

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2474**  
**John Dunn House**  
**2103 St. Luke's Lane**  
**Woodlawn, Baltimore County**  
**1926**  
**Private**

Constructed circa 1841, the John Dunn House is a vernacular dwelling located at the intersection of St. Luke's Lane and Windsor Mill Road near the Second District company town of Powhattan. As early as 1813, George Timanus owned portions of two separate tracts that covered the area around the John Dunn House. In 1841, he sold these tracts, which were known as "Little Munster" and "Wells Manor," to John Dunn. Although the improvements were valued at \$60, it is presently unknown whether or not these improvements included the extant dwelling. An intensive-level survey accompanied by deed research would aid in ascertaining the construction date and early occupancy of the house. Nevertheless, by the mid-19th century the house was constructed, for John Dunn is listed as the resident in the 1850 county atlas. In the early 20th century, the Childs family occupied the dwelling. This stretch of Windsor Mill Road was further developed through the mid- to late 20th century, and is now part of suburban Baltimore City.

This vernacular dwelling fronts southwest at the intersection of St. Luke's Lane and Windsor Mill Road. Built on a random rubble stone foundation, the building stands two-and-a-half stories high and four bays wide. Two bays are constructed with random rubble stone while the other two bays are wood frame. Both sections are connected by a continuous side gable roof with asphalt shingles. The two sections mirror each other with two 6/6 windows on the second story and a vertically aligned 6/6 window and single-leaf entry on the first-story. All the piercings have square-edged surrounds. The entry in the stone portion contains a fifteen-light wood door. Both piercings on the first-story of the stone portion have square-edged wood lintels. The entry in the frame section is a wood door that is paneled with lights. Protecting the first story of both sections is a continuous, half-hipped porch with Tuscan columns. The house also features two interior-end chimneys made with random rubble stone. A two-story wood frame ell with a shed roof projects to the rear of the stone portion. A circa 1930 one-story wood frame addition projects from the wood frame section with a shed roof and a concrete foundation.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2474

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John Dunn House (preferred)  
other Timanus-Dunn-Childs House

## 2. Location

street and number 2103 St. Luke's Lane not for publication  
city, town Woodlawn vicinity  
county Baltimore County

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

name Clifford Bobo  
street and number 4885 Ilchester Road telephone Not Available  
city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21043

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 7825 folio 1  
city, town Towson tax map 88 tax parcel 122 tax ID number 2100003433

## 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	Noncontributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Contributing
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	Noncontributing

**Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory**  
1

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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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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Located west of the dwelling is an early 20<sup>th</sup> century iron pump. This hand-action pump stands about three-feet tall with a concrete base. The manufacture markings read, "Rumsey, Seneca Falls New York."

Located to the rear of the house is a 20<sup>th</sup> century random rubble stone barbecue. Standing about five feet tall this structure has a brick lined pit.

Located at the end of the driveway is a garage that might have been built earlier but has been updated circa 1990. The concrete foundation supports a wood frame building clad with prefabricated wood weatherboard siding. The garage features a front gable roof, a flush single-leaf metal door, and a two-light sliding window.

Additionally, a contemporary in-ground pool square in shape with a concrete platform and a picket fence is located on the property.

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# 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 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:

<b>Specific dates</b>	1841 ca.-present	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1841 ca., 1930 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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<sup>1</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.  
<sup>2</sup> J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).  
<sup>3</sup> Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland.* Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877.  
Baltimore County Historic Inventory.  
Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County.* Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.  
*Map of Baltimore County.* Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915.  
Scharf, J. Thomas. *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.  
Sidney, J. C. *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys.* Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850.

## 10. Geographical Data

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

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1841, the John Dunn House has been associated with the .338 acres of land known as tax parcel 122 of map 88 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

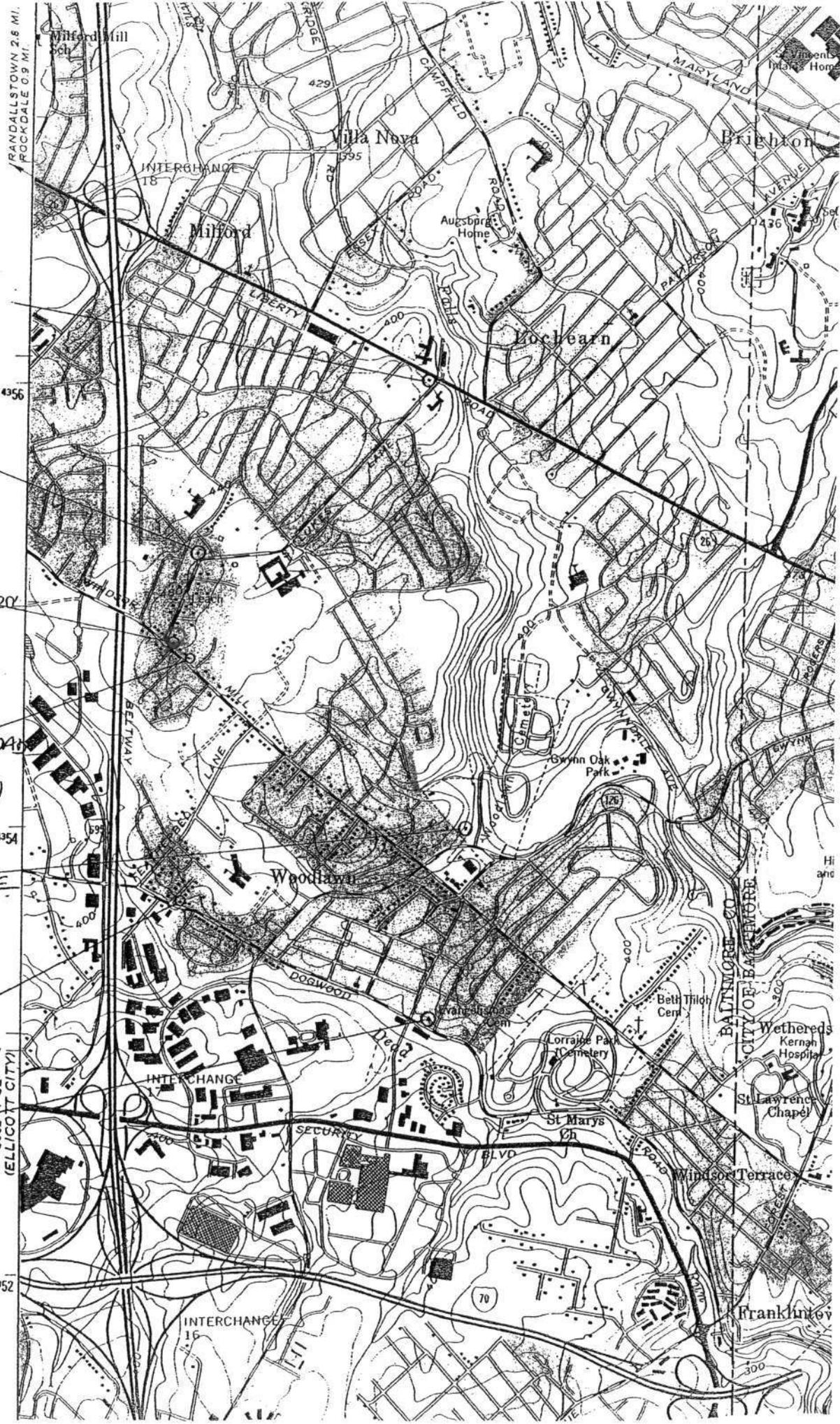
## 11. Form Prepared by

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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.

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



5A-2243  
320 ST. LUKE'S LANE  
ALTIMORE  
ALTIMORE COUNTY

5A-2420  
700 ST. LUKE'S LANE  
BALTIMORE  
ALTIMORE COUNTY  
INCORRECT  
LOCATION

BA-2474  
2103 ST. LUKE'S LANE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY  
BALTIMORE WEST

5A-2475  
830 WINDSOR MILL ROAD  
ALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

5A-2472  
130 GWYNN OAK AVENUE  
BALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

A-2492  
720 DOGWOOD ROAD  
ALTIMORE  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

A-2466  
334 DOGWOOD ROAD  
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ALTIMORE COUNTY

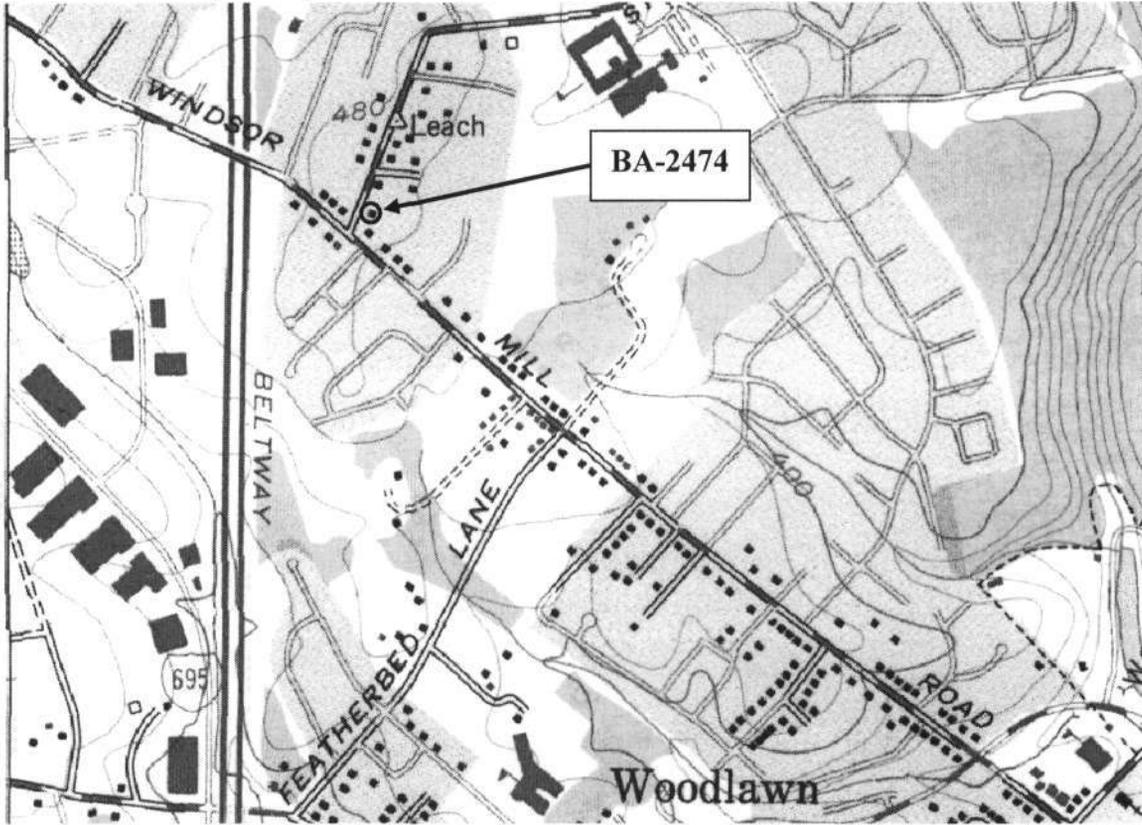
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2103 St. Lukes Lane, Gwynn Oak (Woodlawn)

Baltimore West quadrangle



Mapquest aerial photo

Tax Map 88, p. 122, Lot 3





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WOODLAWN  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD  
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WOODLAWN

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERIES

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**ZIMMERMAN-DUNN-CHILDS HOUSE** - Before 1850 - 2103 St. Luke's Lane, Woodlawn. Four-bay wide, primitive rural house with west half covered with composition shingles, eastern half in stone. Vernacular style. Full width front porch. Presents its gable end to St. Luke's Lane. Apparently the A. Zimmerman house on the 1850 Sidney map; the Dunn house on the District 1 plate of the 1877 Hopkins atlas; the Dunn house again in the 1898 Bromley atlas; the Childs house in the 1912 plat of the adjoining subdivision called Holder Park. It was on Lot 3 of the subdivision of Charles Durgin' in 1978 (Plat Book 47:58).