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BELL-TROUT HOUSE/ COLE HOUSE

1850-1875

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This is a vernacular style, two-story structure apparently designed to house multiple families or to provide rooms suitable for a general store. The house is six bays wide, with three entrances; gable-roofed, with a full-width front porch and gable roof of standing-seam sheet metal. Outer wall covering is composition shingle in front, aluminum siding on the rear. This may be one of the structures shown on the 1850 map, although the house was part of the much larger Maryland Line Hotel property. This may have been the property of William Kurtz, carpenter, in the 1877 atlas. J. Frank Trout bought it in 1889. This was possibly the store charged to J. Frank Trout in the 1911 tax ledger. It was Mrs. A. McDonald's in the 1918 tax ledger.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC BELL-TROUT HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON
Cole House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
21,510 York Road

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Maryland Line

— VICINITY OF

2nd

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Baltimore Co.

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 checked="" 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
David L. and Catherine Cole

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
21,510 York Road

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Maryland Line

— VICINITY OF

Maryland 21105

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. County Courts Building

Liber #: EHK JR. 5912
Folio #: 544

STREET & NUMBER
401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Towson

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Bell-Trout House is a vernacular style structure apparently designed to house multiple families or to provide one or two rooms suitable for a general store. The house is frame, two stories, with full-width front porch, its deck mere inches above grade.

The house is six bays wide, set in two clusters of bays, with a perceptible dividing space in the center of the facade. Doors are located in the 4th and 6th bays from the south (left-hand) end of the house. The northernmost door is flanked by full-height shutters. The solid paneled doors are protected by wooden storm doors with 8 window lights each. The house windows are large, 2-over-2, double-hung sash types. Three windows at the porch level have shutteres, louvered at the top half, paneled at the bottom.

The full-width, low lying front porch is shed-roofed, covered with wooden shake shingles. Six square posts topped with moulding support the roof. A narrow architrave stands between the posts and soffit of the roof. The gable roof is steeply pitched, and at second-story porch level, the six windows occupy most of the available vertical space between porch roof and the cornice. The roof has slightly overhanging eaves. Roof covering material on the main block is standing seam sheet metal, apparently tin, painted grey. Two chimney penetrate the ridge line, one an inside end-chimney, the other an inside chimney, centrally located.

The ends of the house have a single bay of windows located along the center line; at attic level, the window is small, only one pane of glass in a rectangular frame; at first and second-story level, the windows are double-hung sash types, 1-over-1 lights, flanked by louvered wooden shutters.

The main facade of the house is covered with composition shingles, the ends with aluminum siding. Foundation is stone, almost none of it visible from the street.

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1850-1875

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Cole house stands on what was part of the road frontage that came with the Maryland Line Hotel, once a 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ -acre tract acquired by Dr. Ephraim Bell in 1833. (1) Current tax records show the property as a 72 by 300-foot rectangle, although the deed describes an eight-sided figure composed of three lots.

Two of the lots sold at very low prices in 1898 and 1899 when they were acquired by J. Frank Trout for \$125 and \$10 respectively. (2) Thus, the lot of 40 square perches is the portion of the assemblage to trace back; Frank Trout paid \$600 for the plot in 1889, which would surely indicate the presence of a house. (3)

Trout bought the expensive parcel from William Kurtz, the town under-ker and carpenter. Kurtz is found as the owner of a house and lot on New Market in the 1876 tax ledger (\$400 assessment); he also had a farm, plus "stock in trade, lumber." Worth \$75. (4) The 1877 atlas showed the William Kurtz house as the first residence south of the hotel, although the map is too crowded to portray individual structures with any accuracy. (5)

Kurtz had acquired the 40 square perches from Abraham and June McDonald in 1868. (6) McDonald had acquired it in turn from Dr. Ephraim Bell in April of 1856 paying \$500, which would also suggest that existence of a house. (7) The origin of the house is made difficult to establish because it becomes part of a much larger tract of Dr. Bells, and may or not be among the crowded symbols on the 1850 map.

Once the property comes into the hands of J. Frank Trout, its subsequent history is easily documented.

By 1911, The tax ledger showed J. Frank Trout with a store house (\$800) on one lot and a dwelling worth \$700 on another, also outbuildings worth \$50. (8)

Trout and wife Mollie sold three parcels to Acquilla and Agnes McDonald in 1913. (9) The "McDonald" house was shown on the 1915 atlas plate. (10) The 1918 tax ledger showed:

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Mrs. M.A. McDonald	
$\frac{1}{2}$ acre on York Turnpike adj Fred Briggs N & Harry C. Krout E. @	\$100
Dwelling 12 x 18 1 story	873
2 Outbuildings	125
	<u>1100</u> (11).

Mary R. Sampson bought the house in 1929 from Mrs. McDonald, described as a widow. (12) Mrs. Sampson died intestate in 1952 and her heirs sold to Howard S. and Mazie (or Mazzie) Simpson the following year. (13) In 1976, this property was sold by the executor of Mrs. Mazzie Simpson to Grason L. Hare and Etta V. Hare for \$16,000. (14) The Hares, who had another house across the road, held two years and sold to the present owners in 1978. (15)

NOTES:

1. Baltimore City Deeds, TK 227:404; platted out by J. McGrain, 1980.
2. B.C. Deeds NBM 231:116 and NBM 247:392.
3. B.C. Deeds, JWS 176:506.
4. Assessors Field Book, District 7, 1876, n.p.
5. G.M. Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia,
6. B.C. Deeds, EHA 59:510.
7. B.C. Deeds, GHC 17:169.
8. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 736.
9. B.C. Deeds, WPC 424:149.
10. G.W. Bromley, Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland (Philadelphia, 1915), Plate 39.
11. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 653.
12. B.C. Deeds, LMCLM 824:60.
13. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2310:475.
14. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5733:255.
15. B.C. Deeds, EHK JR. 5912:544.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Deeds, Tax Ledgers, Atlases.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.49

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

72 x 300 Parcel on west side of York Road, 72 foot road frontage by 300-foot regular depth as described on Tax bill. (Map 3, Parcel P29)

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

STATE None COUNTY None

STATE None COUNTY None

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE
June 11, 1980

STREET & NUMBER
401 Bosley Avenue

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CITY OR TOWN
Towson

STATE
Maryland 21204

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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BELL-TROUT HOUSE BA 1964
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, Oct 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (East) & south facades fr. SE