

Jesse Babylon House (CARR-1394)  
Westminster  
Carroll County

**Historic Context:**

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard,  
Montgomery Counties and Baltimore City)

**Chronological/Development Period:** Industrial/Urban  
Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:**  
Agriculture/Architecture

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** Buildings

**Environment:** Rural

**Function & Use:** Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence

**Known Design Source:** None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Magi No.

DOE   yes   no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic    Jesse Babylon House

and/or common    Tarkington Tenant House

**2. Location**

street & number    812 Ridge Road    N/A not for publication

city, town    Westminster    vicinity of    congressional district    Sixth

state    Maryland    county    Carroll

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>  </u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture <u>  </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial <u>  </u> park
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<u>  </u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>  </u> entertainment <u>  </u> religious
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> government <u>  </u> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> industrial <u>  </u> transportation
	<u>  </u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> military <u>  </u> other:

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

name    Mrs. Mildred Tarkington

street & number    711 Old New Windsor Road    telephone no.:    410 848 5562

city, town    Westminster    state and zip code    Maryland 21157

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.    County Courthouse    liber    259

street & number       folio    471

city, town    Westminster    state    Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title    N/A

date       federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records   

city, town       state

# 7. Description

Survey No. CARR 1394

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

See Continuation Sheet 7.1

# 8. Significance

Survey No. CARR 1394

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	ca. 1900	Builder/Architect	Unknown				
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D			
and/or							
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state	<input type="checkbox"/> local				

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Continuation Sheet 8.1

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR 1394

Personal communication with Mrs. Mildred Tarkington, Mrs. William J. Englar,  
Mr. John Wright

Land Records, Carroll County

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of ~~non~~<sup>inventoried</sup> property 5.488 acres

Quadrangle name ~~New Windsor~~

Quadrangle scale 1:23,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map

## List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	N/A	code	county	code
state		code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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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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Jesse Babylon House (CARR-1394)  
Spring Mills  
Carroll County

Continuation Sheet 7.1  
Description

This very isolated and dilapidated structure is located at the end of a very poor access road. The access road winds west, north and northwest from its terminus with Ridge Road in the village of Spring Mills, south of Westminster. The house is at the mouth of a valley where the floodplains of Little Pipe Creek and one of its tributaries meet. The habitable flat area is constrained by steep slopes to the east and west, a wetland to the north and the Western Maryland Railroad to the south.

The simple dwelling, built on a fieldstone foundation, and possibly a log structure disguised by lapped weatherboards, has its principal elevation oriented to the south. This facade is three bays wide with a center doorway. Two simple brick chimneys with corbelled caps are located inside each of the two gable end walls. The gable roof parallels the flank, or east-west orientation, of the structure. As the structure is built into a hill on the northeast corner, the fieldstone foundation is partially above ground on the northeast corner. A full length door, at the bottom of a shallow stair, accesses the basement level on the west side which has one six-over-six sash window at the first level, off-set to the south, with a small, two-over-two window above it in the gable end. The east gable end has only the gable end window at the attic level, also off-set to the south. A one-story shed roofed porch shelters the entire width of the principal facade.

A full width, one-story porch likewise extends across the entire width of the rear, or north facade; however, the western bay has been enclosed. Constructed on a concrete block foundation, it features a six light window on both the west and north elevations.

This north elevation has only two bays, with six-over-six lights in each bay at the second level. As the inhabitants would not allow close scrutiny of the structure, it was not possible to determine if, and where, a secondary entrance to the rear of the building, was located. There are no outbuildings on the site. The owner, Mrs. Tarkington, purchased the property for the land in 1950, and has rented out the house for all of the intervening years apart from the land, which has been cultivated by people other than the current long-term inhabitants, Mr. John Wright, whose parents took up residence there in 1963.

Jesse Babylon probably constructed the dwelling around 1902, shortly after purchasing five acres from Elizabeth A. Clarke, who had accumulated a modest holding, part of which was cited as woods (Land Record 60/301). A good portion of the land was sold by the heir of Joshua Logue, who owned the adjacent farm (J. Logue House, CARR-1352).

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Statement of Significance  
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This modest structure, in a dilapidated condition, is all that remains of a small property identified with Jesse Babylon and his descendants for the first half of the twentieth century by some long term neighbors. Devoid of outbuildings, and occupied by tenants for many decades, this site does not convey a strong association with Carroll County history.

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New Windsor Quadrangel

Radio Tower  
(WTR)





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