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Cecil-Bond House
Millersville
Private

c. 1850 (rear) / 1891 (front)

The Cecil-Bond House is important architecturally as an fine example of a rural Queen Anne-style dwelling. While the Queen Anne style enjoyed national popularity in the period between 1880 and 1910, a surprisingly few number of examples are found in Anne Arundel County. Architectural interest is enhanced by attachment to an earlier structure that now forms a rear ell. The interior retains most of its historic fabric and displays a high level of decorative finish.

The House is located on land purchased by Owen Cecil in 1846, the rear section of the house was built circa 1850. Sarah Ann Cecil received the house and surrounding acreage as her dower upon the death of husband Owen Cecil in 1882. The elaborate Queen Anne addition was constructed in 1891 by Marion Ambrose of Reisterstown, Maryland, probably under the direction of Josephine Cecil Bond, who later inherited the farm.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)
Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category Type: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: Queen Anne section built by Marion Ambrose, Reisterstown, MD.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-926

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cecil-Bond House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1066 Arundel Station Road not for publication

city, town Millersville vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Carol Hofmann

street & number 1066 Arundel Station Road telephone no.: 410-923-0625

city, town Millersville state and zip code: Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Court House liber 4104

street & number Church Circle folio 549

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

repository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Cecil-Bond House sits on an 11.3 acre lot located south of Millersville Road and west of Waterbury Road in a wooded, semi-rural area of central Anne Arundel County. It is situated on a hill and faces north towards Millersville Road, a distance of 1,700 feet. The abandoned railroad bed of the Annapolis and Elkridge Railroad (later the Washington, Baltimore, and Annapolis Railroad) runs between the house and parallel to Millersville Road.

The house displays multiple stages of construction. The rear ell is the earliest, with a portion dating to circa 1850. This was originally one-story structure that was subsequently raised to two stories. The house was again expanded in 1891 when the large Queen Anne addition (complete with a three-story tower and wrap-around porch) which characterizes the present dwelling was constructed. Excepting for the Queen Anne portion's decoratively-shingled shingled side gables, the entire building is sheathed in clapboards that run without interruption around the circumference of the building and indicate the older section was re-sided when the front block was added. The gabled roofline is pierced by two, front, hipped-roof dormers, and three, massive and decoratively styled, interior, brick chimneys. Two of these are on the west side of the Queen Anne section, while the third, extended when the second floor was added, is centered on the ridge line of the older section.

Window types vary. The Queen Anne section's tower and dormers feature respectively pairs of eighteen- and ten-light casement windows, while nine-over-one double-hung sash windows are present in first and second floor openings. Two-over-two windows typify the rear section. The house's imposing front door contains beveled glazing in the upper third, with three, three-panel rows in the lower section. A similar door serves as an east-side entrance.

The building's floor plan is complicated and reflective of its evolutionary nature. The Queen Anne portion has three finished levels and is based on a side-passage, double-parlor plan. The earlier portion of the house extends to the rear of the Queen Anne section. It is two stories with a one story kitchen wing extending from the west side. It has been fully incorporated into the Queen Anne addition making the original rear plan difficult to discern. Trim and finish in the front section is massive and heavy, and includes built-in window seats, two marble mantles, decorative tile fireplace surrounds, an ornate cast iron fireback, pocket doors and a very fine staircase and balustrade. Trim in the older section is simpler and less textured than found in the newer portion. The box lock on a four panel door in the rear ell is dated 1870. Documentary evidence suggests this section was built about 1850. It is unknown if the lock post-date the original construction, or if the supposed date of Cecil's improvements is premature.

The Cecil-Bond house is carefully restored and in excellent conditions. It retains almost all of its historic trim and finish, and is an excellent example of late 19th century architecture.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1850 (rear); 1891(front) **Builder/Architect** Marion Ambrose, Reisterstown, Maryland (front)

Check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Cecil-Bond House is an architecturally significant example of a late Queen Anne-style dwelling. Its importance is enhanced by the relatively small number of Anne Arundel County houses that were built in this nationally popular fashion. Identifying features associated with the Queen Anne style present in the Cecil-Bond House include an asymmetrical facade, corner tower, patterned shingles, and wrap-around porch. Architectural interest is enhanced by the presence of an older wing that extends from the rear (south) side of the Queen Anne style section. Documentary evidence suggests this vernacular stylistically nondescript rear ell was built about 1850, and represents the beginning of the dwelling's evolution (2).

The house stands on part of an original 1,689 acre tract known as Hammonds Inclosure, patented by Rezin Hammond in 1796. In 1846 Owen Cecil purchased 358 acres of Hammonds Inclosure, which was then part of the estate of John W. Dorsey. According to Chancery Court records an overseer's house, comhouse, and a few other buildings, all in old and dilapidated condition, were present at the time of Cecil's purchase (3). It is possible that the rear ell is the former overseer's dwelling, but given the stated condition, it is more likely that this was built by Owen Cecil. Cecil had other holdings, but apparently lived at this location (documents refer to it as the home farm), but by 1878 the farm land at least is rented to by H.R. Smith (4). Owen Cecil died in 1882 and this farm became the dower portion of Cecil's second wife, Sarah Ann Cecil. Mrs. Cecil had life time rights, and upon her death the property was to be conveyed to her daughter, Josephine Cecil (later Mrs. Arthur Bond).

According to the signature written in then wet plaster, the Queen Anne addition was constructed by Marion Ambrose of Reisterstown, Maryland in 1891. It is curious that a widow in reduced circumstance would undertake such an elaborate building campaign, and equally unlikely that improvements of such magnitude would take place if the house was occupied by a tenant. A more likely scenario involves one or more of the Cecil children, most likely Josephine, the heir apparent, and their family taking up residency at the farm thus prompting the expansion of the house. In 1915 the house is sold to Charles de Peyster Valk and Elizabeth Cecil Hardy Valk, who in 1935 sell it to William J. and Janet B. Gascoyne (5).

In 1987 the Cecil Bond House was purchased by Carol Hofman who, with her husband has totally restored the dwelling. It is presently in excellent condition and retains a very high degree of historic integrity.



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Anne Arundel Co., Maryland

Sherril M. Marsh, photographer

Sept. 1996

North facade

Negative at Maryland SHPO

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east Facade

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Cecil-BOND House

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FRONT DOOR - prior to restoration

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Negative at Maryland SHPO

Stair

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Cecil-Bond HOUSE

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NEG. AT MARYland SHPO

FIREPLACE Detail - prior to restoration

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NEG. at MARYLAND SHPO

FIRE PLACE DETAIL - prior to restoration

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NEG. AT MARYLAND SHPO

FIREPLACE DETAIL - prior to restoration

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Neg. at Maryland SHPO

ENTRY Hall, camera facing front entrance.
Prior to restoration

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NEG. AT MARYLAND SHPO

Fire Place Detail - prior to restoration

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NEG. AT MARYLAND SHPO

Pocket Doors separating parlors -
prior to restoration

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