

AL-V-B-091
Helmsteder Brick House
Cash Valley Road
Ca. 1850's

Because of similar features on its exterior, this brick structure laid in American Common Bond is one of at least three houses located in Cash Valley constructed during the 1850's featuring wide soffits, boxed cornices with return ends and using a six to one variation in the brick work. (See AL-V-B-092, AL-V-B-095) This probably means that all of them were built by the same builder. This house displays architectural details that indicates both the farmer's cultural awareness and the importance of farming to his life . It also displays the level of economic prosperity enjoyed by this area's farmers.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Helmsteder Brick House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cash Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

___ 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

Leo W. Helmsteder

Telephone #: 745-3125

STREET & NUMBER

Rt. Box 131 Cash Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 488

Folio #: 680

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 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 Helmsteder Brick House is located on Cash Valley Road, Allegany County.

The Building basically consists of a two story, five bay wide, "L" shaped structure. Wall construction is brick, laid in American Common Bond with a six to one variation. Wall features are plain. The building has a one story, rear addition which has a shed roof and is of frame wall construction with novelty siding. The building itself is supported by a high, stone foundation featuring a beveled water table. The roof of the house is gable flank still covered with the original slate shingles. Located on the roof are snow boards. Eaves of the roof exhibit original boxed cornices with return ends and wide soffit. Windows in the house are pegged, double hung, with wooden sash frames and four-over-four lights. Window trim features cornices and lugsills. The windows also exhibit fixed wooden louvered shutters. There are two chimneys in the building. Both are original, brick, with corbeled caps and located inside end. The main entrance is located on the east side of the house. The door is paneled, verticle boards, featuring a rectangular transom. The house's one porch is front, three-bay wide, open porch, supported by four decorative, wrought iron posts, covered by a hip roof.

The house is structurally sound with moderate remodeling; but still retains most of its original appearance.

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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 checked="" 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. 1850's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Peter Raerig

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Peter Raerig purchased the land on which this house stands from Raphael Logsdon for one-hundred and fifty dollars in 1835. 1 In the 1850's Mr. Raerig built the large five bay wide, two-story, "L" shaped brick house. He probably used it as a farm house until 1876 when he sold it to George Helmsteder. 2 The house has remained in the Helmsteder family for more than one-hundred years.

A brick house laid in American Common Bond, the Helmsteder House features original boxed cornices with return ends and wide soffits. Two corbeled cap chimneys and slate roof are original.

This is one of at least three houses located in Cash Valley that was constructed with similar details to the roof and brickwork. (See AL-V-B-095, AL-V-B-092) All three have similar boxed cornices, wide soffits, and were laid in brick with a six to one variation. All three were built in the 1850's, probably by the same builder.

This house displays architectural details that indicate both the farmer's cultural awareness and the importance of farming to his life. It displays the level of economic prosperity enjoyed by area farmers and enhances the cultural heritage of Allegany County.

1. Allegany County Land Records (Liber R, Folio 419)
2. Ibid, (Liber 48, Folio 147)

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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 12.86

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson and William Pratt, Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Histoic Sites Survey

DATE

6/16/77

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

TITLE SEARCH

Helmsteder Brick House
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Allegany County Deed: Liber 488, Folio 680
Grantee: Leo Helmsteder et ux Date: Sept. 17, 1976
Grantor: Estate of J. Jerome Helmsteder Consideration: \$30,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber 116, Folio 41
Grantee: J. Jerome Helmsteder Date: Jan. 13, 1915
Grantor: Joseph Helmsteder et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 53, Folio 647
Grantee: Joseph Helmsteder Date: June 14, 1880
Grantor: George Helmsteder et ux

Allegany County Deed: Liber 48, Folio 147
Grantee: George Helmsteder et ux Date: Oct. 10, 1876
Grantor: Peter Raerig et ux Consideration: \$8,000.00

Allegany County Deed: Liber R, Folio 419
Grantee: Peter Raerig Date: March 7, 1835
Grantor: Raphael Loosdon Consideration: \$150.00

INVENTORY NO: AI-V-B-091

DATE: 6/16/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

488/680
12.86 A.

NAME OF PROPERTY: Helmsteder Brick House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Cash Valley Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Leo W. Helmsteder 724-3125

ADDRESS: Rt. Box 121 Cash Valley Road
Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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

REAR, ADDITIONS: Rear shed roof frame

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

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (X) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. 6/1
- () 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(X) 4/4 Cornice
pegged(X) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

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

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Boxed cornice
original(X) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, lin. asphalt; original(X) replaced()

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

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

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

COMMENTS:

USE: Residence
SIGNIFICANCE: Architecture
DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1850's
CONDITION: Fair

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 WINDING
- () PLAIN
- () OTHER

WALLS:

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

FIREPLACES:

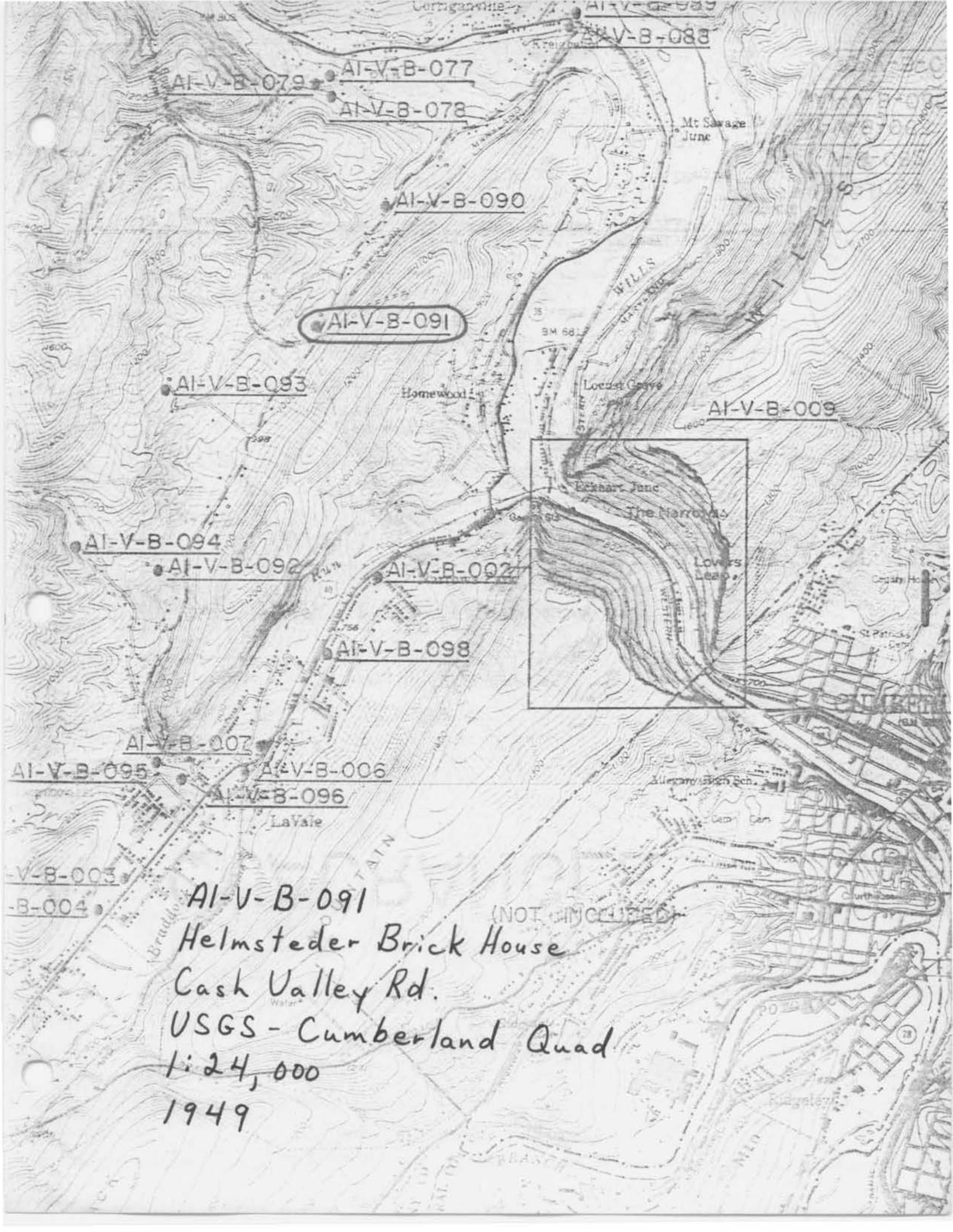
NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

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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Cash Valley Rd.
USGS - Cumberland Quad
1:24,000
1949

(NOT INCLUDED)



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HELMSTEDER BRICK HOUSE

CASH VALLEY Rd

JOHN E. NELSON

6/17/77

SOUTHEAST



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HELMSTEDER BRICK HOUSE

CASH VALLEY RD

JOHN E. NELSON

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NORTHWEST



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WEST