

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 538

John Hartman House

14836 Carroll Road

Phoenix, Baltimore County

1825

Private

Although prior documentation on the property suggests that the John Hartman House was constructed circa 1835 after Hartman purchased three-and-a-half-acres of land from Eli Matthews, the date stone in the gable peak of the dwelling's wing indicates that the building might date as early as ten years prior to that transfer of title. It is likely that the building was enlarged after Hartman's purchase of the property. The house, which is located in the vicinity of Phoenix, is representative of Federal style dwellings constructed throughout Baltimore County in the early 19th century. The 1850 and 1877 county atlases confirm Hartman's occupancy of the property. Hartman, who also maintained wheelwright and blacksmith's shops, died in 1883. At that time, several outbuildings were associated with the property. Two years later, Augustus Hartman acquire the property. The house remains a single-family dwelling. Only the historic well and a portion of one of the outbuildings are extant from the late 19th century.

The John Hartman House is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide Federal style dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction. Two interior chimneys of reconstructed stretcher bond brick rise from the gable ends of the main block. A reconstructed stretcher bond brick chimney rises from the gable end of the one-story, two-bay-wide 1825 wing. The main block fronts east and features a central entry with a sash-and-paneled single-leaf door with a three-light transom flanked by two 6/6 windows. Three 6/6 windows pierce the second story. Two 6/6 windows are located on the façade of the wing. All façade openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills, and those of the main block have large stone lintels. A marble date stone in the gable peak of the wing has an inscription: "1825." Extending to the west is a two-story wood frame ell clad in vinyl siding. The side gable roofs of the main block and wing, and the gable roof of the ell are all clad in asphalt shingles. North of the house is a round well that dates to the first half of the 19th century. The structure features a cylindrical well curb of solid random rubble stone that rises approximately three feet from grade. Additionally, four non-historic resources, including a garage that appears to make use of the partial foundation of a 19th century building, are also located on the property.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John Hartman House (preferred)

other Kenney House

2. Location

street and number 14836 Carroll Road __ not for publication

city, town Phoenix __ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Philip Noble Powell, Jr. and Elizabeth B. Powell

street and number 14836 Carroll Road telephone Not Available

city, town Phoenix state MD zip code 21131

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 14425 folio 612

city, town Towson tax map 34 tax parcel 182 tax ID number 1600003437

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	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	__1__	__3__ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	__ __	__ __ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	1	1 structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	__ __	__ __ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	__2__	__4__ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<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	
			1	

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 type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Initially constructed circa 1825 and then enlarged circa 1835 and circa 1900, the John Hartman House is a two-and-a-half-story, three-bay-wide Federal style dwelling of solid random rubble stone construction. Two interior chimneys of reconstructed stretcher bond brick rise from the gable ends of the main block. A reconstructed stretcher bond brick chimney rises from the gable end of the one-story, two-bay-wide 1825 wing. The main block fronts east and features a central entry with a sash-and-paneled single-leaf door with a three-light transom flanked by two 6/6 windows. Three 6/6 windows pierce the second story. Two 6/6 windows are located on the façade of the wing. All façade openings have square-edged wood surrounds and sills, and those of the main block have large stone lintels. A marble date stone in the gable peak of the wing has an inscription: "1825." Extending to the west is a two-story wood frame ell clad in vinyl siding. The side gable roofs of the main block and wing, and the gable roof of the ell are all clad in asphalt shingles.

North of the house is a round well that dates to the first half of the 19th century. The structure features a cylindrical well curb of solid random rubble stone that rises approximately three feet from grade. A gable roof clad in wood shingles and supported by square wood posts shelters the well. The gable ends of the roof are clad in board-and-batten siding.

Additionally, four non-historic resources are also located on the property. The circa 1970 stable is a wood frame building clad in board-and-batten siding with a side gable roof clad in asphalt shingles and a concrete block foundation. Shed roof additions are attached to the sides of the structure.

The circa 1980 pool house is a one-story, two-bay-wide building of weatherboard-clad wood frame construction. The side gable roof is clad in standing seam metal.

The pool sits beside a circa 1980 in-ground pool with a poured concrete deck.

Although constructed circa 1980, the garage appears to make use of the foundation of an older building. The garage has a random rubble stone foundation that rises approximately five feet from the ground as it continues as partial walls. The remaining upper portion of the one-story, two-bay-wide building is of wood frame construction clad in beaded plywood. A shed-roofed addition to one side of the garage features concrete block construction. The front gable roof is clad in standing seam metal.

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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:

Specific dates 1825-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1825, 1835 ca., 1900 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 company town of Phoenix was established in the mid-1800s, when Thomas H. Fulton erected cotton mills in the area in 1847. After Fulton's death in 1851, the factory experienced several changes of ownership until 1875, when it was purchased by Robert Garrett and Joseph W. Jenkins.² By 1877, Phoenix, which was located along the Northern Central Railroad, was already well established with mills, stores, dwellings, and related buildings.³ The new owners discontinued production for five years, and then, in 1881, they resumed mill operations. Shortly after reopening, the mill employed over 200 people from Phoenix and the surrounding community.⁴ In 1914, the City of Baltimore purchased the Phoenix mill as part of its plan to establish the Loch Raven Reservoir.⁵ Although the 1915 county atlas indicates that the community continued to thrive through the early 20th century, growth in Phoenix did not continue into the mid-1900s.⁶

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of their Representative Men* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 880.

³ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁴ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of their Representative Men* (Philadelphia: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 880.

⁵ S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. Clemens and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p. 45.

⁶ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G. W. Bromley, 1915).

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The Federal style dominated American architecture from 1790 to 1830 as an updated architectural style for the new republic. High-style Federal buildings are decorated with carved swags and classical motifs on the exterior as well as the interior. Federal interiors often juxtapose curvilinear and rectilinear spaces and lines. The architecture of the John Hartman House, however, is less ornate, suggesting a more modest interpretation of the popular style.⁷

⁷ Rachel Carley, *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture* (New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994), p. 91.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

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

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1825, the John Hartman House has been associated with the 4.453 acres of land known as tax parcel 182 of map 34 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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BACHOS
1500 GLENCOE ROAD
SPARKS-GLENCOE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

5663 II SW
(HEREFORD)

USGS Quad: PHOENIX
Scale: 1:24,000
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KENNEY HOUSE - c. 1835 - S. W. corner of Philpot Road and Carroll Road near Phoenix, just south of Carroll Road iron bridge. In 1835, John Hartman bought 3-½ acres, presumably vacant, from Eli Matthews, and he is shown on the 1850 map and in the 1877 atlas, the latter showing his smithy and wheelwright shop. Hartman died in 1883 and his property was advertised with two stone houses, stone meat house, and log blacksmith shop and log wheelwright shop. Augustus Hartman became owner in 1885 and conveyed in 1914 to Younger Arnold; the 1918 tax ledger charged Arnold with a house 18 x 27' and a barn, but the other structures were missing. Present owner acquired in 1939. Two-segment house of fieldstone; two-stories plus attic in main block. Square windows at attic level in gable end. Three bays wide; frame back building. Owner: Edmund T. Kenney.