

CARR-315  
STEPHEN BOWER HOUSE (site)  
Uniontown

1977  
private

CARR-315 Stephen Bower House  
3443 Uniontown Road

**3443 Uniontown Road** is a reconstruction built in 1977 by Richard Blacksten. The original house was built by Stephan Bower sometime after 1809. In 1825, Jacob Yingling, a saddler, bought the property which he sold in 1832 to Henry Routson, a tailor. Routson lived and operated a store here for the greater part of the nineteenth century. A unique feature of this house was its porch which was actually the sidewalk under the porch roof. There may have been a few exposed log houses, such as the one currently at 3443 Uniontown Road, during the earliest years of Uniontown's history, but these would have been covered with wood siding or brick as soon as the owner could afford it. A house with exposed logs on the exterior was difficult to seal and protect against the weather. Log was used as a wall material in the same manner that builders use concrete block today—as a quick and inexpensive means to construct a solid wall that is then finished with a more fashionable material as an exterior covering. When this area was first inhabited, settlers would construct log houses and leave the log exterior exposed because their priorities were other matters, such as raising enough crops to sustain them through the year. Materials for covering the exterior of houses were not readily available and making bricks or sawing weatherboards were time-consuming tasks. As this agricultural region became more prosperous, residents could afford to pay carpenters and masons to construct their homes and finish them in an appropriate manner. Also sawmills and brick-making factories were established, and these materials became more accessible. It is during this later period that Uniontown was established, and its architecture reflects this early nineteenth century era of increasing affluence as shown through the design and details of its buildings.



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FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-315

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: Antiques Shop

ORIGINAL USE: residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:  
Excellent ( ) Good ( )  
Fair ( ) Poor ( )

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: 1977

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Uniontown

LOCATION: 3443 Uniontown Rd.

COMMON NAME: Stephen Bower House (site)

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: residence

OWNER: James S. Woodward  
ADDRESS: 3443 Uniontown Rd  
Uniontown Md 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
Yes ( ) No  Restricted

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Reconstructed Log House on site of Bowers house

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
- Wall Structure
  - Wood: Log ( ) Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other
- Wall Covering: Weatherboard ( ) German Siding ( ) Board and Batten ( )  
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood ( ) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal ( )  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- Engineering Structure: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Appendages: Porches ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )  
Ells ( ) Wings ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )  
With False Front ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stories: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Bays: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance Location: \_\_\_\_\_

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:  
No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ATTITUDES:  
Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
Mixed ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

See Huntown Md. A Walking Tour

REFERENCES:

- 1862 Martenet's Map:
- 1877 LG & S Atlas:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered Buildings ( )
- Moderately Built Up ( ) Densely-Built Up ( )
- Residential ( ) Commercial ( )
- Agricultural ( ) Industrial ( )
- Roadside Strip Development ( )
- Other:

RECORDED BY:

Jae Getty

ORGANIZATION:

C.L. Dept of Planning

DATE RECORDED:

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1. CARR-315 Stephan Bower House Site
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November, 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
6. North & east elevations, camera facing  
southwest
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