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Harrison Inn (site)  
Liberty Road at Marriottsville Road  
Granite

c. 1805

Shown in the Hopkins Atlas of 1877 as the Liberty Hotel, this frame building was built in the style of an English inn with a Victorian porch added later. The building had a kitchen wing on a lower level than the main block. It was demolished in February of 1973.

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1. STATE <b>Maryland</b> COUNTY <b>Baltimore</b> TOWN STREET NO. <b>Liberty Road</b> VICINITY <b>Dist. II</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <b>BA-16</b>
	2. NAME <b>Harrison Inn</b>  DATE OR PERIOD <b>about 1805</b> STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC

**Frame building.**

**Kitchen wing on lower level.**

**Style of an English Inn.**

**Porch is Victorian**

demolished

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE    **Endangered**                      **Interior**                      **Exterior**

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <b>(First HABS Report)</b> <b>E. Frances Offutt</b> <b>HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE</b> <b>COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>  DATE OF RECORD <b>July 29, 1965</b>

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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Harrison Inn  
Liberty Hotel

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Mr. Orlando Rideout  
Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. Rideout:

Re our conversation June 17 on Harrison Inn,  
Liberty Road, Harrisonville (Ba dallstown P.O.):

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The tract of land on which the Harrison Inn is located, Liberty Road, opposite dead end of Marriottsville Road, has been sold to Philip Talles for development as the Deer Park Shopping Center and the old inn is to be demolished.

The Harrison Inn is an old tavern of the Liberty Road dating back to the days when the eastern terminus was relocated to lead to Baltimore, 1802, formerly having branched off to Annapolis (the old Annapolis Road), Elkridge by Rolling Road and Joppa by Old Court. According to Mrs. Eleanor Phillips Isaacs Passano, whose family owned it from the early 1800's until the 1940's, the tavern was there by 1815. According to Gerard Gloss who has just sold it, it dates to 1805, and served as tavern, post office at one time and toll station in the turnpike days; I cannot verify this. It is listed in the Baltimore County Atlas of 1878 as The Liberty Hotel. Nor can

I verify Mr. Gloss' statement that it is said to be the largest log building in the state; it is approximately 27' or 26' by 40', and has a rear kitchen wing. The main building is 2½ stories; the wing 1½ stories. It has a center hall, 5 window traditional facade. The window frames are very fine, and the one center gable dormer is very English: if the Victorian front porch were removed it would appear to be lacking only the thatch and stage coach from a Christmas card of old England. A handsome rectangular bay on the east end, first floor was torn off when a large block dining hall was added in recent years which has hurt its appearance. The log walls were covered by sheathing and still later with shingles.

The present owner will demolish it unless someone moves it very soon. I would move it to our farm on Liberty Road about one mile west, but the many telephone and electric

lines (about 20 to private homes), and the whole set of wires of electric and telephone cable to cross at the farm present a great obstacle.

Leroy Hoffberger (685-6054) has a 64 acre tract still zoned residential adjoining the far end of the Deer Park Shopping Center on Deer Park Road. He is interested and says would give a lot to the Historical Society but does not feel he can cut into his tract not knowing how it will be developed; also has several larger lots on the Lyons Mills Road (to the rear) but this is wooded and would require bulldozing a 30 ft. strip some distance through woods.

According to Miss Frances Offutt, the Deer Park Road is to be relocated to become a continuation of Sheraton Road behind the State Police Barrack "K". There is ample ground on the State Police plot for a relocation of the Harrison Inn if that agency could be persuaded to lease or sell a portion or to take it for a public use.

What use would be made of it if it could be saved? If it could be taken over as a public property it could be used for offices, library, etc. If it were operated privately it might again become a dining room, antique shop, or any of a variety of shops or even a private residence.

If you can let me know when you can look at this building I will arrange to meet you. I am enclosing a slide.

Sincerely yours,

*Wilson Herrera*  
Wilson Herrera

BA-17  
Plains of Paran  
10301 Liberty Road  
Harrisonville

late 1600s

Located on the south side of Liberty Road, on a farm, this very primitive stone house with a shed roof had one room downstairs and one above. The house had a large fireplace, and was built without stairways, but ladders were used in fireplace closets.

It was probably built by the Worthington family. In 1853, when owned by the Bower family, the height and length of the old house were doubled and an Italianate-Victorian design worked into it. Garfield Herrera (b. 1881), Harrisonville wheelwright and farmer, removed the Victorian elements and put on shed roof. The owner is listed as Wilson Herrera.