

AL-V-B-071
Robertson Stone House
Rt. 36 near Barrelville
Ca. 1845

The Robertson House, which is constructed of sandstone laid in regular ashlar bond, is believed to have been built as a tavern or inn. The building is located near what used to be the Old Plank Road, a "highway" which ran from Baltimore, Maryland to Somerset, Pennsylvania.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Stone House (Robertson)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. 36

CITY, TOWN

Barrelville

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Robertson

Telephone #: 264-4045

STREET & NUMBER

Box 159

CITY, TOWN

Barrelville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 12545

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 3

Folio #: 164

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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Robertson Stone House is located on the north side of Rt. 36 near Barrelville, Allegany County, west of the Old Plank Road intersection.

The house basically consists of a one and a half story, five bay wide, "L" shaped structure. The facade is constructed of stone laid in regular ashlar bond and is supported by a stone foundation with no apparent water table. The roof of the entire facade is gabled and is covered with replaced asphalt sheeting. One gable roof dormer is located on the east side of the rear wing. Eaves of the building exhibit close verges with fascia and boxed cornices. Windows in the house include pegged, double hung wooden sash frames with six-over-six and nine-over-six lights. Windows surrounds include plain trim and stone lintels. The main entrance is located on the front south side and features a replaced paneled door and plain trim. The door is recessed the width of the walls. Two remaining entrances are located on either side of the wing forming the "L" to the structure. A one bay portico with shed roof is placed over the front entrance, and the roof is supported by square posts. A similar shed roof porch is placed on the apex of the "L", while a small gabled hood supported by brackets covers the remaining entrance. Four replaced chimneys are found within the facade. One cement block chimney is located on the outside end of the rear wing, while two corbeled brick chimneys are located to the interior of the wing. The remaining chimney is an enameled, corbeled brick one which is located centrally to the main block.

The house is structurally sound, however it has been somewhat altered since original construction.

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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
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<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. 1845

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Robertson Stone house is believed to have been constructed circa 1845 of locally abundant sandstone. The house is one of a very few stone structures in Allegany County that are laid in regular ashlar bond, and thus far in the survey it is the only one and a half story, stone structure of this bond type. It is believed that the stone building was originally constructed to serve as a tavern and inn along the Old Plank Road.¹ The road is said to have traveled parallel and to the rear of the stone facade.² The taverns of this time period offered food, drink, and accommodations for travelers, and also served as an important social center for the community.³

The stone house is structurally sound but somewhat altered; however, it remains an architectural reminder of a way of life once found in Allegany County.

1. Interview with Mr. Raymond Fiorita 5/23/77
2. Ibid
3. Harry Stegmaier, Jr., Allegany County-A History (Parsons, West Virginia: McClain Printing, Co., 1976) p. 76

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 7.45

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

5/23/77

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.

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: AL-V-B-071

DATE: 5/23/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

Will 3/164
7.45 Acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Stone House (Robertson)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36 near Barrelville

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Merril Robertson 264-4045

ADDRESS: Box 159
Barrelville

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) "L" shaped

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- (X) 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(X) 9/6() 9/9() other() lintels
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: South
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Replaced
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(X) hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 4 Brick(X) Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced(X)
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior(X)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture/transportion?
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1845 ?
CONDITION: Fair

I N T E R I O R

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () PANELED: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____
LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

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(P.A.)

450 000 FEET
(W. VA.)

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42'30"

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FROSTBURG 4.1 MI.
MORANTOWN 1.8 MI.

3 III NW
STBURG

S O U T H A M P T O N

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Robertson Stone House

At 36, Barretville

USGS - Cumberland Quad

1:24,000

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ALLEGANY CO

PENNSYLVANIA

MAR 1950

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AI-V-B-068

AI-V-B-066

AI-V-B-070

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AI-V-B-072

AI-V-B-070

Mount Savage

George's Creek

Lap

Barretville

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Rt 36, Near Barre/ville

5/23/77

John E. Nelson

Northeast



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ROBERTSON STONE, HOUSE,
RT. 36, N. Star BARTSVILLE

5/23/77

JOHN E. NELSON

SOUTHWEST