

HA-1615
Bond Frame House
Gravelly Hill, Md.

Capsule-Summary

This is one of the older surviving residences in the small black community of Gravelly Hill, Md. , located west of Havre de Grace. It is still inhabited, unlike two other older dwellings which are abandoned.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bond Frame House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

4140 Gravelly Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Gravelly Hill

VICINITY OF

Havre de Grace

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

Harford

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Miss Lucy Alberta Bond

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4140 Gravelly Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

Maryland 21078 STATE, zip code

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

Maryland STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 residence is located at the end of a short dirt lane running north off of Gravelly Hill Road. It faces south and is two stories high, with a gable end roof (running E-W), and has an L-plan. The house is three bays wide by one bay deep, with a one bay square 1½ story shed roof ell. There is a one story enclosed shed roof porch of the south elevation. Windows are 6/6. **The house** is clad in modern asbestos shingles.

The interior has a kitchen in the ell, and a straight stairway to the second floor that runs parallel to the front or south wall. There is a bedroom and living/dining room space in the south section of the first floor.

Note-no measurements taken

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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

The Bond House is one of the older surviving residences in the Gravelly Hill community. Like most other black residences constructed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, it is relatively plain and straightforward in plan, and is not unlike residences constructed by and for rural whites of the same period. However, not enough research and field work has been done in Harford County (as of June 1981) to be able to draw specific conclusions about regional black architectural characteristics. Due to the fact that many of these older homes are inadequate by twentieth century standards, they have been abandoned and are in deteriorating condition. The possibility exists that they will quietly vanish without ever having been adequately recorded.

Gravelly Hill is apparently one of Harford County's older discrete black settlements. In fact, archival research (see 26/151 Harford Co. Land Records) shows that there were land transactions between blacks and whites in 1842 in this area. As of December, 1980, the village still has a number of older residents who have distinct memories about the past (social life, family life, farming, schools and churches). While much has been written about the white experience in Harford County, little is known, and even less is documented about the black role here. More work in the Gravelly Hill area, including oral taping sessions, examination of personal memorabilia, as well as detailed recording of the remaining buildings would ensure that a vital part of Harford's local history would not be forgotten.

Note-no title search done for this property.

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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 Lord/Wayne Nield Historic Site Surveyors

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

June 1981

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

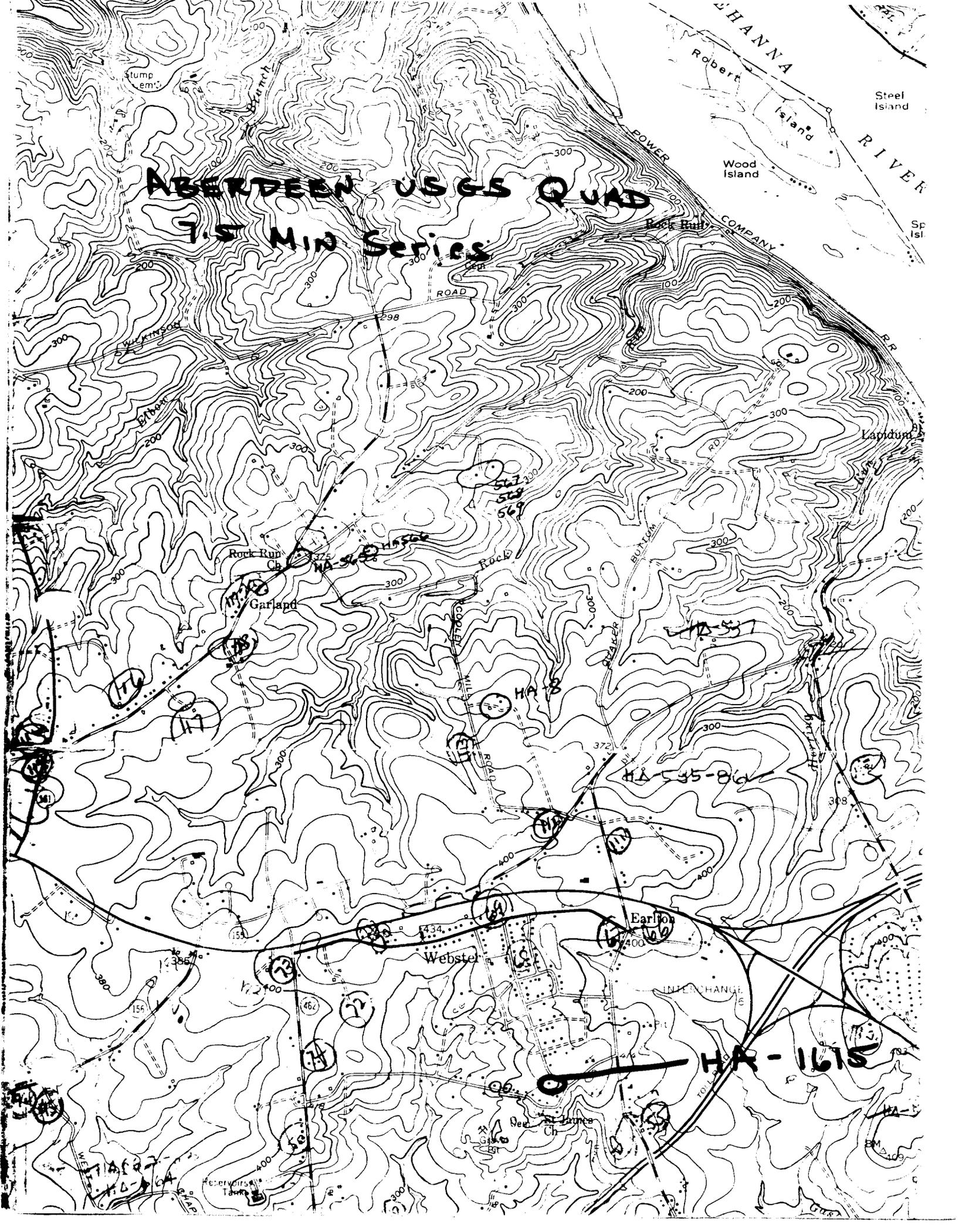
Maryland

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
 (301) 267-1438

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Gravelly Hills, Md.

Phillip Lord 12/80

West elevation



Bond House

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South elevation