

BA-3078

10517 Liberty Road  
Randallstown vic.  
Private  
c. 1875-1910

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1903 to 1918. In that year the house was sold to Elden E. and Elizabeth W. Conrey, the parents of the current owner. According to the owner, Ms. Scott, the family lived in the house for all but a few years, when they moved to North Carolina. The 1877 Hopkins *Atlas* shows a house in the general vicinity, though it is not certain the building shown is the existing house. J. I. Holbrook occupied the house shown. The 1898 Bromley *Atlas* shows what is apparently the house, with the name "Calough" associated with it. This is probably a phonetic version of Callow by a mapmaker who did not know the correct spelling. Unfortunately, nothing more could be discovered about the house due to errors in state and county records. The house is typical of a national style that was popular c. 1875-1910, featuring a "T" or "L" plan with a projecting center section with a porch that wrapped around all three sides of that center section. The house represents the switch from traditional vernacular forms to national influences in building, which by this time had spread from urban and suburban areas to rural locations such as this one. It appears in many respects to be a pattern book house, though no immediate source could be located, and retains much of its original detail.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-3078

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other A. H. Callow House

### 2. Location

street and number 10517 Liberty Road      not for publication

city, town Randallstown X vicinity

county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mrs. James R. Scott

street and number 10517 Liberty Road telephone 410-922-6717

city, town Randallstown state MD zip code 21133

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 66-83

city, town Towson liber folio

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			<u>0</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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On the east elevation, the north-center bay is a three-sided, two-story projecting bay window with a one-over-one sash in each side of both stories. Above it is a gable end with the same shingles as the north gable. The bargeboard is missing, as it came down in a storm according to the owner. The north bay has no opening on the first story and a one-over-one sash on the second story. The south bay has a one-over-one sash on both the first and second stories. The south-center bay has a door on the first story and a one-story, one-bay porch with a shed roof and the same details as the north porch. This porch is now enclosed with windows.

The first story of the west elevation has a diamond Queen Anne sash in the north bay, a one-over-one sash in the north-center bay, and a new enclosed porch covering the two south bays. There is a door in the center of the east two bays in the house. The second story has four one-over-one sash, and there is a similar sash set between the north and north-center bays, between the first and second stories. Above the north-center bay is a gable that is identical to the gable on the north elevation.

The interior has a side passage plan with a room behind the passage and a room behind the front room. The flooring throughout is random-width pine that runs north-south. The passage has a two-run stair on the west with a closed stringer, turned balusters, and a square, paneled newel post. The interior doors have four panels and two-light transoms. The architrave is symmetrical, with a double bead in the center and an ogee to each side, and there are bulls-eye corner blocks. The east room has a fireplace on the west elevation, with a wood mantel that has crossetted architrave, a pulvinated frieze, and an ovolo and cavetto bed mould.

In the center of the front lawn is a large cast iron urn that replaces the original urn that was stolen circa 1995. The base beneath the urn is original, and is also cast iron, but is filled with concrete.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philospohy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	n/a	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	n/a
<b>Construction dates</b>	n/a		

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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Notes:

(1) G. M. Hopkins, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, 1877). G. W. Bromley, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, 1898, 1915).

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.98 A.  
Acreage of historical setting 1.98 A.  
Quadrangle name Reisterstown Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries include the entire parcel.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Kenneth M. Short		
organization		date	01/29/2003
street and number	610 Regester Ave.	telephone	410-377-4953
city or town	Baltimore	state	MD
		zip code	21212-1915

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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 not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Name

Continuation Sheet

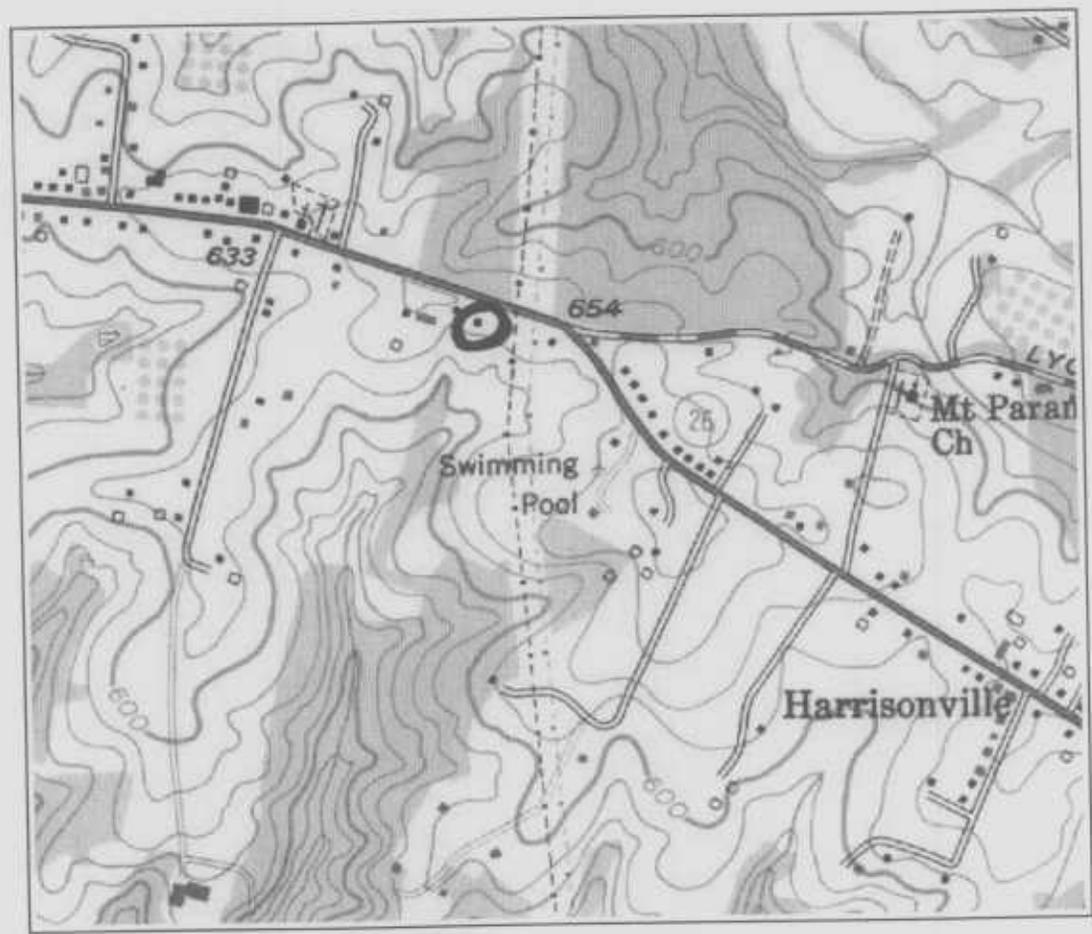
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See endnotes

MERLIN Online Map

- Base Maps
- 3.75' Quarter Quad Grid
- Reisterstown Quad 7.5' Topo



N 191330.98m E 413495.36m



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