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LATE 18th. c.

JOHN JOHNSON HOUSE

The one and one half story wing of this two part frame house constitutes the initial stage. It is three bays in length and has a single exterior end chimney. The two story main block is two bays in length and is of late 19th century date.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CT-21

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John Johnson House (Common) Robinson's Rest (Historic)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Pond Woods Road, Sunderland

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD

VICINITY OF

Calvert

STATE

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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

Benjamin H. Becraft, Jr.

Telephone #: 627-1304

STREET & NUMBER

Sunderland

MD

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: JLB 120

Folio #: 636

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Prince Frederick, MD

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

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Unfortunately the same can not be said for the barn and in fact relatively little has been said at all. Inspection of the interior suggests that it might be as old as the oldest portion of the house. Mrs. Arlene Hutchins' research turned up evidence that William R. Sewell built "a dwelling house, tobacco house, and fences" at Robinsons Rest prior to 1814. Whether or not this is the same tobacco house is uncertain but there can be little doubt that the barn is quite old.

The building is divided into thirds by four transverse sills. Like the other beams in the building they are hand hewn, average 8" x 11" in thickness and are joined by mortise-and-tenon with 1" diameter trunnels. The original barn (withous shed additions measures 23'10" in length and 16'8" in width. The longest sill runs the entire length of the barn.

The three part plan allows for opposite double doors in the middle of the building (east and west sides) which are 7'6" wide and 9'6" high. Single doors of the same height are on each end (north and south). The doors appear to have their original forged strap hinges.

The south section contains a root pit.

What may be original siding remains on the south wall. It is vertical siding $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, random width with an average of 13". It is curious to note that the gables are covered with horizontal siding.

Sheds of different periods are attached to the north, south, and east facades.

1. Then and Now

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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|---|---|---|---|--|
| <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 checked="" 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

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.85 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY Description and significance statements: Wayne Nield

NAME / TITLE

form compiled by:

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

architectural consultant

DATE February, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE 757-2815

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Md. 21401

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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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Calvert County TOWN Huntington VICINITY STREET NO. Huntington Vicinity	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY CT-21
ORIGINAL OWNER - ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER John Johnson PRESENT USE Deserted WALL CONSTRUCTION Shingle covered clapboard NO. OF STORIES 1-1/2 & 2	2. NAME -- DATE OR PERIOD late 18th Century and later STYLE Maryland Colonial ARCHITECT Maryland Colonial BUILDER FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO

This appears to be a small 18th Century 1-1/2 story cottage with an A-roof which slopes steeply from front to rear. The addition is a 2 story 2 bay wide non-descript one. The old section is 3 bays wide with 2 6/6 windows and the door on the left. There are two 6/6 peaked dormers on the front of the roof. An exterior chimney rises from the right end of the house - it is separated from the wall above the first story level. From looking through a window it appears that nothing old is left in the interior.

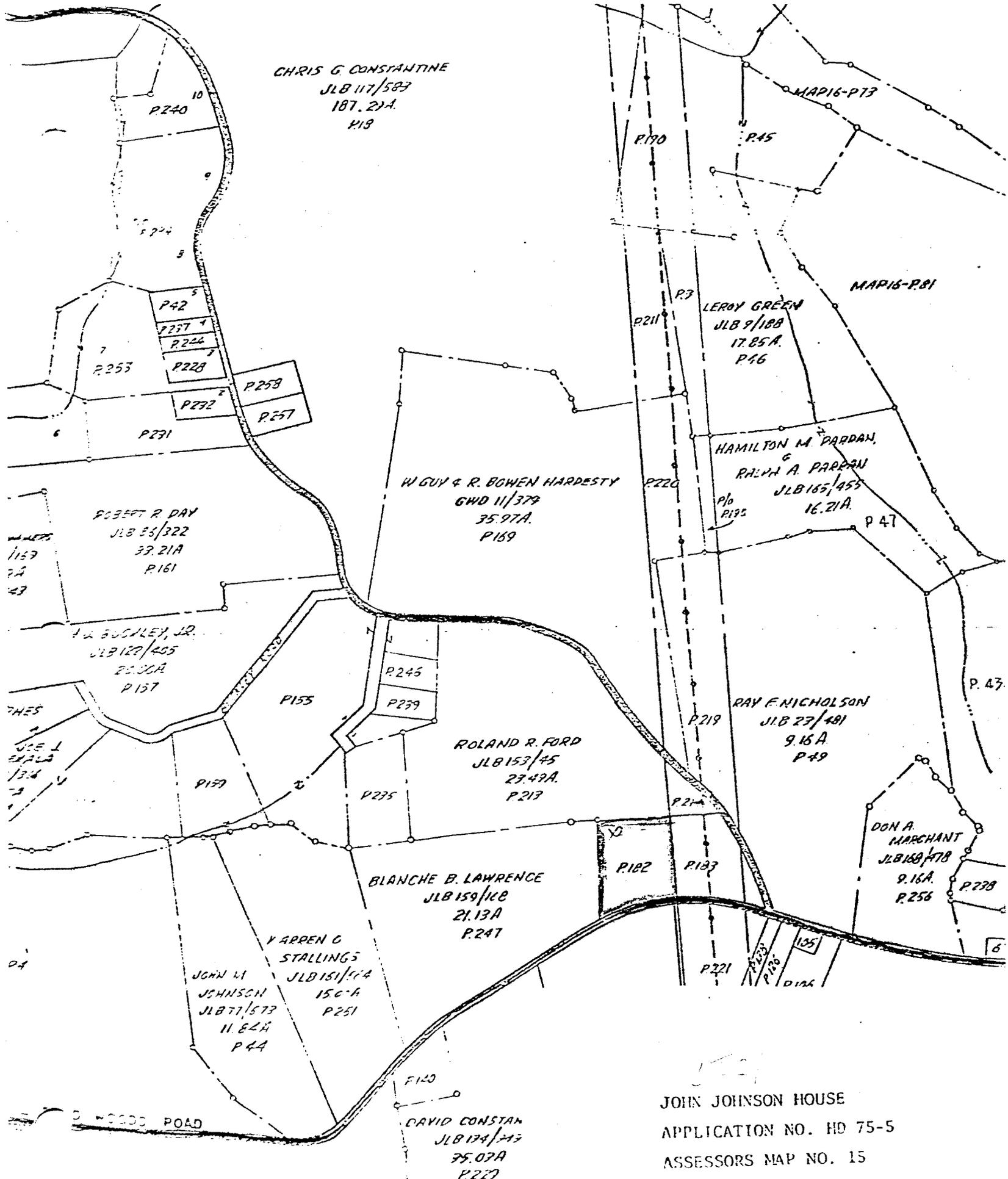
The house is deserted. This is interesting as an example of a small 18th Century house, of which there are very few in Calvert County,

POOR

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER PAB 7/22/67 DATE OF RECORD

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