

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-0981**  
**Clarkson House**  
**18619 Vernon Road**  
**Vernon, Baltimore County**  
**Ca. 1878**  
**Private**

Clarkson House is located in Election District Seven of Baltimore County. The vernacular Queen Anne style dwelling, constructed circa 1878, dates to a period of significant growth in Vernon (originally called Mount Vernon or Gemmils). Although, the exact date of construction is not known and the dwelling does not appear on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas or, mistakenly, on the 1915 Bromley Atlas, the architectural fabric supports this date. The small village was located a mile from White Hall and boasted a Methodist Episcopal Church, a Baptist Church, and a school. Prior to the purchase of the property by the Clarkson family in 1972, Donald F. Fagan, Jr. owned the dwelling.

Exhibiting the vernacular Queen Anne style of architecture, the two-and-a-half story Clarkson House sits on the east side of Vernon Road. Clad in vinyl siding, the dwelling features a side gabled slate tile roof and sits on a random rubble stone foundation. A projecting five-sided Queen Anne style bay and wrap-around one-story porch with scroll-sawn detailing and turned post supports dominate the façade, which faces northwest. The single-leaf wooden oval-shaped one-light wooden door, located in the enclosed end of the porch, features a square-edged wood surround and one-light transom. The building also features two interior end brick chimneys with corbeled caps, a raking wood cornice with returns, gable peak decorative vergeboard, and square-edged vinyl surrounds sills, and louvered shutters. The southwest elevation reveals a projecting off-center two-story three-sided bay with bracketed cornice and stringcourse, while the rear elevation features a gabled one-bay projection.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-0981

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Clarkson House (current)

## 2. Location

street and number 18619 Vernon Road not for publication

city, town Vernon vicinity

county Baltimore County

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

name Joseph Clarkson, III and Kathryn Francies Clarkson

street and number 18619 Vernon Road telephone

city, town White Hall state MD zip code 21161-9726

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel 18/26

city, town Towson liber 5298 folio 584

## 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	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	2	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	_____	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	_____	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	_____	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	2	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	_____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	_____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	_____	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			1	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Erected circa 1878 in the vernacular Queen Anne style of architecture, the two-and-a-half story Clarkson House sits on the east side of Vernon Road. Clad in vinyl siding, the dwelling features a side gabled slate tile roof and sits on a random rubble stone foundation. A projecting five-sided Queen Anne style bay and wrap-around one-story porch with scroll-sawn detailing and turned post supports dominate the façade, which faces northwest. The single-leaf wooden oval-shaped one-light wooden door, located in the enclosed end of the porch, features a square-edged wood surround and one-light transom. The dwelling is pierced with 1/1 wood windows. The building also features two interior end brick chimneys with corbeled caps, a raking wood cornice with returns, gable peak decorative vergeboard, and square-edged vinyl surrounds sills, and louvered shutters. The southwest elevation reveals a projecting off-center two-story three-sided bay with bracketed cornice and stringcourse, while the rear elevation features a gabled one-bay projection. A single-story shed roofed screened porch was added to the rear elevation.

A two-story circa 1900 barn sits to the northeast of the main dwelling. The gable-front wood frame structure features a stone foundation, vertical board cladding and slate tile roof. The building, which currently serves as a garage, is pierced on the southwest elevation by two roll-up doors. The second story features a central cross-braced single-leaf vertical board door. A shed circa 2001 addition projects from the northwest side.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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** 1878 ca **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1878 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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<sup>1</sup> J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County From the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881), pp. 872-874.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Brooks, Neal A. and Eric G. Rockel. *A History of Baltimore County*. Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979.
- Bromley's Atlas of 1915.
- Hopkins Atlas, 1877.
- Scharf, J. Thomas. *History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day, Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*. Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881; reprinted edition Salem, MA: Higginson Book Company, nd.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property      One Acre  
Acreage of historical setting      Unknown  
Quadrangle name                      Norrisville                      Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Since the building's construction, circa 1878, the Clarkson House has been associated with the property at 18619 Vernon Road as noted on Tax Map 18 and parcel 26 and recorded in Tax Record Liber 5298, folio 584.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	J. Bunting and A. L. McDonald, Architectural Historians		
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street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

return to:                      Maryland Historical Trust  
   DHCD/DHCP  
   100 Community Place  
   Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
   410-514-7600

BA-1554  
PINE GROVE CHURCH  
20105 KIRKWOOD SHOP ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

EA-0588  
STIRLING HOUSE  
19709 OLD YORK ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: NORRISVILLE  
Scale: 1:24,000



BA-0980  
ALMONY HOUSE  
2032 WHITE HALL ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

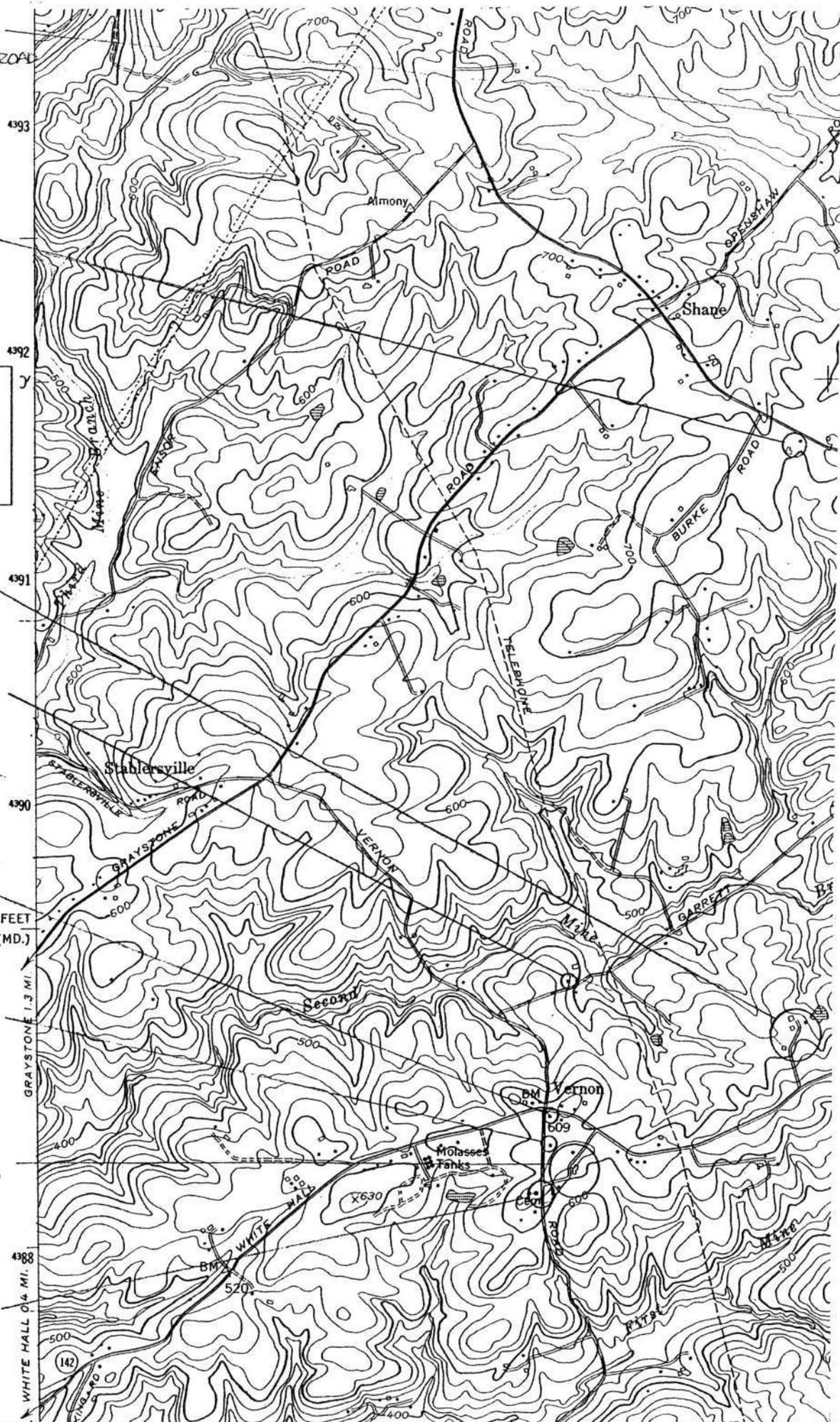
EA-1144  
BRETT HOUSE  
2310 GARRETT ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0982  
VERNON SCHOOL  
18031 VERNON ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0981  
CLARKSON HOUSE  
18019 VERNON ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0979  
HOSHALL HOUSE  
2323 WHITE HALL ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0947  
VERNON M.E. CHURCH  
18000 VERNON ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY



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910000 FEET (MD.)

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CLARKSON House

18619 VERNON ROAD, WHITE HALL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

S/2001

MD SHPO

HOUSE, NORTH CORNER, LOOKING SOUTH

1045



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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACEDIES

3/2001

MD SHPO

HOUSE, NW ELEVATION, LOOKING SE

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CLARKSON HOUSE

18619 VERNON ROAD, WHITE HALL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

3/2001

MD SHPO

HOUSE, SW ELEVATION, LOOKING NE

30f5



BA-0981

CLARKSON HOUSE

18619 VERNON ROAD, WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

3/2001

MD SHPO

HOUSE, SOUTH CORNER, LOOKING NORTH

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BA-0981

CLARKSON HOUSE

18619 VERNON ROAD, WHITE HALL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

TRACERIES

3/2001

MD SHPO

BARN, LOOKING NORTH

BA- 981

**THE CLARKSON HOUSE** - 1875-1900 - East side of Vernon Road, Vernon village. Second lot south of crossroads called Mount Vernon or Gemmils. A 2-½ story frame Victorian dwelling covered with grey German siding. Gable roof; full-height bay window topped by jerkinhead roof. Porch on two sides with railing and scroll work. Estimated date is c. 1878. Large expanses of window. Owner: Joseph Clarkson III.