

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA- 911
Old Cooper House
1003 Old Barn Road
Parkton, Baltimore County
Ca. 1830
Private

The dwelling known as Old Cooper House is located at 1003 Old Barn Road in Election District Seven, near Parkton, in Baltimore County. The vernacular Federal style masonry dwelling was erected circa 1830. The two-story dwelling is constructed on land that was owned by Tigo (also spelled Tego) Cooper as denoted on the 1850 and 1877 maps of Baltimore County. The historic atlases reveal that by 1898 the property had been transferred to Thomas Armacost, who continued to hold the property in 1915. Portions of the property were later sold for the construction of the Cooper School. Richard S. and Dianellen Evans currently own the property. The Evans' renovated the property in 1978 and added a two-story wing circa 1990.

The five-bay-wide, two-story vernacular Federal style dwelling is constructed of brick laid in a five-course American bond pattern and sits on random rubble stone foundation. The side elevations are stuccoed. The shallow-pitched side gable roof is detailed with an aluminum-clad raking cornice with returns. Two interior-end stretcher bond brick chimneys with corbeled caps extend from the main block and an exterior-end brick stretcher-bond shouldered chimney is located on the addition. A one-story side-gable roofed circa 1990 addition with inset porch and gabled dormers also extends north from the main block and a two-story side-gabled addition extends to the south, forming a non-historic ell. The façade of the main block features a central entry. The dwelling faces south along Old Barn and Falls Roads and is surrounded by rolling hills and a wooded landscape supported by a non-historic barn.

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Inventory No. BA- 911

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Old Cooper House

other Old Cooper Farm

2. Location

street and number 1003 Old Barn Road ___ not for publication

city, town Parkton X vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Richard S. and Dianellen Evans

street and number 1003 Old Barn Road telephone

city, town Parkton state MD zip code 21120-9433

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 7189 folio 716

city, town Towson tax map 17 tax parcel 276 tax ID number 1700014714

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

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.

Constructed circa 1830, the five-bay-wide vernacular Federal style dwelling known as Old Cooper House is located at 1003 Old Barn Road. The two-story building is constructed of brick laid in a five-course American bond pattern and sits on random rubble stone foundation. The side elevations are stuccoed. The shallow-pitched side gable roof is detailed with an aluminum-clad raking cornice with returns. Two interior-end stretcher bond brick chimneys with corbeled caps extend from the main block and an exterior-end brick stretcher-bond shouldered chimney is located on the addition. A one-story side-gable roofed circa 1990 addition with inset porch and gabled dormers also extends north from the main block and a two-story side-gabled addition extends to the south, forming a non-historic ell. The façade of the main block features a central entry and stretches five wide. The dwelling faces south along Old Barn and Falls Roads and is surrounded by rolling hills and a wooded landscape supported by a non-historic barn.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The façade of the original block, facing south, measures five bays wide and displays symmetrical fenestration. The altered elevation features a central entry with a single-leaf wooden paneled with lights door with paneled inset and added Colonial Revival style surround with broken swans-neck pediment and Tuscan pilasters. Four symmetrically placed 6/6-vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds, rowlock brick sills, and square-edged wood lintels flank the door. A centrally located single-bay stoop with wood post balustrade and brick steps provides access to the dwelling. The dwelling features a side-gabled asphalt-shingled roof, molded aluminum-clad cornice with returns. The second story is pierced with five evenly spaced 4/4 windows with vinyl surrounds, rowlock sills, and square-edged wooden lintels. The windows are placed just below the molded cornice, which features a flush aluminum-clad fascia. The central window is placed slightly lower than the flanking windows, suggesting the presence of a central stair and a reversal of the original facade..

The eastern elevation of the original block, which is parged, features a pair of evenly spaced 6/6 vinyl windows with vinyl louvered shutters, rowlock sills and vinyl surrounds. The attic story is pierced with two evenly spaced fixed four-light wood windows with wooden square-edged surrounds and sills.

The northern elevation of the main block measures five bays wide, although some infill has occurred. At present, the elevation features a sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with square-edged wood surround on the first floor. The second floor features five evenly spaced window openings, although the central window, of which ghostlines remain, has been infilled with brick. The remaining four have been replaced with vinyl 6/6 windows with rowlock brick sills, vinyl surrounds and square-edged wood lug lintels with cornerblocks.

The west elevation of the original portion of the dwelling is completely obscured by the circa 1990 addition.

Circa 1990, a two-and-a-half-story, wood frame ell was constructed on the west elevation of the original block of the house. At this time, the orientation of the structure changed from fronting south to fronting east. The two-story flush cross-gabled ell, which is clad in beaded aluminum siding and sits on a stretcher brick veneer

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foundation, projects to the south of the main block. The elevation is further detailed with an aluminum-clad cornice. The offset main entrance of the four-bay-wide addition features a sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door with a reeded wood surround. Additionally, seven 6/6 vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds, rowlock sills, and fixed louvered shutters pierce this elevation of the addition. The off-center entry is accessed by brick steps with a wood post balustrade and is sheltered by a shed roof overhang supported by Tuscan wood posts. It features a side-gabled asphalt-shingled roof with inset turned wood post-supported porch and vinyl cladding. To the north of the original portion of the building, the first story of the east elevation of the garage addition features one sash-and-paneled single-leaf wood door and one 6/6 vinyl window with a vinyl surround. Two gabled dormers with 6/6 vinyl windows with vinyl surrounds pierce the attic story of the garage addition.

The north elevation of the two-story ell addition is pierced with a central fixed one-light vinyl window. The northern elevation of the garage features two roll-up paneled wood doors with square-edged wood surrounds and slightly arched entries. Above these vehicular doors is one flush vertical board single-leaf wood door with a square-edged wood surround.

The west elevation is composed entirely of the additions. Two gabled dormers with vinyl 6/6 windows light the garage addition, which extends to the north. The ell addition features a basement level thirty-light double-leaf door with square-edged wood surround. A wooden deck supported by wood posts extends from the first story, sheltering the lower level. A thirty-light double-leaf off-center door also accesses the first story of the addition. The elevation is also pierced with a vinyl 6/6 window, a tri-partite vinyl window with central fixed one-light and six-light fixed sidelights, and a single-leaf paneled door. In addition, rounded projecting bay on the northern end of the ell features a pair of central fixed ten-light vinyl windows with single ten-light fixed vinyl flanking windows. Four non-symmetrically placed vinyl 6/6 windows of two different sizes pierce the second story.

The south elevation of the circa 1990 ell addition, which forms a perpendicular angle to the original main block, features a shouldered stretcher brick exterior end chimney with a corbeled cap. The elevation is clad with a stretcher-bond brick veneer

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION

The interior of the dwelling was not accessed at the time of the survey.

OUTBUILDINGS

A circa 1970s barn features a side gabled asphalt-shingled roof, poured concrete foundation and pressed vertical board siding. The barn is accessed by three double-leaf sliding one-light doors and has a bracketed porch supported by wood posts.

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
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<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 1830 circa **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1830 circa

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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Constructed of five-course American bond brick, Old Cooper House was designed in a vernacular interpretation of the Federal style of architecture, which was popular from the 1780s until the 1820s. The Federal style of architecture followed the Colonial era, and signified the new role that the country had taken following the Revolutionary War. Although influenced by British architecture, particularly the Adamesque style, the Federal style of architecture was the signature style of the wealthy American mercantile class. "Chaste, conservative, and gracefully elegant, the style first appeared primarily in important coastal cities, but eventually was adapted everywhere in simpler, vernacular forms."¹ Reflective of these vernacular interpretations, particularly as seen in masonry examples, are the side gable roof, the centered entry often capped by a transom with tracery, and the symmetrically placed window openings with flat lintels and double-hung sash windows. When constructed, the Old Cooper House exemplified the early to mid- 19th century vernacular buildings in Baltimore County. Vernacular buildings tend to have little to no stylistic detailing and are typically constructed by local builders with locally available tools and materials, although hints of their high style predecessors are often visible. Vernacular architecture accounts for the majority of the built environment and reflects the traditions of society, rather than the whims of the architect.² Throughout Baltimore County, there are a number of vernacular masonry houses from this period. Stone was readily available in the county, with both marble and granite quarries located throughout the region, as was locally fired brick. Commonly, these vernacular dwellings are two stories in height, single-pile with side gable roofs. This continuity of form is a result of folk architecture and the reliance on constructing forms that had been built by the previous generation.

¹ Rachel Carly, *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*, (New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994), p. 91.

² Dell Upton and John Michael Vlach, editors, *Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture*, (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986), pp. xv-xvi.

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Old Cooper House was constructed in the second quarter of the 19th-century near the town of Parkton, which appears on maps as early as 1850. Located near the intersection of York Road and the Northern Central Railroad, Parkton was home to fifty inhabitants in 1881. Due to its location, Parkton was, in the late 19th century, a center for trade and shipping in the rich agricultural region. Wiseburg is located to the south, near the Big and Little Gunpowder Falls and also had a population of just fifty in 1881. In addition, the 1868 Maryland legislature charted a \$60,000 survey to extend the Parkton and Manchester Railroad. In 1870, however, the company folded and the railroad extension into Carroll County was not completed.

The town Parkton was laid out just to the west of York Road, which featured many popular traveler's stops along the turnpike.³ Prior to the organization of turnpikes in Baltimore County, many of the county's roads were considered unfit for use. Earlier efforts to incorporate turnpike companies originated from the county government, yet, by the turn of the 19th century, efforts to create better roads emanated from the state government's efforts to better serve the growing rural population. This action resulted in laying of a road from Baltimore, Maryland to York, Pennsylvania that would replace the winding, indirect Old York Road.⁴ The privately organized York Turnpike Company was incorporated in 1805. Work on the new road ceased in 1810, when the thirty-five miles of road from Baltimore to the Pennsylvania Line was completed. This route soon became one of the primary north/south corridors in Baltimore County.

Old Cooper House is located in the Seventh Election District, which was one of the largest and most populated regions of the county in the latter part of the 19th century. In 1870, the district had an area of 59.93 square miles and a population of 3,074 in 1870. The area historically consisted of rolling hills, traversed by major transportation corridors, such as the railroad and York Turnpike. Arable fields for plantings of wheat, corn, oats, and fruits supported the district. It was known for its dairy production and the breeding of cattle. In addition, the waterpower of the Gunpowder Falls and its tributaries supported numerous mills throughout the district.

³ Clemens and Clemens, p.22; see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G. M. Hopkins, 1877), p.45.

⁴ Sherry H. Olson, *Baltimore: The Building of an American City* (Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997), p.172; see also S. B. Clemens and C. E. Clemens, *From Marble Hill to Maryland Line: An Informal History of Northern Baltimore County* (np: C. E. and S. B. Clemens, 1976), p.10.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.27 Acres
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Old Cooper House is located at 1003 Old Barn Road, near Parkton in Baltimore County, Maryland as noted on Tax Map 17, Parcel 276. Old Cooper House has been associated with the site since its construction circa 1830.

11. Form Prepared by

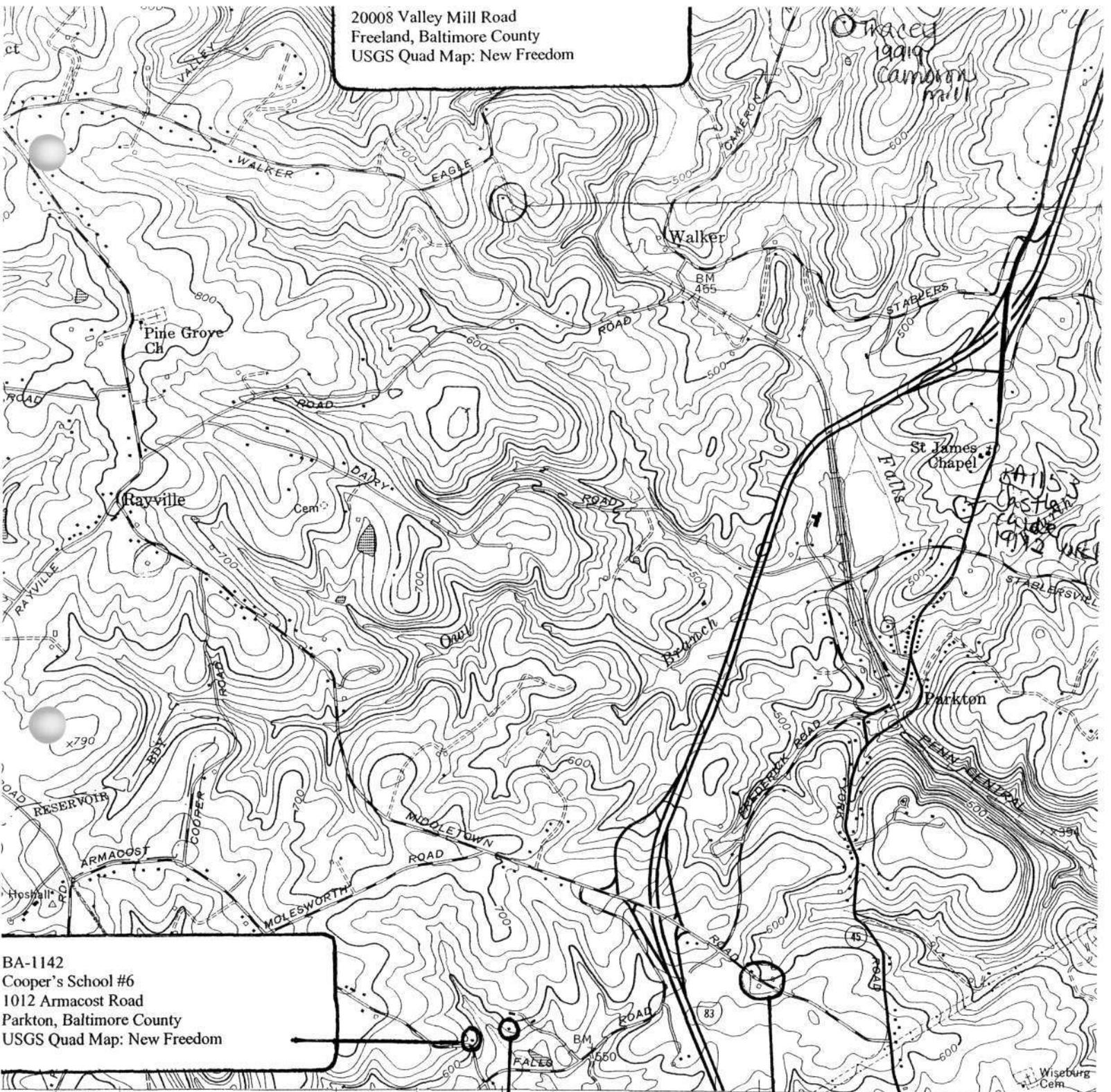
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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20008 Valley Mill Road
 Freeland, Baltimore County
 USGS Quad Map: New Freedom

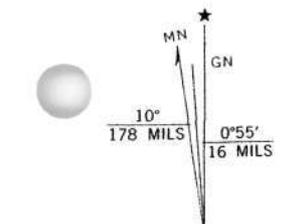
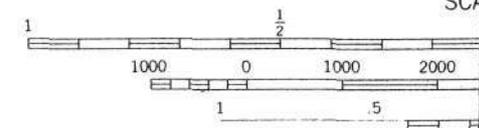


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 Cooper's School #6
 1012 Armacost Road
 Parkton, Baltimore County
 USGS Quad Map: New Freedom

BA-1911
 Old Cooper House
 1003 Old Barn Road
 Parkton, Baltimore County
 USGS Quad Map: New Freedom

BA-1206
 Frederick House
 18429 Middletown Road
 Parkton, Baltimore County
 USGS Quad Map: New Freedom

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GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
 GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
 GRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974 information not field checked.

UTM GRID AND 1985 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



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Old Cooper House
1003 Old Barn Road
Baltimore County, MD

Traceries

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MD SHPO
Dwelling, northeast corner, view looking Southwest

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old cooper House
1003 old Barn Road
Baltimore county, MD

Traceries

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MD SHPD

Dwelling, southeast corner, view looking Northwest

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Baltimore County, MD
Traceries

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MD SHPO
Dwelling, southwest corner, view looking Northeast

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OLD COOPER FARM - Before 1850 - 1003 Old Barn Road, Hamlet Farms, (North side of Falls Road, north of Bunker Hill Road intersection, and across ravine from Cooper School, Parkton vicinity). Stone house covered with stucco. Shown on 1850 map as Tigo Cooper's and was spelled as Tego Cooper on 1877 atlas map, although Cooper had been killed in the Civil War. Shown as Thos. Armacost's in Bromley 1898 and 1915 atlases. Some of the land was sold to Board of School Commissioners to build Cooper's School. Small stone building under the stucco; 5-bay front; shingle roof; built in a narrow longish rectangular floor plan; no end openings; gable roof; ridge line runs from southwest to northeast; inside end-chimneys; house faces southeast toward Falls Road. Under restoration in 1978. Set on slight rise. Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans.