

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA- 579

B. Kelly House

2637 Mt. Carmel Road

Parkton, Baltimore County

ca. 1835

Private

The B. Kelly House was constructed circa 1835 in the Federal-style of architecture. It is located in Mount Carmel in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. By 1850, the community of Mount Carmel was only a small crossroads at the intersection of Mount Carmel Road and Yeoho Road. The dwelling at 2637 Mount Carmel Road appears to be the B. Kelley House depicted in the 1850 county atlas. The dwelling was the only building sited on the triangular parcel of land between Mount Carmel Road, Yeoho Road, and Prettyboy Dam Road. The community grew at a slow pace over the following twenty-seven years, and by 1877, included a church and blacksmiths shop. In that year, the B. Kelly House was occupied by B. Benson. The 1915 county atlas attributes occupancy of the house to H. Johnson. The land of Mount Carmel has retained its overall rural character while the B. Kelly House has remained a single-family residence.

The B. Kelly House sits on the south side of Mt. Carmel Road on a large sloping lot. The two-and-a-half-story masonry building is constructed of five-course American bond brick. Set on a raised foundation, the dwelling is four-bays wide with a side gable roof of standing seam metal. A full-width porch with Craftsman-style tapered posts atop brick piers dominates the façade or west elevation. There are two single-leaf entries, both with panel-and-light doors and four-light transoms. The façade is pierced by six 6/6 windows. Three interior brick chimneys with slightly corbelled caps rise above the roof. On the south elevation, there is a two-story brick wing that connects to a two-story wood frame addition. This addition is clad in board-and-batten siding. An exterior end brick chimney of stretcher bond rests on the south elevation of the addition. There are two outbuildings that are contemporary to the dwelling: a barn and an icehouse.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic B. Kelly House (preferred)

other Wilair Farms

2. Location

street and number 2637 Mt. Carmel Road ___ not for publication

city, town Parkton ___ vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Betty L. Almaraz

street and number 2637 Mt. Carmel Road telephone Not Available

city, town Parkton state MD zip code 21120-9621

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6611 folio 144

city, town Towson tax map 21 tax parcel 49 tax ID number 0520080100

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	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u> 3 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> 3 </u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory <u> 1 </u>	

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.

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There are two outbuildings that are contemporary to the dwelling: a barn and an icehouse. The barn, which has been rehabilitated to serve as a garage, is clad in board-and-batten siding on the façade and plywood on the sides and rear. It is set on a stone pier foundation and has a front gable roof with standing seam metal cladding. A one-story shed addition stands to the side. The garage has two double-leaf board-and-batten doors.

The icehouse is set on a random rubble stone foundation with plywood cladding. A brick surround frames the single-leaf paneled door. It has a standing seam metal shed roof.

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 1835 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1835 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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Signifying the new role that the country had taken following the Revolutionary War, the Federal style of architecture followed 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. Reflective of vernacular interpretations, particularly as seen in masonry examples, are the side gable roof, the entry capped by a transom with tracery, and the symmetrically placed window openings with flat lintels and double-hung sash windows. The architecture of the B. Kelley House is less ornate, suggesting a more modest interpretation of the popular style.⁴

¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

² *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

⁴ Rachel Carley, *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture* (New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994), p. 91.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5.44 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Hereford Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The B. Kelly House is located at 2637 Mt. Carmel Road in Parkton in the Fifth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 21, Parcel 49 since its construction circa 1835.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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OUTBUILDINGS

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WILAIR FARMS - Before 1877 - 2637 Mt. Carmel Road, 0.3 mile west of Prettyboy Dam Road. Shown as the R. Benson house in 1877 atlas. Brick, 2-story house, painted white, with black tin roof in gable form, double front doors on west side; full-width porch on west, set high above basement. Vernacular style. Excellent condition. Close to road. Pond down slope from the house. Owner: Anne A. Yeager.