

Turner-Lipscomb House
4325 Norrisville Road
Whitehall, Maryland 21161

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Owned by the Turner family until 1928, this house was probably built by Eli Turner in the third quarter of the 19th century. The design is an anomaly in Harford County: the gable front roof and double-story gallery evoke the image of an antebellum Mississippi plantation. Other grandiose elements include a Palladian window in the front gable and, on the interior, a cramped center hall plan and fake graining on the doors.

Also on the property are several outbuildings including a well house with a walk-in refrigerator and a large frame bank barn.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

MACT # 1312465504

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Turner-Lipscomb house

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4325 Norrisville Road

CITY, TOWN

Whitehall,

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

21161

COUNTY

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	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

Gregory J. Leyko, Rita M. E. Taggart

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4325 Norrisville Road

CITY, TOWN

Whitehall,

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21161

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1074

Folio #: 274

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE
Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

On the north side of Norrisville Road (Rte. 23) just west of the intersection with Troyer Road is located this mid-19th century house resembling an antebellum Mississippi plantation house. The two-story house is frame with a gable front roof and double story front gallery built in two sections. Both set on raised stone foundations, the main or south section is three bays wide and one room deep; and the 1/2-story two bay by one bay north section is flanked on both sides by one story shed-roofed wings. There are two brick chimneys: a central one with a corbelled cap in the main section, and one that has been rebuilt in the north end. Except for the flanking wings, windows have 6/6 sash with architrave trim on the front and fluted trim with corner blocks on the sides. The cornice of the main section has scrolled brackets. The house is covered in aluminum siding with metal shutters on the front windows.

The front-or south-facade has entrances in the center bays of both stories, flanked by a window on each side. In the gable is a Palladian window. The first story entrance has sidelights and a tripartite transom with a fret design. The porch has square posts with an openwork -cum-panelled railing. It has been extended on the west into a concrete terrace.

The west side is blank except for an entrance in the first story.

The north end has a pyramidal arrangement of windows framing the roofline of the north section.

The east side has two windows in each story including the basement.

The north section has one 6/6 sash window in the first story north end and, in the second story of both sides, two 3/3 sash windows.

The fenestration of both wings is recent. The main section has a center hall plan; the rear section contains one room with a pantry in the west wing. The latter has narrow beaded trim; the former has fluted trim with corner blocks and six panel doors with fake graining.

Both main rooms have fireplaces in the interior walls. The mantels have shelves with ogee cornices and pilasters flanking the opening. Both the trim with corner roundels and mantel in the east room are more elaborate than those in the west room.

The center hall consists of a foyer and central enclosed staircase set off by pilasters. The stairs have a plain rounded rail with chamfered newel posts capped by round balls with beading around the circumference.

The basement has log joists (still with bark on them) and a fireplace in the west room. The second floor has two rooms on the west and one on the east. The trim is fluted and there are four-panel doors. The batten door to the room in the north section has fake graining.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<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 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Probably built sometime in the third quarter of the 19th century, this property remained in the hands of the Turner family until 1928.¹ The house was probably built by Eli Turner, who may have been a negro according to one deed. When he died in 1894, it was devised to Frank Turner.²

In 1928, Frank Turner's widow sold the house and 90.5 acres to Arthur F. Martin. It then passed through a rapid succession of owners until in 1936 the lot was halved, and the 37 acre section on the north side of Norrisville Road whereon this house is situated was sold separately.³ No one retained ownership of the lot for more than two years until it was purchased by Roy W. Lipscomb in 1944;⁴ it remained in the Lipscomb family until 1978.

The house is an anomaly in the area: the gable front roof and pedimented double-story gallery ^{are} reminiscent of the antebellum Mississippi plantations. The fake wood graining on the interior doors and simplified center hall plan also suggest the builder's grand ambitions on a small budget.

Footnotes

- 1 DGW 208/156
- 2 Will Records JMM 11/384
- 3 SWC 242/239
- 4 GCB 282/153

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Will records of Harford County
 1858 Jenning and Herrick's Map
 1878 Martenet's Map

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

June, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main Street

TELEPHONE

301-879-2000 Ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland 21014

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

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Description (Cont'd.)

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The attic has plastered walls with sporadic relief designs. The rafters are full logs with bark on them and are butted together.

Also on the property are a well house with a walk-in refrigerator west of the house and a smokehouse and an outhouse north of the house. Further west is a frame bank barn covered in German siding. It has hand-hewn beams and posts and its rafters are logs fastened to a ridge pole.

TITLE SEARCH

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Eli Turner house

	1074/274	September 11, 1978	Grantor: Donald V. Blake & Ruth E. Blake Grantee: G. J. Leyko & R. E. Taggart Acreage: 6.24 acres
	1055/531	February 27, 1978	Grantor: William P. Hahn & Hazel Battes representing estate of Marie H. Lipscomb Grantee: Donald V. Blake & Ruth E. Blake
GRG	484/474	July 8, 1957	Grantor: Walter P. Lipscomb & Louise H. Lipscomb Grantee: Marie H. Lipscomb Acreage: 37 Acres
GCB	282/153	February 29, 1944	Grantor: W. E. Wood & M. L. Wood Grantee: R. W. Lipscomb & M. A. Lipscomb Acreage: 37 Acres
SWC	248/452	November 8, 1937	Grantor: Clarence D. Grant & Mary E. Grant Grantee: W. E. Wood & M. L. Wood Acreage: 37 Acres
SWC	242/239	October 8, 1936	Grantor: C. H. Miller & Mattie Miller Grantee: C. D. Grant & M. E. Grant Acreage: 37 Acres
SWC	241/425	July 2, 1936	Grantor: Anne Martin & Frank Martin Grantee: C. H. Miller & Mattie Miller Acreage: 90.5 Acres
SWC	230/475	August 8, 1934	Grantor: Betty Mahan Grantee: Annie Martin Acreage: 90.5 Acres
SWC	230/45	February 16, 1934	Grantor: Stewart O. Day, Trustee Grantee: Frank Martin Acreage: 90.5 Acres
SWC	222/451	May 19, 1932	Grantor: Frank Martin Grantee: Robert R. McGraw, Zula McGraw, William F. McCafferty Acreage: 90.5 Acres Mortgage: \$9250 held by Frank Martin
SWC	223/45	May 19, 1932	Grantor: Arthur F. Martin & Maye Martin Grantee: Robert R. McGraw & Wm. F. McCafferty Acreage: 90.5 Acres
DGW	208/156	May 8, 1928	Grantor: Mary E. Hope Turner, widow Grantee: Arthur F. Martin Acreage: 90.5 Acres
Mortgage			
DGW	199/237	April 22, 1926	Mortgagee: Dr. Frank T. Turner & Mary E. Turner Sum: \$3000 Mortgage
Will Records			
JMM	11/384	1894	Devisor: Eli Turner Devisee: Frank Turner

STATES
OF THE ARMY
ENGINEERS
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/ILLE)

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PHOENIX QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 PARKTON 15' QUADRANGLE

5763 III NW
(FAWN GROVE)





Turner-Lipscomb house
near Madonna, Md.
Natalie Shivers
May, 1979
Southwest

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Turner-Lipscomb house
near Madonna, Md.
Natalie Shivers
May, 1979
Northeast

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