

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2357
Spotswood
104 Woodbrook Lane
Baltimore, Baltimore County
Ca. 1809
Private

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The Federal-style masonry dwelling is set back from the road, facing east. Rising two-and-a-half stories in height, the house is three-bays wide with a front gable wing that was constructed circa 1880. Both the foundation and the walls of the dwelling are clad in stucco, as is the boxed cornice. The side gabled roof is clad in slate tiles and two central interior brick chimneys rise from the ridge. The entry consists of a wood-paneled single-leaf door with one-light sidelights and a divided three-light transom. The entry is flanked by 6/6 windows. At the second story, there are three 6/6 windows that mimic the openings on the first story. The east elevation of the wing is pierced by a 6/6 window at both the first and second stories. The first story window is framed with 2/2 sidelights. There is a four-light casement window in the gable end of the addition. On the rear of the house, there is a two-story, stucco-clad addition that was constructed circa 1880.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2357

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Spotswood

2. Location

street and number 104 Woodbrook Lane not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Alan B. and Miriam L. Cohen

street and number 104 Woodbrook Lane telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21212

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 5996 folio 144

city, town Towson tax map 79 tax parcel 161 tax ID number 0901352460

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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _private	<input type="checkbox"/> _commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> _structure	<input type="checkbox"/> _both	<input type="checkbox"/> _defense	<input type="checkbox"/> _ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> _site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> _ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> _object		<input type="checkbox"/> _education	<input type="checkbox"/> _ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> _funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> _ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> _government	<input type="checkbox"/> _ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> _health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

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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	1809 ca.	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1809 ca., 1880 ca.		

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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¹ Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, A History of Baltimore County, (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 297.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3.7 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Cockeysville Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling is located at 104 Woodbrook Lane in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 79, Parcel 161 since its construction circa 1809.

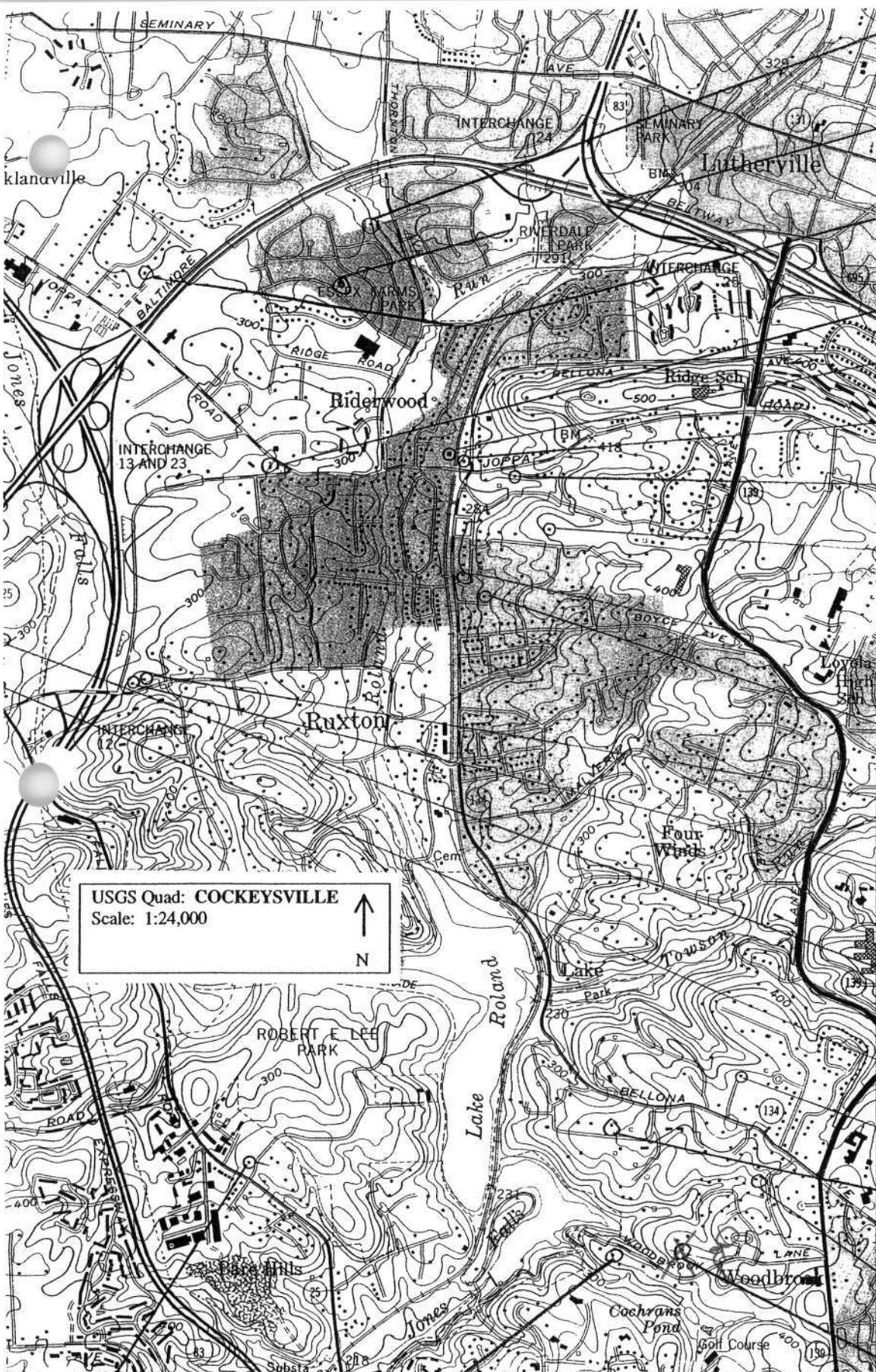
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	R. Weidlich, A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 29, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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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 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
 410-514-7600



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 Scale: 1:24,000
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8308 THORNTON ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-1161
1812 LANDRAKE ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0523
8507 WHITE MANOR DRIVE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0216
1901 WEST JOPPA ROAD
RIDERWOOD, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2141
1006 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2359
1600 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2425
1517 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-1775
1400 WALNUT HILL LANE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2140
7106 SHERWOOD AVENUE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2360
4362 1500 OLD ORCHARD LANE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2202
2004 RUXTON ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2203
2008 RUXTON ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2614
4361 10145 FALLS ROAD
BROOKLANDVILLE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2372
- BA-1777
7205 BELLONA AVENUE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2230
7309 BRIGHTSIDE ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2356
4360 14 MEADOW ROAD
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

9-1560
 BA-2358
 211 WOODBROOK LANE
 BALTIMORE
 BALTIMORE COUNTY

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

 Interstate Route
 U. S. Route
 State Route

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 104 WOODBROOK LANE
 BALTIMORE
 BALTIMORE COUNTY
 (BALTIMORE 5662 15E EAST)





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TRACERIES

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EAST ELEVATION

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NORTHWEST CORNER

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Traceries

April 2001

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South Elevation

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SPOTSWOOD - 1809 - 104 Woodbrook Lane, Woodbrook.
Stone and stucco house in French provincial, a survival
of the Hurstleigh estate. On 1984 garden tour.
Owners: Dr. and Mrs. Alan B. Cohen.