

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CE-882

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY File 864

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Rowlandsville Hill House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

On a steep steep slope overlooking the Octorara at Rowlandsville

CITY, TOWN

Rowlandsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY OWNERSHIP STATUS PRESENT USE

- DISTRICT PUBLIC OCCUPIED AGRICULTURE MUSEUM
- BUILDING(S) PRIVATE UNOCCUPIED COMMERCIAL PARK
- STRUCTURE BOTH WORK IN PROGRESS EDUCATIONAL PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- SITE PUBLIC ACQUISITION ACCESSIBLE ENTERTAINMENT RELIGIOUS
- OBJECT IN PROCESS YES: RESTRICTED GOVERNMENT SCIENTIFIC
- BEING CONSIDERED YES: UNRESTRICTED INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION
- NO MILITARY OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 mid 19th century frame house is located on Kilby Corner Rd. just north of the iron bridge at Rowlandsville, Md. This house is one of a dozen that used to be located on the west bank of the Octorara Creek, and made up the town of Rowlandsville. The structure is located on a steep slope about 50 feet above the main road. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The 2~~1~~ story frame house is 3 bays across by 1 room deep, and rests on an exposed uncoursed fieldstone basement. A double story shed roof porch is found across the east (main) facade.

The entire house is sheathed with asbestos siding. The roof has a steep pitch and is covered with composition tile. There are interior end stuccoed brick chimneys.

The main entrance is located in the central bay and has a 3 light transom, and 4 panel mid 19th century door. The window sash are six over six with molded trim. There are louvered shutters found on the first and second floor windows. The eaves are extended with open soffits. The north and south gable ends have similar detailing but only have two 4 pane windows to illuminate the attic.

The interior is mid 19th century with a hall/parlor plan. The south room has a Empire Mantel with plain pilasters which support a plan frieze and heavy mantel shelf. A simple molding is found under the shelf. The two rooms are separated by a large opening with molded surrounds and plain corner blocks. The north room has winder stairs that go to both the second floor and the basement. A closed up stove hole is located in the north wall. The hardware was all mid 19th century with porcelain knobs and interior locks.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rowland, ^{WHO} owned the house in 1877, ~~who~~ seems to have been a prominent man in the area from the number of houses he owned. It is a typical mid 19th century house with its interior basically intact. It is one of just a few that remain from the mid 19th century Rowlandsville. It is therefore an important house to the 19th century community appearance.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

DESCRIPTION OF BOUNDARY: ...

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

STATE	COUNTY

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

2/5/79

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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.

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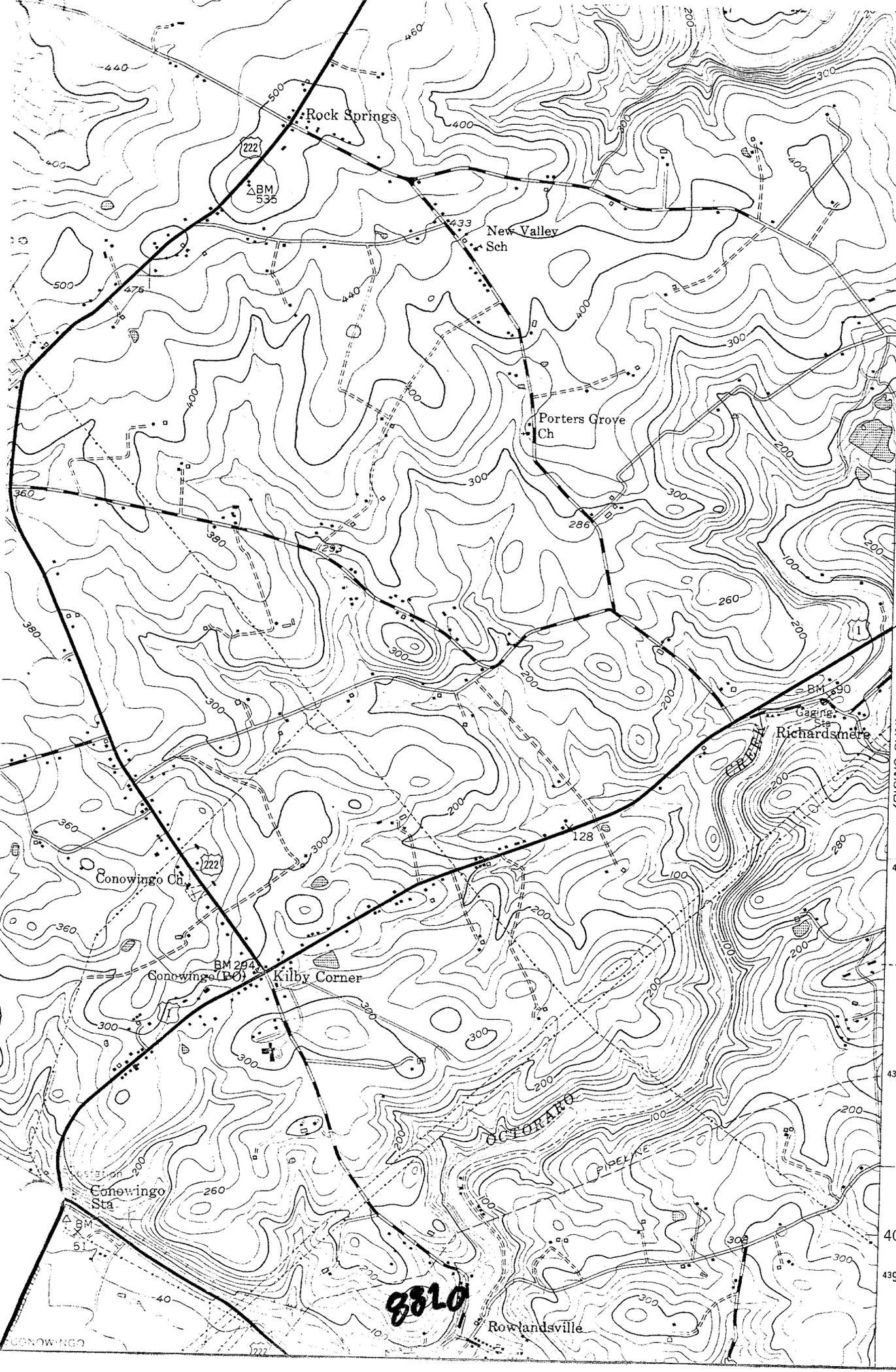
Rowlandsville

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Rowlandsville derives its name from the Rowland family who have lived along the banks of the Octoraro Creek since their first purchase of a tract of land called "Glass House" in 1749. A number of factors have contributed to the economic and community development of the town. Grist and saw mills have operated on both the Octoraro Creek and its tributary Bason's Run (Beeson's Run) in the 18th Century along with the manufacture of iron in the very late 18th Century and most of the 19th Century. Nineteenth Century continuation of grain processing remained under the name of Davis Christy and Co. The McCullough Iron Company continued the manufacture of iron in mid century after buying the property in 1859. Extensive remains of the factory attest to the importance this iron manufacturer played in boosting Rowlandsville to more than a grist mill community. Like many industrial complexes, mill housing was constructed to house company workers and their families. Three sturdy granite and fieldstone structures (CE-886) once housed iron company employees along the east bank of the Octoraro Creek.

Residential and commercial structures were built on both sides of the Octoraro Creek which are now connected by a late 19th Century Pratt Through Truss Bridge. Steep hillsides restricted extensive town development but did not contain construction to the relatively few flat plots of ground. Frame structures with elevated and exposed basements compensated for the drastic change in slope. (CE-882) Rowlandsville was also blessed with the presence of a town railroad depot for the Phila. Balt. Central R.R. This

asset undoubtedly provided Rowlandsville the exposure it needed to remain vital through the 19th and early 20th Centuries. Morocoto Paper Co. bought the iron mill complex in 1892 and produced roofing paper into the early 20th Century, until the operation burned and left the structures in ruin. Trains no longer pass through Rowlandsville and like many of its kind, the town is a quiet residential community. Two elevated train bridges were built south of Rowlandsville to cross the Octoraro. The first one was built by A and P Roberts Company at Pencoyd Iron Works in 1901. (CE-881) It is a single lane reinforced iron wall bridge with supporting granite piers that runs through the mammoth reinforced concrete arches of the higher two lane Penn Central Bridge (CE-883). These two structures, although dramatically placed, do not bring commerce to Rowlandsville only over it.



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DAM QUAD.

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Rowlandsville



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