Fife's original house was replaced. It appears in various atlases and Will Taylor was carried as owner in the 1918 tax ledger.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC FIFE-TAYLOR HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Shuman House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

21,506 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

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

John H. and Henrietta Shuman

Telephone #: 357-5173

STREET & NUMBER

21,506 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21105

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 5863

Folio #: 245

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

The Fife-Taylor or Shuman House has been much refurbished with materials that have a Colonial Revival appearance, but evidence seems to make this a mid-19th century vernacular structure. This is a plain, frame duplex house, two stories plus attic, four bays wide. The twin entrances are set in the two inner bays; doors are paneled, protected by contemporary metal and glass storm doors. The entrances are topped by rectangular transoms. In the main block, windows are double-hung sash types, 1-over-1 layout. The porch is a full-width, wraparound type, shed-roofed on the ends, hip-roofed where it makes a right-angle turn. The porch deck is of wood, about a foot above grade. The roof is supported by seven round Doric columns. An architrave runs from the square block at the top of the capitals of the columns to the soffit of the porch roof.

The main facade is decorated with a dentiled cornice. The main roof is gabled, with overhanging eaves. Roofing material is rubber tile, grey in color. A row of ice hooks runs across the front roof a quarter of the way above the rain gutters. A plain inside end chimney of brick rises through the ridge line at the north (or right-hand) end of the house. The gable ends contain two square windows on the south end of the house, the window openings are filled on the west with louvers for ventilation, on the east and side nearest the street, with a window of four lights.

A low rear wing is attached to the main block; it is two bays deep, and its windows are smaller than those in the main block, contemporary in design and fitted with 1-over-1 lights. The foundation is of stone.

Outer covering of the entire house is stucco, studded with pebbles, which gives the structure a smart, neat appearance. A functional 1-story frame shed is tacked onto the house at its uttermost southwest corner.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 1857-1876

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Shuman house presents a bright appearance and looks as if it should date from the early part of this century because it is lighted by large, one-sheet sash windows that were popular in the Colonial Revival time. However, there is nothing in a chain of tax records to suggest that this is a replacement structure, certainly not after 1911. This double house has apparently been much refurbished at some time in the 20th Century. It stands on a town lot in New Market or Maryland Line, but was once attached to a large farm that spread behind many of the other town lots and stretched northward to Freeland Road. In 1857, John Fife paid \$76 for a town lot measuring 4 perches (66 feet) along the westside of York Road and with a depth of 165 feet or 10 perches. Prior owner was Adam H. Krout. The lot, at that price, was certainly unimproved. (1)

Fife, a local storekeeper, probably had the house built, but the date cannot be fixed with the material available. The next checkpoint is the 1876 tax ledger, which shows him with "House and Lot \$1000.00." (2) Fife died in 1877, and the atlas published that year seemed to show John Fife's house as the first one south of the William Kurtz house (Kurtz's property being the present No. 21,510 York Road). (3)

The next owner was John Rutledge (in 1889) followed by Jacob and Sophronia Lowe. Yet, the 1898 Bromley atlas still showed John Fife as owner. The Lowes in 1908 conveyed to William H. and Myrtle Taylor, who only asked \$450 for a town house and 26 acres suggesting that this was an interfamily conveyance. (4)

The 1911 Tax Ledger showed W. H. Taylor with a house worth \$900. (5) The 1915 Bromley atlas showed the name Taylor sandwiched between the houses of McDonald to the north and Moyer to the south, which checks well with title search of the adjoining property. (6)

The 1918 tax ledger showed W. H. Taylor with 27 acres, worth \$40 per acre, and a

Dwelling	17 x 24		
	20 x 24	2 stories	\$1285
Barn	32 x 52		1106. (7)

The Taylors conveyed the property to Oscar R. Shuman in 1927, and in 1978, Shuman, a widower, conveyed to John H. and Henrietta W. Shuman. (8) The property has been reduced to a town lot by selling off the agricultural space west of the main street in 1969. (9)

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, GHC 17:152.
2. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1876, n.p.
3. Inventories, JBM 91:95, 97.
4. B.C. Deeds JWS 175:538; WPC 326:328.
5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 731.
6. G. W. Bromley, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, 1915), Plate 39.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 801.
8. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5863:245.
9. B.C. Deeds, OTG 5002:46.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

FIFE-TAYLOR HOUSE

Baltimore County Tax Ledgers, Deeds, and Atlases.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.195

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Rectangular parcel with 66-foot road frontage on westside of York Road and depth of about 380 feet. This is all that remains of a large farm parcel that had its dwelling house on a town lot. (Map 3, Parcel 78).

NOTE: Tax Map 3 has numerous errors of labeling on this section of town.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

June 11, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE 10

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

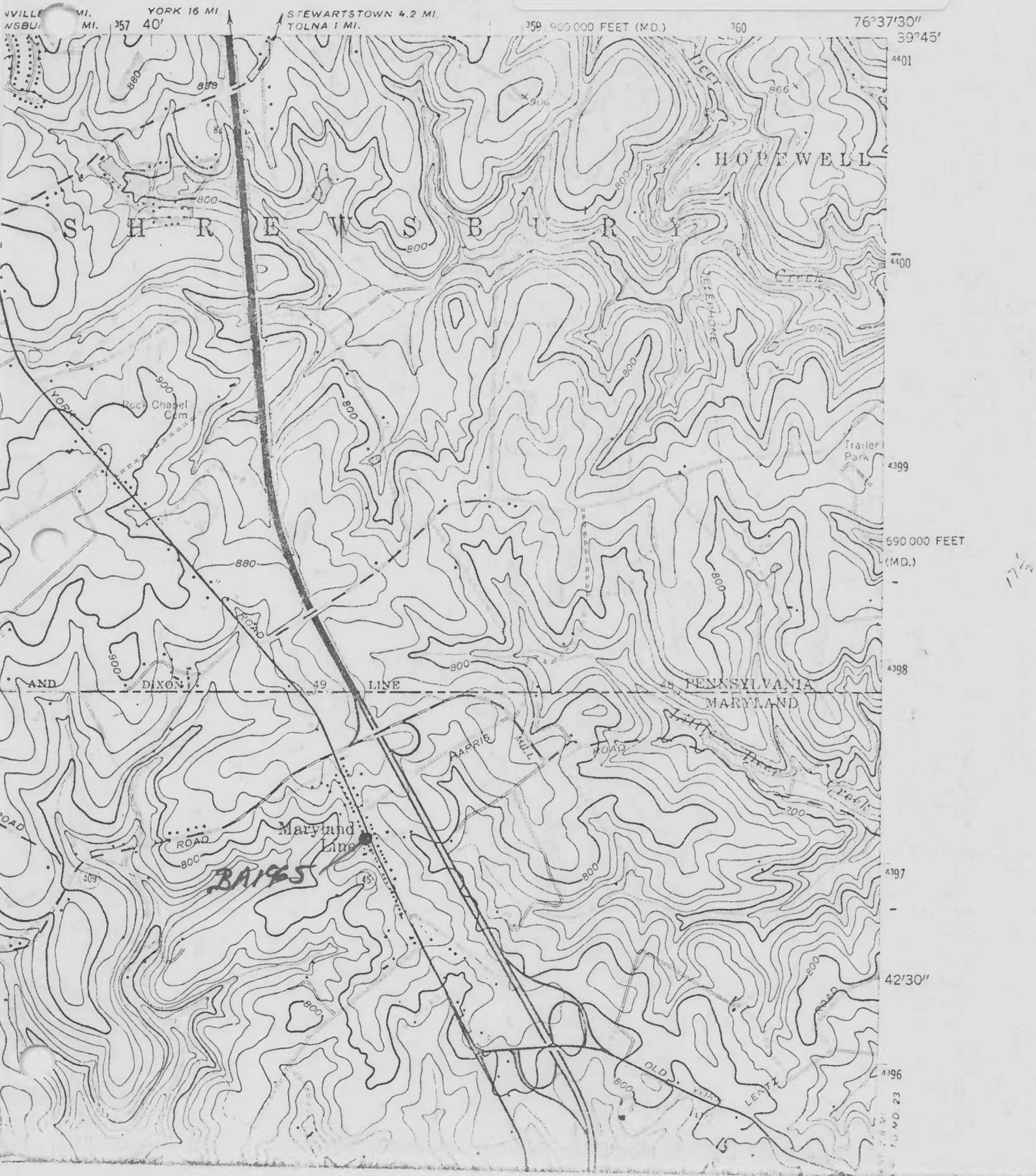
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad

New Freedom

31 SE
WARTSTOWN



690 000 FEET (MD.)

4398

4397

4396

U.S.G.S. 7.5 MINUTE QUAD

1712



FIFE-TAYLOR HOUSE BA 1965
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, October 1980
Neg. located at MHT
Main (East) & south facades fr. SE