

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-564

L. Painter House

18918 Gunpowder Road

Beckleysville, Baltimore County

Circa 1875

Private

The L. Painter House is located at 18918 Gunpowder Road in the town of Beckleysville in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. Although an exact date of construction for the dwelling has not been determined, architectural evidence and historic maps support a circa 1875 date. At the time that the house was constructed, Beckleysville was the largest and most important town in the Fifth District, having a population of 400 in 1881. Most of the town lies within the Fifth District; however, a portion of the east side of town lies in the Sixth District. Industry in the town was focused around the Beckley Paper Mills, which were located to the south of the crossroads on Gunpowder Road. The town was also home to two stores, Zouck's Hotel, Public School No. 8, a Lutheran and a Methodist Episcopal church, and the Knights of Pythias Union Lodge No. 50. The 1898 Bromley Atlas indicates that L. Painter occupied the house.

This Cottage Gothic Revival dwelling faces east and is sited on a sloping lot surrounded by several agricultural fields and mature trees. The L-shaped house is two-and-a-half stories high and five bays wide with a central entry and a one-story wrap-around porch. It sits on a solid random rubble stone foundation, and is clad with German wood siding. A double-leaf wood paneled door provides access on the façade, and is flanked by elongated 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows. The doorway is illuminated with a 1-light transom. Five 2/2 double-hung wood sash windows pierce the second-story. A center cross gable contains a round arched 2/2 double-hung wood sash window. The porch is supported with octagonal paneled wood columns with decorative scroll-sawn brackets. The cross-gable roof features overhanging eaves with scroll-sawn brackets with spindles at the corners. Three corbel-capped brick chimneys rise above the standing-seam metal roof. A one-story wood frame addition is located on the rear elevation, and sits on an 8-course American brick bond foundation and an asymmetrical gable roof. Two historic outbuildings, a stable and a shed, along with a non-historic gazebo are associated with this property.

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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Two historic outbuildings, a stable and a shed, along with a non-historic gazebo are associated with this property. The stable, constructed circa 1920, stands one-and-a-half stories high and is two bays wide. It is clad with board-and-batten siding and capped with a side-gable roof covered with standing-seam metal. The two vertical board wood single-leaf doors provide access to the stables. Two vented cupolas are seen on the roof, and the roof on south elevation is overhanging. Located to the rear of the house is a circa 1940 wood frame shed one story high and one bay wide. It stands on a poured concrete foundation and is constructed of a mixed 11 and 12-course American bond. The door is a single-leaf of vertical boards, and the shed roof is clad with standing-seam metal. A shed addition is located on the rear elevation. The non-historic circa 1960 wood frame gazebo stands on a poured concrete foundation and is clad with lattice. The pyramidal roof is covered with wood shingles.

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 1875 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1875 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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¹ 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, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881. Reprinted by Higginson Book Company, Salem, MA), p. 869.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 7.16 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Lineboro Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The L. Painter House is located at 18918 Gunpowder Road in Beckleysville in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 15, parcel 85 since its construction in the last quarter of the 19th century.

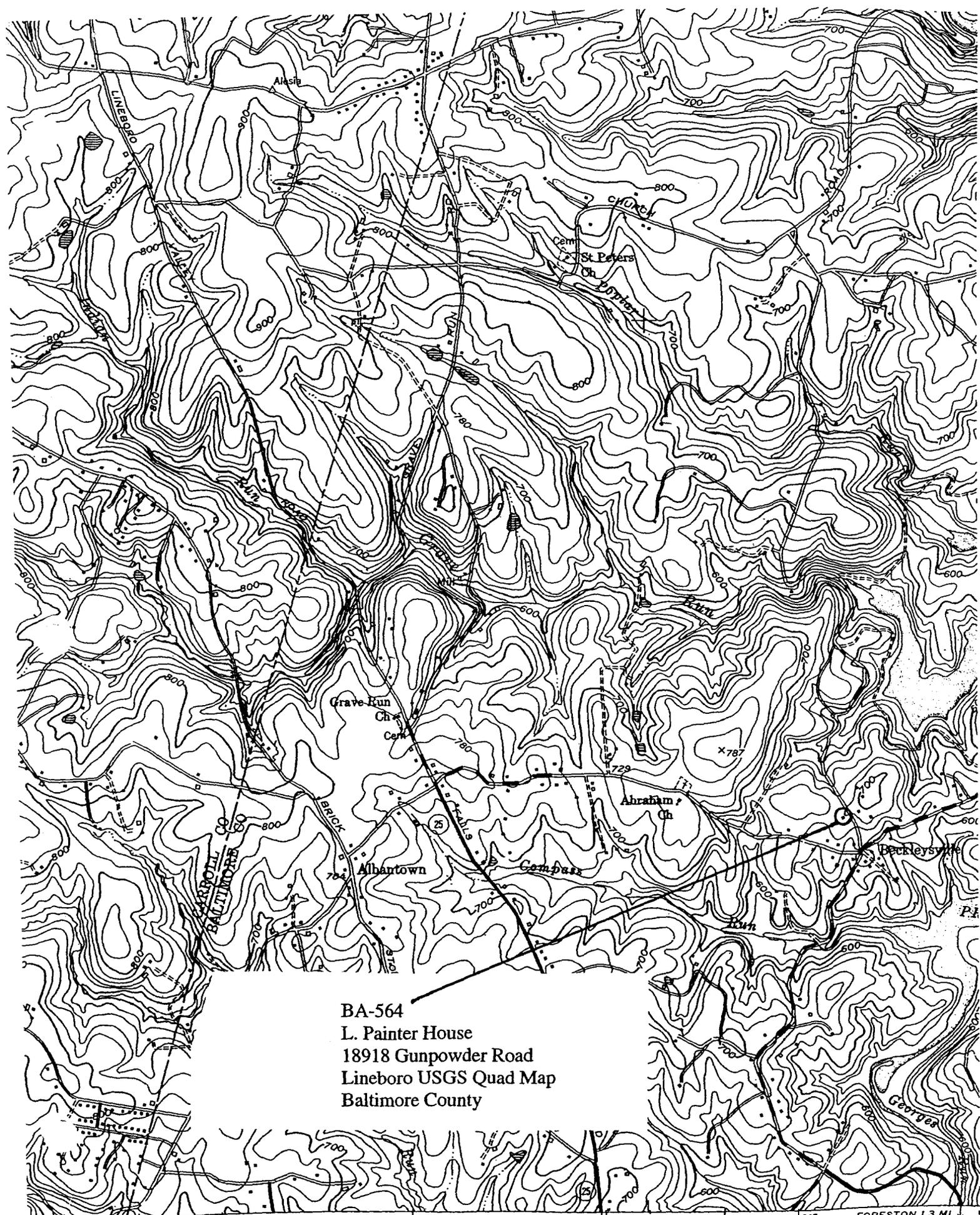
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L. Painter House
18918 Gunpowder Road
Lineboro USGS Quad Map
Baltimore County

343 | 344 (HAMPSTEAD) 5663 III SE | 345 | WHITE HOUSE 2.1 MI. BUTLER 7.3 MI. | 346 47°30' | 347 | FORESTON 1.3 MI. 2.7 MI. TO MD. 137

SCALE 1:24 000



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