

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-0486**  
**Charlotte Fowble House**  
**3637 Black Rock Road**  
**Upperco, Baltimore County**  
**1870 ca.**  
**Private**

The Charlotte Fowble House was constructed circa 1870 and reflects the late 19th century settlement of the rural community surrounding the Fifth District town of Butler. As early as 1850, Butler was beginning to take shape as an important crossroads community at the intersection of Falls Road and Dover Road. Meanwhile the land to the north of Butler remained rural in character. The 1877 county atlas indicates that the village was growing quickly, but without expanding its borders. In 1915, the Charlotte Fowble House was occupied by Samuel Tracey. The house remains a single-family residence, while the surrounding landscape retains its rural character.

Fronting northeast, this vernacular dwelling includes hand-hewn logs on the interior. The original building stands two-and-a-half stories in height and three bays wide. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad with wood German siding. The side gable roof clad with standing seam metal is pierced by two symmetrically placed interior-end brick chimneys with corbeled caps. Five 2/2 windows pierce the façade with square-edged wood sills and surrounds. A half-hipped porch with turned posts wraps around the first-story of the façade to the southeast. A two-story wood frame addition spans the rear elevation and connects the main dwelling to a circa 1870 dairy made with random rubble stone. The exterior of the dairy has been remodeled to reflect the 1995 addition.



## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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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A circa 1995 hay barn has been rebuilt with original materials to replicate the circa 1870 barn that originally occupied the site. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure clad with vertical board siding. The barn features a side gable metal standing seam roof, a double-leaf, beaded vertical board, sliding door, and a pointed-arch 1/1 window in the gable ends.

Located directly behind the main house is a circa 1870 barrack barn that has been turned into a dwelling circa 1980. The random rubble stone foundation supports a wood frame structure with board-and-batten siding. The roof is a side gable clad with metal standing seam. The new house has three shed roof additions and new vinyl windows.

Behind the barrack barn is a circa 1980 corral. This round wood frame structure has square posts supporting horizontal boards. There is no roof.

Located at the end of the paved driveway are two circa 1980 barns. Both are one-story in height and have front gabled roofs. One is metal frame with standing-seam metal siding and roof. The other is wood frame with pressed vertical board siding and an asphalt shingle roof.

Located behind the main dwelling is a modern in-ground pool. The amoebic-shape structure has a stone platform and a surrounding wood fence.

# 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>	1870 ca.-present	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1870 ca., 1995		

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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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 81.19 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1870, the Charlotte Fowble House has been associated with the 81.19 acres of land known as tax parcel 27 of map 26 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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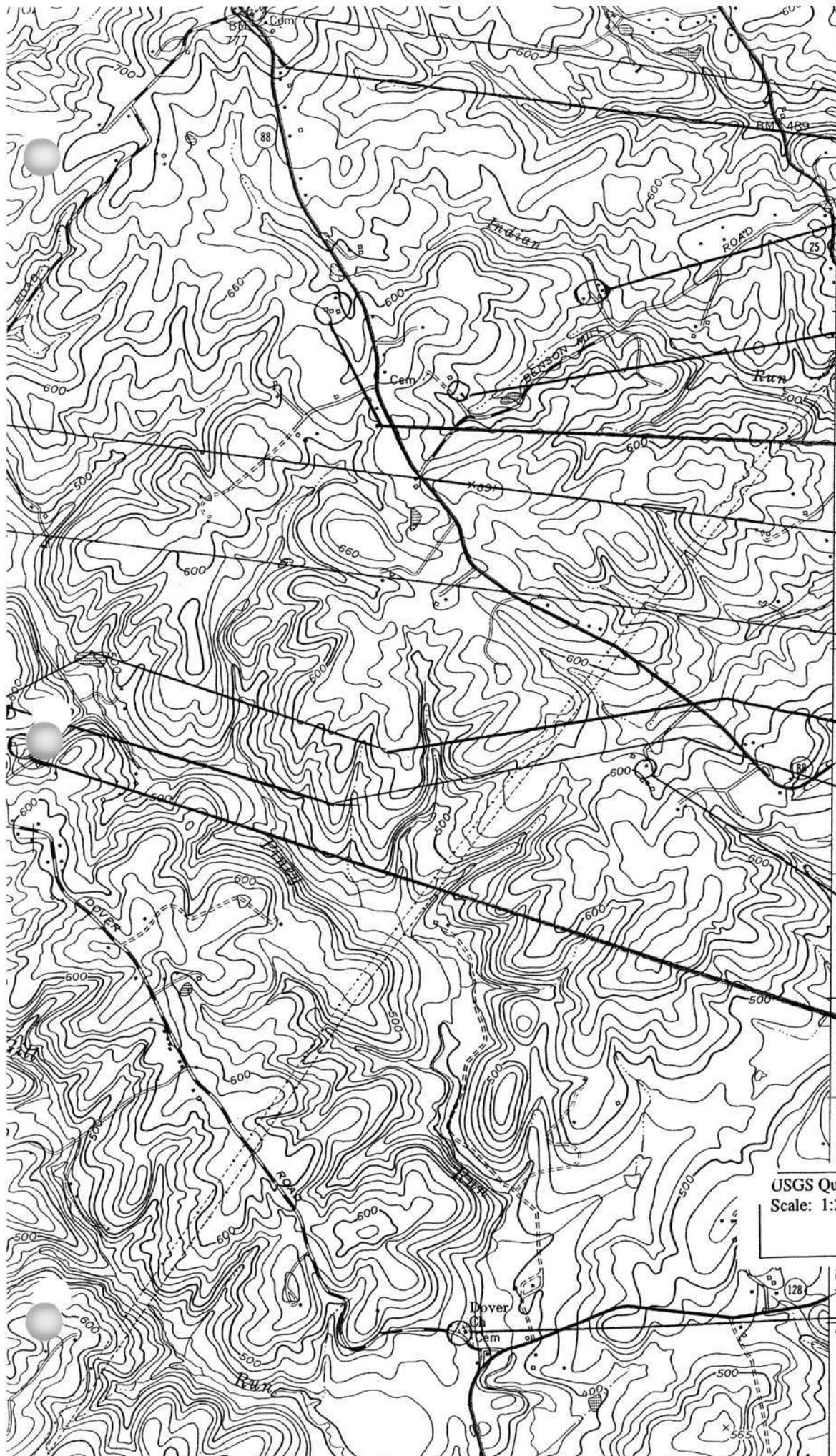
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3600 BLACK ROCK ROAD  
BA-0483
- BA-0488  
3220 BENSON MILL ROAD  
UPPERLO BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0487  
3726 BENSON MILL RD  
UPPERLO BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0486  
3637 BLACK ROCK ROAD  
UPPERLO BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0494  
4242 MT. ZION ROAD  
UPPERLO BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0548  
15627 DARK HOLLOW ROAD  
UPPERLO BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0556  
15276 DOVER ROAD
- BA-1163  
15225 DOVER ROAD  
REISTERSTOWN BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0490  
3115 BLACK ROCK ROAD  
GUYMON, BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0555  
4100 MILLENDER MILL RD  
REISTERSTOWN BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0480  
14505 DOVER ROAD  
UPPERLO BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: HAMPSTEAD  
Scale: 1:24,000  
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BUTLER 2.5 MI. BALTIMORE 20 MI.  
(HEREFORD) 5663 II SW

0.5 MI. TO MD. 25

32'30"

4377

4376



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3637 BLACK ROCK ROAD

UPPERLO

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NE ELEVATION

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SW ELEVATION + OUTBUILDINGS

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**TRACEY HOUSE** - 1850-75 - West side of Black Rock Road, 0.8 mile south of Mount Zion Road. Very plain, vernacular style frame house, covered with composition shingles. Two-stories; tin-covered gable roof; inside end-chimney on south end. Small school house with belfry south of dwelling. First appears in 1877 atlas as Charlotte Fowble's house. Owner: W. Christopher Korman.