

Benoni Williams House
CE- 1074
Near Leeds
Private

1806

Benoni Williams, Cordwainer, occupied this two story two bay by one room dwelling from 1806 until his death around 1818. The property was divided among his heirs by certain Commissioners and part of the estate was laid off as dower rights for his widow Sarah. The tract and house remained in the Williams family ~~house remained in the Williams family~~ until 1857 when William Williams sold 59 acres and the stone house to William H. Vansant for \$ 1,350.00. (HMM 7/591)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

CE-1074

MAGI # 0810745304

File 3-121

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Benoni Williams House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Blue Ball Road just north of Mount Pleasant

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

CECT1

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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frank Griffith

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

RD 2

CITY, TOWN

Hudson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Wisconsin 54016

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 278

Folio #: 13

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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 Benoni Williams House c. 1806 is a two story two bay by one room fieldstone house off Blue Ball Road $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of Leeds. The house is located east of the road and the main house faces north with an east/west orientation.

The rubble fieldstone house has a two story two bay by one room late 19th century addition that retained the same roof slope. More recently a single story flat roof ell addition was attached to the south side of the frame section. The stone house rests on a full fieldstone basement which is entered through an exterior entrance on the east wall. The steeply pitched roof has had its eaves extended but a boxed cornice remains.

The main facade consists of a eastern bay entrance and adjacent 6/6 sash window. Each opening has a wooden lintel and plain surround including those 6/6 sash that light the second floor. A shed roof porch covers the first floor on the entire house which includes the two bay frame addition to the west. Another door and window occupy the first floor windows and two 6/6 sash light the second floor directly above.

The east gable end is basically plain outside the basement entrance and four pane attic windows that light the attic and flank the interior end chimney which is laid with brick above the roofline. An oval 1806 datestone with the initials B & E W is set in the peak.

The south side is partially covered with the most recent addition and includes one bay of the stone section. A 6/6 sash window on the first floor has a keystone arched lintel while the two windows on the second floor are the same as the others.

The west end of the frame house two 6/6 sash windows on each floor. The single story section is flush with the end wall.

The interior of the stone section has been totally redone and most likely due to a fire. The entire floor is replaced along with the winder stair. A new straight flight was substituted in the frame addition. The woodwork in the frame section dates to the last quarter of the 19th century or first part of the 20th century.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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

SPECIFIC DATES

1806

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Paul B. Touart

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committtee

DATE

11/02/81

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

398-0200

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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WAS 278/13	Ernest L. Botts & Jean H. Botts
10/20/1871	To Frank Griffith Two Parcels 4.955 acres, 10.09 acres
WAS 215/399	Leonard H. Lockhart
9/19/1967	To Ernest L. Botts 15 acres
WAS 79/42	Chas. W. Stockley
7/15/1959	To Leonard H. Lockhart 58 acres
RRC 89/148	Edward F. Graham & Adelaide
1953	To Chas. W. Stockley 58.8 acres
RRC 16/143	Grace L. Mahoney
4/15/1946	To Edward F. Graham 59 acres Being the same land... conveyed unto Harry E. Mahoney by 2 deeds. 1. From Joseph L. Holt 2/9/1911 CK 2/559 2. From Wm. T. Mahoney 2/8/1917 CSP 3/369
CK 2/559	Joseph F. Holt & Mary L. Holt
2/9/1911	To Wm. T. Mahoney 59 acres
CK 2/5353	Anna Cronin
11/18/1910	To Joseph F. Holt 59 acres
JGW 4/15	Thomas R. Smith
3/24/1898	To Anna Cronin 59 acres
JGW 2/202	Robert C. Thackery, Attorney
	To Thomas R. Smith Public Sale - Mortgage from Anna Cronin and Wm. Cronin dated 29th of June 1893 JTG 4/258
JTG 2/565	John T. Drummond
6/29/1893	To Anna Cronin \$1,900.00 59 Acres

JAD 15/465

Mathew Drummond, Hannah T. Drummond

6/9/1888

To
John T. Drummond
\$2500

SAD 1/297

Wm. H. Vansant

3/22/1879

To
Matthew Drummond
\$1750

HHM 7/591

William Williams

4/30/1857

To
Wm. H. Vansant \$1,350.00
59 Acres

And by two deeds of Jeremiah Starr and wife

4/11/1855 (HHM 5/79)

8/15/1873 (DS 10/181)

Being part of the Real Estate ~~of the Real Estate~~
of Benoni Williams (Cordwainer)
devidd among heirs of certain commissioners on
or about the 19th day of Oct. 1818 - and part of
said estate hereby granted was laid off as
dower of the widow of Sara, deceased.

JS 2/519 £411

114 ACRES

12/31/1806

"All that tract piece or parcel of land or
plantation lying in Cecil County aforesaid
where Benoni Williams now liveth."



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Bayview
QUAD



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BENONI WILLIAMS House
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