

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-440**  
**Delight Farm**  
**Sparks, Baltimore County**  
**Circa 1830**  
**Private**

The dwelling on Delight Farm is located near the historic village of Butler in the Eighth District in Baltimore County. It is the third largest district of the county covering over 62 square miles. In 1881, it had a population of approximately 6000, which was down over a thousand from a decade prior. During this period, its primary source of income was its mining for iron ore, marble, and limestone. It also maintained numerous mills grist and saw mills in addition to paper factories. According to Scharf in 1881, the village of Butler consisted of a population of 200 maintaining a public school, the Black Rock Methodist Episcopal Church, and a Baptist Church. The Huff House appears on the 1850 Atlas as Z. Coles, and then on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas it belongs to Thomas Pearce. The 1915 Bromley Atlas continues to depict Thomas Pearce at this farm with 225 acres.

Constructed circa 1830, this Federal-style dwelling sits on a sloping grassy lot in a rural landscape with small foundation plantings and a gravel driveway. It is two-and-a-half stories high and five bays wide with a central passage plan. It is clad with stucco and sits on a solid parged foundation. A one-story full-width porch with a half-hipped roof covers the façade and is supported with Tuscan wood posts and a brick pier foundation. The central entrance contains a double-leaf wood paneled door and is illuminated with 3-light and dado panel sidelights and a 10-light transom. The center window bay on the second story contains a tripartite window of a 6/6 double-hung sash flanked by a 2/2 double-hung sash. The remaining windows are 6/6 double-hung wood sash. Rising above the cross-gable roof are three imposing rebuilt interior-end brick chimneys. Features of the house include a paneled door reveal, a molded wood cornice with a slight overhang, a wood denticulated hood crowns for the windows. This dwelling has a two-story T-shaped addition on the rear elevation. Several historic outbuildings are associated with this property, including a garage, shed, and a drive-thru barn.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-440

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

historic

other Delight Farm

## 2. Location

street and number 15225 Tanyard Road \_\_ not for publication

city, town Sparks \_\_ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Daniel S. Hudson

street and number 15225 Tanyard Road telephone Not Available

city, town Sparks state MD zip code 21152

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 14816 folio 446

city, town Towson tax map 33 tax parcel 336 tax ID number 2300010192

## 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	5	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		1
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		2
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	5	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		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:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			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.

Constructed circa 1830, this Federal-style dwelling sits on a sloping grassy lot in a rural landscape with small foundation plantings and a gravel driveway. It is two-and-a-half stories high and five bays wide with a central passage plan. It is clad with stucco and sits on a solid parged foundation. A one-story full-width porch with a half-hipped roof covers the façade and is supported with Tuscan wood posts and a brick pier foundation. The central entrance contains a double-leaf wood paneled door and is illuminated with 3-light and dado panel sidelights and a 10-light transom. The center window bay on the second story contains a tripartite window of a 6/6 double-hung sash flanked by a 2/2 double-hung sash. The remaining windows are 6/6 double-hung wood sash. Rising above the cross-gable roof are three imposing rebuilt interior-end brick chimneys. Features of the house include a paneled door reveal, a molded wood cornice with a slight overhang, a wood denticulated hood crowns for the windows. This dwelling has a two-story T-shaped addition on the rear elevation.

Several historic outbuildings are associated with this property, including a garage, shed, and a drive-thru barn. The circa 1950 garage is 1-story high and four bays wide constructed of concrete blocks. Each bay contains a roll-up vinyl panel door, and the building is capped with a side-gable standing-seam metal roof. The circa 1950 wood-frame shed is one-story high and one bay wide. It contains a single-leaf vertical board door and is clad with vertical board siding. The front-gable roof is covered with standing-seam metal and features overhanging eaves. The circa 1950 wood frame drive-thru barn is one-story high and five bays wide. It sits on a poured concrete foundation and is clad with vertical board siding. It has three open bays and two single-leaf vertical board doors. The front-gable roof is sheathed with standing-seam metal. Non-historic outbuildings and structures include an in-ground concrete pool, and a circa 1990s pool house.

## 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** 1830 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1830 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.)

The dwelling on Delight Farm is located near the historic village of Butler in the Eighth District in Baltimore County. The Eighth District is bounded on the north by the Fifth and Seventh Districts, on the east by the Ninth and Tenth, on the south by the Ninth and Third, and on the west by the Fourth and Fifth Districts. It is the third largest district of the county covering over 62 square miles. In 1881, it had a population of approximately 6000, which was down over a thousand from a decade prior. During this period, its primary source of income was its mining for iron ore, marble, and limestone. It also maintained numerous mills grist and saw mills in addition to paper factories.<sup>1</sup> According to Scharf in 1881, the village of Butler consisted of a population of 200 maintaining a public school, the Black Rock Methodist Episcopal Church, and a Baptist church.<sup>2</sup> The Huff House appears on the 1850 Atlas as Z. Coles, and then on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas it belongs to Thomas Pearce. The 1915 Bromley Atlas continues to depict Thomas Pearce at this farm with 225 acres.

<sup>1</sup> Thomas J. 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), p. 876.

<sup>2</sup> Scharf, p. 883.

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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.

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

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 2.207 Acre

Acreage of historical setting 225 Acres

Quadrangle name Hereford, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

This house constructed circa 1840, is located at 15156 Manor Road in Monkton in the Eighth District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 33, parcel 336 since its construction.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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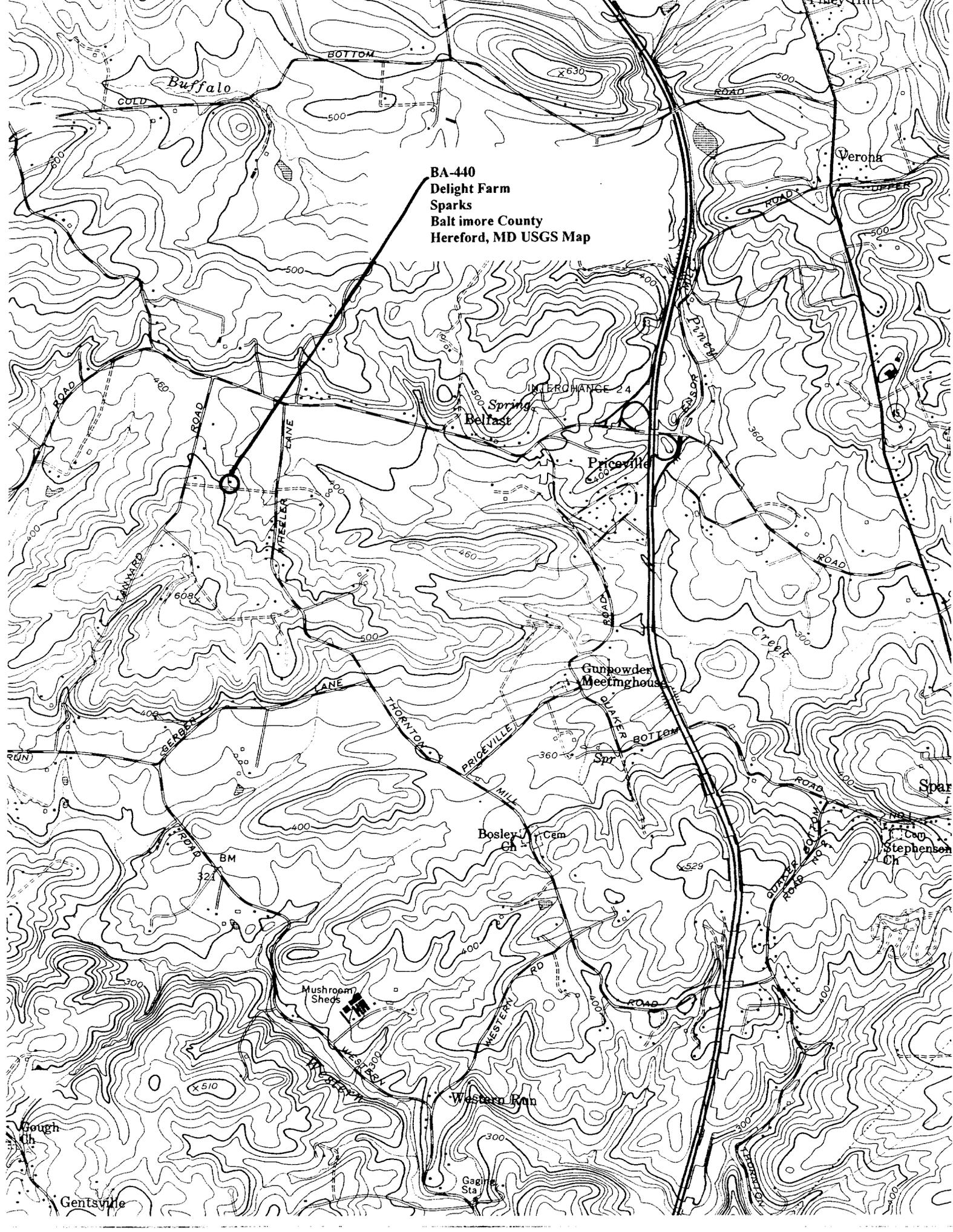
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Delight Farm  
Sparks  
Baltimore County  
Hereford, MD USGS Map





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DELIGHT FARM

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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MD SHPO

MAIN HOUSE, EAST CORNER

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DELIGHT FARM

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TRAILERIES

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MD SHPD

MAIN HOUSE, WEST CORNER

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MD SHPD

MAIN HOUSE, NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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DELIGHT FARM

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRAILERIES

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MD SHPO

OUTBUILDINGS, VIEW LOOKING WEST

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Delight Farm  
East side of TAnyard Rd.  
south of Belfast Rd.  
Not accessible  
1854

Delight Farm was built in 1854 by Zachariah Cole on land patented by Abraham Cole in 1795 as Abraham's Delight Enlarged. It remained in the Cole family for a number of years until 1861 when it was sold to William Pearce. The present owner is the widow of Robert Pearce, the great-grandson of William Pearce.

The house, basically traditional in design, was touched by current style in such details as the tripartite window and entrance, cornices, and a few of the interior details.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Delight Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Tanyard Road south of Belfast Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. Robert Pearce

Telephone #: 472-2598

STREET & NUMBER

Delight Farm

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21152

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 2180

Folio #: 136

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

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Delight Farm is a two storey house, five bays in length, of stone, finished with stucco; its principal facade is to the west. A frame wing, four bays in length, three storeys high, extends from its north end, walls and roof coinciding with the original. A datestone high in the south gable of the original part of the house is carved

1856

The north wing replaced an earlier lower kitchen wing ca. 1912.

Flush chimneys of brick rise above each gable of the original house and a small single-flue brick chimney rises internally at the north end of the north wing.

The easterly roof slope extends beyond the east wall of the house to cover a two storey gallery. A small one-room wing with stuccoed stone walls extends east of the northerly two bays of the original house, its roof an even longer extension of the easterly slope above; this wing appears to be original to the house and a small brick chimney rises from its southeast corner. Early in the 20th century, this small rear wing was extended, in frame construction, to the south, east of the original house's central bay.

The gallery form was extended across the east side of the north wing, terminating at an enclosed bay at the north end.

Typical windows in the original house are 6/6, formerly with louvred blinds; an applied dentiled cornice is above each. The central window in the second storey, west front, is a tripartite window: a 6/6 flanked by a single 2/2 on each side, the latter sash being one-third the width of the former.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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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 1854

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Patent Liber IC#K folio 136

Will of Zachariah Cole: Will Liber JLR 2 folio 13. Baltimore County Courthouse.  
Hopkins, G.M. Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland. (Philadelphia, 1877).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 252 A ±**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr. AIA

ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

November 1976

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Delight Farm  
Western Run - Belfast Rd.  
Historic District

Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 Description, Continued

It restates the triple motif of the principal entrance below with double doors, sidelights and transom. A one-storey shed-roofed porch extends across the entire west front of the original house.

Windows in the north wing are 6/6 in the first two storeys, 6/3 in the third.

Internally, a central hall is flanked by a single room on each side. The principal stair rises at the east end of the central hall with intermediate landings, to the third floor; its oval cherry rail is supported by massive turned maple newels and round tapered chestnut balusters. Generally all interior openings are trimmed with plain beaded architrave with raked head with an echinus cornice. Doors generally are of four raised panels with loose ogee mouldings. Mantels consist of plain pilasters supporting a plain frieze, bedmoulding and plain shelf. Interior trim of the small east room is identical to that elsewhere in the house; it has a small fireplace in its southeast corner.

The second floor plan is similar to the first, with a hall subtracted from the east side of the northerly room to serve the early 20th century north wing; originally the low room above the small east wing opened from the northerly room in the main house.

A framed grainery stands north of the house; a driveway extends through its ground storey, flanked by narrow corn cribs on either side, beyond each of which is a narrow wagon shed. The broad gable extends over these five elements and a 6/6 window is near its peak. The circular-sawn timber braced frame is joined with pegged mortise and tenon; second floor joists are of logs.

(See Continuation Sheet #2)

Continuation Sheet #2

Question #7 Description, Continued

A few ruinous stone walls mark the site of a former bank barn west of the grainery.

Southwest of the house, some distance along a lane, are two tenant houses.

The first, or northerly tenant house is two storeys high, four bays in length with a one-storey shed-roofed wing at its south end; a one-storey shed-roofed porch extends across almost the entire east front. A single-flue brick chimney rises through the gabled roof ridge approximately in the middle of the house and another rises internally at the north gable. A third chimney rises through the southwest corner of the south wing. The southerly half of this tenant house appears to be of log construction and it measures approximately 16 by 20 feet; it stands on a stone foundation, as does the shed-roofed south wing. An entrance is in the southerly bay of the log section and 6/6 windows are in all other bays in both storeys. A secondary entrance is in the northeast corner of the south wing and a 6/6 window is in each of its three exterior sides.

The northerly half of the tenant house is of frame construction on a concrete-block foundation. All exterior walls are covered with sheet material pressed in a brick pattern, painted white.

The second or southerly tenant house is two storeys in height, four bays in length, apparently of frame construction (covered with asbestos shingles) on a stone foundation. A single-flue brick chimney rises from the middle of its gabled roof. Entrances in its principal or east front are in the two middle bays, a 6/6 window is in each of the end bays, in both storeys; the two middle bays are void of openings in the second storey. A window is entered on the gabled ends in each storey. Neither tenant house was examined internally.