

BA 2013

CHARITY LODGE NO. 134

1896-1907

PARKTON

PRIVATE

This frame and composition-shingle, box-like building is the home of a Masonic Lodge founded at Bentley's Springs in 1868 and removed to Parkton in 1878. The present location was shown as a vacant lot in a plat of 1892. The trustees of the Lodge bought the ground in 1909 for \$1,000, probably acquiring some sort of structure for so high a cost in terms of that period. The house was in place, assessed at \$900 in the 1911 tax ledger. The building is surrounded on two sides by a bend in Gunpowder Falls. It is gable roofed, two stories, with ordinary domestic sash windows, measured at 22 by 50 feet. Contemporary iron stairs serve a fire escape. Foundation is stone. The style is vernacular or functional. The shingles are a cream or yellow. The setting is a bare and un-landscaped parking lot.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC CHARITY LODGE NO. 134

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

18,821 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: (Social)

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charity Lodge No. 143 A.F. and A.M.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

York Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: WPC 321:

Folio #: 537

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

NONE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Charity Lodge is a very plain, rectangular building without projections or wings, three bays wide, four bays deep, a frame, gable-roofed structure of two stories. Walls are covered with yellow composition shingle, the roofing material is white standing-seam sheet metal. The eaves overhang slightly at the two gable ends; there are short eave returns, and along the sides of the buildings, the eaves merge with a narrow soffit.

First-story entrances are found on the south, east, and west. East and west entrances are reached by flush doors three steps above grade, opening onto concrete platforms. The south entrance is by a flush door, two steps above grade, the opening sheltered by an aluminum awning. The only windows on the first-story level are in the north facade, two blocked with plywood, the center window a double-hung sash window of 4-over-4 layout.

The second story is reached by steel stairs supported by steel columns, installed on the exterior of the north gable end of the hall; a four-panel door opens onto an unsheltered platform of this fire escape or auxiliary entrance.

Windows are irregularly spaced in the second story:

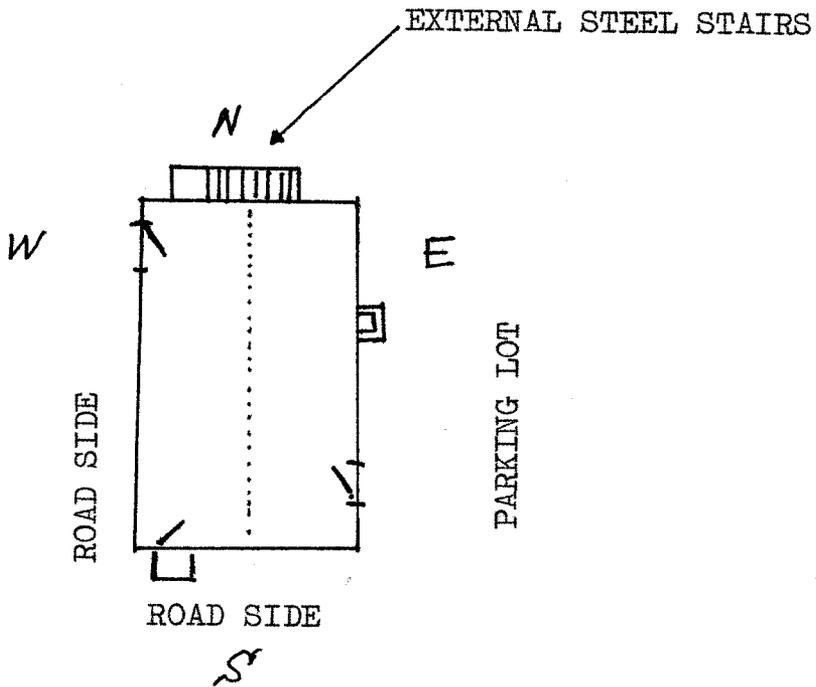
North end	1	
Eastside	4	
South end	3	(one blocked with plywood)
Westside	4	(three blocked with plywood)

Each gable end of this hall is provided with a louvered ventilator in a wooden frame. A narrow, brick outside chimney rises along the east wall, not quite centered along the long dimension.

The foundation is stone. Dimensions given in 1918 were 22 by 50 feet.

This structure sits on a bare, unlandscaped lot, mostly dedicated to parking. Gunpowder Falls makes a bend just north of this building and the grounds have been inundated on occasion in spite of a concrete retaining wall.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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	
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 c. 1896-1907

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Charity Lodge is older than its present meeting place and, in fact, began its life several miles away, as described by Scharf in his 1881 county history:

Charity Lodge No. 134, A. F. and A. M., was originally instituted at Bentley's Springs March 21, 1868, and was called Bentley's Springs Lodge. In 1878, it was removed to Parkton and the title altered. Its officers for the first term were J. S. Price, W. M.; S. S. Cooper, S. W.; W. F. Hendrix, Sec.; and A. W. Hughes, Treas. It has a membership of twenty five. (1)

The lodge took part in laying the cornerstone of Parke Memorial Methodist Church in 1888. (2)

The site of the present building was shown as unimproved property, part of the estate of Martha Turner, when offered for sale in 1892. (3) Mrs. Turner's executor sold a number of lots to James W. Ayres in 1893. (4) However, the overall property was still almost unimproved in 1896 when the assessment book showed Zora Ayres with a dwelling worth only \$150. (5)

James W. Ayres and wife sold part of Lot 9 to the Trustees of Charity Lodge in December of 1909 for \$1,000. The property most likely contained a structure of some sort for so high a price tag, when half-acre lots went for about \$100. (6)

The 1911 tax ledger mentioned the "hall" as worth \$900, its furniture worth \$100. (7) The 1918 ledger gave dimensions as two stories, 22 by 50 feet. (8) The trustees at the time of purchasing the lot were Dr. Robert R. Norris, Alfred A. Sparks, and George L. Gilbert.

NOTES:

1. Thomas J. Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County (Philadelphia, 1881), p. 873.
2. Committee on History, Parke Memorial United Methodist Church 1888-1978 (Parkton, Md., 1978), p. 5.
3. Baltimore County Plats, JWS 1:70, 70A.
4. B.C. Deeds, LMB 196:45.
5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896.
6. B.C. Deeds, WPC 321:537.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 462.
8. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 459.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES CHARITY LODGE NO. 134

Baltimore County Deeds, Tax Records.
J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County
(Philadelphia, 1881), p. 873.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.52

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 9 on B.C. Plats, WPC 1:79. Metes and bounds not expressed in deed. Parcel is a slightly irregular rectangle bounded on east by Almony store lot, on north and west by by-passed segment of York Turnpike Road (Md. 463); on south by Gunpowder Falls.

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

April 4, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

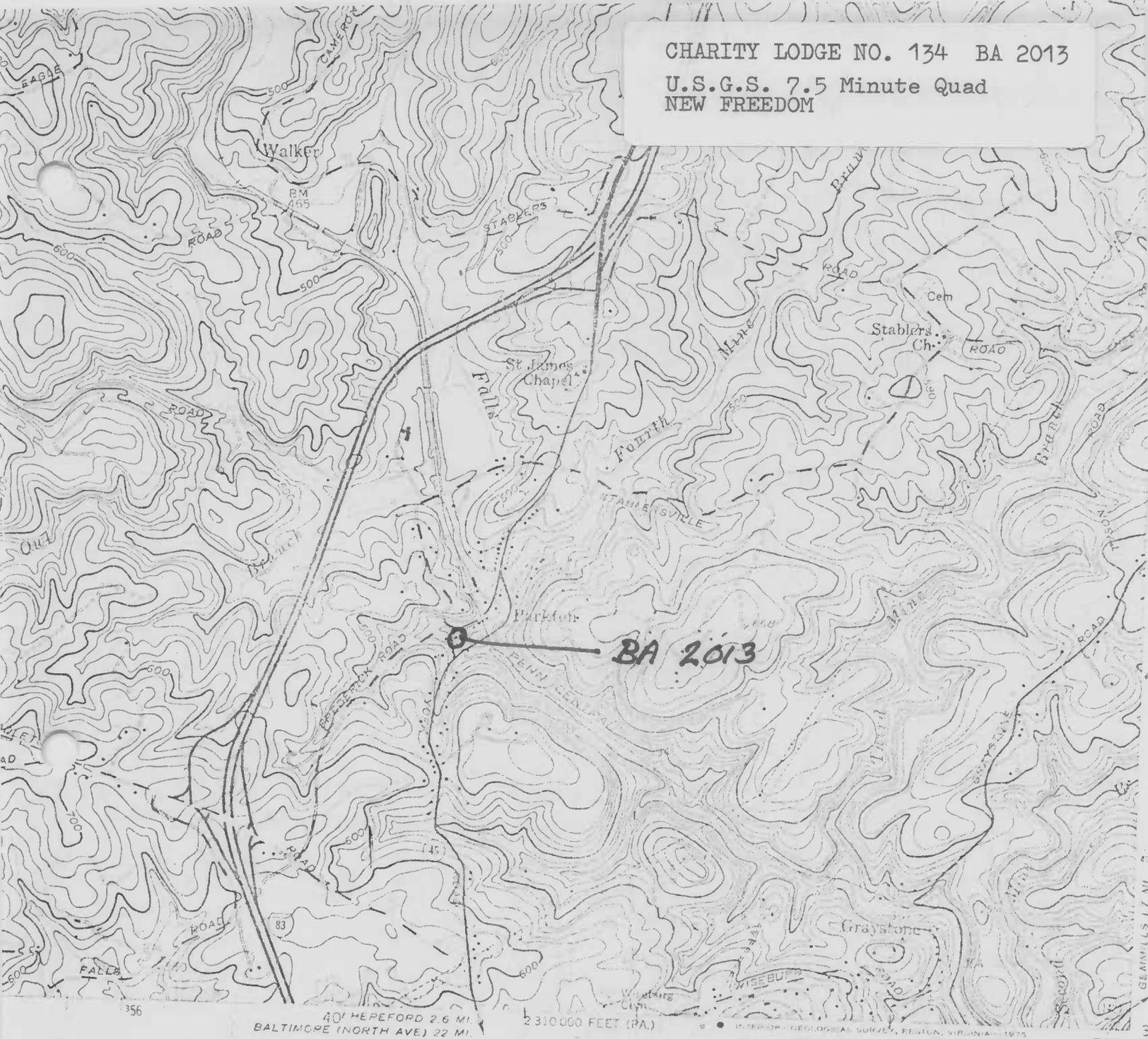
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

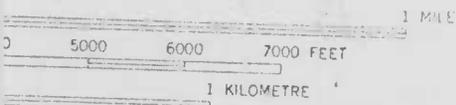


401 HEPEFORD 2.6 MI.
BALTIMORE (NORTH AVE) 22 MI.

2 310 000 FEET (P.A.)

359000m E.

WHITE HALL 0.3 MI. 76°37'3"



FEET
MAY 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty —————
- Medium-duty - - - - -
- Light-duty
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -

- U.S. Route
- State Route

NEW FREEDOM, MD.—PA.

N3937.5—W7637.5/7.5

1958
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5663 II NW—SERIES V833

ACCURACY STANDARDS
WASHINGTON, VIRGINIA 22092
DETAILS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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



CHARITY LODGE

BA 2013

Baltimore County, Maryland

J. McGrain, March 1980

Neg. located at MHT

SE facade from SE



CHARITY LODGE BA 2013
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, March 1980
Neg. located at MHT
SE & SW facades from due south



CHARITY LODGE BA 2013
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, March 1980
Neg. located at MHT
NE gable end