

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2556
Nelson Cullings House
19706 Middletown Road
Middletown, Baltimore County
Ca. 1800
Private

Located near Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County, the Nelson Cullings House was constructed circa 1800. Although an exact date of construction was not determined, architectural evidence supports a circa 1800 date. In 1847, the house was advertised in a sheriff's sale as a working farm. Additionally, the 1850 J. C. Sidney map of Baltimore County indicates that Nelson Cullings was the occupant. Although no longer the occupant in 1877, Cullings was a patron of the Hopkins Atlas, which listed him as a farmer who was born in Baltimore County in 1813. According to the 1877 Hopkins Atlas of Baltimore County, Jacob N. Shauck occupied the house at that time. A native of Baltimore County, Shauck was born in 1838 and was a farmer who owned 152 acres. In 1906, the property, then only 74 acres, passed to Eli D. Wilson, in whose family it remains today.

Constructed in two stages, the Nelson Cullings House is located at 19706 Middletown Road. Situated at the end of a long drive, the house faces east. The main block of the vernacular house was constructed circa 1800 of steeple notched logs. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, this main block is two-and-a-half-stories in height and three-bays wide. It features a side gable roof of asphalt shingles above which rise two interior end brick chimneys with rebuilt caps. A full-width front porch extends across both the log section and the circa 1850 addition, resulting in a six-bay wide porch with a shed roof and square post supports. The first story of the main block features a single-leaf panel-and-light wood door flanked by 1/1 vinyl replacement windows with vinyl surrounds and sills. The second story also has two 1/1 replacement windows with square-edge wood surrounds and sills. A single-leaf flush replacement door and two 1/1 replacement windows pierce the foundation of the log section. The circa 1850 addition is constructed of stone with stucco cladding. This addition has a single-leaf paneled wood door surrounded by three-light sidelights, a five-light transom with a paneled recess and paterae cornerblocks. The influence of the Greek Revival-style of architecture can be seen in the massing and entry of the addition. The remains of a barn, a smokehouse, and a non-historic garage and pergola further improve the property.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2556

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Nelson Cullings House (preferred)
other Shauck-Wilson House

2. Location

street and number 19706 Middletown Road not for publication
city, town Middletown vicinity
county Baltimore County

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

name Ruby Belle Wilson
street and number 19706 Middletown Road telephone Not Available
city, town Freeland state MD zip code 21053-9405

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 5189 folio 917
city, town Towson tax map 11 tax parcel 34 tax ID number 06023050610

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	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<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.

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The remains of a barn, a smokehouse, and a non-historic garage and pergola further improve the property. Although in ruinous condition, elements of the barn were visible. The barn had vertical board cladding, a concrete block foundation, and a side gable roof. There was also a smokehouse that was constructed during the middle of the 20th century. Set on a poured concrete foundation, the smokehouse is clad in beaded vertical board. The single-leaf door has been removed and there is a front gable roof with wood shingling.

The garage, constructed in the last half of the 20th century, is set on a poured concrete foundation. It has metal cladding and a double-leaf sliding door. To the east of the house, there is a circa 1990 pergola. Constructed of wood frame it is set on a wood deck and has wood lattice.

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:

Specific dates 1800 ca., 1850 ca., 1906 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1800 ca., 1850 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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The Sixth District is located in the northwest corner of Baltimore County and is historically known for its rugged landscape, abundant waterpower, and production of wheat, corn, and oats. By 1850, Middletown had begun to thrive, as the mid-century county atlas indicates that the town included a tavern and schoolhouse in addition to several residences along Middletown Road between Freeland and Oakland Road.² By 1877, a church had been erected and Middletown had grown from a small crossroads community into a rural center. At that time, the town included a physician's office, schoolhouse, the Odd Fellows Hall, a store and one "shop."³ Although the community's 1881 population of only forty-nine inhabitants did not appear significant, the town was nevertheless in a strategic location between two crossroads along Middletown Road.⁴ Growth in and around Middletown slowed in the early 20th century, leaving it a rural community in northern Baltimore County.⁵

¹ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p. 35.

² J. C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

³ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland*.

⁴ Scharf, p. 870.

⁵ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 12.97 Acres

Acreage of historical setting 152 Acres

Quadrangle name New Freedom

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Nelson Cullings House is located at 19706 Middletown in the town of Middletown in the Sixth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 11, Parcel 34 since its construction circa 1800.

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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04L, Baltimore County

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910 T. ZION ROAD
REELAND
BALTIMORE COUNTY
A-1198
2660 KEENEYMILL RD.

A-0519
0701 KEENEYMILL RD.
3A-1196
20600 KEENEYMILL RD.

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0109 FREELAND ROAD
3A-1223
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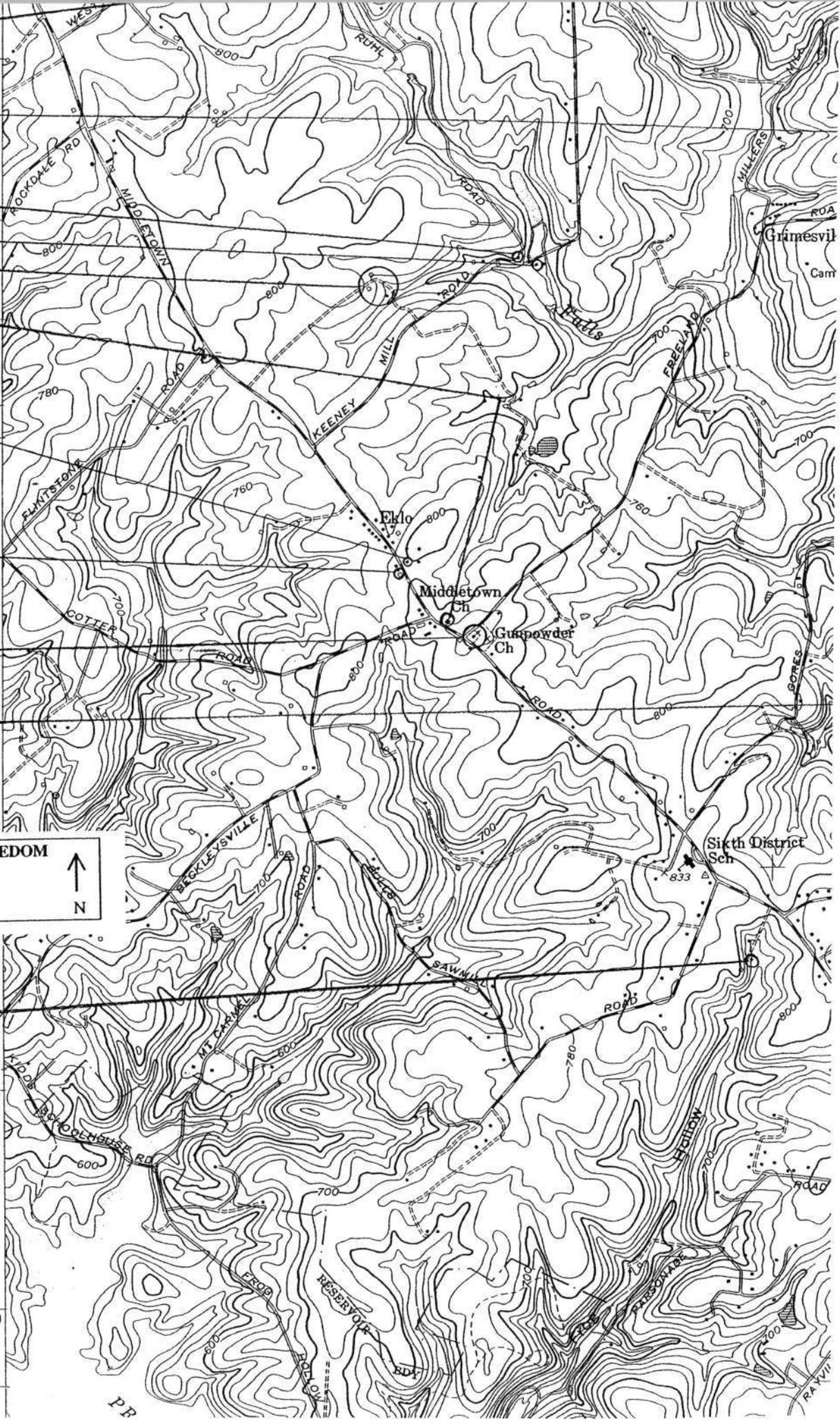
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SHAUCK-WILSON HOUSE - Before 1847 - 19706 Middletown Road, Middletown. No structure was listed in the 1798 tax list, but the Sheriff advertised it as a working farm in 1847. This was the Nelson Cullings house shown on Sidney's 1850 map. Jacob N. Shauck became owner and was shown in the 1877 atlas. He was born in the county in 1838 and listed 152 acres in the atlas patron list. By 1896, the farm was in the hands of Frank R. Shauck. Eli D. Wilson acquired 74 acres in 1906 and the place was still in Wilson hands in 1995. Two-part dwelling, a two-story log house extended by a stone and stucco section with primitive joists and rafters but elegant interior door frames and graceful stair. Wide front doors with transom and sidelights suitable for Greek Revival houses.