

John Edelen III House  
East side of Falls Road  
Not accessible  
Date: 1850-1880

The John Edelen III House is a two story frame house with a two story shed-roofed kitchen wing which was characteristic of so many kitchens during that time in the region. Originally a tenant house or tradesman's house, it stands on a piece of land that was once part of Nancy's Palace (patented in 1796) which was sold by Harvey Merryman to William C. Gent in 1859. The house appears in the 1877 Hopkins Atlas.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**  
 HISTORIC  
 AND/OR COMMON  
 John Edelen III House

**2 LOCATION**  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 East side of Falls Road near Gadd Road  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Butler  
 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 8  
 VICINITY OF  
 STATE  
 Maryland  
 COUNTY  
 Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**  
 NAME  
 John W. Edelen, III  
 Telephone #: 666-2091  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 -  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Butler  
 STATE, zip code  
 Maryland 21023  
 VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
 Baltimore County Courthouse  
 Liber #: 4315  
 Folio #: 591  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 Washington Avenue  
 CITY, TOWN  
 Towson  
 STATE  
 Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**  
 TITLE  
 None  
 DATE  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
 CITY, TOWN  
 STATE  
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

**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

The John Edelen III House is a three-bay, two-storey frame house facing south with a two storey two-bay shed-roofed kitchen wing extending north behind its west end; the lower (west) eave of the wing is approximately at the same elevation as the principal eave. Brick chimneys rise internally at the east gable of the principal section of the house and in the northwest corner of the kitchen wing. The house dates from the mid-nineteenth century.

Recent additions have extended the kitchen wing to the east, somewhat masking the original shed form of the kitchen wing's roof; a one storey shed-roofed porch extends across the east front of this addition, its roof continuing across the east end of the main house to cover an added room there. An earlier shed-roofed porch extends across the south front of the main house; it has turned columns.

The south fascia is scalloped, a decoration which extends up the verge of the west gable; the east gable verge is plain. The west gable is covered with wood shingles, the butts of which are cut to half-octagonal shapes. Other walls are covered with plain weatherboarding.

First storey windows are 2/2 with narrow beaded frames. Second storey windows are modern replacements consisting of narrow "brick-mould" frames and 6/6 sash. The central bay of the south front's second storey is void of an opening; the principal entrance is

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

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**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      Unknown                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The John Edelen III House appears to have been a tenant house of a small farm, or a local rural artisan or tradesman's house.

This house stands on a piece of property which was known as Nancy's Palace originally patented in 1796. The land, which borders the Falls Road to the east, was sold by Harvey Merryman to William C. Gent in 1859 and is mentioned in Gent's will of 1871. The house appears in the 1877 Hopkins Atlas.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Hopkins, G.M. Atlas of Baltimore County Maryland. (Philadelphia, 1877).

Will of William C. Gent: Liber 3, Folio 458. Baltimore County Register of Wills.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.62 acres

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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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 continued

there in the first storey. The partially glazed door dates from the early 20th century.

Internally the main house consists of one large room in the first storey, two with a small hall in the second; the kitchen wing is a single room in each storey. The enclosed winding stair rises to the second floor north of the chimney breast; the latter has a fireplace with a mantel consisting of plain pilasters supporting a plain frieze. A small cupboard is built into the south side of the chimney breast above the firebox. Window architraves are of two plains, doors of one, all with a largish ogee backband. A fireplace is in the northwest corner of the kitchen wing (now the dining room) and its mantel is a recent addition, removed from Pleasant Prospect (q.v.), consisting of an architrave, a paneled frieze, bed-mould and moulded shelf.

Circular-sawn ceiling joists are exposed in the kitchen wing.

Several original doors of vertical beaded boards remain in the second storey.

In the attic the straight-sawn rafters are half-lapped and pegged at the ridge. Some circular-sawn lathe with cut nails is exposed in the attic stairway.

The stone-walled cellar is somewhat smaller than the present house, possibly because it related to an earlier smaller house or possibly because it was dug after the present house was built. First floor joists are a random mixture of loas and straight sawn dimensional lumber.