

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2473**  
**Herman J. Fenker House**  
**6830 Windsor Mill Road**  
**Baltimore, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1925**  
**Private**

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The two-and-a-half-story, five-bay wide dwelling fronts southwest and sits back from the road on a level grassy lot with a paved driveway to the northwest. The Colonial Revival style house features a solid rock-faced concrete block foundation and structural system that is ornamented with rusticated panel-faced concrete block quoins. The hipped roof, which is clad in asphalt shingles, is marked by vinyl-sided hipped-roof dormers on the front and sides. A one-story, one-bay-wide rock-faced concrete block wing projects from the southeast elevation. A central entry with a one-light single-leaf wood door with sidelights, transom and square-edged wood surround flanked by four paired 1/1 vinyl windows with shared vinyl surrounds pierces the first story of the main block. The second story features five equally-spaced 1/1 vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds. One forty-light double-leaf wood door with a square-edged wood surround on the façade of the wing. The first-story openings on the main block and wing are sheltered by a one-story, four-bay-wide porch with a shed roof supported by cast concrete Ionic columns that sit on random rubble stone piers. All façade openings have square-edged wood lintels, and the windows feature vinyl-clad sills. The central dormer of the façade is pierced by one 1/1 vinyl window with a vinyl surround. The rear of the dwelling has been augmented by modest wood frame additions clad in vinyl siding that date to circa 1990. Behind the house is a circa 1925 one-story, two-bay wide rock-faced concrete block garage with rusticated panel-faced concrete block quoins.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2473

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Herman J. Fenker House

other

## 2. Location

street and number 6830 Windsor Mill Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Baltimore \_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name William L. and Debra L. Hayward

street and number 6830 Windsor Mill Road\ telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21207

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 12965 folio 511

city, town Towson tax map 88 tax parcel 438 tax ID number 0206350050

## 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"/> _landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> _structure	<input type="checkbox"/> _both	<input type="checkbox"/> _commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> _buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> _site		<input type="checkbox"/> _defense	<input type="checkbox"/> _sites
<input type="checkbox"/> _object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> _structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> _education	<input type="checkbox"/> _objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> _funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> _Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> _government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> _other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			1

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

The Herman J. Fenker House was constructed circa 1925 at 6830 Windsor Mill Road, near the intersection of Windsor Mill Road and St. Luke's Lane. The two-and-a-half-story, five-bay wide dwelling fronts southwest and sits back from the road on a level grassy lot with a paved driveway to the northwest. The Colonial Revival style house features a solid rock-faced concrete block foundation and structural system that is ornamented with rusticated panel-faced concrete block quoins. The hipped roof, which is clad in asphalt shingles, is marked by vinyl-sided hipped-roof dormers on the front and sides. A one-story, one-bay-wide rock-faced concrete block wing projects from the southeast elevation. A central entry with a one-light single-leaf wood door with sidelights, transom and square-edged wood surround flanked by four paired 1/1 vinyl windows with shared vinyl surrounds pierces the first story of the main block. The second story features five equally-spaced 1/1 vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds. One forty-light double-leaf wood door with a square-edged wood surround on the façade of the wing. The first-story openings on the main block and wing are sheltered by a one-story, four-bay-wide porch with a shed roof supported by cast concrete Ionic columns that sit on random rubble stone piers. All façade openings have square-edged wood lintels, and the windows feature vinyl-clad sills. The central dormer of the façade is pierced by one 1/1 vinyl window with a vinyl surround. The rear of the dwelling has been augmented by modest wood frame additions clad in vinyl siding that date to circa 1990.

Behind the house is a circa 1925 one-story, two-bay wide rock-faced concrete block garage with rusticated panel-faced concrete block quoins. The building has a hipped roof clad in asphalt shingles and two vehicular doorways. Only one has a paneled roll-up metal door, while the other has been retrofit for the placement with a sash-and-paneled single-leaf door. The remaining portion of the original opening has been covered with aluminum siding.

# 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 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**      circa 1925-present      **Architect/Builder**      Unknown

**Construction dates**      circa 1925, circa 1990

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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The community of Woodlawn was established in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century around the land that encompassed the 19<sup>th</sup> century company town owned by the Powhatan Manufacturing Company. In 1903, the Woodlawn Cemetery Corporation purchased the buildings and land of the Powhatan company town, established in 1809 as a village surrounding Jesse and Enoch Levering’s Powhatan textile mill.<sup>1</sup> Although the mill had experienced high production levels through the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, the Powhatan Manufacturing Company had reduced production by the 1890s. The company’s remote location away from direct rail lines to Baltimore hindered the transportation of goods from the factory to the city and, therefore trade and commerce between the two locations. In 1895, a fire destroyed the Powhatan factory, thus resulting in the demise of the company.<sup>2</sup> After the Woodlawn Cemetery Corporation purchased the land encompassing the village of Powhatan in the early 1900s, they began demolishing the factory buildings for the establishment of a large cemetery. By 1915, the majority of the mill-related buildings were gone.<sup>3</sup> Many of the dwellings in and around the Woodlawn Community date from the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as the area began to develop as a Baltimore suburb.

<sup>1</sup> Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), pp. 190-191.

<sup>2</sup> Brooks and Rockel, 201.

<sup>3</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Baltimore West

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1925, the Fenker House has been associated with the .3176 acre known as tax parcel 438 of map 88 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

## 11. Form Prepared by

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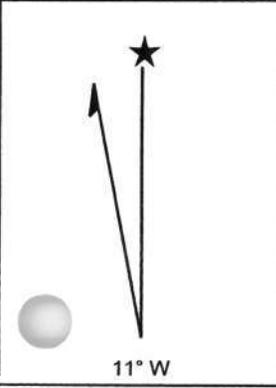
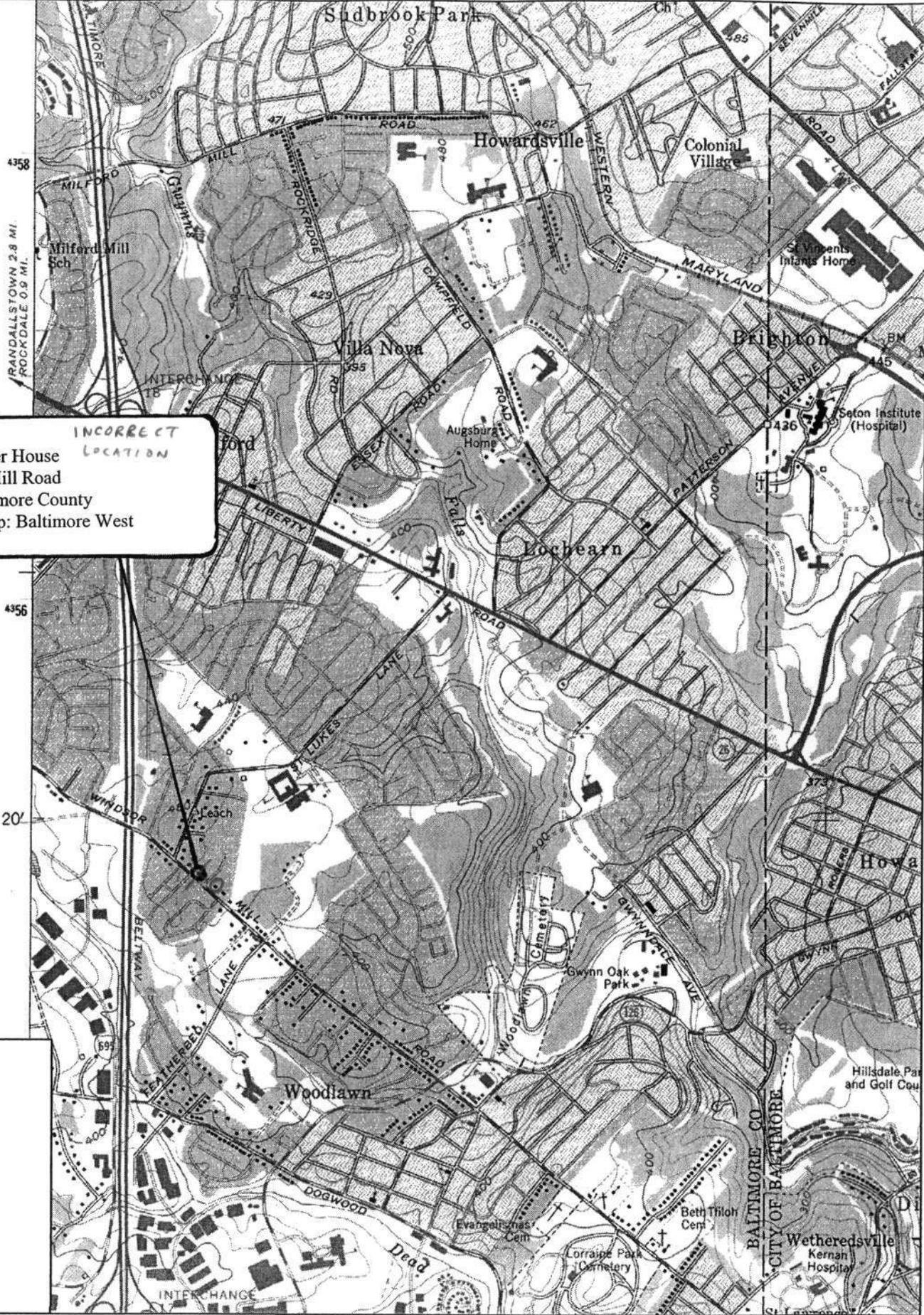
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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 USGS Quad Map: Baltimore West

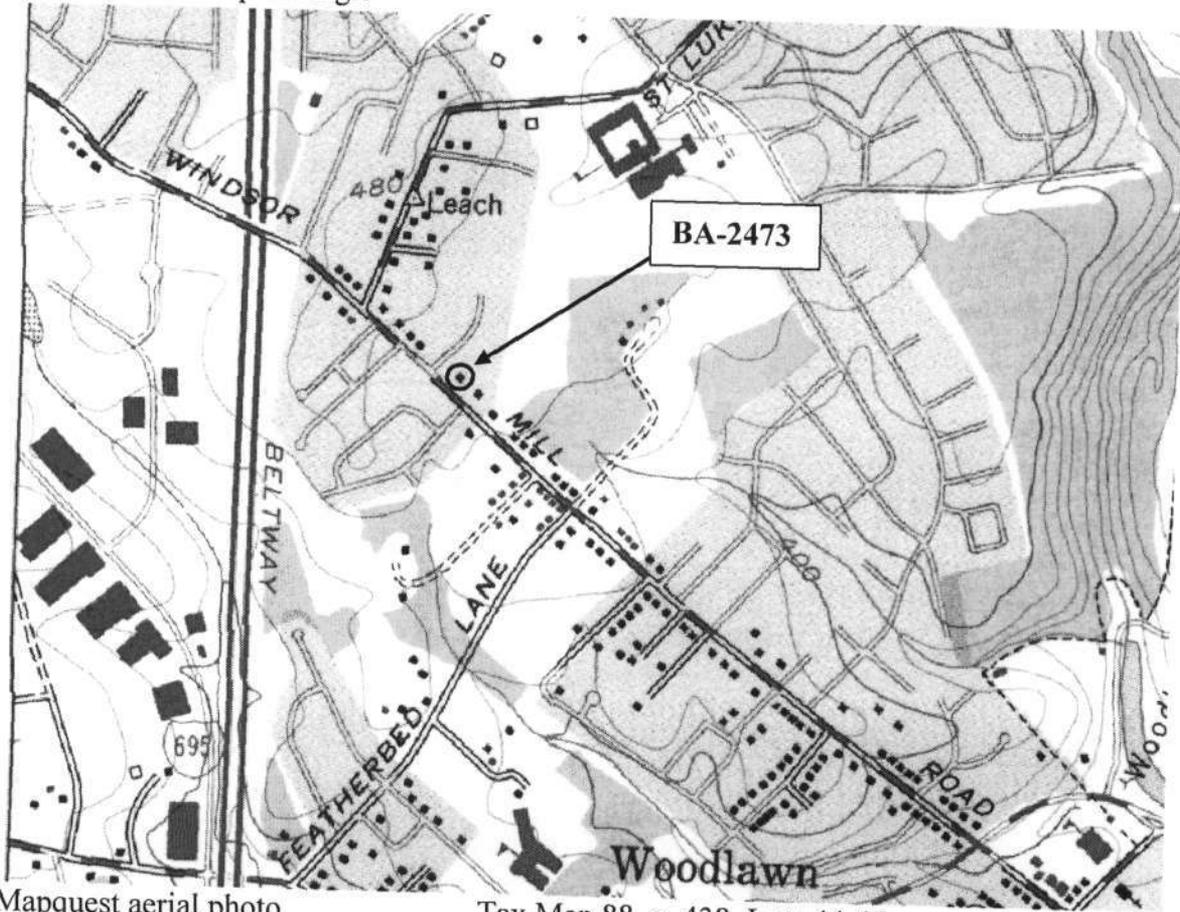
INCORRECT LOCATION



Name: BALTIMORE WEST  
 Date: 6/3/2003  
 Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 18 350793 E 4355717 N

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6830 Windsor Mill Road, Gwynn Oak (Woodlawn)  
Baltimore West quadrangle



Mapquest aerial photo

Tax Map 88, p. 438, Lots 44-45





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6830 WINDSOR MILL ROAD

WOODLAWN

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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WEST CORNER

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WOODLAWN

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E CORNER

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**FENKER HOUSE** - ca. 1925 - 6830 Windsor Mill Road, Woodlawn. East of Holder Road. Magnificent, broad, 2-½ story, American Four-Square, colonial revival house in rock-faced concrete block, with prominently quoined corners. Dormers in each surface of the hip roof. Full-width and wrap-around porch. Well back from the road. Probably built by Herman J. Fenker, who acquired a number of lots in the Holder Park subdivision in 1925 for only \$1,000.