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B. J. Green House  
Near Warwick  
Private

C. 1865-1866

The Benjamin J. Green House is one of the few houses illustrated in the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas of 1877. It was undoubtedly one of the most prominent houses to be seen for miles in and around Warwick, Md. In fact, it still commands much attention today above its surrounding corn fields. Green was the builder between 1864 and 1867 for Cecil County Tax Assessments (list a \$14,300.00 entry in 1867 while in 1864 his 260 acres were assessed for \$5,460.00. (The Tax Assessments for 1865-1866 are missing) Such a large discrepancy provides enough evidence along with the architectural style of the structure for dating the second empire house to 1865-1866.

*moved 1988 to approx. 1158 Warwick Rd.  
Cecilton Rd.*

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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File 1-145

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC B.J. Green House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Route 282 1/2 mile west of Warwick, Md.

CITY, TOWN

Warwick

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dwight O. Rath

Telephone #: 275-2233

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Cecilton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21913

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: ~~WBA~~ WAS 341

Folio #: 380

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**

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**CONDITION**

—EXCELLENT  
GOOD  
 —FAIR

—DETERIORATED  
 —RUINS  
 —UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

—UNALTERED  
ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 —MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The B. J. Green House c. 1865 is a 3 story 5 bay x 1 room center hall frame house with mansard roof on the Cecilton-Warwick road just west of Warwick. The house faces south with the main gable running east/west.

The house rests on a partial fieldstone and brick foundation with basement and is covered with weatherboard siding. The mansard roof has a slate sheathing with wooden corner trim. A 2½ story 4 bay by 1 room wing extends to the north to form a T-Addition. The wing is constructed the same as the front block only it has a gable roof instead of a mansard.

The south (main) facade has symmetrical fenestration with a central entrance. The heavily molded front door has two arched panels that are interrupted by bulls-eye panels 2/3 of the way down. The rectangular panels finish below. Three light sidelights with panels below and a 3 light transom frame the entrance. The 4/4 sash with plain surrounds do not retain their shutters but the pintels and shutter does remain. The heavy cornice has elaborate bracket supports and corner pilasters. The third floor is illuminated by rounded arch 2/2 sash dormers with a scrolled roof ornament. A flat roof porch extends across the five full bays with a heavy bracketed cornice and elaborately scolloped cast iron supports. The porch floor is supported by brick piers, and granite slabs serve as porch steps. One of the more distinctive characteristics of the front facade is the palladian type window in the central second floor opening. A normal 2/2 sash with an arched two pane light overhead.

The gable ends are identical with a single 4/4 sash on each floor in the northern bay and two 2/2 sash arched dormers that flank the interior end stretcher bond brick stacks.

The north side is primarily covered with the rear wing with two bays exposed on the east side.

The rear wing has shed porches which cover the first floor on both east and west sides. The east side porch has a scrolled decorative board between rough cedar posts. 6/6 sash are found on both first and second floor with an entrance in the northern most bay. The west side has a four panel door with transom light in the second bay from the north. The sash remain 6/6. There are two 2/2 gabled dormers on the west slope of the roof. Central and interior end stacks rise out of the wing.

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The porch is supported by simple square piers with molded capitals.

The north end has a later first floor light and two 2/2 attic sash that flank the brick stack. Plain bargeboards close the gables.

The interior has not been changed significantly since the structures erection. The main stair has a heavily turned newel post with a continuous flat oval handrail that rises to the third floor. The balusters are also turned. The large four panel doors and molded surrounds are grained as are the elaborate Victorian mantels. The woodwork remains grained throughout the main house with plain woodwork in the rear wing.

A courtyard with boardering barn buildings remains to the north of the main house. They include a medium sized hay barn, stables, and wagon sheds.

EATON  
CHASABLE  
BOND  
25 WEST 100th

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <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 checked="" 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**

The B. J Green house is one of the few houses illustrated in the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas. It was undoubtedly one of the most prominent houses in the area and probably fairly new. B. J. Green had been in the country for a while according to the patron list. He supposedly came from Harford County around 1833. In 1877 he owned 266 acres along with the house.

The house is a common plan but all similarities end there. The house is one of the most elaborate third quarter of the 19th century structures with its intricate cast iron porch and mansard roof with decorative arched dormers. The interior is also unusual with its abundance of grained woodwork. The house and farm was assessed in 1867 for \$14,300, but in 1860 there is no house listed which would make one believe the house was built between those two years. (Cecil County Tax Assessments 1860-1877)

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

10/16/79

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland 21921

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Quar.

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NECK

ROAD

NECK

Creek

St Francis Xavier  
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CHURCH

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SANDY  
BRANCH

Warwick

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Gravel  
Pit





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B. J. GREEN HOUSE

SOUTHERN ELEVATION

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B. J. Green - ~~Blair~~ House

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South Elevation

NE Warwick, Md.

POST

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B. J. GREEN House  
NORTHERN ELEVATION

NW

WILMUNCK, MD.

6/79

PAT



B. J. GREEN HOUSE

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WEST ELEVATION

N<sup>12</sup> WARWICK, MD

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B. J. GREEN House  
EASTERN ELEVATION

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WAR  
WARWICK, MD.

6/79 PIST



B. J. GREEN House

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Southern porch and MIHW ENTRANCE

NR

WARWICK, MD

6/79 PBT



RESIDENCE & FARM PROPERTY OF B. J. GREEN, ESQ, WARWICK, CECIL CO. MARYLAND.

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Lake, Griffing, & Stevenson Atlas

1877

Res. of B. J. Green

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