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Bond's Venture
607 Wheel Road
Bel Air, MD 21014

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bond's Venture

AND/OR COMMON

Bond's Venture

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

607 Wheel Road

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Marie Slattery

Telephone #: 838-3823

STREET & NUMBER

607 Wheel Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: GRG 491

Folio #: 237

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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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

This rubble stone dwelling is located south of Wheel road north of Laurel Bush Road. The house faces south east and is two stories high.

The structure is actually three houses. Each originally had, besides their own entrance, a separate stairway and fireplace. Walls in the structure are approximately two feet thick.

Each section is two bays by one, with the center section slightly larger than the other two. Windows in all sections are six lights over six, doors are of moulded wood panels. The gable flank roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Chimneys are located on the north west end as well as on the northwest end of the center section. Both chimneys are corbeled brick. A third chimney and fireplace was probably removed from the east room when its kitchen was modernized. A new enclosed porch has been erected on the south east side of the east room, the kitchen. It is one story high and 2 bays long. An older two tier porch is located on the north west. This is open on the first level, but has been enclosed as a sleeping porch on the second elevation.

Some interior features have been altered in this structure to make it a one-family dwelling. Two stairways have been closed up and passage ways have had to be made between the different rooms. In the living room, knotty pine panels have been replaced by wainscoting. The pegged floors are old, though probably not original. In the center section, now a dining room, walls have vertical beaded board panels.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input 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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This rubblestone dwelling is of simple architecture and resembles colonial "Town houses." There are no rear entrances, indicating that the belief that this was slave quarters is probably true.

Though called Bond's Venture, all earlier transactions in the County land records refer to this tract as Bond's Adventure. Ownership by the Bond family, though assumed, was not proven through title search. A transaction in 1812 confuses the reader-Edward Hall conveyed 838 acres to Richard Ruff, being land conveyed to Hall by Richard Ruff, son of Richard Ruff.

Assuming that a Richard Ruff owned this property in 1814 and in 1798, a check was made of the tax lists for those years. Information apparantly is incomplete and no record of this property was found.

This dwelling, as originally constructed, is unusual in Harford County and its conversion to a one family dwelling has altered it very little.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1783 Maryland Tax List
1798 Federal Tax List
1814 Tax List

Dobbin, Muriel; "A House with Three Front Doors", Sunday Sun Magazine,
March 17, 1963, Baltimore.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 22 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bond's Venture is bounded by Wilson's property on the east and
Bynum Run on the west.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information
and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringe-
ment of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Title Search
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Mrs. Marie Slattery
607 Wheel Road
Bel Air, MD 21014

GRG	491	237	10/7/57	Grantor: Ernest V. Sexton and Fannie B., wife Grantee: Marie E. Slattery Acreage: 22 acres more or less
GRG	409	163	2/6/54	Grantor: James A. Sills and Helen V. Sills & Ray Wilson Grantee: Ernest V. and Fannie B. Sexton
GRG	491	234	10/7/57	Grantor: McHenry Mitchell & Laura Mitchell Grantee: Ernest V. and Fannie B. Sexton Acreage: .24 acres
GCB	259	158	1/30/40	Grantor: Charles L. and Nellie Sills Grantee: James A. Sills Acreage: 23 1/3 acres
WSF	104	60	2/3/02	Grantor: Laura and William Piper Grantee: Nellie Sills Acreage: 23.5 acres of "Bond's Adventure" & "Betsy's Delight"
WSF	98	170	11/6/1899	Grantor: Eliza Piper Grantee: Laura Piper
GSN	12	40	1899	Grantor: Last Will & Testament of Henry Piper Grantee: Eliza Piper, his wife
WHD	16	243	10/13/1865	Grantor: Lilburn Martin Grantee: Henry Piper Acreage: 20½ acres of Bond's Adventure
ALJ	31	423	4/29/1875	Grantor: Mansel E. and Susana E. Morrison Grantee: Henry Piper Acreage: 3 acres of Betsy's Delight

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WHD	16	242	8/26/1863	Grantor: Land of Samuel Martin deed: Martin heirs Grantee: Liburn Martin
HD	13	179	4/8/1830	Grantor: Henry Martin Grantee: Samuel Martin Acreage: 20½ acres, Bond's Adventure. "together with all & singular the buildings . . . "
HD	1	363	2/16/1818	Grantor: Richard Ruff Grantee: Henry Martin Acreage: 25 acres of Bond's Adventure "together with all and singular the buildings . . . "
HD	X	136	11/8/1812	Grantor: Edward Hall Grantee: Richard Ruff Acreage: Portions of Bond's Adventure, Bond's Adventure Revised, Daniel's Lott, Daniel's Lott Revised Total 693 acres, also portions of Strawberry Hills and Come by Chance-total 145. All together it is 838 acres.

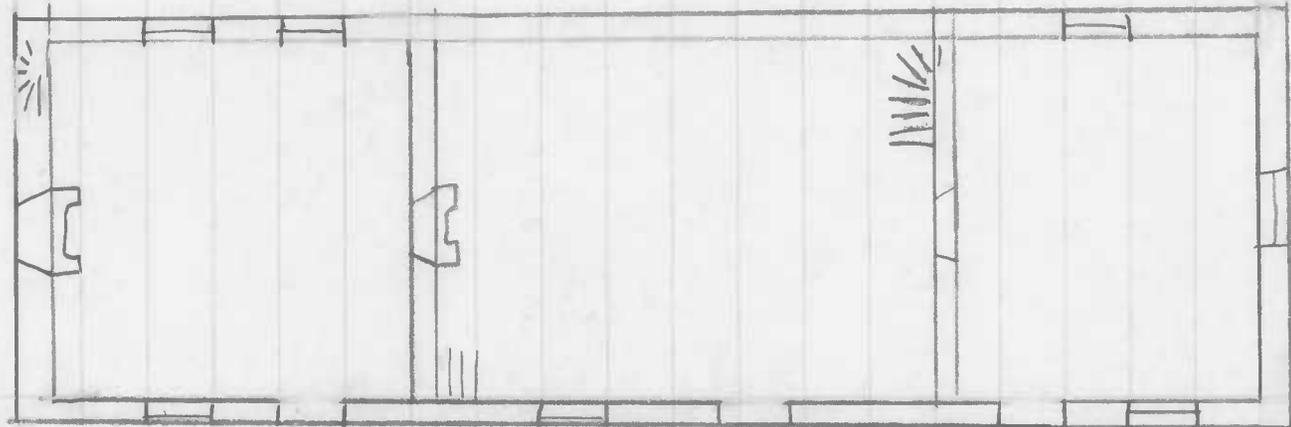
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Asbestos shingles

living room: knotty pine replaced by
wainscoting. pegged floors
dining room - beaded, vertical
board panelling
doors moulded wood panels

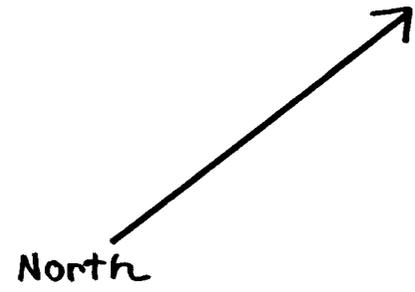
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open porch,
first tier
enclosed porch,
2nd tier

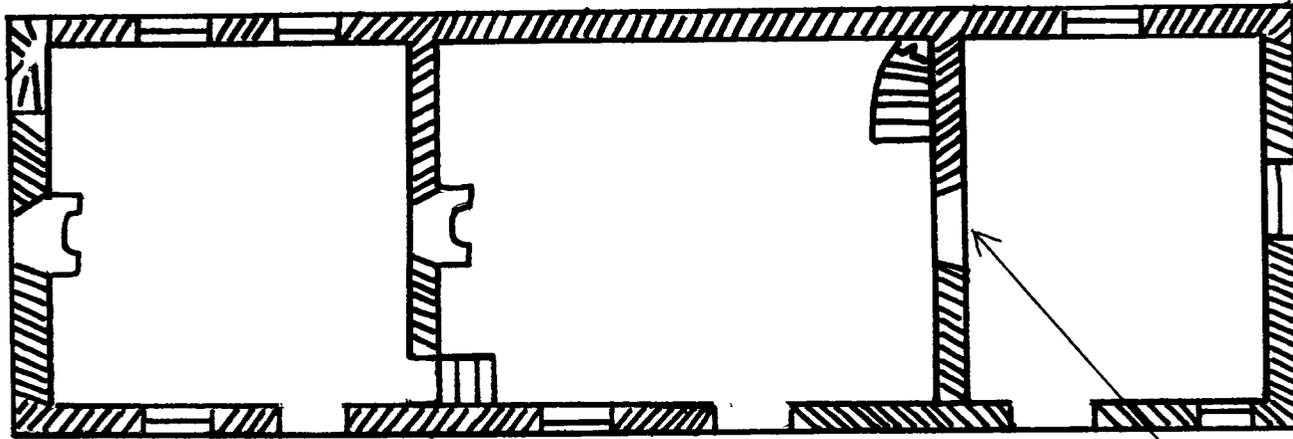


Enclosed porch (new)

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Stairway
closed up



Closed Fireplace

7.5 Minute Series

HA 940

Emmorton

Emmorton School

St. Mary's Church

Bynum Run

Run

Reservoir

Norris Corner

Abingdon

St. Francis De Sales Church

WILKINSON'S RUN

Haha Branch

Transformer station

PHILADELPHIA

Van Bibber

MALDEN

OTTER





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