INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Benjamin Banneker Homesite

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN
Oella

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
2nd

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
PRIVATE
BOTH

PRIVATE ACQUISITION
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
IN PROCESS
BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

X OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES: RESTRICTED
YES: UNRESTRICTED

X NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
COMMERCIAL
PARK

EDUCATIONAL
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT
RELIGIOUS
GOVERNMENT
SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY
OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
J.W. Treuth and Sons, Inc.

TELEPHONE #: 465-4650

STREET & NUMBER
Oella Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Ellicott City

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21023

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Baltimore County Courthouse

LIBER #:
WPF 3671

FOLIO #:
476-81

STREET & NUMBER
401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN
Towson

STATE
Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None

DATE

FEDERAL
STATE
COUNTY
LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE
The loghouse burnt down in 1806 and the gravesite is unmarked. There is a rendering plant on the property, but the land is still undeveloped.
## SIGNIFICANCE

### PERIOD
- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

### AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE — CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW
- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS
- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION
- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT
- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

### SPECIFIC DATES

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A free man, Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806) is considered the outstanding black American of the 18th century. The 100 acre Banneker farm, was acquired in 1737, when he was six years of age. His name appears on the original deed of that date as a co-owner with his father, Robert.

Banneker is best known as an astronomer since he calculated and had published almanacs beginning in 1792. His correspondence with Thomas Jefferson, in which he criticized Jefferson for not advocating freedom for the black slaves is unique in American historical annals. Banneker constructed a successful wooden striking clock in 1759, at age 22. He was chosen by Major Andrew Ellicott to serve on the team which surveyed the District of Columbia. An amateur naturalist, Banneker delighted in creating mathematical puzzles and playing the violin. The example of Benjamin Banneker was early held as an indication of the potential abilities of blacks, by the abolitionists of his day. Banneker kept a commonplace book in which he recorded his observations on many natural phenomena, including bees and the 17 year locusts.

His simple loghouse, with punchen floors, burned to the ground in 1806, during his funeral. His remains were buried on his farm in an unmarked grave.

Maryland has never honored this extraordinary native son. An archaeological exploration to locate his homesite and grave is urgently needed. Fortunately, the area is still undeveloped. Because of the importance of this site, a complete chronology of the Banneker land and its ownership is attached.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY
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
CHRONOLOGY

Benjamin Banneker

Homesite
In the 17th century, the Lord Proprietor made a grant to a certain Captain Thomas Bale.

Original tract was named "Stout" and consisted of 529 acres.

The land was surveyed for Captain Bale, at which time he sold 200 acres to John Whipps.

On January 19, 1733, John Whipps divided his part of "Stout", retaining 100 acres of his land and selling the remainder to the surveyor, Richard Gist.

On March 10, 1737, Richard Gist sells his 100 acres to Robert and Benjamin Banneky.

The remainder (or 329 acres) of the original grant called "Stout" had been conveyed by deed on November 5, 1717, by Anthony Bale to Christopher Randall, and part of which was purchased from Roger Randall in 1754 by an ironmonger named William Williams.

The Williams land was resurveyed on April 29, 1761, and renamed Mount Gilboa.

On April 24, 1771, a part of this tract was sold by Williams to Joseph, Andrew, Nathaniel, and John Ellicott, and on the same date the Ellicott brothers purchased an adjoining tract called "Teals' Search" from Emmanuel Teal. These two parcels were subsequently developed by the Ellicott brothers into Ellicotts' Lower Mills (now Ellicott City).

*This is a chronology of the sale of the 100 acres of land, from the original tract called "Stout" owned by Benjamin Banneker.

Benjamin Banneker to Greenbury Morton
Conveyance
20 acres
W.G. No. Y Folio 653 pp. 653-54

Benjamin Banneker to John Barton
Conveyance
Part of "Stout"
10 acres
W.G. No. HH Folio 341 pp. 341-42
November 19, 1828

Jonathan Randall, of Anne Arundel County, Trustee for John Barton, and Eleanor Barton (widow of John Barton) to Joseph Low ....... part of "Stout"
5 3/4 acres 80 perches

*This is part of the 10 acres conveyed by Benjamin Banneker to John Barton in 1791

April 1, 1829

Joseph Low to George Ellicott, et al. .....part of the land called "Stout".
5 3/4 acres 80 perches

May 2, 1836

Deed of Partition
Joshua Pearce
Nathan Tyson
Jonathan Ellicott
Elias Ellicott
Roger Brook, Trustees for the Estate of George Ellicott and with the consent of Elizabeth Ellicott (widow of George Ellicott)
and
Jonathan Ellicott
Elias Ellicott, et al.

This deed of partition recorded (WK 260, Fo. 1-41, MF WK 1212-1213 in the Md. Hall of Records) in the spring of 1836, is the keystone of the "Banneker Homestead research. In detail this document reiterates the boundaries of "Stout" and delivers that land to the trustees for the estate of George Ellicott. Nathan Tyson, et al. acted as trustees until the late 1840's when this task was taken over by the Union Bank of Maryland (a Tyson sinecure).

On folio 38 of this deed of partition, is a description of the one quarter (¼) acre of land that is the present site of Mt. Gilboa Chapel.
so as to connect with the road belonging
leading to the Patapsco female Academy with a grade
of the whole line of said road and whereas that a lot
of land was heretofore set out for an African meeting
house and school house and is the same is now lying
within the outlines of lot No. 4 it is therefor covenanted
aparted and agreed by all the parties to these presents
that the African worshipping shall occupy possesseseth
and enjoy all the following piece of land lying in
Baltimore County being part of a tract of land called
"West Ilchester .............."

*By reading the meter and bounds on the "deed of partition"
and applying them to the plat of 1823 (attached to CR 124
Fo. 31-50, Maryland Hall of Records) it can be easily
established that the boundary of the land of Mt. Gilboa
Chapel is immediately adjacent to part of the land called
"Stout", once owned by Benjamin Banneker. Furthermore,
it proves that Mt. Gilboa Chapel is not located on the
land that was left by Mary Williams to her Negroes, called
"Mount Gilboa". The "Williams tract" was 10 acres and
adjoins that property Benjamin Banneker sold to John
Barton in 1791.

TK 260
Fo. 1-41
MF 1212-1213
and WSG 21
Fo. 175
Md. Hall of Records

*In DWT 14, Fo. 167 in the Maryland Hall of Records
is the Will of George Ellicott, denoting bequests
to his five (5) children. This liber is in delicate
condition, and was being transferred to film during
the period this research was in progress.

November 24, 1843
Nathaniel Tyson, et al., Trustees to Joshua Hynes
99 year lease

.............. part of "West Ilchester"

AWB 423
Fo. 23
MF 1286-7
Md. Hall of Records

*This entry is made, because it marks the beginning of
the Hynes (Hines) Family's connection with the land that
once belonged to Benjamin Banneker. Midway in the 19th
century, almost all of Banneker's land had passed into
the hands of Joshua Hynes, and was known as "Hynes
Discovery".

February 7, 1845
The President and Director of the Union Bank of Maryland
to James Bell of Anne Arundel County
½ acre (1 lot)

TK 349
Fo. 323
Md. Hall of Records
March 10, 1846

Nathan Tyson, et al., Trustees to George Ellicott

2 3/4 acres
"West Ilchester" and "Stout"

AWB 365
Fo. 169
MF WK 1260-1

December 28, 1846

The President and Director of the Union Bank of Maryland to Oliver W. Wheeler, in trust for Wm. Jackson Kelly and Mary A. Kelly, his wife.*

½ acre (1 lot)

*This is part of that land adjacent to the "Williams Tract" called "Mt. Gilboa", Robert Mickle, Trustee for the late John Barton, approved.

AWB 374
Fo. 26
MF WK 1264-5
Md. Hall of Records

1847

In March 1847, Jonathan Ellicott, Benjamin Ellicott, et al. brought a suit against Nathaniel Ellicott, Jonathon Tyson, et al. This Chancery Case further defined the partition of the Ellicott lands originally partitioned in 1823. Attached to these proceedings are 2 plats, showing all of the widow and heirs of George Ellicott lands, as lying along the old Baltimore and Frederickstown Turnpike. This survey was filed by William Dawson in June, 1847.

CR 171
Fo. 239-265
and WSG #15
Fo. 520
Md. Hall of Records

August 21, 1848

Oliver Wheeler, Trustee for Mary A. Kelly to James Bell

¼ acre (1 lot)

AWB 401
Fo. 48
MF WK 1276-77
Md. Hall of Records

March 13, 1851

Nathaniel Tyson, et al., Trustees to George Ellicott, Jr.

66 acres

That piece of land called "West Ilchester" and "Stout"
May 6, 1851

George Ellicott, Jr. and Agnes Barbara Ellicott, his wife
to Joshua Clements

"That piece of land called "West Ilchester and "Stout".

66 acres 67 sq. perches

AWB 457
Fo. 494
MF. CR 2132
Md. Hall of Records

May 17, 1851

Joshua Clements to Joshua Hynes

"West Ilchester" and "Stout"

66 acres 67 sq. perches

AWB 457
Fo. 494
Md. Hall of Records

October 3, 1851

George and Agnes B. Ellicott, Jr. to Joshua H. Hynes

Part of an original tract called "Stout".*

5 3/4 acres 80 perches

AWB 443
Fo. 128
Md. Hall of Records

*This is the parcel of land, conveyed by the trustee, and
widow of John Barton to Joseph Low in 1828. It is also,
the same parcel of land conveyed by Joseph Low to George
Ellicott in 1829.

June 2, 1856

George and Agnes B. Ellicott, Jr. to James Bell

"...... unto the said James Bell and his heirs and assignee,
a parcel or part of an original tract called "Stout."*

2 3/4 acres 24 sq. perches

HML 14
Fo. 477
MF CR 998
Md. Hall of Records

*This is part of Banneker's property adjacent to the 10
acres he sold to John Barton in 1791.
June 1, 1858

Joshua H. Hynes, Sr. and his wife Rebecca Hynes to Joshua H. Hynes, Jr. and Coleman Yellot, in trust.

5 3/4 acres 80 sq. perches

(This is the land deeded by George and Agnes Ellicott, to Joshua Hynes - October 3, 1851)

66 acres

(This is the land deeded by Joshua Clements to Joshua Hynes - May 17, 1851)

GHC 23
Fo. 181-83
Md. Hall of Records

September 16, 1858

Joshua H. Hynes to Charles Hynes

"....... all that lot of ground leased to Joshua H. Hynes by Nathan Tyson, et al., Trustees for George Ellicott.*

GHC 23
Fo. 184-85
MF CR 1002
Md. Hall of Records

*See entry . . . . Tyson to Hynes, November 24, 1843.

November 1, 1871

The land leased originally to Joshua Hynes by Nathan Tyson, et al., Trustees for George Ellicott in 1843, then conveyed by Joshua Hynes to Charles Hynes in 1858, is freed by Patent to Charles W. Hynes.

MLW 2, 55
Md. Hall of Records

April 18, 1872

Charles W. Hynes to Emily J. Hynes and Rebecca V. Hynes by deed.

"....... part of that land leased to Joshua Hynes by Nathan Tyson, et al.

EHA 77
Fo. 406
LR of Baltimore County

September 14, 1872

James Bell and Tobitha, his wife, to David H. Van Order for $3,000

being:

1. That land conveyed by the President and Director of the Union Bank of Maryland to James Bell, by deed February 7, 1845.

(TK 349
Fo. 323
Md. Hall of Records)
¾ acre

2. That land conveyed by Oliver W. Wheeler, Trustee for Mary A. Kelly to James Bell, by deed August 21, 1848.

(AWB 401
Fo. 48
Md. Hall of Records)

¾ acre

3. That land conveyed by George Ellicott, Jr. and his wife to James Bell, by deed June 2, 1856.

(HML 14
Fo. 477
Md. Hall of Records)

2 ¾ acres

24 sq. perches

EHA 77
Fo. 244-47
LR of Baltimore County

August 29, 1895

David Van Order and Mary L., his wife, to Chalres W. Treuth

"All that land conveyed to Van Order by James Bell - September 14, 1872."*

(EHA 77
Fo. 244-47
LR of Baltimore County)

2 ¾ acres

24 sq. perches

LMB 212
Fo. 501-2
LR of Baltimore County

*This land was granted to Treuth with the consent of James Mackubin, who held a mortgage from Van Order.

(June 7, 1910

John J. Hynes, et al., Trustees for Joshua Hynes, Jr. Coleman Yellott, Rebecca V. Hynes, et al., to John Woodward, by deed

being:

"That land deeded by Joshua H. Hynes, Sr. and Rebecca Hynes to Joshua H. Hynes, Jr. - June 1, 1858."
(GHC 23
Fo. 184-5
Md. Hall of Records)

66 acres and 5 3/4 acres  80 sq. perches

WPC 361
Fo. 288
LR of Baltimore County

April 3, 1912

Emily J. Kroh, et al., Trustees for Rebecca V. Hynes
to James A. Briscoe, and Fannie, his wife.

"Part of West Ilchester."*

Liber 395
Fo. 288
LR of Baltimore County

*This is part of that land deeded to Emily J. Kroh and
Rebecca V. Hynes by Charles Hynes, April 13, 1872.

(EHA 77
Fo. 406
LR of Baltimore County)

March 8, 1917

James A. and Fannie N. Briscoe to Charles Woodland

That land from Emily J. Kroh, et al., Trustees.

(Liber 395
Fo. 288
LR of Baltimore County)

Liber 478
Fo. 1
LR of Baltimore County

June 2, 1920

Charles C. Woodland and Sardonia E. Woodland, his wife,
to Arnold Waters and William Washington.

"Convey an undivided one third interest, as tenants in
common with Charles Woodland, in equal, one third shares
or interest, in all that land bounding on Oella Ave. and
in part on the Old Frederick Road, which by Deed dated
8 March, 1917 and recorded among Baltimore County Land
Records in Liber 478, Fo. 1, was conveyed by James A.
Briscoe and wife to Charles C. Woodland."

Liber 528
Fo. 44
LR of Baltimore County

October 26, 1920

Charles Woodland, Arnold Waters et al., to Edward and
Aquilla Wynn.
That land conveyed by James A. Briscoe in 1917.

(L 478
Fo. 1
LR of Baltimore County)

WPC 531
Fo. 399
LR of Baltimore County

November 2, 1922
Walter McNeil and Alfred Bagby, Jr., Trustees, for the
Estate of John T. Woodward to James E. Smith.

"All that land conveyed by John J. Hynes, et al., Trustees
to John T. Woodward on June 7, 1910."*

(WPC 361
Fo. 288
LR of Baltimore County)

66 acres 5 3/4 acres and 80 sq. perches

WPC 561
Fo. 594
LR of Baltimore County

*John T. Woodward died on April 9, 1922, leaving a will,
that was probated by the Orphans Court of Baltimore City,
and is recorded in Wills, Liber H.W.J. 671, Fo. 10, in
the Register of Wills office of Baltimore City.

February 29, 1928
Edward and Aquilla Wynn mortgage the land that was
conveyed to them by Charles Woodland, et al., on
October 26, 1920 (WPC 531, Fo. 399) to Ella Mackubin,
for $1,115.

WHM 790
Fo. 424
LR of Baltimore County

October 2, 1935
James Clark, attorney in the case of the mortgage between
Edward and Aquilla Wynn and Ella Mackubin, is ordered to
sell the property at public auction, and does so, to
John W. Treuth and Minnie J. Treuth, his wife, for $1500.

Liber 960
Fo. 567
LR of Baltimore County

May 9, 1944
James E. Smith to Lenard E. Boone and Ruthann Boone, his
wife.

That land conveyed by Walter McNeil, et al., Trustees
for the estate of John T. Woodward (WPC 561, Fo. 594,
LR of Baltimore County)

RJS 1340
Fo. 318-19-20
LR of Baltimore County
May 10, 1944

James E. Smith, Lenard and Ruthann Boone to John and Minnie Treuth.*

66 acres  5 3/4 acres  80 sq. perches

RJS 1340
Fo. 321-22
LR of Baltimore County

*This is the identical property as the entry for May 9, 1944.

February 13, 1960

John W. Treuth, widower to J.W. Treuth and Sons Inc.

being:

1. All that land from James E. Smith and Lenard Boone et al., conveyed on May 10, 1944

   (RJS 1340
    Fo. 318-22
    LR of Baltimore County)

2. All that land conveyed by deed from David H. Van Order to Charles W. Treuth on September 27, 1895.

   (EHA 244
    Fo. 47
    LR of Baltimore County)

3. That land conveyed by James Clark, attorney, to John Treuth and wife on October 2, 1935.

   (Liber 960
    Fo. 567
    LR of Baltimore County)

   WJH 3671
    Fo. 476-81
    LR of Baltimore County *

*This survey has proven that within the acreage owned by J.W. Treuth and Sons, Inc., of Oella, Baltimore County is the majority of the property that Benjamin Banneker deeded to the Ellicott brothers in 1799 and at least 5 acres of that land that Banneker sold to John Barton in 1791. It is presumed that the remains of Benjamin Banneker's house and his gravesite, are located somewhere on this property.
This Indenture made the 1st day of May, the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-five, between Edward Bodkin, residing in the County of Baltimore, in the Province of Maryland, and John Bodkin, also residing in the said County and Province, both of the credit and repute of gentle sucking and of good name, and between Robert Bragina, residing in the said County and Province, of the body and presence of the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina, his son, of the body and presence of the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina, for and in consideration of the sum of five pounds sterling, to be paid in lawful money of the said Province, the party of the first part, the said Edward Bodkin and John Bodkin, and the party of the second part, the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina, grant and demise unto the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina, the following describe and mentioned tract of land to-wit: a certain piece of land, situated and lying in the Township of Beaumont, and in the Parish of St. Thomas, in the County and Province aforesaid, containing an area of three hundred and fifty acres, more or less, the said tract bounded on the west by the lands of Edward Bodkin and John Bodkin, on the north by the lands of the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina, on the east by the lands of the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina, and on the south by the lands of the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina. The said tract being more or less than one hundred and forty acres, and bounded as aforesaid, and the third boundary line of the same being the westerly line, and one thousand two hundred and forty acres more or less, which tract is inclosed by a fence, and the said fence is to be maintained and preserved by the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina, and is held and possessed by the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina. The said tract being more or less than two hundred and forty acres, and bounded as aforesaid, and the third boundary line of the same being the westerly line, and one thousand two hundred and forty acres more or less, which tract is inclosed by a fence, and the said fence is to be maintained and preserved by the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina, and is held and possessed by the said Robert Bragina and Benjamin Bragina.

In witness whereof the said Edward Bodkin and John Bodkin have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Edward Bodkin
John Bodkin

This Indenture subscribed and delivered before us

High Commissioner

Baltimore County, the 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-five.

Recorded this 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty-five.

[Signature]

Walter G. F. A. 1745

[Attestation]