

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2487
Beulah Land
6508 Crestwood Road
Baltimore, Baltimore County
Ca. 1855
Private

Beulah Land is currently located in the early 20th-century subdivision called Idlewylde in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. Although an exact date of construction has not been determined, the circa 1855 date is supported by historic maps and architectural evidence. The Italianate-style dwelling was constructed for Joshua Regester, the owner of a Baltimore bell foundry. The house first appears on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas showing Regester as the occupant. The nearby road, Regester Avenue, appears to have taken his name. On April 27, 1907, the Baltimore County Union advertised the property for sale. In 1911, it was purchased for development and the surrounding land was subdivided to create the Idlewylde subdivision.

Rising two-stories in height, the Italianate-style wood frame dwelling is set on a random rubble stone foundation and features vinyl siding. The façade or west elevation is five-bays wide with a full-width front porch. The porch features a half-hipped roof, chamfered wood posts, and a brick pier foundation. The house has a centered entry that consists of an eight-panel wood door with a one-light transom and a carved, molded wood pediment. Flanking the entry are 2/4 windows with square-edged wood lintels and vinyl clad surrounds. At the second story, there are four 2/2 windows with square-edged wood sills and a central window that consists of paired eight-light casement windows with a one-light transom above. The shallow-pitched, hipped roof is clad in asphalt shingles and two interior brick chimneys rise above it. On the rear of the house, there is a two-story wood frame ell with a stone foundation and a one-story enclosed porch with a shed roof. There is a wood frame garage that was constructed circa 1980.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2487

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Beulah Land

other

2. Location

street and number 6508 Crestwood Road not for publication

city, town Baltimore vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Bruce Renoux Weller

street and number 6508 Crestwood Road telephone Not Available

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21239-1511

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 8652 folio 741

city, town Towson tax map 80 tax parcel 128 tax ID number 0902001010

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	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _private	<input type="checkbox"/> _commerce/trade	_1_	_1_ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> _structure	<input type="checkbox"/> _both	<input type="checkbox"/> _recreation/culture	_ _	_ _ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> _site		<input type="checkbox"/> _defense	_ _	_ _ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> _object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _domestic	_ _	_ _ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> _education	_1_	_1_ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> _funerary		
		<input type="checkbox"/> _government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> _health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> _industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> _landscape		
		<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.

Located near Towson, the Italianate-style dwelling was constructed circa 1855. It has subsequently been subsumed within an early 20th century subdivision and front west on Crestwood Road. Rising two-stories in height, the wood frame dwelling is set on a random rubble stone foundation and features vinyl siding. The façade or west elevation is five-bays wide with a full-width front porch. The porch features a half-hipped roof, chamfered wood posts, and a brick pier foundation. The house has a centered entry that consists of an eight-panel wood door with a one-light transom and a carved, molded wood pediment. Flanking the entry are 2/4 windows with square-edged wood lintels and vinyl clad surrounds. At the second story, there are four 2/2 windows with square-edged wood sills and a central window that consists of paired eight-light casement windows with a one-light transom above. The shallow-pitched, hipped roof is clad in asphalt shingles and two interior brick chimneys rise above it. On the rear of the house, there is a two-story wood frame ell with a stone foundation and a one-story enclosed porch with a shed roof.

There is a wood frame garage that was constructed circa 1980. Clad in German siding, the garage has double-leaf wood doors that are paneled with lights and a front gable roof with asphalt shingles.

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 1855 ca., 1911

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1855 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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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property Less Than One Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Towson

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property known as Beulah Land is located at 6508 Crestwood Road in the Ninth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 80, Parcel 128 since its construction circa 1855.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	R. Weidlich, A. McDonald and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
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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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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USGS Quad: TOWSON
 Scale: 1:24,000



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 6609 OSLER ROAD
 BALTIMORE
 BALTIMORE COUNTY

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BA-2487
 6508 CRESTWOOD ROAD
 BALTIMORE
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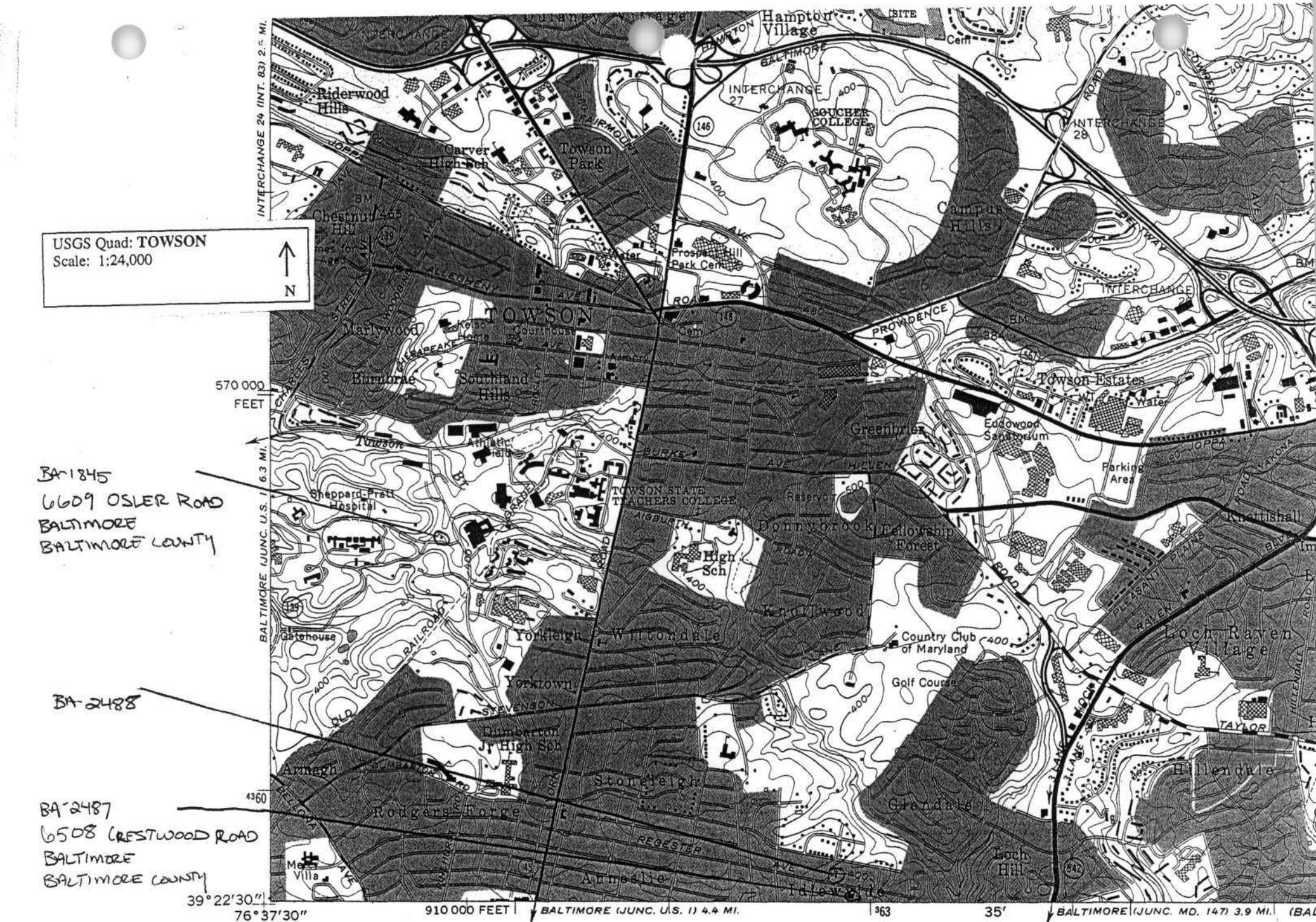
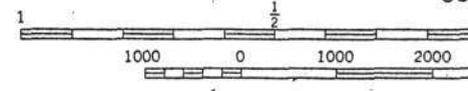
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BALTIMORE (JUNC. MD. 147) 3.9 MI. (BAL

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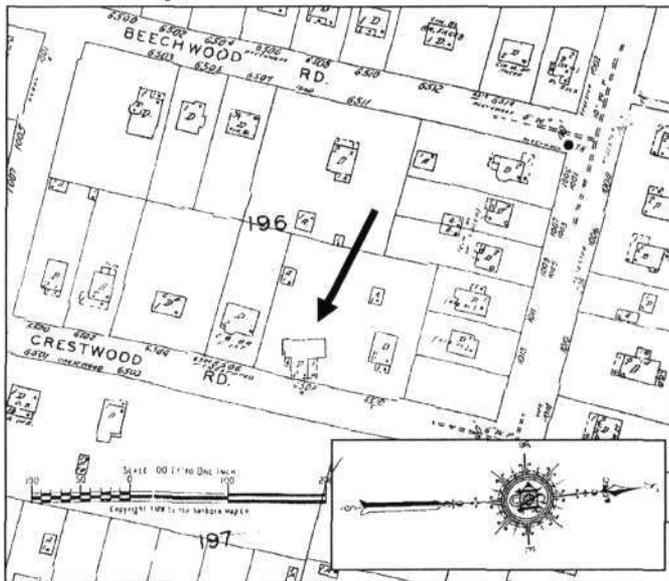


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Beulah Land
6508 Crestwood Road, Northwood
Towson & Baltimore East quadrangles



Sanborn Map, 1955

Microsoft Virtual Earth image, 2007



Facing west



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BALTIMORE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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NORTHWEST CORNER

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TRACERIES

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SOUTHEAST CORNER

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BEAULAH LAND - 18 ⁶⁵⁰⁸ - ~~5508?~~ Crestwood Road, Idlewylde. Large frame house of Joshua Register, owner of a Baltimore city bell foundry. The house was formerly the center of an estate called Beaulah Land, "Beulah" being a Hebrew word for "happy" that is only found in the King James Version of the Bible, not used in recent editions. Beulah Farm was advertised in the Baltimore County Union, April 27, 1907. The property was sold for development in 1911 and was subdivided into the neighborhood of Idlewylde. A fire reduced the main house to its present remnant.