

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**BA-1204**

**Skidmore House**

**4003 Perry Hall Road**

**Perry Hall, Baltimore County**

**Circa 1775**

**Private**

Facing northeast, the Skidmore House was a tenant house associated with the Perry Hall estate. It is located near the historic village of Perry Hall in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. By the mid-19th century, the lands associated with Perry Hall had been greatly subdivided. Between 1850 and the mid-1870s, the community grew considerably. At this time, there was a general store, two blacksmith shops, a schoolhouse, three churches, and tavern, and sawmill in the small settlement. Although this area was still rural in its agricultural character, it was maintaining a rapid rate of development throughout the second half of the 19th century. Perry Hall is now a suburb of Baltimore City. The 1850 Sidney Atlas shows the Perry Hall estate as the property of H. Carroll. Eli Slifer and heirs of William M. Meredith are associated with the estate on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. By 1915, J. Dryer is resident of the Skidmore House.

A log building, dating circa 1775, forms the two central bays of the Skidmore House and according to the current owner, these logs bear the original assembly marks. Subsequent alterations have resulted in the current six-bay, two-story, Colonial Revival-style dwelling. The house is sited on a level grassy lot with mature trees, shrubs, and foundation plantings. The solid foundation supports the wood-frame house clad in vinyl beaded siding. A central placed one-leaf, wood paneled with an oval light door is flanked by unevenly spaced vinyl sash, double-hung 1/1-light windows. The first story also features a octagonal window with nine-lights. The second story, which is only three bays long, has three vinyl sash, double-hung 1/1 windows. The house also features overhanging eaves with a vinyl-clad soffit, a side gable roof with asphalt shingles, and two interior end brick chimneys, one of which has a corbeled cap. A one-story, seven-bay porch with a wood balustrade and square wood posts supporting a shed roof, extends along the front of the house. Besides the two additions flanking the original 18th century building, a two-story wood frame addition, clad in vinyl siding, and capped with a gable roof, exists to the rear of the dwelling. A wood deck has also been constructed at the rear of the house. Two non-historic buildings are associated with the property.



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## 7. Description

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### Condition

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| <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      |
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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.

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A wood-frame garage and shed, both dating circa 1990, are located on the property. The one-story, three-bay garage is clad in vinyl siding, has three roll-up doors, and a side gable roof with asphalt shingles and a decorative wood-frame lantern. The one-story, one-bay shed is also clad in vinyl siding and has one wood door, and a front gable roof with asphalt shingles.

## 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 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 industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1775 ca. **Architect/Builder** unknown

**Construction dates** 1775 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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Facing northeast, the Skidmore House was constructed circa 1775 as a tenant house associated with the Perry Hall estate. It is located near the historic village of Perry Hall in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. In the late 17th century, the land now encompassed by the community of Perry Hall was a portion of the land granted to George Lingan. In 1775, Henry Dorsey Gough purchased the estate and renamed it Perry Hall. Belair Road connected Baltimore to the town of Bel Air as the mid-1700s. Dating to the 1730s, Joppa Road connected settlements along the Patapsco River with Joppa, the original Baltimore County seat located on the Big Gunpowder River.

The Perry Hall estate was located a short distance to the north of the intersection of these two important Colonial period roads. This set the area on a course for development as a crossroads community. (1) By the mid-19th century, the lands associated with Perry Hall had been greatly subdivided. The 1850 county atlas shows at least nine residential structures located between the two rivers. In addition to these, three taverns clustered around the center of the community near the intersection of Joppa and Belair Roads. Between 1850 and the mid-1870s, the community grew considerably. From nine residential structures in 1850, the town grew to include at least thirty-seven dwellings in 1877. This number continued to increase, for the county history published shortly thereafter records the population as fifty inhabitants. At this time, there was a general store, two blacksmith shops, a schoolhouse, three churches, and tavern, and sawmill in the small settlement. In addition, settlements developed in towns in the vicinity of the Belair/Joppa Road intersection. Although this area was still rural in its agricultural character, it was maintaining a rapid rate of development throughout the second half of the 19th century. (2) Perry Hall is now a suburb of Baltimore City.

The 1850 Sidney Atlas shows the Perry Hall estate as the property of H. Carroll. (3) Eli Slifer and heirs of William M. Meredith are associated with the estate on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas. (4) By 1915, J. Dryer is resident of the Skidmore House, and in 2002 Mary Lou Pagella is the owner of the property. (5)

### ENDNOTES

1. William B. Marye, "The Old Indian Road," Maryland Historical Magazine 15 (1920): pp. 208-213; see also "The New Perry Hall School," Federation PTA News 6 (April 1930): p. 1, and E. Frances Offutt, Baltimore County Landmarks (Towson, MD: Baltimore County Public Library, 1971), p. 46-48.

2. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), 61.

3. J. C. Sidney, Map of Baltimore City and County, Maryland, from Actual Surveys (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1850).

4. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p. 61.

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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 2.23 acres

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name White Marsh

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Skidmore House, constructed circa 1775, is located near the historic village of Perry Hall in the Eleventh District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 63 parcel 229.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.

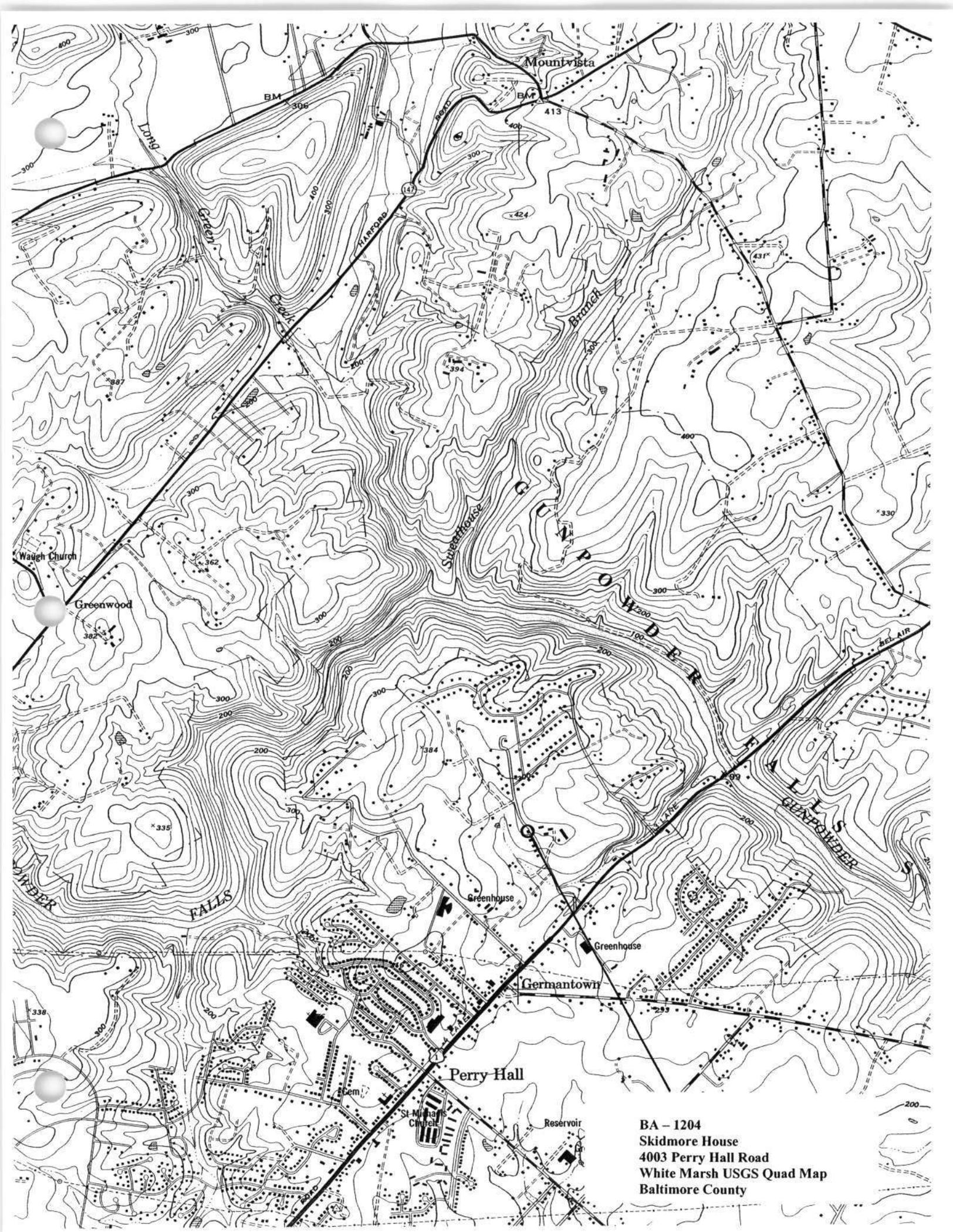
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Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA.

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



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Skidmore House  
4003 Perry Hall Road  
White Marsh USGS Quad Map  
Baltimore County



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SKIDMORE HOUSE

4003 PERRY HALL ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

8/2002

MD SHPO

HOUSE, NORTHEAST ELEVATION

1 OF 3



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SKIDMORE HOUSE

4003 PERRY HALL ROAD

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

HOUSE, NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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SKIDMORE HOUSE

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

8/2002

MD SHPO

HOUSE, SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

3 OF 3

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

PAUL SKIDMORE HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

4003 PERRY HALL ROAD

CITY, TOWN

PERRY HALL

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

— VICINITY OF

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

3/6/78

According to Matilda <sup>Lacey</sup> who lives across from this place, (at MHT BA-355 Coldurhol Farm), part of this house was a very old log house (NW end) probably built in the late 1700's and served as the Perry Hall overseer's house. The Perry Hall mansion has been documented well and should be on the National Register (see BA-264). Located on the west side of Perry Hall Road about 0.3 mile NW of its junction with Bel Air Road.

Obviously the Skidmore House has been covered with aluminum siding so the old and newer portions of the house aren't readily discernable, except for the larger chimney at the NW end. The house is apparently close to Perry Hall Road, gable roof ridgeline running NW-SE, and is preceded by three new houses. Matilda thinks the enclosed map shows correct location.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mrs. Alice Martin

March 6, 1978

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Baltimore County Committee, MHT

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Route 1, Box 98

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Phoenix

Maryland

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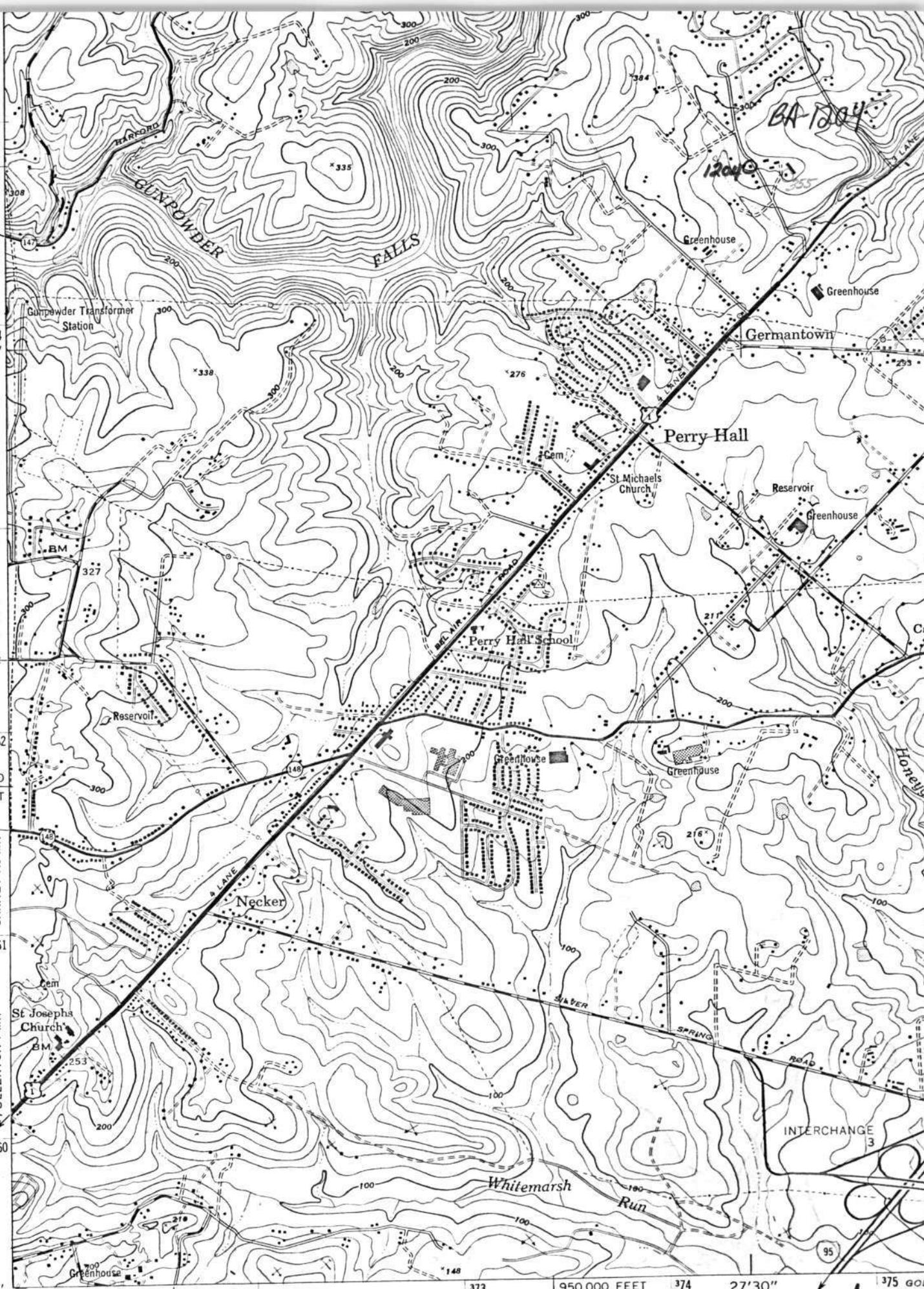
**SKIDMORE HOUSE** - c. 1775 - 4003 Perry Hall Road, Perry Hall vicinity. This was a frame log tenant house on the Perry Hall estate with one room up and one down; later expanded to

**DISTRICT 11 - continued -**

a rectangular two-story house with gable roof, irregular windows, mismatching inside end-chimneys. Stone foundation. Until the 1970s, there was a log construction visible, but in recent years it has been covered with white aluminum siding. Excellent condition. Across the road, immediately to the north was a stone slave jail building equipped with an escape-proof pit, also part of Perry Hall estate (removed 1913).

1747-431  
 (Bats to)  
 40 Perry Hall Road  
 PERRY HALL  
 loc. not yet  
 verified by  
 A. Martin  
 3/6/75

BALTIMORE 12 MI.  
 CARNEY 2.5 MI.  
 4364  
 25'  
 1 MI. TO MARYLAND 148  
 4362  
 570 000  
 FEET  
 TOWSON 6.1 MI.  
 CARNEY 1.6 MI.  
 4361  
 BALTIMORE 9.5 MI.  
 FULLERTON 1 MI.  
 4360



39° 22' 30" 76° 30' 371 3.1 MI. TO MARYLAND 7 373 950 000 FEET 374 27' 30" 1375 GO  
**II-WHI-1204 PAUL SKIDMORE HOUSE**  
 USGS 7.5 MINUTE MAP SCALE: 1" = 2000'  
 WHITE MARSH QUADRANGLE 1951 (PHOTOREV.)  
 Mapped by the Army Map Service  
 Published for civil use by the Geological Survey  
 N 1966

RI-WH1-1204 SKIDMORE HOUSE  
40 03 PERRY HALL ROAD  
PERRY HALL

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The tax map  
places house  
inside this  
bend. Older  
black square.

Steedhouse

Branch

BEL AIR ROAD

GUNPOWDER

FALLS

FALLS

Germantown

Perry Hall

St. Michaels Church

Reservoir

Camp Chapel Church

Perry Hall School

White Marsh

