

AL-V-B-084
Wisler House
Humbird Street, Ellerslie
Ca. 1896

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Wisler House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Humbird Street

CITY, TOWN
Ellerslie

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Sixth

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Ellis B. Wisler Sr. & Magurite A. Wisler

Telephone #: 722-6614

STREET & NUMBER
P.O. Box 25

CITY, TOWN
Ellerslie

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 210
Folio #: 468

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

ALV-B-084

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Wisler House is located on the south side of Humbird Street Ellerslie, Allegany County.

The building basically consists of a two and one-half story, four bay wide, "L" shaped structure. Wall construction is of novelty siding. Wall features are plain. The building is supported by a low concrete foundation with a beveled water table. The roof of the house is both gable front and gable flank. It is covered with asphalt shingles; replaced. Eaves of the roof exhibit original boxed cornices with return ends and wide soffit. Under the gables are windows that are four sash with mullion. Windows in the house are nailed, double hung, wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights. All exterior windows feature a decorative pediment. There are two brick chimneys in the house, both original, exterior with corbeled caps. The main entrance is on the north side, with five paneled, verticle boards door with transom. The house contains two porches. The four bay wide back porch has ashed roof supported by five wooden posts. The three bay front porch has a hip roof with boxed cornice and features four square wooden posts with scrolls and brackets with ornamental pendants. A special feature of the house is a very ornate bay window with hip roof, box cornice, located on north facade.

The house is structurally sound and retains most of its original appearance.

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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. 1896

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Wisler House is a good example of local late nineteenth century architecture. It was built in Ellerslie around 1896, when that town served as an important railroad center. A firebrick manufacturing establishment also employing many men of Ellerslie was at the height of its production when the Wisler House was built. ¹

The house retains its original "L" shape and the walls of novelty siding, which were first used late in the nineteenth century, retain their original appearance. The gables of this house are located on both the front and flank. The eaves of the roof exhibit original boxed cornices with return ends and wide soffit. The two brick chimneys have corbeled caps and are original.

The Wisler House features such things as the windows located under the gables which are four sashed with mullion. All windows of the house are trimmed with a decorative pediment. The four wooden posts supporting the front porch are decorated with scrolls and brackets with ornamental pendants. The most outstanding feature of the Wisler House is a very ornate bay window with decorative brackets, box cornice, and a hip roof.

This house is in structurally good shape and retains its original appearance. It is a monument recalling the prosperity and cultural awareness of the residents of smaller towns in Allegany County.

1. Harry Stegamier, Jr., Allegany County-A History (Parsons, W.Va. McClain Printing Co., 1976) p. 210-11

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Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 50' x 125'

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 William Pratt, Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

6/15/77

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-R-084

DATE: 6/15/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

210/468
50' x 125'

NAME OF PROPERTY: Wisler House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Humbird Street, Ellerslie

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: Ellis B. Wisler and Marqurite A. Wisler 722-6614

ADDRESS: P.O. 25

Ellerslie, Maryland

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?) Novelty
- () 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

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Concrete

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: North
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
5 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()

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

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

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: Ca. 1896
CONDITION: Good

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

WALL FINISH:

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

FIRPLACES:

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

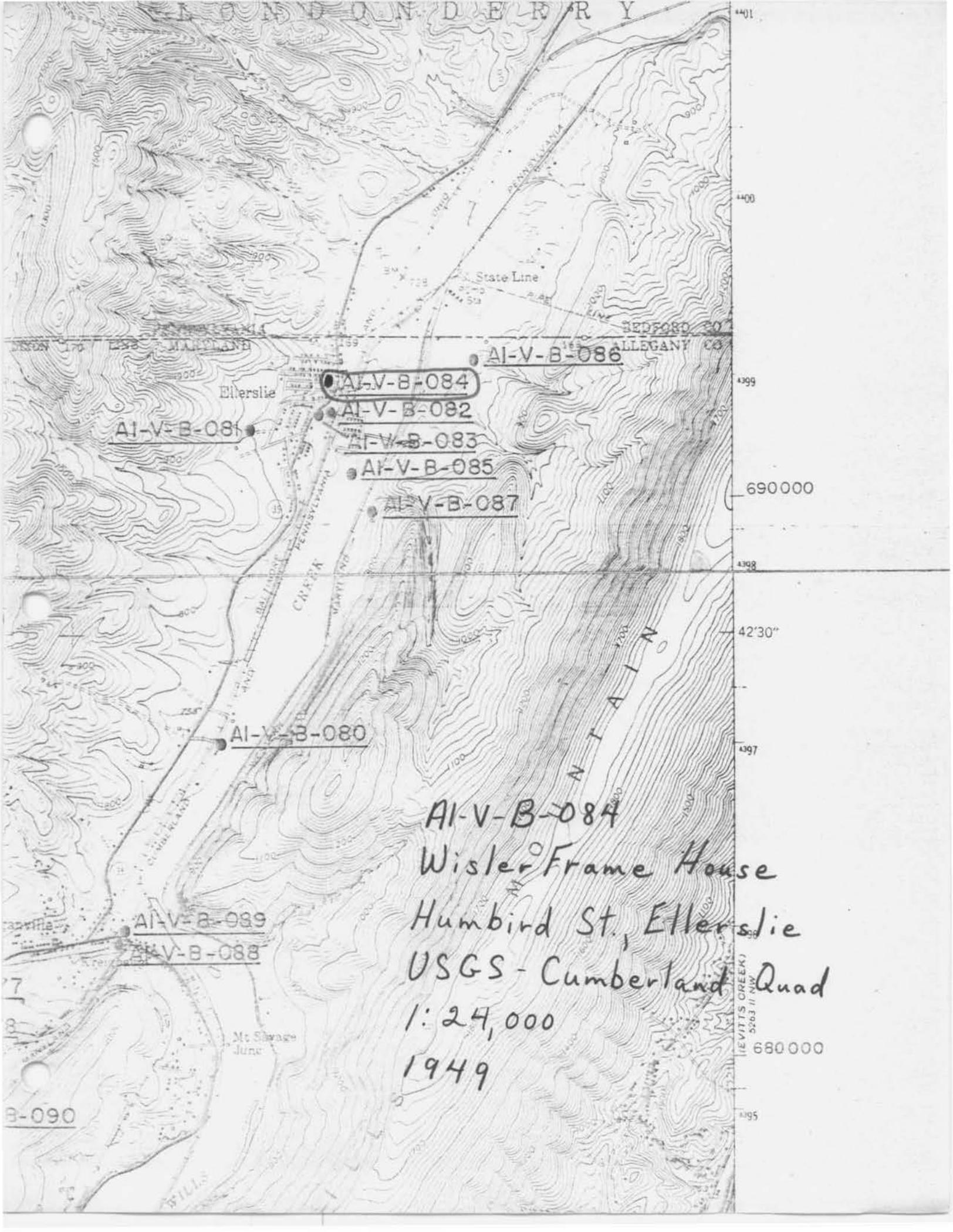
DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush

HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

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

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Wisler Frame House

Humbird St., Elerslie

USGS - Cumberland Quad

1:24,000

1949

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EVITT'S CREEK
5263 II NW

680000

1395



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Wisler Frame House

Humbird St., Ellerslie

John E. Nelson

6/15/77

North



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Wisler Frame House

Humbird St., Ellerslie

John E. Nelson

6/15/77

South