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Preston W. Hartman House
North side of Belfast Rd.
near Duncan Hill Rd., Butler
Not accessible
Pre-1823

This was the substantial home of a prosperous farmer, Abraham Cole. It appears on the 1823 tax assessment and was built on a 572 acre tract of land patented as Abraham's Prospect Resurveyed in 1826. Continuing prosperity allowed the extensive early additions. A few outbuildings remain of the many once required to support rural life.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Preston W. Hartman House (Gallantree Farm) (Hunt's Over)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Belfast Road Near Duncan Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Butler

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Preston W. Hartman

Telephone #: 771-4177

STREET & NUMBER

Belfast Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21152

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5462

Folio #: 425

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

addendum 2045-305 + MAGI-401 4/11 as Hunt's Over + ACCURATE PROJECT

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hartman House is a stone house, three storeys in height, five bays in length, with a three-storey rear kitchen wing of stone, three bays in length, behind the westerly end of the main house. The main house fronts to the south. The first two storeys of the easterly three bays comprise the original house and the rear wing was originally $1\frac{1}{2}$ storeys in height, the outline of which, including the chimney, is clearly apparent on its north end.

The approximate dimensions of the original house are 21 by 30 feet; the rear wing measures approximately $18\frac{1}{2}$ by 26 feet.

The general form and detailing of the original house suggest a construction date of ca. 1800-1820; the addition of westerly bays and the third storey dates from ca. 1840-1860. The earliest portion of the rear wing may be contemporary with the original house - a separate kitchen house - or it may be coeval with the westerly addition, in turn raised two more storeys at a later date.

A two-storey, four-bay frame wing, added ca. 1966, extends west from the kitchen wing; it was designed by Richard Jackson, architect, of Locke and Jackson, a Baltimore architectural firm. Extensive interior alterations date from the same period.

First and second storey windows typically are 6/6 with narrow beaded frames and louvred blinds; third storey windows are small 2/2, also with louvred blinds. Brick chimneys rise flush with each of the three gable ends. A one-storey hipped roof porch

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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 checked="" 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 Unknown

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hartman House, located on the north side of Belfast Road near Duncan Hill Road, was the substantial home of a prosperous farmer. It was built before 1823 by Abraham Cole on a tract which he patented and called Abraham's Prospect Resurveyed. The dwelling appears on the 1823 Baltimore County tax assessment, although the patent was not granted until three years later in 1826. Thus it is thought that Cole inherited the land from his father.

Upon the death of Abraham Cole, the property was sold by his heirs to Salathiel Cole, and subsequently passed through many owners until purchased in 1974 by the Hartmans.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Judicial Liber 4 folio 263 etc. Salathiel Cole vs. Lewis R. Cole (1854).

Baltimore County Tax Assessment: 1823.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 15 acres ±

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

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on a stone foundation extends across the entire south front. Two-storey porches extend around the inside corner formed by the original house and the rear wing. A very small stone wing shelters a cellar entrance in the east end near the northeast corner. High in the east gable is a small arched area, filled with rubble stone flush with the adjacent wall, possibly once containing a datestone.

The principal entrance is in the westerly bay of the original house, now the center bay of the entire composition. A hall extends through that bay, flanked by a single room on either side. The principal stair rises with multiple square intermediate landings; its moulded rail is supported by square newels and balusters, the latter terminating on a closed string. The two-plane shouldered architraves have applied backbands in a cyma-recta-with-astrigal profile.

The east room has a modern paneled fireplace wall and corner-block architraves and paneled aprons at the window, probably dating from the period of the first additions. The west room has modern chair rail and cornice but it retains its original corner block architraves. A large fireplace is in the north end of the rear wing; the northerly room there occupies two bays of the rear wing, the southerly bay probably an entry, pantry and back stair, originally.

The second floor plan is similar to the first, although modern additions of closets and bathrooms somewhat disguise this fact. The ceiling joists of the easterly room have been exposed recently;

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they are mortised into a hewn east-west beam located at the north edge of the chimney breast. The fireplace in the easterly room has an architrave mantel.

A stone-walled cellar extends beneath the entire house. The beam mentioned above in the easterly room is not repeated in the cellar; the straight-sawn joists extend across the entire depth of the house. Stone lintels span across the recesses beneath the chimneys to support the hearths above.

A stone garage is immediately northeast of the house, forming a courtyard with the main house, rear wing, hillside to the north and a stone wall to the south. While its entire frame roof structure is of the 20th century, its walls may relate to an earlier outbuilding.

Southwest of the house is a $1\frac{1}{2}$ storey stone springhouse. Its north gable is cantilevered over the wall below to shelter entrances to the lower and upper rooms, the latter accessible by a wooden staircase. The eave fascia is scalloped. A small $\frac{4}{4}$ window is in each storey in the south end.

One-storey stone walls of a former bank barn southeast of the house remain but the existing wooden structure above is of the 20th century.

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Continuation Sheet #3

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Hopkins, G.M. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. (Philadelphia, 1877).

Sidney, J.C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland. (Baltimore, 1850).