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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Blue Rock Tavern

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: ~~Westside~~ Southwest corner Norrisville Road (Md 23) Old York Road (Md 439)

CITY OR TOWN: Shawsville

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland		Harford	

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☐	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☐	Yes:
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☐	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
				No: ☐

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐	
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☐		
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mrs Bertram Wright

STREET AND NUMBER: Shawsville

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
White Hall 21161	Md	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD MAIN ST

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
BEL AIR		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Major Alterations inside Unaltered ☐	(Check One) Moved ☐ Original Site ☐

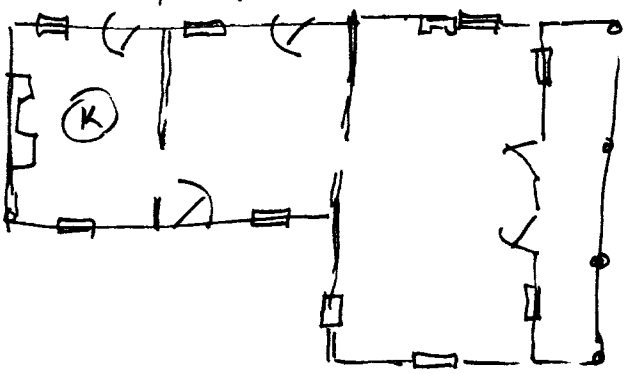
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

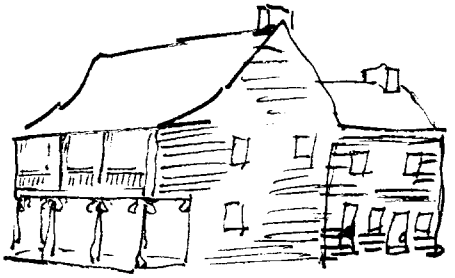
This frame building, clapboard covered, is L shaped. Facing east the wing runs west along the ~~[illegible]~~ north wall. A two-story porch runs across the front of the house under a sweeping pitch roof (the upstairs railing a simple rail with square posts, downstairs turned posts with cut wood decoration).

Two stories, the main house is 4 bays by one, with ~~[illegible]~~ four bays in the wing downstairs, 2 up.

The slate roof has wide eaves which help to disguise its early features, as do the "new" windows, 1 light over 1 (probably changed about 1890). The interior is entirely "modernized" downstairs.

Early features include the porch as it appears upstairs and the old "summer kitchen" with its fine cooking fire place, still with the crane in place.





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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☑	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☐	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitarian ☐	
Commerce ☐	Literature ☐	~~Theater~~ ☐	
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)*

This house was used as an Inn soon after the Revolution, operated first by Abram Gilbert and remaining in that family today, owned now by Mrs Elizabeth Gilbert Wright. It was last operated as an inn by Nelson Gilbert up to the end of the 19th century or later, Mrs Wright thinks about 1920. During this time the Old York Road was a main highway between Baltimore and York, and wagon drivers found this point about half way between those two cities.

The back two rooms of the house may be ~~[illegible]~~ older than the ~~[illegible]~~ rest.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kreger, C Milton Our Harford Heritage p 353
Harford Co. Directory p 312-313
Interview with Mrs. Kreger, February 1971 by JSE and Mrs Gardiner Smith, at site.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

ORGANIZATION | DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE | CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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