

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-1194**  
**20300 Middletown Road**  
**Freeland, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1790**  
**Private**

The vernacular stucco-clad dwelling was constructed circa 1790 in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. The dwelling was constructed prior to the height of development in Middletown. By 1850, Middletown had begun to thrive, as the mid-century county atlas indicates that the town included a tavern and schoolhouse in addition to several residences along Middletown Road between Freeland and Oakland Road. By 1877, a church had been erected and Middletown had grown from a small crossroads community into a rural center. At that time, the town included a physician's office, schoolhouse, Odd Fellows hall, a store and one "shop." Although the community's 1881 population of only forty-nine inhabitants did not appear significant, the town was nevertheless in a strategic location between two crossroads along Middletown Road. Growth in and around Middletown slowed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, leaving it a rural community in northern Baltimore County.

Facing northwest, this single-family dwelling is sited next to the road in Middletown. This wood frame dwelling is two-and-a-half stories in height, three bays wide capped with a side gable roof. The walls and two chimneys are clad with stucco. The façade features a one-story shed roof porch across the full-width of the façade. The porch is supported with turned posts and balusters. The central entry on the façade contains a replacement metal paneled door with a molded wood surround and is illuminated with a one-light transom. The two flanking windows are vinyl 6/6 double-hung sash. The three second story windows are vinyl 1/1 double-hung sash. The roof features a decorative corbeled brick cornice. Above the roof of the main block rises one interior-end chimney, and an exterior-end chimney is seen on the rear ell. The house sits on a solid stone foundation approximately two feet in depth. One historic shed and one non-historic shed are associated with this property.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1194

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Edward Gover House

## 2. Location

street and number 20300 Middletown Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Freeland \_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Raymond L., Muriel J. and Esther Lee Gover

street and number 20300 Middletown Road telephone Not Available

city, town Freeland state MD zip code 21053-9627

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 8219 folio 334

city, town Towson tax map 6 tax parcel 79 tax ID number 0623035225

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Contributing <u>2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Contributing <u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Noncontributing <u>1</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing <u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing _____
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing _____
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			<u>1</u>

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

Constructed circa 1790, this single-family dwelling faces northwest and is sited along the road in Middletown. This wood frame dwelling is two-and-a-half stories in height, three bays wide capped with a side gable roof. The walls and two chimneys are clad with stucco. The façade features a one-story shed roof porch across the full-width of the façade. The porch is supported with turned posts and balusters. The central entry on the façade contains a replacement metal paneled door with a molded wood surround and is illuminated with a one-light transom. The two flanking windows are vinyl 6/6 double-hung sash. The three second story windows are vinyl 1/1 double-hung sash. The roof features a decorative corbeled brick cornice. Above the roof of the main block rises one interior-end chimney, and an exterior-end chimney is seen on the rear ell. The house sits on a solid stone foundation approximately two feet in depth.

One circa 1950 shed is located to the rear of the dwelling. It has a gable front roof and is clad with tar paper and plywood. It features a two-leaf metal door and a metal chimney flue. Its foundation is not visible. One non-historic circa 1970 shed is also associated with the property. It has a gable front roof sheathed with asphalt shingles, and the walls are clad with plywood. The foundation is not visible, and the entry contains a two-leaf wood door.

## 8. Significance

Inventory No. BA-1194

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 checked="" 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** 1790 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1790 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.)

The vernacular stucco-clad dwelling was constructed circa 1790 in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. Although an exact date of construction has not been determined, architectural evidence and historic maps support a circa 1790 construction date. The dwelling first appears on historic maps in 1850 on the southwest side of Middletown Road. The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. The dwelling was constructed prior to the height of development in Middletown. By 1850, Middletown had begun to thrive, as the mid-century county atlas indicates that the town included a tavern and schoolhouse in addition to several residences along Middletown Road between Freeland and Oakland Road.<sup>1</sup> By 1877, a church had been erected and Middletown had grown from a small crossroads community into a rural center. At that time, the town included a physician's office, schoolhouse, Odd Fellows hall, a store and one "shop."<sup>2</sup> Although the community's 1881 population of only forty-nine inhabitants did not appear significant, the town was nevertheless in a strategic location between two crossroads along Middletown Road.<sup>3</sup> Growth in and around Middletown slowed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, leaving it a rural community in northern Baltimore County.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> J. C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

<sup>2</sup> *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

<sup>3</sup> 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. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 870.

<sup>4</sup> *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreege of surveyed property .63 Acre  
Acreege of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Edward Gover House is located at 20300 Middletown Road in Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated tax map 6, parcel 79 sine its construction in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	February 11, 2002
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

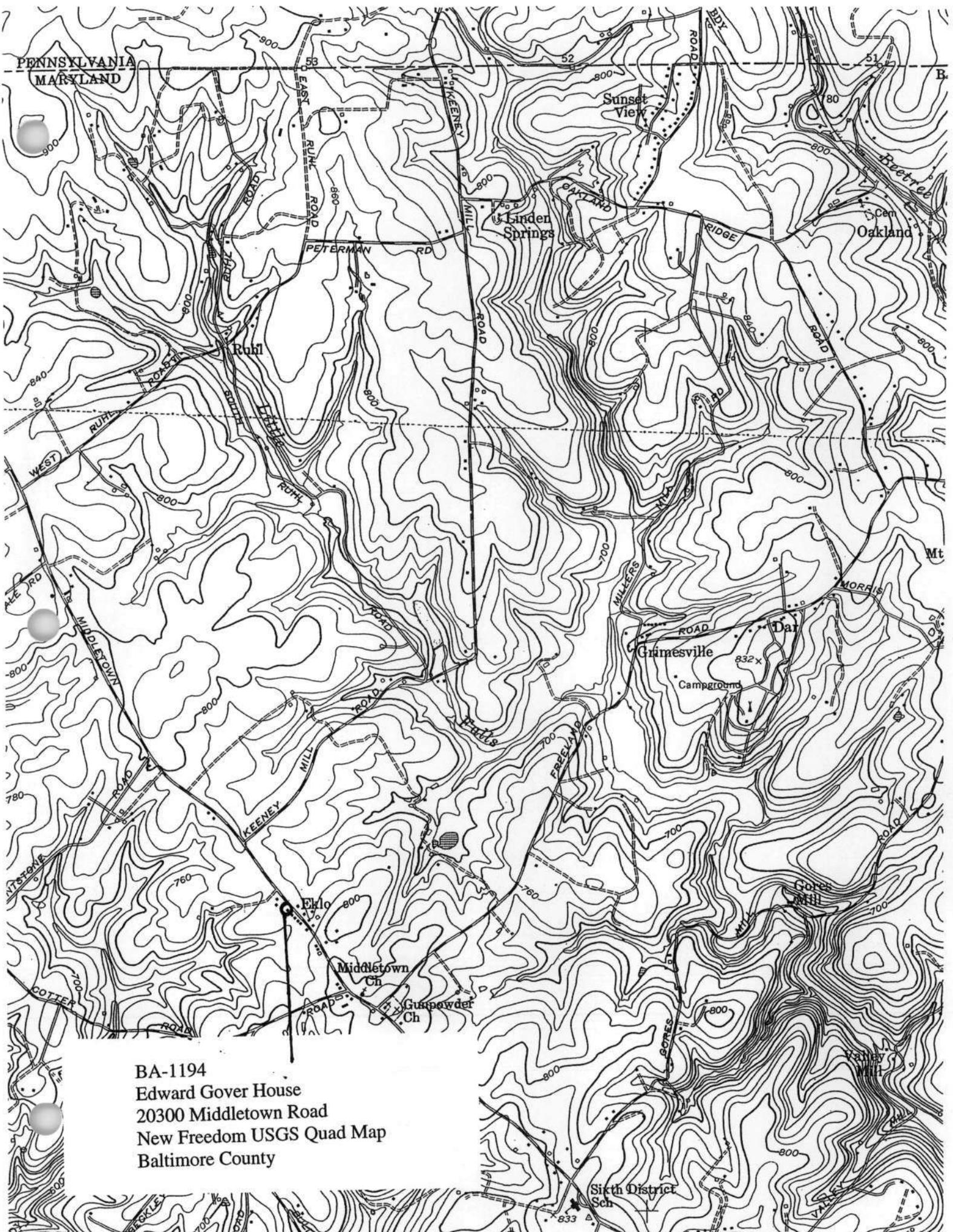
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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MARYLAND



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Edward Gover House  
20300 Middletown Road  
New Freedom USGS Quad Map  
Baltimore County



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EDWARD GOVER HOUSE

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NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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EDWARD GOVER HOUSE

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

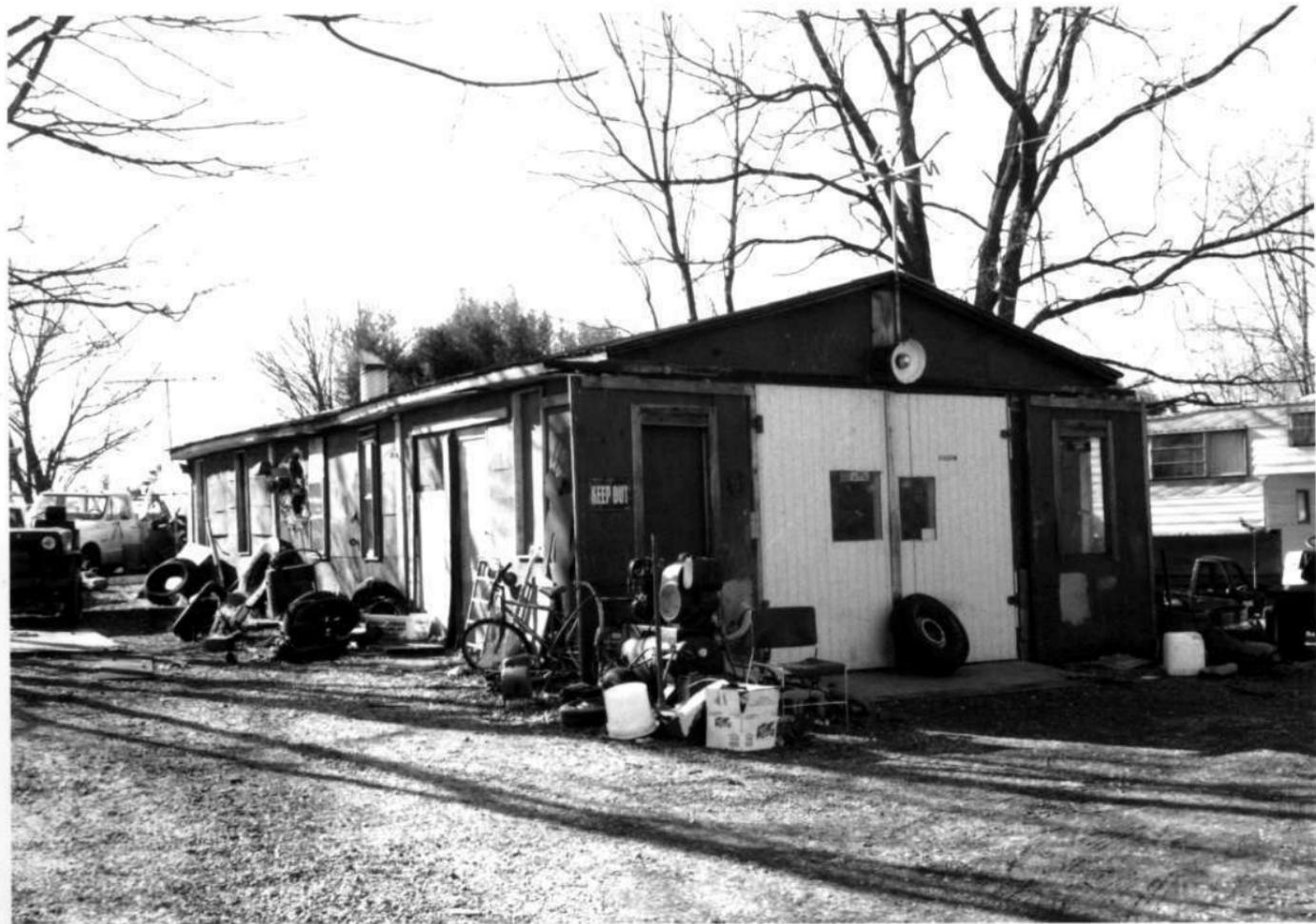
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET MAGI#0311945504

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON: (Muriel & Francis Gover's house?) EDWARD GOVER HOUSE
AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Southwest side of Middletown Road about 0.3 mi
CITY OR TOWN: Eklo (EKLO) northwest of Letter Road
STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Baltimore

3. CLASSIFICATION

Table with columns: CATEGORY (Building checked), OWNERSHIP (Private checked), STATUS (Occupied checked), ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC (Restricted checked). Includes PRESENT USE section with Private Residence checked.

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Muriel Jones and Francis Gover & Edward E. Gover
STREET AND NUMBER: near Eklo Freelance P.O.
CITY OR TOWN: Maryland STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION TAX MAP 16 PARCEL 79

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Assessment Office Baltimore County Courts Building
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Street between Chesapeake & Pennsylvania
CITY OR TOWN: Towson STATE: MD

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 5365/617

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY
DATE OF SURVEY: 1964 BA-1194 ENTERED 2/26/78
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STREET AND NUMBER: 21 STATE CIRCLE
CITY OR TOWN: ANNAPOLIS STATE: MARYLAND 21401

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small brick house is covered with thick layers of stucco. L shaped, 2 stories in the main house and 1 in the wing. The house faces northeast, 3 bays by 1, with the wing running southwest along the southeast wall 2 bays by 0. The pitched roof/ridgepole runs northwest-southeast.

One chimney rises from large fireplaces on the first and second floors. An arch in the basement supported a second fireplace in the northwest end of the house, since demolished.

The basement has hand-laid timbers supporting wide width flooring, now covered on the first floor. Wall thickness is seen to be almost 24" at this level.

The back wing, also of brick, has a enclosed porch under an extended roof, and two chimneys, one rising from a cooking fireplace.

**B. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

worth further study.  
 The present owners know of no history associated with the house.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 0.63A

Acreage Justification:

Empty box for Acreage Justification.

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

STATE:	COUNTY:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: **1/73**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2525 RIVA ROAD**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS MARYLAND**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National  State  Local

Signature \_\_\_\_\_





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VI-NEW-1194 EDWARD GOVER HOUSE  
view of front (NE) elevation, looking SW  
MIDDLETOWN ROAD, EKLO

PHOTO: JEAN S. EWING (MHT) 1/73 (frame 16)