

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. BA 2220

Magi No. 03-2220-54-04

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Howard Leedy House

## 2. Location

street & number 11902 Woodberry Drive  not for publication

city, town Franklinville  vicinity of congressional district 11

state Maryland county Baltimore

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mr. and Mrs. Howard Leedy

street & number 11902 Woodberry Place telephone no.:

city, town Franklinville state and zip code Md. 21087

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Towson New Courts Building, Land Records liber

street & number Bosley Avenue folio

city, town Towson Maryland state 21204

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Howard Leedy house sits on the northeast corner of the intersection of Maple Drive and Woodberry Place, in the town of Franklinville. The house is a four bay, frame dwelling, with a gable end roof, running east to west, currently covered with modern siding and roofed with asbestos shingles. A centrally located large chimney exits at the ridge. It sits on a high, uncoursed, fieldstone foundation, the slope of the land necessitating the foundation's height. This is known as a "bankhouse" construction. The south or main facade has four bays on the first level-from east to west door, window, window, door. The westernmost door is the present entrance, and is covered with a shed-roof portico. The two windows are six-over-six sash, evenly placed. A three-light casement window vents the basement. The west facade is blind. The north facade, built into a bank, has four bays, a door at east and west end, and six over six windows venting middle bays. The second level has four evenly placed six over six sash windows, the upper story, two one over one sash windows. The eastern facade is blind.

The first and second floor plans are the same-two rooms on each floor, with a central staircase enclosed by a partition, with two doors opening into each room. The house has been extensively remodeled; the basement however, is in basically original condition. It has a dirt floor, and a central fireplace (or possibly two), suggesting that it once served as a kitchen.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This Franklinville workers' house represents an example of a company-owned mill town community, planned and built by the company and arranged so that several groups of people could live within the house together. The houses of Woodberry Place are represented on a petition for a new road through the town, dating from 1833. The Leedy house was probably built a year or two before its mention here. The houses and the mill which owned them created a closed community, closely resembling the many similar mill-towns which operated along the eastern seaboard during the early-to-mid nineteenth century. Operating under various names, including the Franklinville Mills and the Oak Tire and Rubber Company, a mill had been on the site since the early 1800's. An 1882 transfer book specifically lists the number and style of the worker's houses: "twelve double-houses" \$450 each. The 1857 Taylor map shows the houses in Franklinville that were on Woodberry Place but not those on Maple Drive, thus setting the date for Maple Drive somewhere between 1857 and the Hopkins Map date of 1877, where the Maple Drive houses do appear.

### CHAIN OF TITLE

While there is no deed reference available, the house was previously owned by a Mr. and Mrs. Burke, who purchased it directly from the Mt. Vernon-Woodberry Mills.

Grantee-Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills, March ii, 1929  
Grantor-Marvin and Mable Merryman 808-230

At this point, the title goes to a foreclosure, with the assignee being J. Cooper Crossan and the property belonging to the Oak Tire and Rubber Company, possibly a subsidiary of Mt. Vernon Woodberry Mills. The entire town was auctioned off as a mill in 1916, and was owned for a time

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Boswell  
1877

Howard Leedy House ,continued.

by the Merrymans. Mount Vernon actually recieved title from Albert D. Jones and Albert A. Blakeney (a county commissioner) August 24, 1899, 241-43. This ownership went as far back as 1881 in a lease arrangement, with these gentlemen acquiring ownership in 1883-4.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Land Records, Transfer Books 1882-1911  
Records of the Commissioners, Liber I, folio 89-90.  
Plat Book 9 folio 65  
Granto-Grantee Index

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property .35 ACRES

Quadrangle name WHITE MARSH

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B 

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Verbal boundary description and justification Northeast corner of Woodbrry Place and Maple Drive, Corner lot, Town of Franklinville .On old plats known as house 2 and 4.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susie V. Hiss

organization Goucher College date May 18, 1983

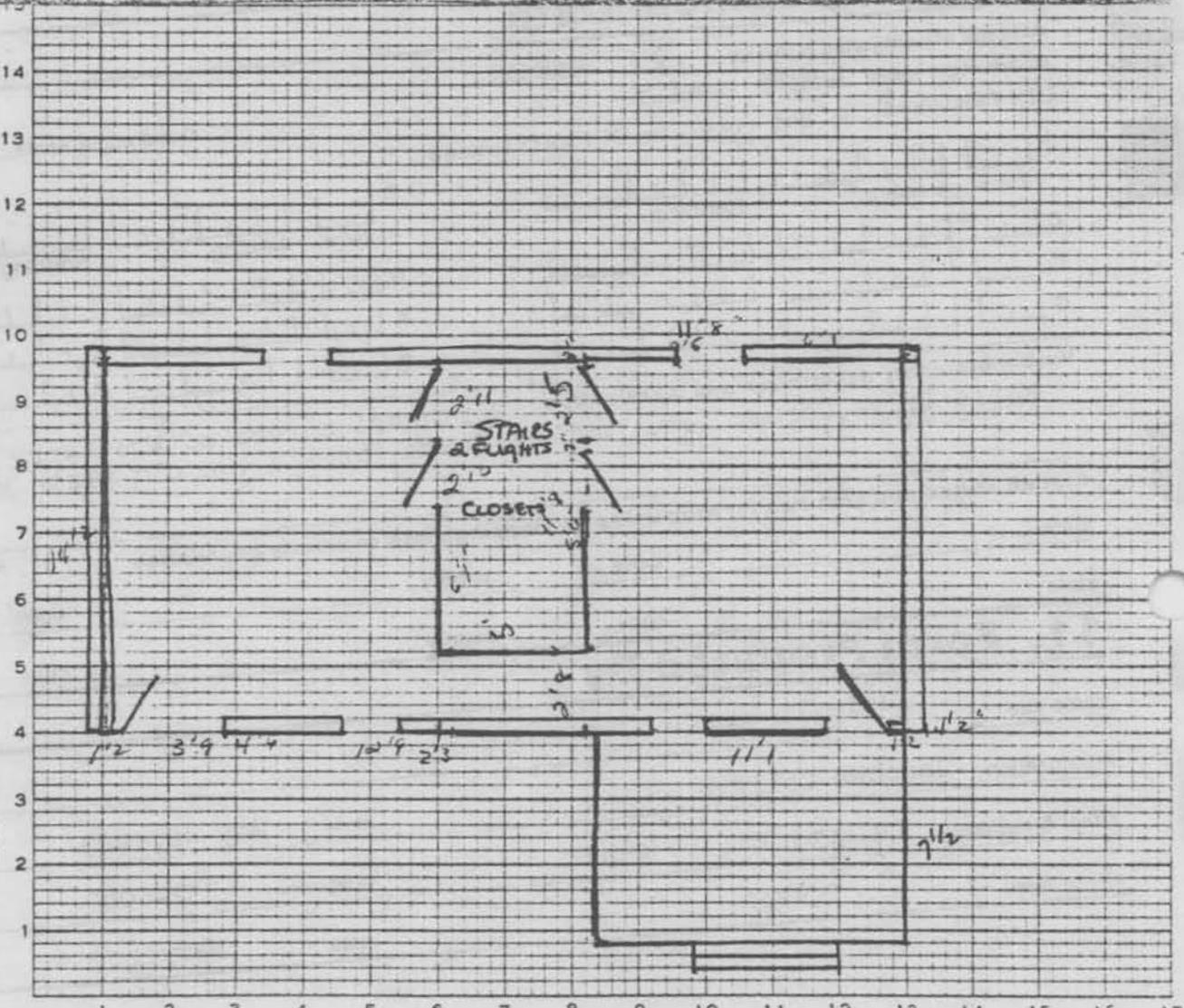
street & number Dulaney Valley Road telephone 337-6000

city or town Towson state Maryland

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.

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HOWARD LEEDY 11902 WOODBERRY PLACE  
FRANKLINVILLE

Square to foot