

Memo to file

February 13, 2015

From: Casey Pecoraro
Inventory Registrar

Re: **BA-247**
Wright's Hotel

The property documented in the following MIHP form has been demolished, per Teri Rising, Baltimore County Department of Planning Preservation Services Division (see 1/26/15 e-mail and report on file in Registrar's office).

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0247

Wright's Hotel

12348 Harford Road

Hydes, Baltimore County

1858

Private

Wright's Hotel dates to a period of mid- to late 19th century growth in the small community of Fork, which formed around the intersection of the Harford Turnpike and Fork Road. In the mid-19th century, the village of Fork was a small rural community near Joppa Road and the Harford Turnpike. According to the 1850 county atlas, Fork had a post office, a meeting house, a tavern, and a number of dwellings. The pre-1850 tavern appears to have ceased its function as a public house. Prior documentation suggests that the extant Wright's Hotel is the building to which Sergeant Fields, a wounded soldier, was taken after being shot by Ishmael Day. The 1877 county atlas indicates, however, that the hotel was sited across Harford Road from the building presently known as Wright's Hotel. Occupancy of the extant resource, instead of being labeled as a hotel, is attributed to W.O.B. Wright, whose family name became attached to the dwelling. By 1915, the extant resource did serve as a hotel along Harford Road. The county atlas from this early 20th century period indicates that the village, although not expanding greatly beyond its borders, did experience a greater increase in population density at the crossroads that comprised the community's center.

Constructed in 1858, Wright's Hotel is a two-and-a-half-story, four-bay-wide vernacular building of wood frame construction clad in vinyl siding. The structure features a solid vinyl-clad random rubble stone foundation, asphalt-shingled side gable roof and a four-bay-deep wood frame ell that is flush with the northeast elevation of the main block, which fronts southeast. A one-story addition with a shed roof extends from the southwest elevation of the ell. A pedimented front gable clad in vinyl siding projects from the center of the roof. One central interior chimney of stretcher bond brick construction with a corbeled cap rises near the center of the roof ridge. Rising along the northeast elevation of the main block to the second story is a straight-rise stair of wood frame construction. An offset six-panel single-leaf vinyl door and seven 4/1 vinyl windows pierce the façade. A circa 1980 four-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by square wood posts shelters the first story openings. Access to the porch is by the northeast side, and the four southwest bays are spanned by a lattice balustrade. A one-story, two-bay-wide garage of solid wood frame construction is located to the northwest of Wright's Hotel. A circa 1980 shed is also located on the property

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0247

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Wright's Hotel
other _____

2. Location

street and number 12348 Harford Road not for publication
city, town Hydes vicinity
county Baltimore County

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

name James P. Bredehoeft, Sr. and Phillis B. Bredehoeft
street and number 12348 Harford Road telephone Not Available
city, town Hydes state MD zip code 21082

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 7517 folio 396
city, town Towson tax map 54 tax parcel 197 tax ID number 1102067450

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing <u>1</u> Noncontributing <u>2</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u> </u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u> </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u> </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u> <u>2</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory <u>1</u>

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.

Constructed in 1858, Wright's Hotel is a two-and-a-half-story, four-bay-wide vernacular building of wood frame construction clad in vinyl siding. The structure features a solid vinyl-clad random rubble stone foundation, asphalt-shingled side gable roof and a four-bay-deep wood frame ell that is flush with the northeast elevation of the main block, which fronts southeast. A one-story addition with a shed roof extends from the southwest elevation of the ell. A pedimented front gable clad in vinyl siding projects from the center of the roof. One central interior chimney of stretcher bond brick construction with a corbeled cap rises near the center of the roof ridge. Rising along the northeast elevation of the main block to the second story is a straight-rise stair of wood frame construction. An offset six-panel single-leaf vinyl door and seven 4/1 vinyl windows pierce the façade. A circa 1980 four-bay-wide porch with a half-hipped roof supported by square wood posts shelters the first story openings. Access to the porch is by the northeast side, and the four southwest bays are spanned by a lattice balustrade.

A one-story, two-bay-wide garage of solid wood frame construction is located to the northwest of the primary resource. The circa 1980 garage is two bays wide and features an asphalt-shingled front gable roof and poured concrete foundation. A paneled roll-up metal door and one open bay pierce the façade.

A circa 1980 shed is also located on the property. The one-story structure features an asphalt-shingled side gable roof and wood frame structural system clad in pressed vertical board. The building is pierced by one cross-braced double-leaf wood door and two three-light jalousie windows.

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 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 checked="" 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	1858-1980 ca.	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1858, 1980 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.)

Wright's Hotel, constructed in 1858, dates to a period of mid- to late 19th century growth in the small community of Fork, which formed around the intersection of the Harford Turnpike and Fork Road. In the mid-19th century, the village of Fork was a small rural community near Joppa Road and the Harford Turnpike. According to the 1850 county atlas, Fork had a post office, a meeting house, a tavern, and a number of dwellings. The tavern was sited to the north of the main intersection, and appears to have been operated by "Mrs. Allen."¹ The town continued to remain small in nature and by 1877, a store, and public school had been constructed. The pre-1850 tavern appears to have ceased its function as a public house. Instead, it was replaced over the twenty-seven year period by a hotel sited immediately south of the intersection. Prior documentation suggests that the extant Wright's Hotel is the building to which Sergeant Fields, a wounded soldier, was taken after being shot by Ishmael Day. The 1877 county atlas indicates, however, that the hotel was sited across Harford Road from the building presently known as Wright's Hotel. Occupancy of the extant resource, instead of being labeled as a hotel, is attributed to W.O.B. Wright, whose family name became attached to the dwelling.² By 1915, the extant resource did serve as a hotel along Harford Road. The county atlas from this early 20th century period indicates that the village, although not expanding greatly beyond its borders, did experience a greater increase in population density at the crossroads that comprised the community's center.³

¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850). Due to the quality of the 1850 county atlas, it is difficult to accurately determine the spelling of the name accompanying the building depicted.

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .10 Acre

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name White Marsh

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1858, Wright's Hotel has been associated iwht the 18,513 square feet known as tax parcel 197 of map 54 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

3801 SUNSHINE AVENUE
FORK
BALTIMORE COUNTY
27'30"

3A-0247
2348 HARFORD ROAD
LEN ARM, BALTIMORE COUNTY

A-0540
453 LONG GREEN PIKE
LEN ARM
BALTIMORE COUNTY

2.8 MI. TO MARYLAND 507

4367

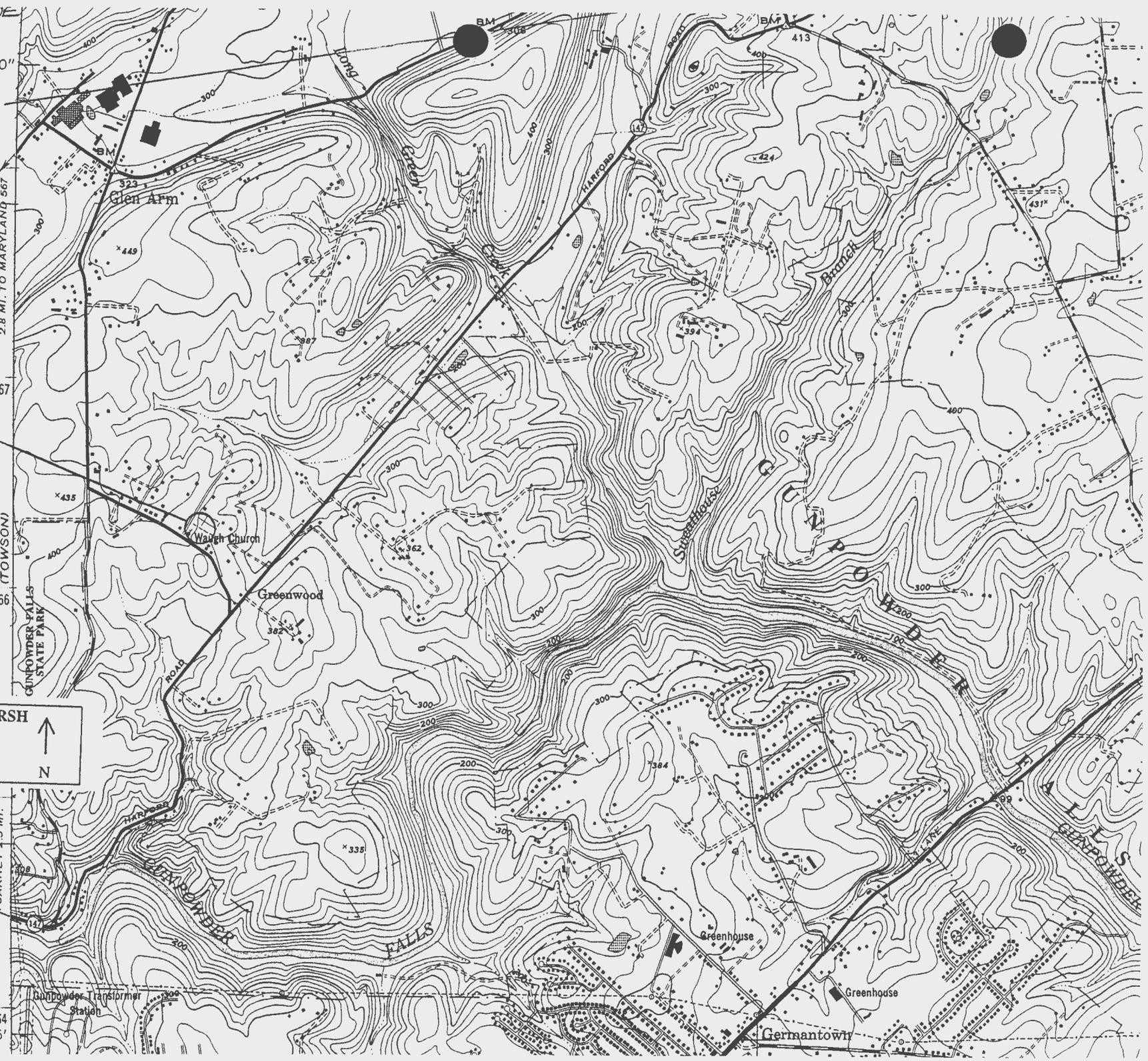
5662 I NE
(TOWSON)

4366

BALTIMORE 12 MI.
CARNEY 7.5 MI.

4364
25'

USGS Quad: WHITE MARSH
Scale: 1:24,000



Gunpowder Transformer
Station

Germantown



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12348 HARFORD ROAD, HYDES
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

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E. CORNER



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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

N. CORNER



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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD
TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

W. CORNER

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WRIGHT'S HOTEL - 1858 - Southwest corner of Harford Road and Regwood Road, south of Fork. Large frame building, popular in its day for travelers along Harford Turnpike. It was here, according to Major Harry Gilmer's history that the wounded Sergeant Fields was taken after being shot by Ishmael Day (Cf. Dampman's Hotel, BA 249). Converted to a residence. (See B.C. Advocate, May 22, 1858.)

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Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE **Maryland**
 COUNTY **Baltimore**
 TOWN **Fork** VICINITY **Dist. XI**
 STREET NO. *Hartford Rd & Regwood Rd.*

ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE
 PRESENT OWNER
 PRESENT USE
 WALL CONSTRUCTION
 NO. OF STORIES

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
 INVENTORY **BA-~~248~~ 247**

2. NAME **Wright's Hotel**

DATE OR PERIOD **early 1800's**
 STYLE
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

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

Large frame building, popular in its day for travelers
 in their way to and from points north.
 Presently, a residence.

(second HABS report)
 E. Frances Offutt
 HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
 COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 March 20, 1968

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

DATE OF RECORD

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

