

BROWNING FRAME FARM HOUSE

AL-II-A-076

Old Williams Road, Flintstone

ca. 1845

The Browning Farm House is a large, "L" shaped frame building with a gabled roof, six-over-six lights and brick end chimneys. The farm is particularly noteworthy because of its well preserved collection of dependencies. These include not only barns and tool sheds, but a small building which was used as a slave quarters. The farm was probably constructed by a member of the Twigg family and was known as the "Francis Twigg Farm" as late as 1909.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Browning Frame Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old Williams Road

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

___ 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
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Paul Browning

Telephone #: 478-2200

STREET & NUMBER

Hurley's Branch Road

CITY, TOWN

Flintstone

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21530

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

Liber #: 345

Folio #: 226

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Browning Frame Farm House is located on the Old Williams Road near Rush in Allegany County.

The Browning Farm House is a large, two story, three bay wide rectangular frame building that has since been covered with asbestos siding. A two story addition abuts the main block on its northern side. The entire structure rests on a high stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a soffit and is covered with tin. Windows in the structure with the exception of those at the end of the rear wing are double hung, pegged, wooden sash frames with six over six lights. Windows on the main facade are flanked by louvered shutters. The main entrance is located on the south facade and features a vertically paneled door with a transom and side lights. Two original corbeled brick chimneys are located at the interior ends of the main block while a third is located in the interior of the rear wing. A one bay entrance porch with a hipped roof is located on the main facade. In addition a two story shed roofed, wrap around porch is located at the apex of the main block and the rear addition.

Located to the east of the main house is a small, frame, one story, two bay wide building that was probably used as a wash house. Also located on the farm are various other buildings including a smoke house and a large barn. Both are of frame construction and rest on stone foundations.

The Browning Farm is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Browning Farmhouse was constructed during the first half of the nineteenth century and is one of a large group of farmhouses, barns, etc. located in the farming region of eastern Allegany County. The farm was probably constructed by a member of the Twigg family and was known as the "Francis Twigg Farm" as late as 1909. 1

The house is of special interest in that it is very similar in both size and mode of construction to several other houses in the area. (See Historic Sites Inventory AL-III-C-038 and AL-II-A-081) All three are large "L" shaped frame buildings with gabled roofs, six over six lights and brick end chimneys all of which is typical of antebellum architecture in Allegany County. In addition, the Browning House has a particularly well preserved group of outbuildings. These include a barn, smokehouse, tool sheds, a chickenhouse and a small building located next to the main house which was used as a slave quarters.

The Browning Farm House is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance. The comparative size of the main house in addition to the number and size of the outbuildings and slave quarters all indicate not only a certain level of prosperity but the fact that a farm such as Browning's would have remained a practically self-sufficient community.

1. Allegany County Land Records

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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 and Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/19/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

La Vale

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.

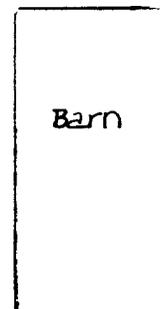
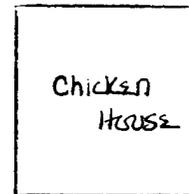
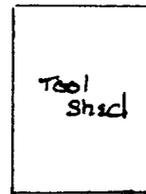
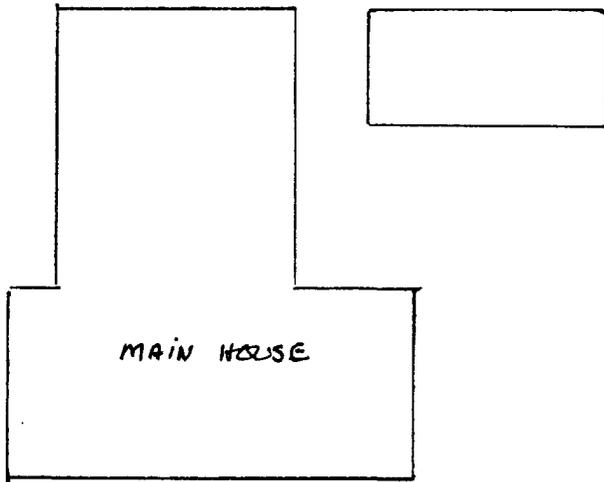
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

BROWNING FARM
OLD WILLIAMS ROAD
FLINTSTONE

AL II A-076

1 block = 21



TITLE SEARCH

Browning Frame House
~~Old Williams Road~~
AL-II-A-076

Allegany County Deed: Liber 345, Folio 226
Grantee: Paul H. and Zola C. Browning Date: Feb. 12, 1962
Grantor: Walter L. Bender and Eva B. Bender Consideration: \$2,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 189, Folio 608
Grantee: Walter and Eva Bender Date: April 18, 1941
Grantor: Marshall and Mary A. Wilson
Notes: "Addition to Deer Park"

Allegany County Deed: Liber 106, Folio 174
Grantee: Marshall G. Wilson Date: May 28, 1910
Grantor: James R. Twigg

Allegany County Deed: Liber 104, Folio 571
Grantee: James R. Twigg Date: May 18, 1909
Grantor: DeWarren H. Reynolds, Trustee
Notes: "Francis Twigg Farm"

Allegany County Deed: Liber 29, Folio 525
Grantee: George Twigg Date: June 26, 1869
Grantor: Thomas Perry, Trustee
Notes: "Old Hickory" and "Inverness"
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INVENTORY NO. AL-II-A-076

345/226
19.25 Acres

DATE: 4/21/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Browning Frame Farm House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Old-Williams Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Paul Browning 478-2200

ADDRESS: Murleys Branch Road
Flintstone, Maryland 21530

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: 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
- () LCG
- () Other: Coverings Abestos

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

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()
pegged () nailed() wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South
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, FORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK() STONE() CORBELED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

- Use - Residence
- Significance - Architecture
- Date Constructed - 1860's
- Condition - Fair

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AI-II-A-066

AI-II-A-004

AI-II-A-074

AI-II-A-005

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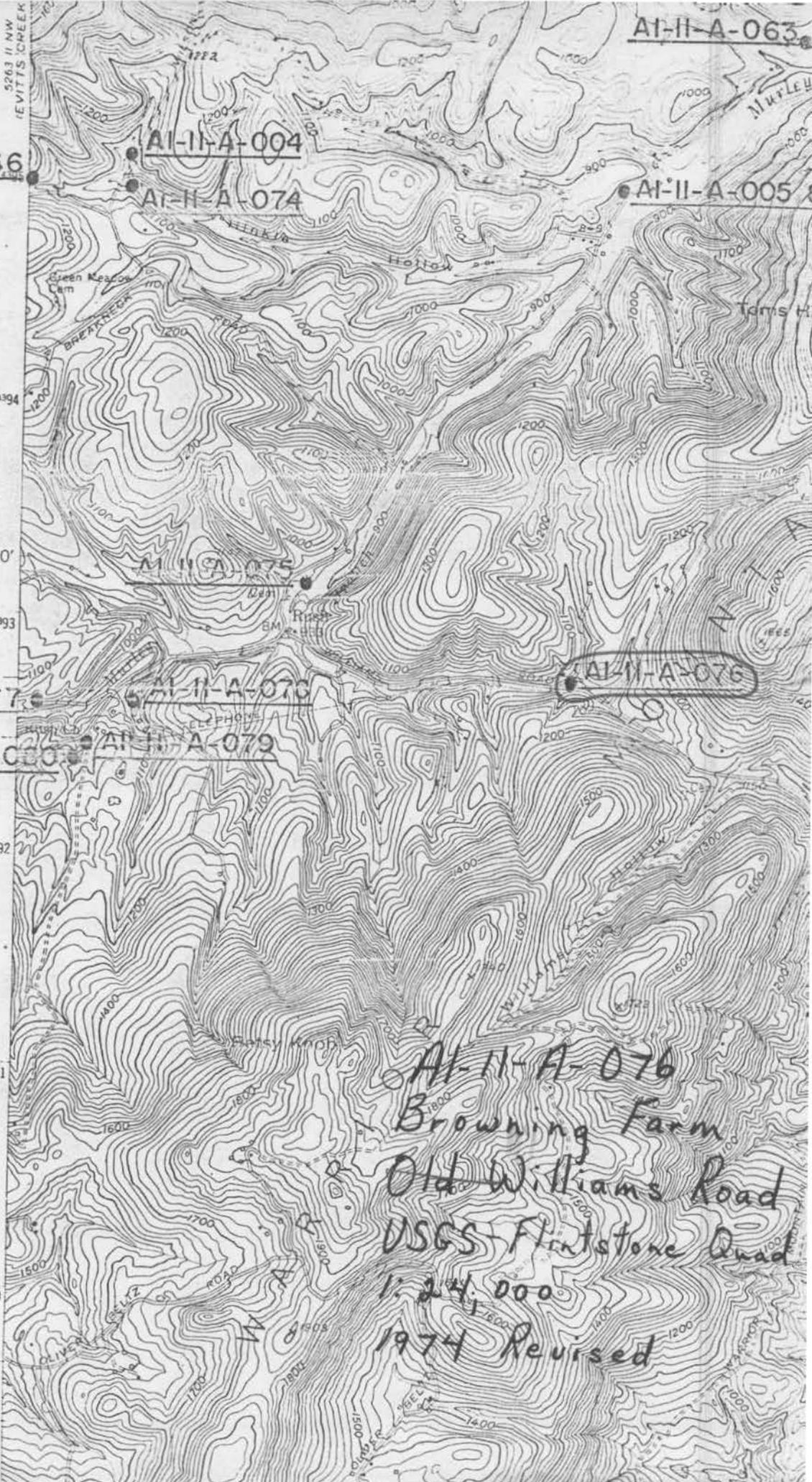
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Browning Farm
Old Williams Road
USGS Flintstone Quad
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1974 Revised





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Browning Farms Farm House
Old Williams Rd., Flintstone

4/21/77

John E. Nelson

Southwest

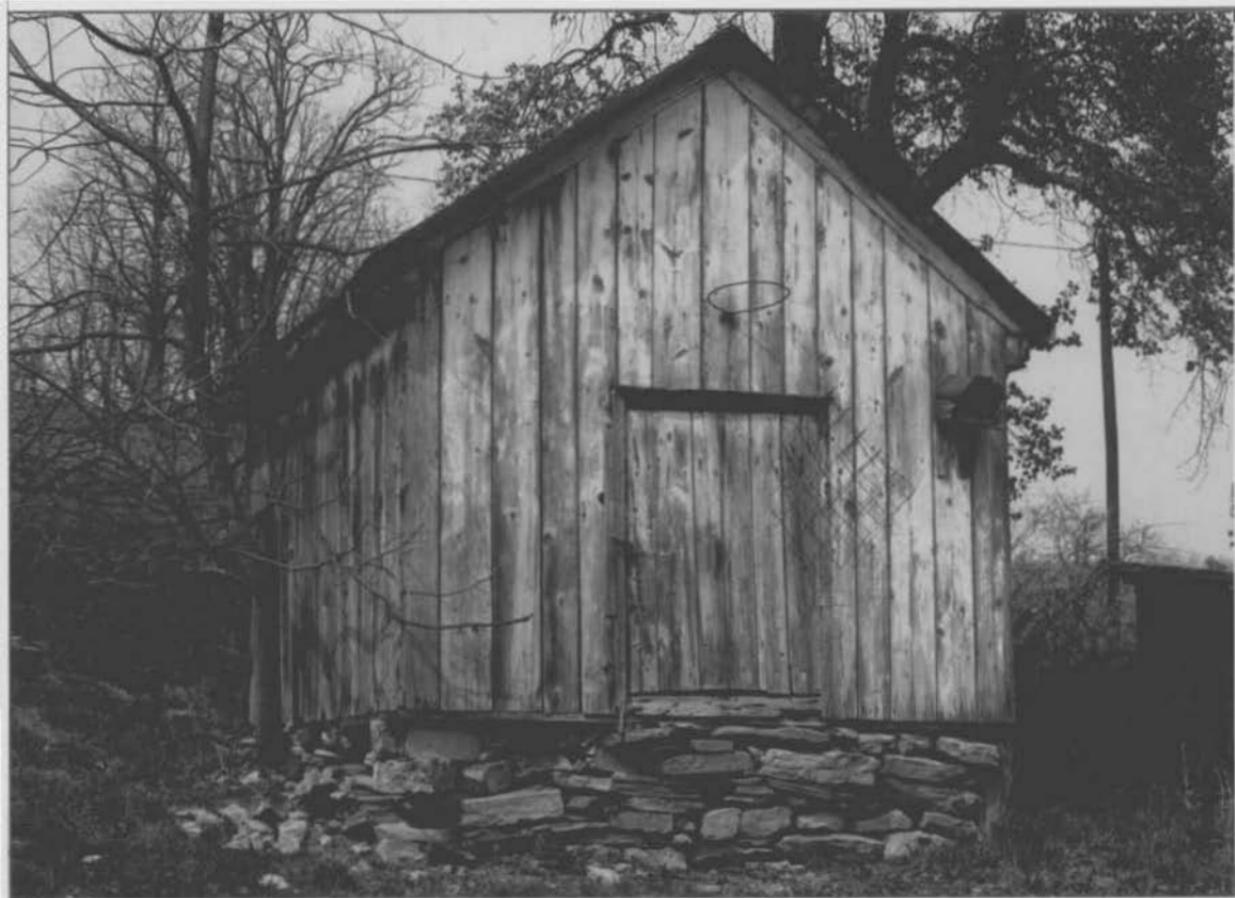


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Old Williams Rd., Flintstone

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Browning Frame Farm House
Old Williams Rd., Flintstone

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John E. Nelson
North



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Browning Franz Farm House
Old Williams Rd., Flintstone

4/21/77

John E. Nelson

Northwest