

SUMMARY

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Sinclair House
Federal Hill Road
Jarrettsville, Maryland 21084

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Sinclar House (demolished)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

northwest corner, intersection of old Md. Rte. 23 and Md. Rte. 165

CITY, TOWN

Jarrettsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Albert Sinclair

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 188

CITY, TOWN

Jarrettsville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21084

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

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 checked="" 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 2-1/2 story frame structure, recently demolished, was located on the northwest corner of the intersection of Md. Rtes. 23 and 165.

The el-shaped house with a two-story tower in the southeast corner faces east: the east section lies on an east-west axis with a gable front roof and the west section on a north-south axis, with flush north sides. The roof has a boxed cornice and gable returns, and a brick chimney with corbelled cap is located in the north slope of the roof of the east section. What appears to have been a belvedere crowned the roof peak. The east gable holds a palladian window.

The house appears to have had several additions including, on the west side, a two-story, 2 bay by one bay, hip-roofed wing with a one-story shed-roofed adjunct to the north, and, on the end, except for the east end, an enclosed one-story, hip-roofed porch spanning the end, except for the tower.

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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 checked="" 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

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Luther Jarrett, for whom Jarrettsville was named, owned this site as well as much other land in this area. The son of Jesse Jarrett, Luther Jarrett purchased 300 acres at Carmon (later named Jarrettsville) in 1835. He built Jarrett Manor (demolished) in 1842 and, according to his estate records transcribed in 1868, owned a tavern house on the southwest corner of the Jarrettsville intersection (now old Md. Rte. 23 and Md. Rte. 165); small dwelling and garden south of the tavern; a dwelling house and outbuildings occupied by James Henry Jarrett (on the site discussed here), as well as several other tracts whereon he resided. His wife was Julia Ann Scarff and his children were: James H. Jarrett, a physician who served in the Union Army in the Civil War; Wm. B. Jarrett, a merchant in Jarrettsville; Thomas B. Jarrett, merchant and farmer; Joshua W. Jarrett, farmer; Sarah E. Jarrett, who married Benton Nelson and then Dr. C. F. Cairnes; and Martin L. Jarrett, physician, surgeon in the Confederate Army.

Both James and Thomas Jarrett lived here at separate times: James from at least 1858 (viz: the 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map) until 1873 and Thomas from 1873 until 1898. (His \$1200 mortgage in 1882 may indicate the erection of the most recent structure).

In 1898, the site was purchased by Julia E. Ward² and, in 1909, she sold it to her husband, Thomas H. Ward.³ (He may have been the T. Harry Ward who ran the Jarrettsville General store until 1926 with Harry and Will Jarrett). A reference in the town's history compiled by the bicentennial committee suggests the Wards built this house.

In any case, the house probably dated from the late 19th century and was quite a substantial residence with rare ornamental details (in this area) like the palladian window, the belvedere, and the five-sided tower.

1. Liber ALJ 47, folio 1
2. Liber WSF 93, folio 393
3. Liber WSF 127, folio 27

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will and Equity Records of Harford County
1858 Jennings & Herrick Map
1878 Martenet's Map
"Jarrettsville Past and Present" compiled by Bicentennial Committee

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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

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.

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

SINCLAIR HOUSE

Title Search

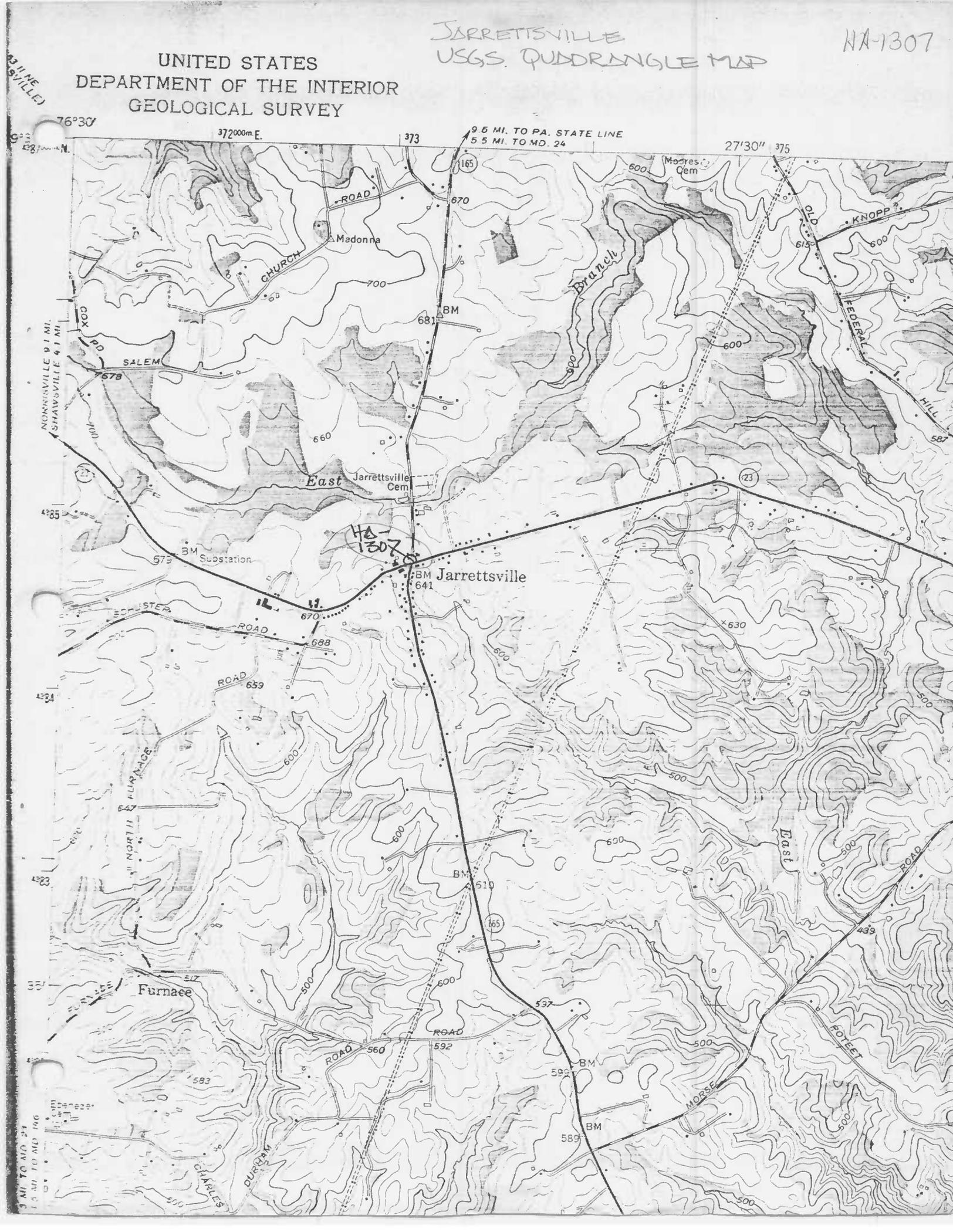
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1. 718/45 August 1, 1966 Grantor: Chas. B. & Grace S. St. Clair
Grantee: St. Clair Motor Co., Inc.
Acreage: 2 Acres
2. SWC 251/231 January 10, 1938 Grantor: Philip H. Close, Att.
Jarrettsville Bldg. Assoc.
Grantee: Chas. B. & Grace S. St. Clair
Acreage: 2 Acres
3. DGW 207/224 (Mort.) January 5, 1928 Grantor: Thos. H. & Julia E. Ward
Grantee: Jarrettsville Bldg. Assoc.
Sum: \$4191.57; all household & kitchen
furniture on the premises
Acreage: 3 A. 6 P.
4. WSF 127/27 April 8, 1909 Grantor: Julia E. Ward
Grantee: Thos H. Ward
Acreage: 3 A. 6 P.
5. WSF 93/393 April 1, 1898 Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams, Trust.
Grantee: Julia E. Ward, wife of Thos. H. Ward
Acreage: 3 Acres
6. ER WSF 51/196 January 3, 1898 Stevenson A. Williams, Trustee vs. Thos. B.
Jarrett, et al
7. Mort. ALJ 47/1 August 17, 1882 Grantor: Thos. B. & Kate H. Jarrett
Grantee: Stevenson A. Williams
Sum: \$1200
Acreage: 3 Acres
8. ALJ 28/363 March 27, 1873 Grantor: Julia A. Jarrett
Grantee: Thos. B. Jarrett, son
9. ALJ/28/362 March 25, 1873 Grantor: Dr. James H. Jarrett & wife, Julia H.
Jarrett of Baltimore County
Grantee: Julia A. Jarrett of Jarrettsville
Sum: \$4000
Acreage: 27½ Acres
10. WG 12/439 December 14, 1861 Grantor: Julia A. Jarrett, James H. Scarff
Grantee: Dr. James H. Jarrett
Sum: \$1320
Acreage: 27½ Acres 25 P.
11. WG 12/287 May 28, 1861 Grantor: Archer H. Jarrett, Trustee
Grantee: Julia A. Jarrett
Sum: \$8470
Acreage: 120 Acres
12. ER ALJ 13/327 May 11, 1868 A. Lingan Jarrett vs. Joshua H. Scarff, et al
(Settlement of Estate of Luther M. Jarrett)

JARRETTSVILLE
USGS. QUADRANGLE MAP

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



76°30'

372000m E.

373

9.5 MI. TO PA. STATE LINE
5.5 MI. TO MD. 24

27'30" 375

NONNYSVILLE 9.1 MI.
SHAWSVILLE 4.1 MI.

3 MI. TO MD. 24
1.5 MI. TO MD. 196



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(demo'd)

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Jarrettsville, MD 21084
Natalie Shivers 10/79
Northeast



Sinclair House HA-1307
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Southwest