

BA 1997

TURNER-ALMONY DWELLING

1850-1876

PARKTON

PRIVATE

This is an old two-story frame double dwelling house in the "downtown" part of Parkton, missing from the 1850 map, but found in the 1876 tax ledger as an additional structure on the lot of the Parkton Hotel. The house was a rental property of the Turner estate that embraced most of the town and environs. The house is vernacular in style, except for barge boards on the gable ends. There is a small one-story rear wing for a kitchen. The entire house is covered with composition shingles. It is perched on a high fieldstone basement, entered by a vertical cellar door. Some repairs were in progress in 1980.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **TURNER-ALMONY DWELLING**

AND/OR COMMON

**Almony House**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER **18,838 York Road**

CITY, TOWN

**Parkton**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**2nd**

STATE

**Maryland**

COUNTY

**Baltimore County**

**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	<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 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

**Benjamin H. Almony**

Telephone #: **Not listed.**

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

**Parkton**

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 21120**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **County Courts Building**

Liber #: **NBM 259**

Folio #: **558**

STREET & NUMBER

**401 Bosley Avenue**

CITY, TOWN

**Towson**

STATE

**Maryland 21204**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

**NONE**

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 Turner-Almony house just northwest of the Parkton Stone Arch Bridge is a plain duplex, vernacular in style, two stories, apparently without attic; a house existing at least as early as 1876 and decorated with only one Victorian touch: the bargeboards on the gable ends.

The house is five bays wide at front porch level and three bays at second-floor level. The front doors are set in the second and fourth bays from the south (or left) end of the house. The doors are solid, four-panel types with rectangular transoms above. All windows on the main facade (and on all other facades) are 6-over-6 double-hung sash types.

A one-story full-width front porch with a shed roof stands five steps above grade, reached by poured concrete steps. The porch deck is supported by concrete-block foundations. The roof is supported by four square posts, machine turned to various circular configurations at mid-length.

The ends of the main block are one bay deep, with a single 6-over-6 window at second-story level, none at first-story level. The rear of the main block is three bays wide at second-story level. At first-story level, only one of the bays contains a window (the southernmost), the other possible bays being obscured by a one-story kitchen wing.

The main block roof is gabled, covered with black rubber roofing material. The eaves overhang about a foot beyond the gable ends of the house and are decorated with wooden bargeboard decorations. The brick main chimney rises through the rear roof slope, an internal chimney located about midpoint in the long axis of the house.

The small, one-story, shed-roofed wing or kitchen annex is flush with the north end wall of the house; it is combined with a side porch and also has a low brick chimney; roofing is ribbed sheet metal, painted green. The porch deck and porch steps are of concrete and concrete-block.

The entire house is covered with white composition shingle and both house and wing are set on a high fieldstone foundation. A vertical cellar door is located in the south (left) foundation wall.

This previously vacant house enjoyed some basic repairs in 1980 and was again occupied.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



This house was vacant in the autumn of 1979, but it seemed to be undergoing repairs in early 1980. The blacksmith shop has taken a different line of descent and is extinct. The blacksmith shop remembered by local residents was superseded by the present post office building on the opposite side of the (original) York Road. This house is interesting for its connection with the support services of a horse-powered society.

## NOTES:

1. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1876, n.p.
2. B.C. Plats, JWS 1:79, 79A.
3. B.C. Wills, RTB 66:405.
4. B.C. Deeds, LMB 212:238.
5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, Entry #501-112.
6. B.C. Deeds, NBM 259:558.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 401.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

TURNER-ALMONY DWELLING

Baltimore County Deeds, Wills, Plat Books, Tax Ledgers.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 46 square perches

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

South	93 feet	
E	108 feet	
N	43 feet to corner of blacksmith shop	
E	58 feet to center of York Road	
N	72 feet along center of York Road	
W	146 feet to beginning	(No parcel number on Map 3)

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

STATE	NONE	COUNTY	NONE
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

April 4, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

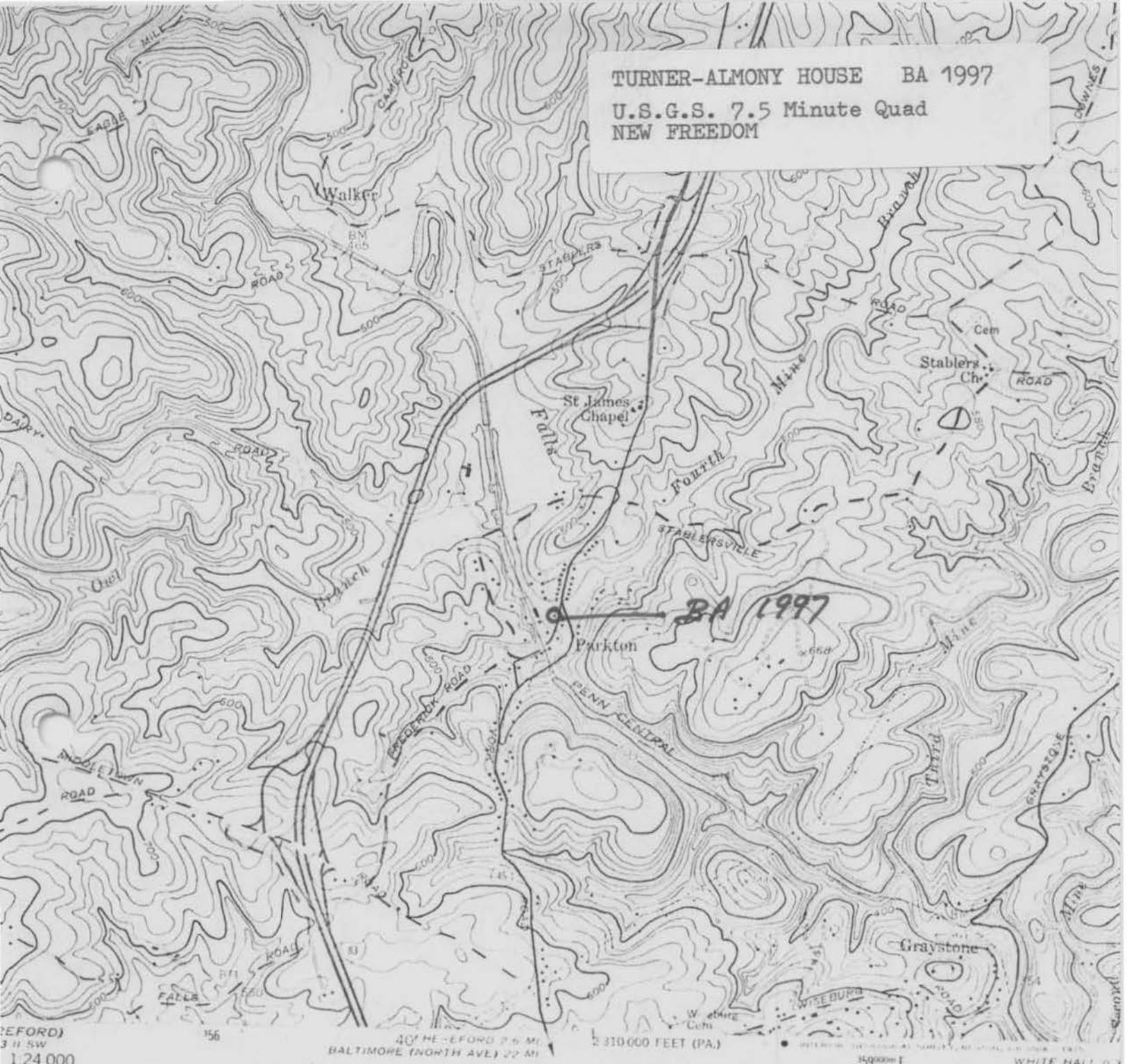
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad  
NEW FREEDOM



NEW FREEDOM  
 3 1/2 SW  
 1:24 000  
 0 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000 6000 7000 FEET  
 0 1 KILOMETER

40° NE - EFORD 2.6 MI  
 BALTIMORE (NORTH AVE) 22 MI  
 2 310 000 FEET (PA.)

ROAD CLASSIFICATION  
 Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———  
 Medium-duty - - - - - Unimproved dirt - - - - -  
 U.S. Route (rectangle symbol) State Route (circle symbol)

SCALE 20 FEET  
 VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929

NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 SURVEYED ESTON, VIRGINIA 22092  
 S AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

NEW FREEDOM, MD.

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.

N 39 37.5 - W 76 37.5 / 7.5

1958  
 PHOTOREVISED 1974  
 AMS 5663 II NW SERIES V



TURNER-ALMONY HOUSE BA1997  
Baltimore County, Maryland  
J. McGrain, March 1980  
Neg. located at MHT  
South & east (main) facades



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