

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 6-127

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Lloyd Balderston House

AND/OR COMMON

Colora Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1265 Colora Road

CITY, TOWN

Colora

X 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 checked="" 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 | PUBLIC ACQUISITION | ACCESSIBLE | <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

Donald Balderston

Telephone #: 658-5636

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 148

CITY, TOWN

Colora

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21903

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: NDS 29/204

Folio #: NDS 30/174

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 Lloyd Balderston House c. 1843 is a two story two bay by two room side hall/double parlor stuccoed fieldstone house with later additions just south of the Colora crossroads on Colora Road. The house faces south with the main gable running east/west.

The main side hall/double parlor house was enlarged to the east by a two story bay by one room stuccoed stone section not long after the first block was built. This addition appears just as deep in roof line since the same pitch was retained, ^{however} two story porches fill the front bay. An even later two story one bay by one room stuccoed frame kitchen abutts the east gable end of the first addition. The entire house rests on a fieldstone foundation with partially excavated cellar. The house is fully stuccoed and covered by a medium kitchen slate roof.

The south end is four bays across, the western two comprising the side hall/double parlor first block. The entrance occupies the western most bay and is covered by a single bay porch with Tuscan columns and pedimented gable roof. The two panel front door has a three light transom overhead. The door also retains its original hardware. The adjacent parlor 6/6 sash window is framed by a beaded surround and flanked by louvered shutters. The identical ^{same} floor windows are aligned directly above. A boxed cornice with crown molding decorates the eave.

The eastern bays are ~~not~~ set back from the previous wall surface with the presence of the double porch. The first floor porch has been enclosed for a green house while the second floor is still open. Plain post supports and with stick balustrade support the main roof. A door and 6/6 sash window occupy the western and eastern bay of each floor. Two gabled 6/6 sash dormers are centered on the entire main block. The house is heated by a once east gable end and now central brick chimney with split stacks above the roofline.

The stuccoed frame kitchen wing is slightly shorter than the main house. A single 6/6 sash lights each floor if not taken by door openings which are found on the south and east sides. A 6/6 sash gabled dormer light the attic space from the south and a 6/6 sash window light the attic from the east. The first floor of kitchen is covered by a shed roof porch which connects the kitchen to single story gabled weatherboard frame half garage and schoolhouse. The western half of this rectangular building is divided off and has a blackboard attached to the west wall. Family tradition supports this activity through Lloyd Balderston's diary.

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The north side of the house consists of an asymmetrical placement of doors and windows. A rear hall entrance in the western most opening with a shed roof hood. A 6/6 sash window light the first landing and is therefore not in align with the adjacent first and second floor windows of the rear parlor and second floor bedroom. The first addition has two openings, a door and 6/6 sash window on the first floor and single 6/6 sash window on the second. This roof slope also has two centered 6/6 sash gabled dormers. A boxed cornice with bed and crown moldings stretches across the base of the roof. The kitchen has a single 6/6 sash window on each floor and a brick stove stack rises against the inside of the north wall. The west gable end of the original house has a single 6/6 sash window on each floor with louvered shutters. A beaded bargeboard closes the gable end.

The interiors throughout the house have been moderately changed to accomodate modern bathroom facilities and heating.

The side hall runs the full depth of the house and a stair gently rises in the northwest corner. The turned newel has a bulbous shape the increases towards the base. The continuous oval handrail is supported by tapered corcular balusters and the stringer is simply decorated. The six panel doors found throughout the house have a narrow ogee molded inset around each panel. The doors are framed with bulls-eye corner blocks. The same molding is used for fireplace surrounds. The frieze has ogee curved blocks which support the molded shelf. A similar mantel is found in the south parlor. The window reveals are curved.

The woodwork remains basically the same on the second floor only on a less elaborate scale. Beaded board doors and built-in cupboards go along with the 1880 date for the kitchen addition.

The working farm complex consists of a large frame barn on the same axis as the house and to the east. The projecting entrance has and earthern ramp. Standing north of the barn is a two story frame granary with side bins and central passage. A two story three bay by one room frame tenant house stands next to the granary. It faces west with a north/south axis. It rest on a rieldstone foundation and is sheathed with weatherboard siding. A medium sloped slate roof covers the house. Later additions were added to each gable end. A shed roof porch covers the front entrance and 6/6 sash windows light the structure. Just east of the tenant house is round wood shingled ice house with 8-sided conical roof. The frame structure rests on a fieldstone foundation. A late 19th century single bay garage with a gable roof is the next structure moving westward. It is also shingled. The most recent addition to the farm is the 1936 dairy barn with block walls and a bowed roof. A brown tile silo stands next to the barn.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| 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 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

1843

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Very few houses are accompanied by such extensive documentation of construction events and family history. This has been a family tradition which started with Lloyd Balderston's ^{and} diary, documents his entire life. The Balderstons appeared in Cecil County to stay in 1841 and soon thereafter built the first section of the described house. A barn is supposed to have preceeded the house but it burnt and was replaced in the later 19th century. Lloyd Balderston arrived in 1841 and purchased a "worn out tobacco farm" and slowly brought the soil back to a tillable state, from there he began orchards and shipped fruit to Philadelphia. The dairy business began in the late 19th century and milk was condensed in a granite building next to the railroad ~~and shipped from there~~ in COLONIA.

From an architectural standpoint the farm complex is an usual ^{the house shows} collection of mid 19th century to 20th century structures. ~~an unusual development~~ The initial plans for expansion included a western gable end addition but this was altered due to the closeness of the road. The original addition would have produced a full "Georgian" central hall double pile house. However, practicality superseded the need to conform to a particular house plan. The fact that most of the second quarter of the 19th century woodwork remains, is certainly a significant aspect of the house. The woodwork itself is fairly typical of the period.

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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

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

10/6/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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WAS 224/235

Lloyd Balderston, III & Lydia T.
To

4/20/1968

Donald Balderston
Farm Mortgage WEB 25/39 1/31/1934
124.6 Acres

HWL 14/479

Sarah A. Balderston, Widow Richard M. Balderston &
Rachel Balderston etc.
To

3/10/1925

Lloyd Balderston
To which Lloyd Balderston acquired interest,
by interitence from his father Elwood Balderston
\$15,565.24 216 1/4 Acres

Elwood Balderston - Died intestate
To

Sarah Balderston

CK 4/36

C. Canby Balderston
To

1/18/1911

Elwood Balderston
216 1/4 acres without counting the land of the Phila., Balt.,
and Wash. R.R. from Lloyd Balderston
to

WILL

C. Canby Balderson
of Mont. Co., Pa.

Lloyd Balderston to Henry Woodrow/Mort. 1841
JS 48/309
104 Acres \$840.00 part of a tract called "Paradise"

GMC 8/288

Caleb H. Caaby, Plumber/Mort.
4/19/1845 From Phila.
Part of "Paradise" - 104 Acres

GMC 2/62

Release from Henry Woodrow

From Stephen Woodrow deed JS 48/388 Paradise

TO
LLOYD BALDERSTON

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660 000 FEET
(MD.)



RISING SUN QUAD



CE-1191

LLOYD BALDWIN HSE

NA COLORA

1/20 PRT

NORTH ELEV.

WEL/MO. HIST TRUST



CF-1191

LLOYD BALDWINSON 1730
N1 COLORA

1/80 - 1BT

EAT ELEVATION

NEG / MD. HIST TRUST



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LLOYD BALDWINSTON HOUSE
WEST ELEV. OF TENANT
HOUSE

NO COLOR

1/80 PIST

NEG/NO. ART TRUST



CE-1191

LLO BALDWIN STAN HOUSE

HA LORA

1/8 PBT

SOU ELEV. OF ICE HOUSE

NO. 1157 TRUST



CE-1191

LLOYD BALDERSTON FARM
SOUTH ELEV.

COLORA

3179 PAT

NE. 1/4 MP. HIST TRUST

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