

Beall/Vinson Farm

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This site was removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County and is not included in the Master Plan for the county. This determination was made by the Montgomery County Planning Board on June 17, 1982.

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Beall-Vinson House
2. Planning Area/Site Number 24/12 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 14 D-7
4. Address 12400 Darnestown Road, Darnestown
5. Classification Summary
- Category building
 Ownership private
 Public Acquisition NA
 Status unoccupied
 Accessible no
 Present use agriculture
 Previous Survey Recording M-NCPCC Federal State X County X Local
 (Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976)
6. Date 1861-1865 7. Original Owner James Brooke Beall
8. Apparent Condition
- a. deteriorated c. original site
 b. altered
9. Description: This three bay by three bay, two and a half story house is set back from the road facing north. Built on fieldstone foundations, this house has parallel north and south wings which are connected by a two bay section. The house has imitation red brick asbestos siding applied to clapboards. On the north elevation there is a shadow of a half-hipped roof. The north wooden paneled door is surmounted by a fanlight. On the south elevation there is a porch with an irregularly shaped shed roof. There are two south doors. The east door is wooden paneled. The intersecting gable roofs have corrugated metal covering and the north wing has a bracketed, boxed, and returned cornice line.
10. Significance: This house typifies the group of prosperous farms of the prominent Beall family built near Darnestown in the 19th century. In 1841, James Brooke Beall bought a 295 acre estate which was divided into lots by his heirs. This particular house became lot #4, belonging to Cecelia Beall Vinson and her husband, Charles H. Vinson. A federal style farmhouse was built by them c. 1862.
 The Vinsons lived there until 1898. Over the next 90 years only three other families owned and farmed the Beall-Vinson lands. The Higdon's owned it from 1898 until 1919; the Kings farmed it from 1919 until 1943; and the Rabbitt family owned the property from 1943 until 1959, when it was sold to the present owner.
11. Date researched 2/79 - Anne Cissel Candy Reed
 Architectural Description
12. Compiler Peg Coleman 13. Date Compiled 2/79 14. Designation
 Approval
15. Acreage 121 acres

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Beall-Vinson House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 12400 Darnestown Road

CITY, TOWN Darnestown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Unused

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME W. K. Copenhaver

Telephone #: 493-4920

STREET & NUMBER 10500 Rockville Pike

CITY, TOWN Rockville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 20853

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2655
Folio #: 566

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE Maryland 20855

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input 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 three bay by three bay, two and a half story house is set back from the road facing north.

Built on fieldstone foundations, this house has parallel north and south wings which are connected by a two bay section. The house has imitation red brick asbestos siding applied to clapboards. On the north elevation there is a shadow of a half-hipped roof. The north wooden paneled door is surmounted by a fanlight. On the south elevation there is a porch with an irregularly shaped shed roof. There are two south doors. The east door is wooden paneled.

There are six-over-six double hung windows at the second level. First level windows are all covered by corrugated metal sheets. There are four-light diamond windows in the east and west gable ends.

The intersecting gable roofs have corrugated metal covering and the north wing has a bracketed, boxed, and returned cornice line.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1861-65

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In the 19th century, the stretch of Montgomery County's Route 28 westbound - from Quince Orchard Road to the present Jones Lane, was the setting of a group of prosperous farms and comfortable homes belonging to members and heirs of the Beall family.

In 1841, James Brooke Beall purchased for \$926.30, 295 acres from the estate of Zachariah Clagett.¹ Beall died in 1857 and left his estate to his widow and eight children. After litigation the estate was divided into four parts. Lot #1 which consisted of the home farm and dwelling house (William Rudolph Beall house) passed to the widow. Lot #4 consisted of 121.37 acres "...lying on the public road from Darnestown to Rockville ...wooded, watered and improvable...."² Lot #4 was sold to Zebedee Beall who resold it two years later, to his sister Cecelia, wife of Charles H. Vinson.³ Sometime between 1861 and 1865 the Vinsons erected a substantial two-story, federal style farmhouse on the property, as this house appears on the Martinet & Bond Map of 1865. The Vinsons lived in the house, adjoining the farms of their relatives and heirs, including Mrs. Vinson's sister, Lavinia, married to the miller DuFief, until 1898.

Over the next 90 years only three other families owned and farmed the Beall-Vinson lands. The Higdon's owned it from 1898 until 1919;⁴ the Kings farmed it from 1919 until 1943;⁵ and the Rabbitt family owned the property from 1943 until 1959,⁶ when it was sold to the present owner.

Today the house sits in a sad state of neglect and decay. But even its peeling imitation-brick siding and nailed over windows cannot hide the outlines of a once-sturdy and comfortable farmhouse, typical of the 19th century Montgomery County farm.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., BS 10/479.
2. Land Records, Judgment JA 3/350.
3. Land Records, Deed JGH 8/308 (1861).
4. Ibid., TD 2/387 (1898).
5. Ibid., 278/324 (1919).
6. Ibid., 904/450 (1943).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Martinet & Bond, Map of Montgomery County, 1865.
Beal(1) Family Genealogy - Montgomery County Historical Society.
Montgomery County Land Records.
Montgomery County Judgment
Hopkins, Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington, Including Montgomery County, p. 25 (1879).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 121 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded on the east by Quince Orchard Road, and on the North by Route 28, and on the west by division line of Ancient Oak subdivision, west of Riffleford Road.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Anne W. Cissel	Candy Reed Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE 3/79
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE Maryland 20753

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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, State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 251-1438~~

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
Box 87, Stronghold
Dickerson, Md. 20753
(301) 926-4510

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC: Beall/Vinson House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 12400 Darnestown Road (Rte. 28)

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Montgomery

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: W. K. Copenhaver

STREET AND NUMBER: 4709 Chase Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Bethesda STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a three bay, main (north) facade. The central entrance has a small fanlight window. The flanking windows are 6/6 double hung sash with added bracketed hoods. On the second floor, the windows have low pediments. The cornice is bracketed. On the west end, there are two internal brick chimneys.

The front porch has been removed. On the south end there is a service wing built in several sections.

There are several barns south of the house.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	losophy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human-	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	itorion	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p style="text-align: center;">The house is one of few Federal houses still standing in the area.</p>			

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Sr. Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 26 Feb 75

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature



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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

- 10/2
- 10/9
- 10/11
- 10/22
- 10/25
- 10/54
- 10/71
- 10/73

- 10/74
- 11/8
- 12/14-1
- 12/16
- 12/26

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- 13/28
- 13/32

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- 14/23
- 14/30
- 14/31
- 14/40
- 14/48
- 14/54
- 15/10
- 15/11
- 15/18
- *15/62

Site No.

- 15/68
- 15/69
- 16/19
- *17/4
- 17/55
- 18/1
- 18/9
- 18/22
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- 18/29-1
- 19/8
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- 22/6-1
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- 23/98-1
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- 25/10-1
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- *27/13
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- 33/3
- 33/5
- 33/11
- *34/1
- *34/9

Site No.

- 35/6
- 36/9
- *37/4

*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.



NAME BEALL/DINSON HOUSE

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LOCATION RTE. 28 + RIFFLEFORD RD, DARNESTOWN, MD.

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PHOTO TAKEN 2/26/75

M. DWYER