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## Oakland

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Oakland  
South side of Quaker Bottom  
Rd. near Priceville Rd.  
Not accessible  
Pre 1823

Oakland is one of the oldest houses in the region and one of the few brick ones. It is believed to have been built by Mordecai Price, a member of one of the early Quaker families who settled in this region and built the Gunpowder Quaker Meeting House.

Oakland size, its detailing and its brick construction, together with its early date, indicate that it was the dwelling of a very prosperous farmer. The use of Flemish bond only on , architecturally and geographically, its rear facade, albeit its approach front, defies traditional rules. The brick springhouse alone remains of the many outbuildings once required to support rural life.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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MAGI # 0300795404

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Oakland

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

South side of Quaker Bottom Road near Priceville Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lt. Col. Donald C. Miller, U.S.M.C. (Ret) Telephone #: 771-4153

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Quaker Bottom Road

CITY, TOWN

Sparks

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21152

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 5097

Folio #: 712

STREET &amp; 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		

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Miller House is a brick house, two and one-half storeys in height, three bays in length with a slightly-lower three bay frame east wing of recent construction. Its north side faces the nearby road and it is laid in Flemish bond with closers at the corners and jack arches  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bricks in height above masonry openings. The easterly window in the second storey is low, related to the landing inside and the door beneath it is low and without a transom due to that landing. Its south side, customarily the principal front, has its windows aligned, and the overall height of the doorway, with its transom, aligns with the adjacent windows and masonry above openings is, likewise, supported by jack arches  $1\frac{1}{2}$  bricks in height; however brickwork on this facade (as well as on the east and west ends) is laid in common bond with header courses generally occurring every sixth (although there are irregularities in this pattern, sometimes occurring once in four, to once in ten courses). Mortar joints throughout are struck with a "grapevine" profile.

This brick house is approximately 30 feet wide by 31 feet deep. The general form of this house and its detailing indicates a construction date of about 1800-1815.

Windows in the first storey are 9/6, in the second 6/6, set in narrow beaded frames; only the north windows retain louvred blinds, with lower panels moveable. A closely-spaced pair of chimneys rises flush with the west gable.

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

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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	
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<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
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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house, located on the south side of Quaker Bottom Road near Priceville Road, is believed to have been built by Mordecai Price, a member of one of the early Quaker families who settled in this region and built the Gunpowder Quaker Meeting House. The property is located on several tracts of land patented to the Price family who settled here in the mid-eighteenth century. It was owned by Samuel Price, Sr. until 1811 when deeded by him to his son, Mordecai.

In 1823, Mordecai Price had a home here, according to the Baltimore County tax assessment for that year, and he continued to occupy and farm the land until 1860 when he sold it to his second cousin, John Matthews.

Except for a brief period between 1898 and 1906, the house has always been owned by members of the Matthews family. The present owner's wife, Mrs. Margaret Matthews Miller, preserves that chain of ownership.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1823, 1876, 1896.

Interview with Mrs. Donald C. Miller, spring, 1976.

(See Continuation Sheet #3)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.63 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

September 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

323-3798

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore,

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 Continued

A painting of the house, made from an old photograph, shows the original east wing. It was of log construction, covered with board-and-batten siding, three bays in length, two storeys in height, its eave below typical second storey window sills in the main house. A stone chimney rose internally at the east end. Its entrance was centered in the north front and that bay was void of windows above; 6/6 windows were in other bays. It is believed to predate the brick house because mortar joints formerly covered by it are said to be unfinished. It measured, approximately, 16 to 18 feet by 20 to 24 feet.

A hall extends through the house in its easterly bay; the principal stair rises, with intermediate landings, to the third floor. Its moulded rail is supported by slim turned newels and rectangular balusters. Chair railing remains in place throughout the house. A small room at the south end of the hall results from a modern partition across the hall.

Two rooms are west of the hall in each storey. Original cupboards are built in beside the chimney breasts next to the dividing partition, with pairs of paneled doors above and below. Original mantels and trim remain in place throughout; the southerly room is slightly more elaborate than the northerly; the southerly mantel consists of paneled pilasters supporting a gauge-carved architrave, a plain frieze with paneled end and center blocks, and gauge-carved bedmoulding. The northerly mantel consists of an architrave supporting a paneled frieze with paneled end and center blocks. Window jambs are paneled in the south room; in the north

(See Continuation Sheet #2)

## Continuation Sheet #2

Question #7 Continued

room they are plain. Architraves throughout are of two plains, a bead finishing the inner edge of each, with an applied ogee-with-astrigal back-band. The six-paneled doors have fully raised panels and integral ogee mouldings.

The second floor plan is identical to the first and detailing is simpler but similar. Cupboards are above counterparts below; architrave mantels support paneled friezes and moulded shelves. The third storey is finished as two rooms; some split lathe fastened with cut nails is exposed there.

The cellar is divided into two rooms by a stone wall beneath the partition above. Linteled recesses are in each chimney beneath fireplaces above.

A  $1\frac{1}{2}$  storey brick springhouse stands east of the dwelling. Its west gable is cantilevered beyond the wall to shelter the entrances to both storeys, the upper being accessible by a steep wooden stair rising from the south.

A stone mounting block in the north yard of the house consists of two single-stone steps leading to a larger single-stone platform, all on a rubble stone foundation.



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Oakland

Valleys Historical District

Continuation Sheet #3

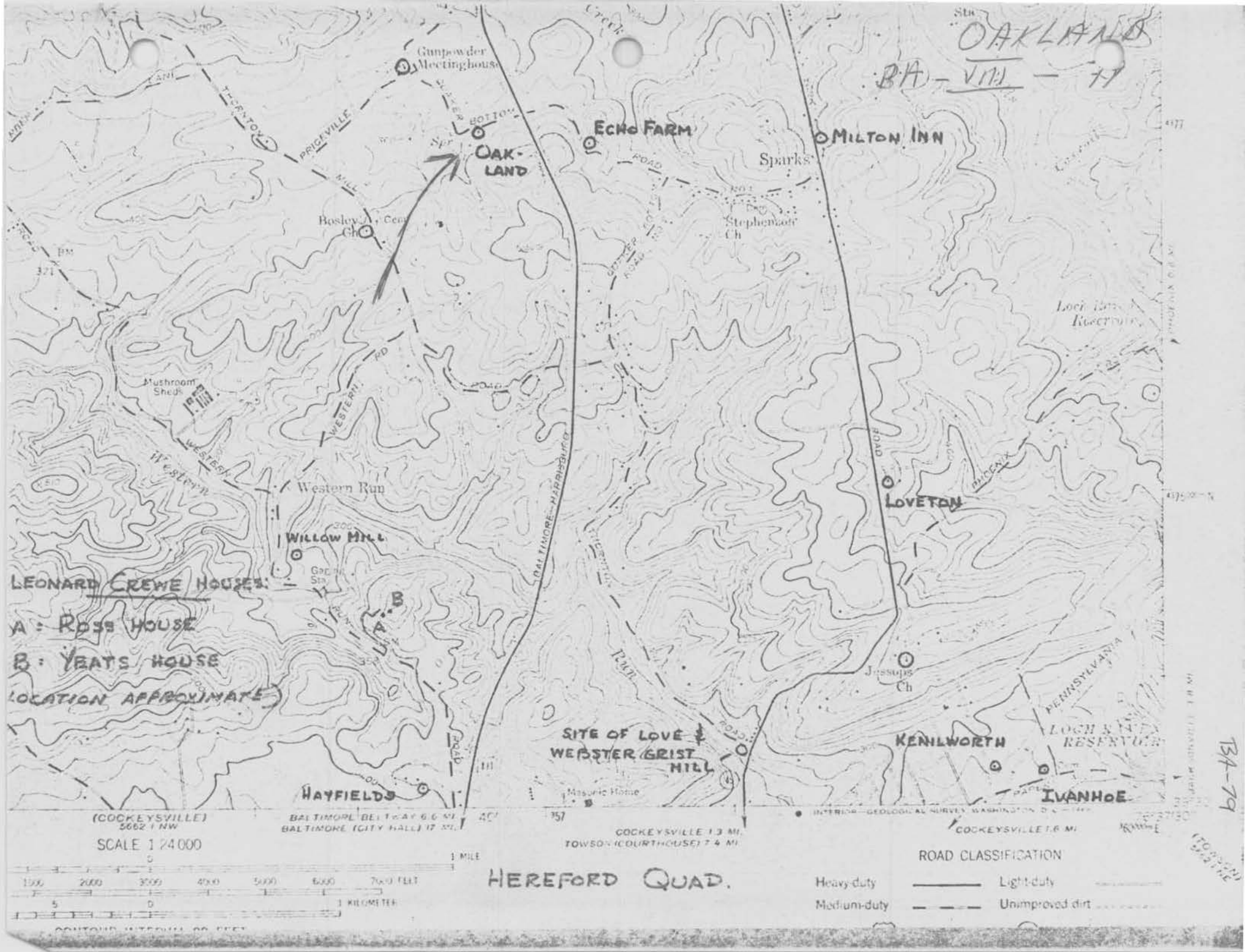
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Sidney, J.C. Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland. (Baltimore, 1850).

OAKLAND

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LEONARD CREWE HOUSES:

A: ROSS HOUSE

B: YEATS HOUSE

LOCATION APPROXIMATE

(COCKEYSVILLE)  
2662' NW

SCALE 1:24,000



HEREFORD QUAD.

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- |             |           |                 |
|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Heavy-duty  | —————     | Light-duty      |
| Medium-duty | - - - - - | Unimproved dirt |

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