

HA-1599  
Streett Frame House  
Streett, Md.

Capsule-Summary

This brick structure is actually a 19th century frame building with a modern veneer. It has been greatly altered by the present owners. Archival evidence indicates that it was once part of the Streett family holdings; indeed, that family owned most of the land immediately surrounding this house. (See HA-1596, HA-1609).

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Streett Frame House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

900 La Grange Road

CITY, TOWN

Streett

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

21154

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Rowland and Mary Bowers

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

900 La Grange Road

CITY, TOWN

Streett

VICINITY OF

Maryland, zip code 21154

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 972

Folio #: 980

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HR-1597

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input 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**

This structure is located on La Grange Road, off Coen Road, west of Maryland Route 24 in Rocks. In its present form, it is a two story gable roof L-plan structure with a brick veneer, and a 2-story portico, facing north.

Initially, it was thought that this was one of Harford County's few brick residences. However, photographs in the collection of the Bowers family reveal that (35 years ago) this large house was a two story frame structure to which numerous additions have been added. The photos prior to the alterations reveal a two story frame gable roof structure, with clapboards, 2/2 windows, and interior end brick chimneys with corbelled caps. The house was 3 bays wide by 1 long bay deep with a center entrance, and a wraparound 1-story shed roof porch across the front (north) and 1 side (west). To the south is what appears to be a later semi-detached 1 story addition. The house is covered with wooden siding, either clapboards or drop siding.

A brief interior examination revealed the following construction details. The attic has hewn rafters and mitred and nailed at the ridge with small collar beams placed close to the ridge. The floor joists were also hewn, but studs and lathing at this level were all circular sawn, and fastened with fully matured cut nails. The walls were covered with hair-lime plaster. The bulk of the interior has been extensively altered so that no other details were visible.

**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

With the aid of photographs from a family scrapbook, in the possession of the current owner, it was determined that this brick house conceals an older frame structure. Indeed, 19th century brick houses are rather scarce in Harford County, especially in rural settings such as this. The photos that reveal a 2-story frame gable roof structure, and the minute bit of structural evidence uncovered in the attic suggest a construction date of third quarter 19th century, certainly no earlier. This is borne out by the title search, which ends with the land in possession of Thomas Streett Sr. (HDG 31/97). The Streetts were a large and well to do farming family who owned great amounts of land in this area, and whose descendants either built or inherited houses as this land was divided up. (See HA-1585, HA-1596, HA-1609).

Just as important as the architectural history of the house is the realization that it was the center of a small agrarian network, the family farm. Agriculture was the bread and butter of Harford County, throughout the 19th century and the prosperity of the countryside was due to the success of family farms such as this one. While the house is architecturally but another example of a rural-vernacular style, it is at the same time an excellent reflection on the attitudes the hard working, no nonsense farmers who lived in them.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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

Phillip R. Lord/Wayne L. Nield

December, 1980

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 ext. 235

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air, Maryland 21014

STATE

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.

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

## TITLE SEARCH

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STREETT FRAME HOUSE

972/980	May 23, 1978	Grantor: Joseph Martin Bowers Jr. & Lillian Bowers Grantee: Rowland E. and Mary Bowers See Plat HDC 33/37
GRG 303/223	Jan. 9, 1947	Grantor: Winfield S. and Trothea E. Debord Grantee: Joseph M. Bowers and Lillian Bowers Acreage: 98.8 acres - surveyed by W.J. Longley on Nov. 8, 1946 from 1- SWC 218/414, 2-D.G.W. 211/76, 3-DGW. 195/212
1- SWC 218/414	May 4, 1931	Grantor: Harvey Streett, bachelor Grantee: Winfield S. Debord Acreage: 47 acres
DGW 211/461	March 1, 1929	Grantor: Samuel W. Streett and Wife Bessie B. Streett Grantee: Harvey Streett, of Baltimore City Acreage: 47 acres
DGW 198/146	April 9, 1926	Grantor: Mahlon C. Wagner and Wife Zollie M. Grantee: Samuel Streett Acreage: 47 acres - agreement to pay mortgage of \$1,000.
DGW 191/422	March 7, 1925	Grantor: Osborne Edwards and wife Velan Edwards Grantee: Mahlon C. Wagner and wife, Zollie Wagner Acreage: 47 acres
DGW 189/216	July 16, 1924	Grantor: Sadie A. Neeper, widow Grantee: S. Osborne Edwards Acreage: 47 acres
JAR 171/466	Feb. 7, 1921	Grantor: Sarah E. Streett, widow and Sarah M. Turner, widow, Rollin R. Streett and wife Edna, Ruth T. Brent, widow, Mary G. Rutherford and husband Walter O., Marshall B. Streett, bachelor all of Baltimore City and Herbert A. Streett and wife Bertie, and Hannah S. Durham and husband T. Elmer Durham. Grantee: Sadie A. Neeper, widow Acreage: 47 acres - except outconveyance ALJ 41/65
ALJ 41/4	March 9, 1880	Grantor: Edwin H. Webster, trustee Grantee: James P. Streett Acreage: 49 1/2 acres - public sale held as result of decree in equity case

B From ALJ 30/393

1-A ALJ 32/64

1-A ALJ 32/64 May 31, 1875

Grantor: John R. Stockes (Stokes?)  
 Grantee: Thomas B. Stockes (Stokes?)  
 Acreage: 29 acres except outconveyances  
 HOG 31/96 (31 A) ALJ 1/435 (16A) WHD 18/114 (29A)  
 ALJ 30/393 (21 1/2A) This deed reconfirms deed of  
 March 13, 1975 ALJ 31/273.

HDG 31/97 May 12, 1845

Grantor: Heirs of Josias and Mary Blaney  
 Melissa Blaney, James M. Blaney and  
 Lucretia Ann his wife, William J. Blaney  
 and Juliann, his wife, John Mc Guigan and  
 Ann, his wife. "all that tract or parcel  
 of land that was willed and devised to the  
 said heirs by their grandfather, Thomas  
 Streett, Sr. deceased adjoining the lands  
 of Abel Watkins, Isaac Rogers, and others-  
 called by the name of Reviction.  
 Grantee: John R. Stokes  
 Sum: \$160.  
 Acreage: Approx 126 Acres, though this is not  
 mentioned in the deed.

1-B ALJ 30/393 June 11, 1874

Grantor: John R. Stokes and Wife, Sarah  
 Grantee: Thomas B. Stokes  
 Acreage: 20-1/2 acres  
 Sum: \$400.  
 being part of land obtained in HDG 31/97

2- DGW 211/76 Oct. 13, 1928

Grantor: Clarence T. Magness, Widower  
 Grantee: Win. S. De Bord  
 Acreage: 26A 7SP being part of a tract called  
 "Streetts Pelasant Hills"

DGW 178/309 July 31, 1922

Grantor: Harry S. Carver, Trustee  
 Grantee: Clarence Magness  
 Acreage: 26A - 7SP  
 Sum: \$725.00 - Public sale held Mary 4, 1922  
 as result of decree passed in Equity Court  
 March 25, 1921, in which Mabel Williams  
 is complainant and Janie Holland and others  
 are defendants

Land which William A. Baxter Jr. acquiared under will  
 of his grandfather William Baxter (Wills- JMM 11/448  
 June 21, 1893) from WG 10/39, WG 12/254, ALJ 32/188.

2-A	ALJ 32/188	April 3, 1875	Grantor: Edward M. Prigg and wife Laura A. Prigg, and John C. Streett, administrator of Thursday Streett Grantee: William Baxter Sum: \$36.00 Acreage: 4 A same land purchased by Prigg from George C. Maynadew, trustee
2-B	WG 12/254	March 3, 1861	Grantor: Thirzy Streett Grantee: William Baxter Acreage: 2-1/2 Acres Being part of lands obtained by Thirzy Streett through last will and testament of William Streett, deceased.
2-C	WG 10/39	May 3, 1858	Grantor: John and Elizabeth Streett Grantee: William Baxter - colored Acreage: 19A, 2 roods, seven S.P.
3-	DGW 195/212	Nov. 7, 1925	Grantor: Robert M. Blevins and Wife Virginia Grantee: Win S. De Bord Acreage: Two tracts of 24A and 15A 39SP each
	DGW 193/158	May 5, 1925	Grantor: Marion D. Blevins Grantee: Robert M. Blevins Acreage: Two tracts - 24A and 15A Sum: \$10. plus assumption of \$800.00 mortgage
	DGW 193/109	April 22, 1925	Grantor: Cicero C. Blevins and wife Marie E. Blevins Grantee: Robert M. Blevins and Marion Blevins Acreage: two tracts 24A and 15A
	JAR 176/369	Feb. 11, 1922	Grantor: William A. Baxter Grantee: Cicero C. Blevins Sum: \$1200. Acreage: 1-From WSF 100/100 - 24A 2 roods 31 SP 2- ALJ 62/134 15A 39SP
3-1	WSF 100/100	June 29, 1900	Grantor: Henry M. Marshall, attorney for Mary E. Rogers of Baltimore City Grantee: William A. Baxter - Acreage: 24 A - 2 Roods - 31SP Sum: \$124.
3-2	ALJ 62/134	March 28, 1888	Grantor: Linda Quimby of Essex County, New Jersey and Ebenezer and Elizabeth Quimby Grantee: William Albert Baxter Sum: 228.66 Acreage: 15A 39 perches, more or less near La Grange Schoolhouse From conveyances to Frank H. Quimby - 2 deeds one William Harlan, Bradley Johnson, trustees - Second - Edwin Webster and Wife all of said lands having been devised to Linda C. Quimby in will WSR



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USGS QUAD  
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North Elevation



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South Elevation