

Breitenecker House
North side of Western Run Rd.
near Cuba Rd.
Not accessible
ca. 1901

This turn-of-the-century house is said to have been built by a country doctor, John Drach, who occupied the dwelling from 1901 until the mid-1930's. Drach purchased the property from John Bond and probably erected the house shortly thereafter. The small room within the west porch was undoubtedly used for an office.

The colonial revival style of the house had its origins in the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition of 1876.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Rudiger Breitenecker House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Western Run Road near Cuba Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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

Dr. Rudiger Breitenecker

Telephone #: 472-4117

STREET & NUMBER

Western Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Cockeysville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5040

Folio #: 663

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 Breitenecker House is a two and one-half storey frame house, three bays in length, its principal facade to the south, dating from the early 20th century. Extending from the northerly half of its east end is a two storey frame wing, three bays in length, added in the mid-twentieth century, designed by Robert E. Lewis of Wrenn, Lewis and Jencks, architects, Baltimore. The principal entrance, centered on the south front, is sheltered by a small portico; a shed-roofed porch extends across its west end, the northerly portion of which is enclosed as a small room. A semi-octagonal bay window extends from the east wall, south of the east wing. First storey windows are 12/12; second storey windows are 9/9 and all are flanked with louvred blinds. Three dormers with 6/6 windows light the attic storey. Exterior walls are covered with German siding, the roofs with slate. Details in the east wing match their counterparts in the main house.

Internally, a central hall extends through the house, with a pair of rooms on either side (in the first storey, the westerly pair have been opened as one). Interior finishes and corner-block trim indicate a construction date of 1895-1910. The stair railing is of the mid-twentieth century. An early 19th century mantel is in the west room of the first storey and in the east wing is a gray King of Prussia (Pennsylvania) marble mantel of ca. 1820-1840, removed from a Baltimore house; it consists of fluted Doric columns supporting boldly projecting end blocks stopping a beaded frieze, topped with a wide shelf.

The stone-walled cellar extends beneath the southerly half of the house only, suggesting that an earlier house once stood here, approximately half the depth of the present house. Structural members of the existing house exposed

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Tax Assessment: 1911

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 32.65 A ±

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

For Valleys Historical District Project

DATE

November 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Md.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 Description, Continued

in the cellar and in the attic, are of circular-sawn dimensional material. Wood shingles remain on the roof beneath the slate.

The several early outbuildings appear to predate the house. Immediately north of the house is a small frame smokehouse with a chimney and fire-shield within its north (gable) end; a small addition to the east allows an adaptation as a guest house. West of the smokehouse is a stone springhouse, its entrance gable end to the south. The westerly roof slope and the upper half of the easterly extend to the north to shelter a framed woodshed. East of the smoke house is a one-storey outbuilding, its framed walls supported on a high stone foundation retaining the earth in its hillside location; a small attic or loft space is above the low ceiling. This may have been an ice house, its deep storage space filled flush with adjacent grade to make it more useful as a garden house, its present function. Northwest of the house is a small framed bank barn, its taller upper storey sheathed with vertical board and batten siding, cantilevering over the south wall to shelter the several doors and windows to the stalls within; ground storey walls, except for the south, are of stone; the south wall is of frame. A small square louvred cupola with a pyramidal roof is centered on the roof. A large shed-roofed addition extends to the east, also on a stone foundation.