

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-1144
Garrett House
2310 Garrett Road
White Hall, Baltimore County
1890 ca.
Private

The Garrett House was constructed circa 1890 as a replacement of a pre-1877 Garrett family dwelling that burned in the late 19th century. The road along which both houses were erected was established in 1864. The dwelling, which was constructed in the village of Vernon, is representative of the many wood frame dwellings modestly detailed with Queen Anne style ornamentation that were built in small towns and rural areas throughout Baltimore County in the late 19th and early 20th century. In the mid-19th century, only a few large farms comprised the Vernon community. After the first B.H. Garrett House burned, the extant Garrett House was constructed. From the late 1890s through the early 20th century, the Cannon family occupied the dwelling. The greatest period of growth in this crossroads village occurred over the last thirty to fifty years of the 19th century, for the 1915 county atlas indicates that the community had not continued to expand beyond its 19th century borders or density.

The Garrett House is a two-and-a-half-story dwelling of wood frame construction on a solid random rubble stone foundation. The three-bay-wide façade fronts south on the north side of Garrett Road, and a wood frame ell extends to the north flush with the west elevation of the main block. The house has been re-clad with aluminum siding, and the side gable roof re-clad with asphalt shingles. Three reconstructed interior chimneys rise from the gable ends of the main block and ell. The cornice is boxed with vinyl and continues on the gable ends of the building as cornice returns. Circa 1960, a one-story addition with a shed roof was constructed on the east elevation of the ell. The façade features a central four-panel single-leaf wood door with one-light sidelights, a three-light transom, and a square-edged wood surround flanked by two 2/2 windows with aluminum-clad surrounds and sills. These openings are sheltered by a three-bay-wide porch with a shed roof supported by chamfered wood posts. A square-edged balustrade spans the sides and outer two bays of the porch, and the porch is ornamented with scroll sawn corner brackets. Three 2/2 windows with aluminum-clad surrounds and sills pierce the second story. Located to in close proximity to the dwelling are a kitchen and smokehouse, both of which date to circa 1890 and feature German-sided wood frame construction, random rubble stone foundations, and front gable roofs clad in corrugated sheet metal. A circa 1960 chicken house and shed are also located on the property.

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

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Located to the north of the dwelling and in close proximity to it is the circa 1890 kitchen. The two-story building features German-sided wood frame construction, a front gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal, and a solid random rubble stone foundation. The façade is pierced by a side entry with a paneled single-leaf wood door with a square-edged wood surround.

The circa 1890 smokehouse is sited to the northeast of the dwelling. The German-sided wood frame building sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation and features a front gable roof clad in corrugated sheet metal. The one-story, one-bay-square building features a central flush-vertical-board double-leaf wood door with a square-edged wood surround.

A chicken house and shed, both of which date to circa 1960, are located west of the dwelling. Both are wood frame structures with poured concrete slab foundations and pressed-vertical-board siding. The chicken house features a shed roof clad in standing seam metal. Four 6/6 windows and one beaded-vertical-board single-leaf wood door, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds and sills, pierce the façade.

The shed features a front gable roof clad in asphalt shingles, a boxed cornice, and an offset flush double-leaf plywood door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates 1890 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1890 ca., 1960 ca.

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The seventh district was the largest and most populated region of the county in latter part of the 19th century. Located near the Pennsylvania and Harford lines in the northeast part of Baltimore County, the area historically consisted of rolling hills, traversed by major transportation corridors. The cultivation of wheat, corn, oats, fruit,

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. Clemens and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 24.

³ J. C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

⁴ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁵ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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dairy, and the breeding of cattle supported the residents and neighboring town of White Hall, a major stops for the Northern Central Railway.⁶

The Queen Anne style originated in England and focused on the free form, melding elements of the Classical, Tudor, and Flemish styles of architecture.⁷ In rural areas, the style is most often revealed in detailed porches, scroll-sawn brackets, patterned shingles and turned balusters⁸. Through the modest use of such woodworking techniques, the Garrett House is representative of the highly popular Queen Anne style.

⁶ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 871.

⁷ Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. (New York, NY: Holt and Co., Inc, 1994). pp. 154-155.

⁸ McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Architecture*. (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988), pp. 263-214.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Norrisville

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1890, the Garrett House has been associated with the 3.5 acres of land known as tax parcel 1 of map 18 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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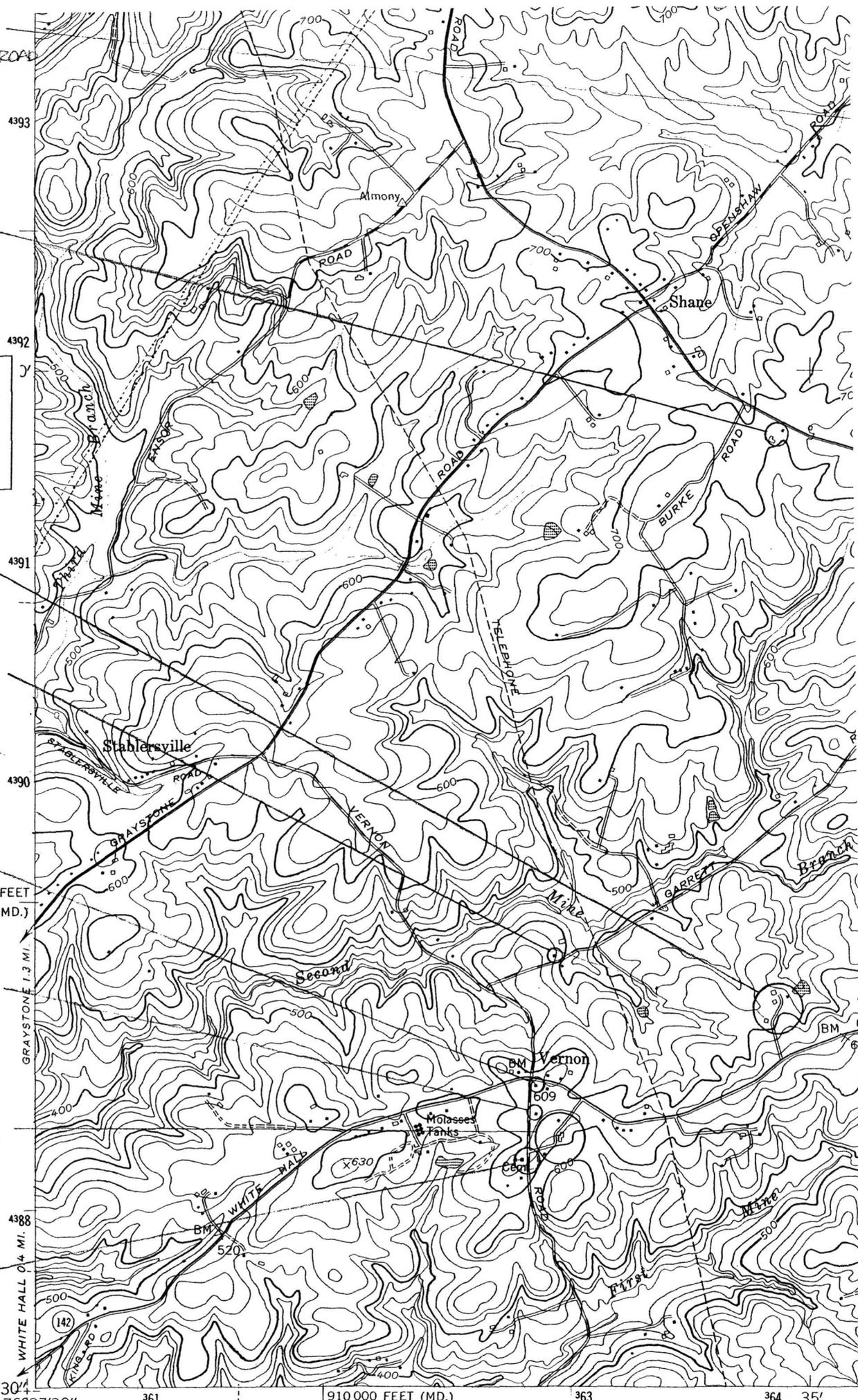
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GARRETT HOUSE - 1875-1900 - 2310 Garrett Road, north side, Vernon vicinity. The road here was laid out in April 1864 to run through an old tract called Gillis's Garden. The B.H. Garrett house shown in 1877 (when the house lay on the south side of the road) burned and was replaced by present structure, which appears as "Cannon" house in 1898 and 1915 atlases. Two-story frame house in vernacular style with square attic windows in gable ends; covered with yellow aluminum siding; 3 bays wide; rear wing; full-width front porch decorated with small Victorian scrolls and supporting posts. Owner: Charles E. Garrett.