

BENDER FRAME HOUSE

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South side of Old Route 46, Flintstone
ca. 1855

The Bender Frame House, a two story, three bay wide structure, was built circa 1855 for Jemima and James Wilson soon after their marriage in 1853. The couple both came from prominent families as hinted by their fashionable house. Displaying very nearly its original appearance, the house serves as a cultural reminder of a way of life once found in small communities in Allegany County.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Bender Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

south side of Old Route 40

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Nina Bender

Telephone #: 478-2154

STREET & NUMBER

south side of Old Route 40

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 370

Folio #: 505

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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

The Bender Frame House is located along Old Route 40 in Flintstone, Allegany County on the south side of the road between the intersection of Murley's Branch Road and Flintstone Creek.

The house basically consists of a two story, three bay wide rectangular shaped principal facade. A one and a half story, gabled wing abuts the main block on the rear northern side and a small one story wing with shed roof adjoins that wing. The building is a frame structure that is covered with novelty siding and has recently been covered with asbestos shingles except for the eastern side. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is gabled and is covered with the original tin materials. The eaves of the house exhibit replaced aluminum soffit and boxed cornices. Windows in the structure include double hung wooden sash frames with plain trim and shutters on the northern and western sides. Other windows exhibit single sash frames with single light and plain trim. The main entrances are located on the front northern face. The hardware and doors are replaced and are located at the extreme ends of the main block. The entrances are covered by a three bay end porch with shed roof which is supported by square columns. One replaced cement block chimney is located on the outside eastern end of the main block.

The house is structurally sound and is in near original appearance except for the siding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES ca. 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Bender Frame House was built circa 1855 for Jemima and James Wilson soon after their marriage in 1853. Jemima, daughter of Francis Robosson and James, son of Frank Wilson; both came from prominent families in the Flintstone area. The size and fashionable style of construction gives evidence to this statement. In 1876, the Wilsons sold the property to Eli and Melvina Hamilton, who in turn sold to Thomas P. Robosson for \$1,800. In 1888 Hugh Wilson, a cabinet maker and undertaker, purchased the property and converted it into his place of commerce. Wilson's son, Andrew, inherited the business from his father and in 1921 Andrew's wife sold the property to the Osters. The Osters later sold to the Wigfields who owned and operated a blacksmith shop next door.

The house is in near original appearance and remains a cultural reminder of a way of life once found in small communities in Allegany County.¹

1 From notes prepared by Mrs. Helen Hinkle, Allegany County Committee for the Maryland Historical Trust for the Flintstone Bicentennial Celebration. Interview November 11, 1976.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/5/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

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

INVENTORY NO. A1-11-A-040

DATE: 9/29/76

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REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

Lot - Less than One Acre

NAME OF PROPERTY: Bender Frame House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: South Side of old Rt. 40, Flintstone

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Nina Bender

ADDRESS: Same as ABOVE 478-2154

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 1 1/2 story gabled frame addition to southwest corner
1 story shed roof on east side of previous addition.

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) L Shaped

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Novelty Siding, Asbestos Shingling Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PLAIN

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Some Single Sash
pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North - 2 entrances

HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() FRONT 3 BAY SHED ROOF
READ SHED ALUM. AWNING

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()

cement block LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:
Use - Residence
Significance - arch.
Date Constructed - 1855
Condition - Very Good



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South Side of old Rt. 40 -
Flintstone

John Nelson

9/29/76

South west



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- South side of Old Route 40
Flintstone

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Northeast