

SUMMARY

HA-1303

Lawrence Kalmbacher House
1543 Stepney Road
Aberdeen, MD 21001

Built in the last quarter of the 19th century or the first quarter of the 20th century by either James Hollis or John Finney Wells, the Lawrence Kalmbacher House is a typical mid-to-late 19th century mid-sized Harford County farmhouse. The two-story, four-bay wide and one-room deep e1-shaped configuration with entrance in the center two bays and a shed-roofed front porch is much like the Winfield Mitchell House (HA-1286) on Snake Lane.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Lawrence Kalmbacher House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northeast corner of intersection of Kalmbacher & Stepney Roads

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Laurence E. Kalmbacher, Sr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1543 Stepney Road

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21001

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 253

Folio #: 208

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

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story gable-roofed frame house covered in asbestos shingles is located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Kalmbacher and Stepney Roads.

Set on a low stone foundation, this house faces south with a two-story addition projecting from the north side.

The south or main section is four bays wide and one room deep with entrances in the center two bays. A one-story shed-roofed porch with carved posts and a railing with square balusters spans the front.

The rear addition is two bays long and one room deep with a porch on the west side and a shed-roofed addition with a saw tooth cornice on the east.

Most windows have 6/6 sash and beaded trim, and there is a central brick chimney.

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1855, James and Samelia Wells sold 1-1/2 acres of "Agreement" to William J. Hollis for \$90.¹ Thirty years later, William and Elizabeth Hollis sold off a small parcel, 48-3/4 perches, to James B. Hollis for \$50.² A \$500 mortgage taken out in 1889 by James and Laura Hollis refers to this as "the lot on which (they) now reside".³ Presumably they built this house, since it does not appear on the 1878 Martenet's Map and stylistically seems to date from the second half of the 19th century.

In 1911, John Finney Wells purchased James Hollis' lot for \$350⁴ and, in 1918, William Hollis' 1-1/4-acre lot for the same price.⁵ The next year, he sold the pair of lots to Margaret and Robert Ross for \$1400.⁶ Four years later, John and Ella Kalmbacher purchased the property⁷ and the Kalmbacher family has owned the property since then.

The house is a typical mid-to-late 19th century Harford County mid-sized farmhouse. Its configuration and double entrances are very much like the Mitchell houses on Snake Lane.

1. Liber ALJ 6, folio 405
2. Liber ALJ 54, folio 457
3. Equity Records - Liber JAR 101, folio 65
4. Liber JAR 134, folio 5
5. Liber JAR 160, folio 135
6. Liber JAR 1621, folio 185
7. Liber DGW 183, folio 473

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will and Equity Records of Harford County

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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

Natalie Shivers

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ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000, x. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

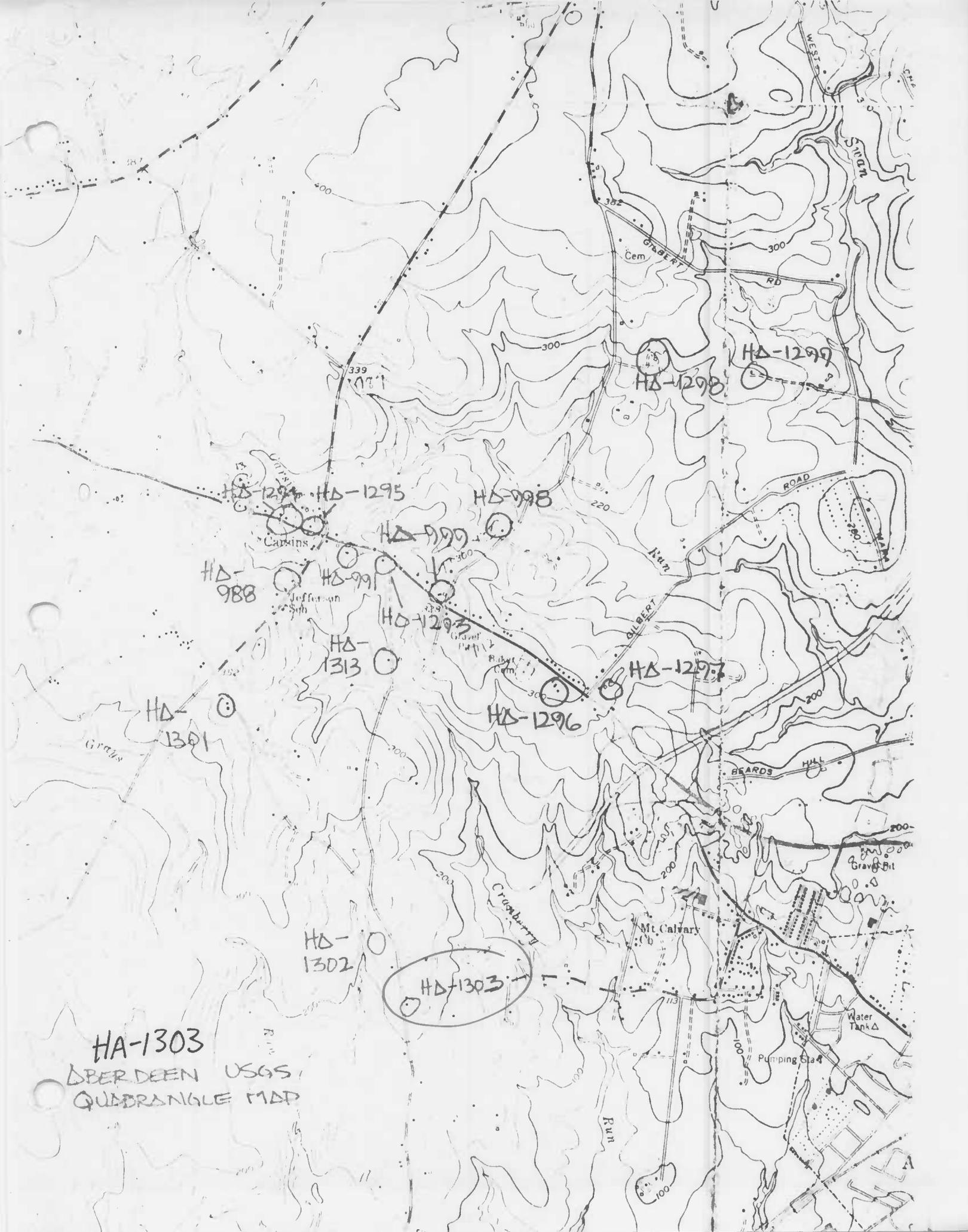
STATE

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 infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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DBER DEEN USGS
QUADRANGLE MAP

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- HA-1295
- HA-1296
- HA-1297
- HA-1298
- HA-1299
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- HA-1302
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