

HO-963
Berry House
4548 Route 97
Roxbury Mills vicinity

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Inventory No. HO-963

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Berry House
other

2. Location

street and number 4548 Route 97 not for publication
city, town Roxbury Mills X vicinity
county Howard

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

name State of MD Dept. of Natural Resources
street and number 300 W. Preston St. Rm 601 telephone 410-260-8932
city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21201-2308

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 27, 4
city, town Ellicott City liber 1978 folio 141

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	X public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
X building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	3	0 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0 sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0 objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	3	0 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		
		X vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

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| <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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The east elevation has a door in the center of the first story that is metal and has nine lights over two panels. There is a wood six-over-six sash to each side, with architrave that has a small ovolo backband. There is a one-bay, one-story porch in the center with a concrete deck, plain wood posts, and a gable roof with an east-west ridge. There is a large shed-roofed dormer that has two smaller six-over-six wood sash and the same architrave as the first story. There is an interior brick chimney on the south end. On the north elevation of the main block the first story has a typical six-over-six sash to the east and a pair of modern one-over-one sash to the west. The second story has a typical six-over-six sash. The ell has a door in the east bay that has three lying lights over three lying panels, and the west bay has a modern one-over-one sash. The addition has no opening.

The west elevation of the addition has a small opening in the foundation, leading to a crawl space. The first story has a modern one-over-one sash to the north and an exterior, parged CMU chimney to the south. The ell has a modern one-over-one sash to the south of the addition. The main block has a modern wood one-over-one sash to the south of the ell, on the first story. The basement has a door in the south bay with four lights over three lying panels, with four steps down to it. The south elevation has no opening in the addition or the ell. The main block foundation has a two-light sash in the west bay. The first story has a two-over-two wood sash in the west bay, with typical architrave, and a typical six-over-six sash in the east bay. The gable end also has a typical six-over-six sash.

The interior is stick-built two by fours, with drywall, modern flat ogee and bead architrave, and some 2 1/2-inch oak flooring. There are two rooms across the east front, with the southeast room containing the entrance and a straight run of stairs on the north wall. The stair has a boxed newel, and the balusters are all missing. The door to the northeast room has three panels, with a lying panel in the center. The west half has two rooms and a center passage that runs east-west back to a bathroom in the ell. The northwest room is a modern kitchen. There is a two-panel door to the cellar stairs. The second story has a cross-passage along the west side, with closets at the north and south ends of the passage and chambers in the northeast and southeast corners. There is 2

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1/4-inch pine flooring that runs north-south. The ell has one room to the north of the bathroom.

There is a small garage about 30 feet northwest of the house that is one story and two bays by one bay. It has plywood siding with battens and a flat roof with corrugated metal. The east elevation has a wide opening to the south and a vertical-board door to the north. There are no openings on the north, south, or west elevations. The south wall is built with 3 by 3 studs, while the rest of the building has 2 by 4s. There is a shed and corncrib attached to the south wall of the garage, and set back to the west side. It is a one-story, two-bay by one-bay frame structure with a shed roof that has inverted-v-seam metal. The east elevation has slats on the south half, with a slat door, and weatherboards to the north, with a two-light sash and a vertical-board door to the north. This structure has been enlarged to the west with plywood.

There is a large garage about 40 feet west of the house, and just southwest of the corncrib. It is a one-story, two-bay by three-bay frame structure with a CMU foundation, plywood with battens, and a gable roof with an east-west ridge and inverted-v-seam metal. The east elevation has no opening to the south and a large door on rollers to the north. The north and south elevations each have three large 12-light fixed wood sash that contain a four light casement that opens in and is hinged at the bottom. The west elevation has a re-built door in the south bay and no opening in the north bay. The building is stick-built with 2 by 4s.

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"/> philosophy	
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<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:	

Specific dates N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

Construction dates C. 1948

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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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 4.97 Acres

Acreage of historical setting 4.97 Acres

Quadrangle name Sandy Spring

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of all of the property on map 27, p. 4, which encompasses all of the historic structures.

11. Form Prepared By

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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 do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
410-514-7600

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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

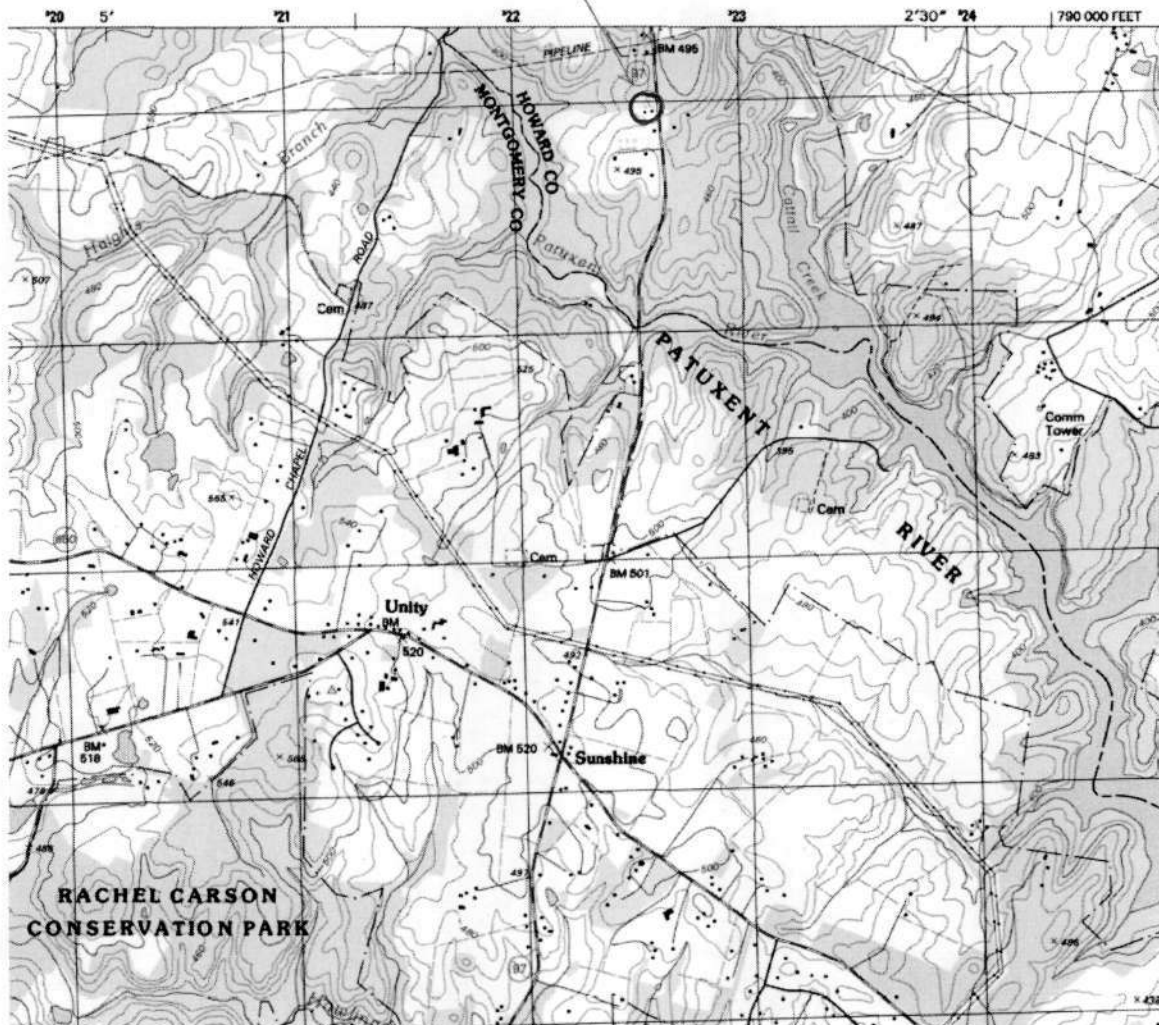
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House, east and north elevations

HO-0963_20081110_02
House, west and south elevations

HO-0963_20081110_03
Corn crib and small garage, south and east elevations

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Large Garage, south and east elevations

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south and east elevations

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elevations

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