

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: James Barko House Inventory Number: BA-834
 Address: NE corner, Falls road and Westrn Run Road City: Butler Zip Code: 21023
 County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: Hereford
 Owner: _____ Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes
 Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____
 Project: Butler Stone Quarry Agency: Federal Communications Commission
 Site visit by MHT staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property is located within a historic district? X yes ___ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: BA-2214
 NR-listed district X yes Eligible district ___ yes Name of District: Western Run - Belfast Road
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource X yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes ___ no

Criteria: ___ A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
 Maryland Historical Trust Library, Crownsville, Maryland

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

James Barko House was most recently observed and photographed in February, 2003. Its condition was largely unchanged since the preparation of the State Historic Sites Inventory Form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust, dated September, 1976.

The property is described in the following documents located at the Maryland Historical Trust Library:

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form, by Catharine F. Black and James T. Wollon, Jr., September 1976.

The following observations were made during the visit to the property:

The James Barko house is a well-maintained example of mid 19th-Centruy residential architecture. It contributes to the character of the Butler community. The integrity of its design is intact and well-preserved. The property is considered eligible for registration under Criterion C: Design/Construction.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended ___
 Criteria: X A ___ B X C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

MHT Comments

Contributes to NRHD

James M. Kelly
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

6/11/03
 Date

[Signature]
 Reviewer, NR Program

6/20/03
 Date

NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

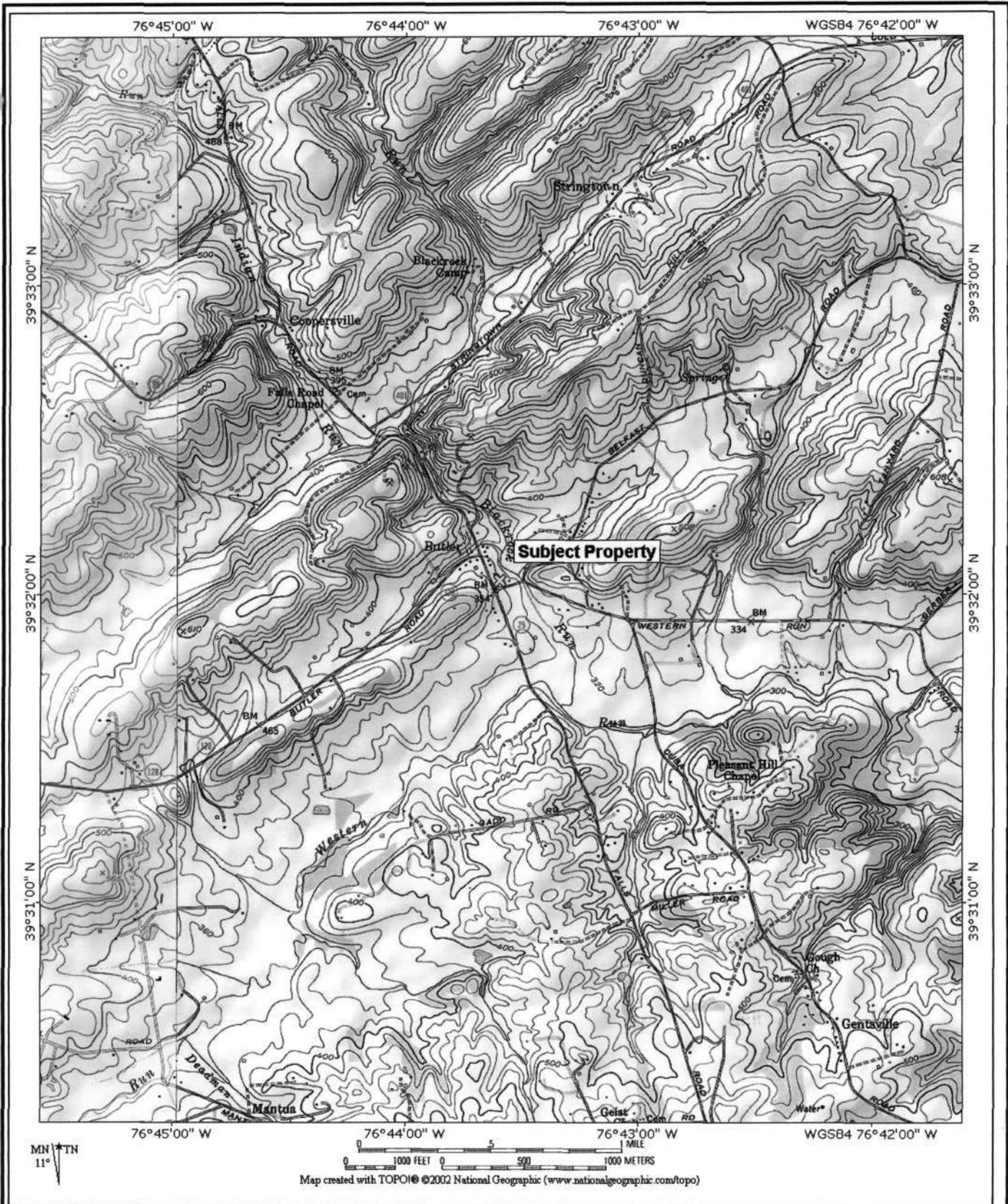
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Date Prepared: 5/19/2003



SITE VICINITY MAP

Hereford Quadrangle, MD
 (Dated 1991)
 SCALE: As Shown



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 James Barko House (BA-834)
 Falls Road and Western Run Road
 Butler, Baltimore Co., Maryland 21023



BUTLER VILLAGE BA-834 (1936 Green House)
BALTIMORE CO., MD
PHOTO BY J. SMITH
2103
NEGATIVE LOG. 1 MD 1490

Butler Village BA-834
Butler, MD 21136
02-03



BUTLER VILLAGE EA-834 (JAMES FARLEY II RE)
BALTIMORE CO., MD
PHOTO BY K. TELGAN
6/72
NEGATIVE LOG - MID 3110

Butler Village EA-834
Butler, MD 21136
02-03

BA-834

James Barko House
Northeast corner of Falls and
Western Run Roads
Not accessible
Date: ca. 1870-1880

The James Barko House is a mid-19th century house, two stories in height. It is a simple rendition of a house based on mid-19th century published designs by Downing, Davis, Vaux, Ranlett, etc. Dating back to the 1870's, this house was originally owned by Dr. Frank England. The entire house is covered by German siding and, in size, is typical of houses in villages, small towns, or on small farms.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

BA-834
Mag# 0308345504

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

James Barko House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

2306 Western Run Rd.

Northeast corner of Falls and Western Run Roads

CITY, TOWN

Butler

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5

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

James Barko

Telephone #: unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Butler

— VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

21023

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 4944

Folio #: 111

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE
Maryland

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 Barko House is a mid-19th century frame house, two stories in height. Its principle front is to the south and a north wing extends behind the east end. Centered on the south front is a gable with a jig-sawn verge board continuing the pattern of the south fascia; the gable ends of the house do not have this decoration but the wide roof overhang suggests its probable former existence.

The principle entrance is centered on the south front and it consists of a door with sidelights and transom. In the central bay above is a tripartite window and it consists of a wide 4/4 window flanked by extremely narrow 2/2 windows; a wide pair of louvered blinds flanks the tripartite window. Typical windows in other bays are 4/6 in the first story, 4/4 in the second and all have louvered blinds. The west interior end chimney is of brick, paneled; the east interior end chimney is of recent construction but it probably matched its western counterpart.

A gable is in the west roof of the rear wing which covers two of the main house's three bays, and two stories of porches cover the west side of the wing.

A small one-story shed-roofed porch shelters the principal entrance but a porch once extended across the entire south front. The outline of a rail on the corner boards suggests it may have had a flat roof, edged with a railing.

The entire house is covered with German siding, that of the main house being of several different widths.

The interior of this house was not examined.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES
unknown

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The James Barko house, located on the northeast side of the intersection of Falls and Western Run Roads, dates from the 1870's when it was owned by Dr. Frank England.

Nearby, Dr. England also had a saw mill and an ice house. The latter is still standing on the property adjoining this house to the east. It has had various uses, including that of an ice cream parlor, but is now a single family dwelling.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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

Baltimore County Tax Records, 1876, 1896.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.62 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Catherine F. Black and James T. Wollon, AIA

ORGANIZATION

for Valleys Historical District Committee

DATE

September 1, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

1114 Bellemore Road

TELEPHONE

323-3798

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

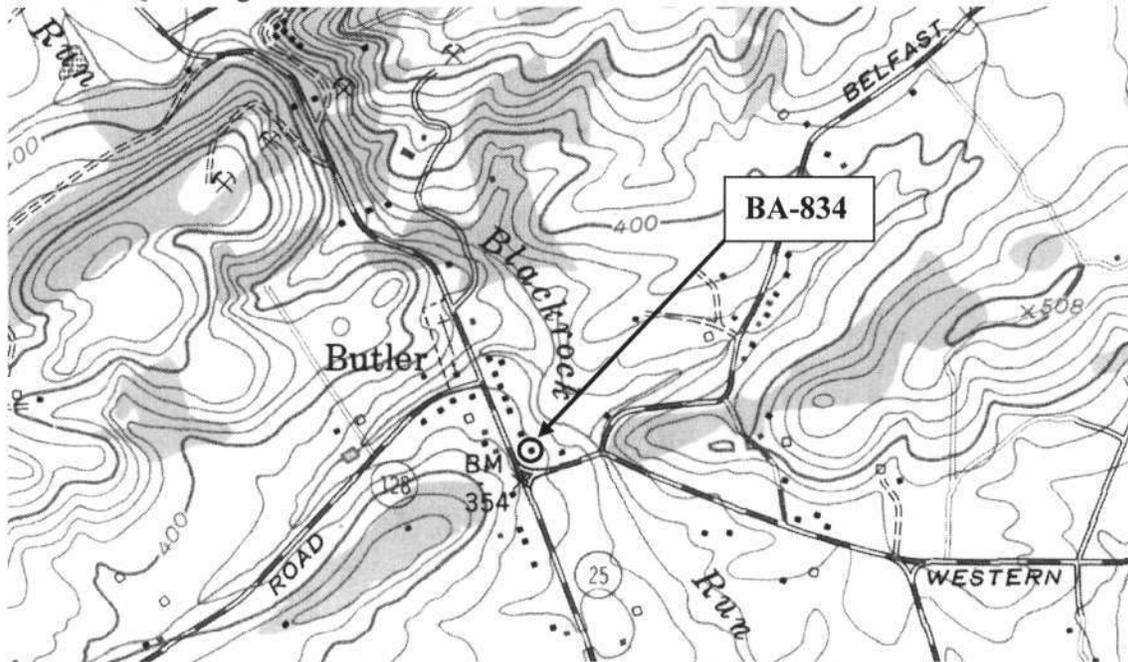
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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

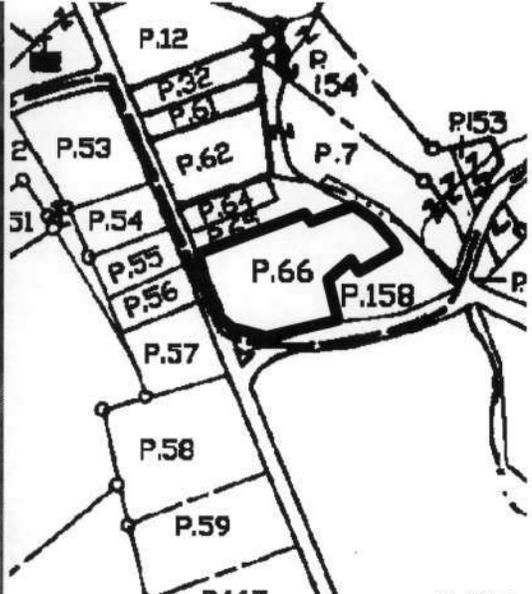
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Hereford Quadrangle



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JAMES BARKO HOUSE

Jim Wollen

1978

