

CAPSULE SUMMARY**BA-0228** BA-228**David's Gift****13704 Bardon Road****Phoenix, Baltimore County****1775 ca.****Private**

Although the dwelling known as David's Gift does not appear on the 1850 and 1877 maps of Baltimore County, the vernacular building's form and materials suggest that it pre-dates the 19th century. This possibility is supported by prior documentation of the property. The original portion of David's Gift is representative of the many vernacular stone building erected throughout Baltimore County in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. David's Gift is one of several vernacular stone buildings in the vicinity of the industrial community of Warren. Vernacular buildings tend to have little to no stylistic detailing and are typically constructed by local builders with locally available tools and materials. Throughout Baltimore County, there are a number of vernacular stone houses from this period. Stone was readily available in the county, with both marble and granite quarries located throughout the region. Commonly, these random rubble stone dwellings are two stories in height, single-pile with side gable roofs. This continuity of form is a result of folk architecture and the reliance on constructing forms that had been built by the previous generation. Although occupancy of David's Gift could not be determined through the 19th century, by 1915, it was the home of William Eckhart.

The original portion of the dwelling known as David's Gift is a one-and-a-half-story building of solid concrete-parged random rubble stone construction. David's Gift has been extensively altered over the last century, and only two exterior elevations are fully exposed. The north elevation is pierced only by one four-light wood casement window in the peak of the gable roof clad in wood shingles. A solid random rubble stone chimney rises from the interior of this gable-end wall. The west elevation features two 6/6 windows below a circa 1930 gabled dormer clad in wood shingles with a 4/4 window. All openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. Circa 1930, the building was renovated by the addition of a one-story wood-shingled wood frame wing of an irregular footprint. Due to the original dwelling's position at the crest of a low hill, this addition is banked into the hillside with an exposed foundation. Circa 1990, a foundation-level addition clad in beaded weatherboard was constructed on the wing. The circa 1900 shed, located southeast of the dwelling, is a one-story, one-bay-square wood frame structure with beaded weatherboard cladding and a side gable roof clad in wood shingles.

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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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The circa 1900 shed, located southeast of the dwelling, is a one-story, one-bay-square wood frame structure with beaded weatherboard cladding and a side gable roof clad in wood shingles. The building appears to have been altered since its construction, for the gable roof hangs over the south elevation, which appears to have been the original façade. The building now fronts west with a sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door beside a 6/6 window. All openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. The shed sits on a solid stretcher bond brick foundation.

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

Specific dates	1775 ca.-1930 ca.	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1775 ca., 1930 ca., 1990 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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Warren was established as a manufacturing village in the early 19th century, when a the Warren Cotton Factory was constructed there along the Gunpowder Falls. In 1830, after the mill was in operation for only a few years, several of the industrial buildings burned.³ The factory appears to have continued operations over the next thirty four years, for the 1850 county atlas depicts the factory, sawmill, grist mill, a general store, tavern,

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory. Although the pre-19th century construction of this building could not be completely verified by the exterior architectural survey, it is felt that an interior survey of the dwelling would aid in determining a more accurate date of construction.

² Dell Upton and John Michael Vlach, editors, *Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture*, (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. xv-xvi.

³ J.Thomas Scharf, *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), p. 881.

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schoolhouse and Methodist church in the small community.⁴ In 1864, the factory property was sold to Morris and Baldwin. This Baltimore-based firm maintained the mill's operations through the late 19th century.⁵ Their acquisition of the Warren factory appears to have had a significant effect on the success of local industry and commerce, for the 1877 county atlas reveals that many more buildings, industrial and otherwise, were constructed over the twenty-seven year period beginning in the mid-19th century.⁶ Warren continued to grow in population and size through the early 20th century.

⁴ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

⁵ J. Thomas Scharf, *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), p. 881.

⁶ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Towson Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1775, David's Gift has been associated with the 1.11 acres of land known as tax parcel 197 of map 43 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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13704 BARBON ROAD
PHOENIX, BALTIMORE COUNTY

5883 11 SW
(HEREFORD)

76° 37' 30" 361000m E. 362 363 35'
39° 30' 4373000m N. SUNNYBROOK (JUNC. MD 146) 0.7

BA-0352
13640 POPLAR HILL ROAD
PHOENIX, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0391
13407 ELYTHENA RD
PHOENIX, BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: TOWSON
Scale: 1:24,000



BA-0278
DULANEY GATE CIRCLE
LOCKESVILLE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0366
2415 OLD BOSLEY ROAD
LUTHERVILLE-TIMONIUM, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2235
12600 JARRETTSVILLE PIKE
TIMONIUM, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2236
12500 JARRETTSVILLE PIKE
TIMONIUM, BALTIMORE COUNTY





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BALTIMORE CNTY, MD

TRAILERIES

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MD SHPD

WASH HOUSE

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DAVID'S GIFT - Late 1700s - Bardon Road near Stanwick Road, Summer Hill subdivision, Phoenix vicinity. Originally a settler's cabin, this is a small, stone, gable-roofed building with frame addition on different levels. Renovated and enlarged. Original stone fireplace, exposed ceiling

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beams, and rough plastered walls in living room.
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burgoyne.

