

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

'Stoney Batter' Farm  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Liberty Grove Road just south of Mount Pleasant

CITY, TOWN

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VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

**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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Philip and Madeline Howe

Telephone #: 658-5025

STREET & NUMBER

56 McCush Drive

CITY, TOWN

Conowingo

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21918

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 334

Folio #: 693

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**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

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

The fieldstone farmhouse on the tract called "Stoney Batter" dates from the second quarter of the 19th century and is located off Liberty Grove Road just south of Vinegar Hill. The house faces south with the main gable running east/west.

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The present, T-shaped house appears to have developed in three stages; the first being the eastern two story three bay by one room hall plan house. An identical addition was attached to the west gable end and finally the kitchen T addition to the rear. The entire house is laid with semi-coursed fieldstone and covered with a medium sloped slate roof.

The south facade is partially stuccoed. The full elevation is six bays across with two sets of three bays with a central entrance and flanking 6/6 sash windows. A heavy beaded surround frames each window and door opening. Shutter pintels remain without the shutters. The paneled front door has been glazed above the lock rail but two raised flat panels remain below. A transom light is found overhead. Two 6/6 sash light the second floor and are aligned with the outer windows. The roof is undoubtedly a replacement and exposed and decorated rafter ends replaced the boxed cornice. The western portion of the front block is very similar only not as long therefore the openings are closer together. The window and door treatment remains the same. A shed roof porch covers the first floor and is supported by turned posts with a stick balustrade. The porch floor is supported by stone piers. The porch covers basement windows with diamond cross sectioned horizontal bars. A seam in the stone work does appear between the third and fourth bays.

The east and west gable ends have interior end stone chimneys with flanking plain bargeboards. The chimney is laid in brick above the roofline. Each stack ~~also~~ has a four pane attic light to its right or left.

The rear kitchen wing is a two story two bay by one room addition with medium sloped slate roof. The west side is partially covered by a single story shed additon. Two 6/6 sash windows light the second floor.

The north gable end has a single 6/6 sash window on the second floor and a large four pane attic window. Another interior end chimney rises out of the kitchen wing. The east side has a side entrance and adjacent 6/6 sash. The second floor has two identical windows and the eaves are treated in the same manner.

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The Fieldstone Parsonage  
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The northern corner of the main block has a now closed up door and 6/6 sash window that abutts the previous opening. There is a second floor window also.

The woodwork inside has been partially removed and a central stair has been added which replaced one winder. The east room does have the corner winder stair and adjacent closet. The door surrounds that remain have a thumb and an astragal backband, and small sections of reeded chair rail remains. The window-reveals are slightly curved. The second floor has been generally remodeled. The straight stair was probably added in the late 19th or 20th century. A heavy square newel supports a molded handrail with heavy square stick balusters.

Three early 19th century mantels are stored in the shed and undoubtedly came from the house. They are typical detailed with molded pilasters and molded shelf with bed molding below. Beaded board doors with turned latch handles are also stored.

A two level fieldstone springhouse and dairy with gable roof stands to the south of the main house. It is fitted with board doors and 6/6 sash windows. The four stone walls of a meathouse remain directly west of the house.

To the northeast are the fieldstone foundations of a frame barn. The circular stone silo still stands next to the ruin. It has lost its frame roof. The barn probably burnt and was partially quarried for its fieldstone.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 'Stoney Batter' farmhouse consists of three two story three bay by one room fieldstone sections built during the second and third quarters of the 19th century. The first section was the eastern half of the front block and dates to 1830-40 and corresponding ownership of Samuel, Joseph, and Moses Nesbitt. (JS 44/119) The two story hall parlor two room plan house is common in northern Cecil County, especially to those properties having a Scotch-Irish history of ownership. The second half of the front repeats the first in general exterior appearance with a second three bays center door. The final rear wing straddles the seam between the front two and provided an attached kitchen wing.

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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 Committee

DATE

10/6/81

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

M. Nesbitt 1877

WAS 334/693 Harold Montgomery & Gladys Montgomery  
To  
7/12/1974 P.M. Howe  
15.41 Acres

WAS 255/202 Montgomery Bros. Inc.  
To  
6/4/1970 Harold Montgomery  
70.11 Acres

WAS 249/554 Wm. L. McCush  
To  
1/16/1970 Montgomery Bros. Inc.

X 31/54 James M. McCush  
To  
12/2/1953 ~~Wm. L. McCush~~  
Ross V. Martindale  
Carrie K. Martindale  
To  
3/21/1916 James M. McCush  
CSP 3/25 "Stoney Batter" 73 Acres

MD 2/59 Carlton Kimble  
To  
5/14/1904 Carrie K. Martindale

JGW 2/395 Howard McCardle  
To  
5/15/1898 Carlton Kimble  
\$3500

STG Marshall Haines, Trustee  
To  
9/14/1895 Howard L. McCardell  
73 Acres

Circuit Court Feb. 23, 1895  
Sam. M. McCardell Complainants  
Martha E. McCardell

John S. Gillespie  
No. 1900 3/26/1895 \$3900.50

JS 44/119 Being same land which was conveyed by James Ewing and Jane Ewing  
to Samuel Nesbitt, Jos. Nesbitt & Moses Nesbitt 3/12/1839

Two Deeds to:

1838 James Ewing & Wife \$2,800.00

95 Acres 1. From Ann & Lydia Sidwell & others  
2. From William Waring as trustee

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REL. AIR 33.41  
CONOWINGO DAM 3.9 NO.

5763 II NW  
(CONOWINGO DAM)

4393

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40'

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Rising Sun Area



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'Stoney Datter' Admitouse

Smokehouse / Springhouse

Looking Southwest

NE Liberty Grove

12/80 PBT NEG / MHT



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'STONE' BATTERY FARM  
NR PLEASANT HILL  
(VINEGAR HILL)

NORTH ELEV.

1780 PRT

NEG. / MR. HIST TRUST



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STONEY BATTER FARM  
NR PLEASANT Hill

WEST ELEV.

1/80 PAT

NEL. / MR. HIST TRUST



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STONEY BATTER' FARM

NR PLEASANT HILL

1/80 PAT

NEG. / MR. INST TRUST

5100 - WEST ELEV.



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'STONEY BATTER' FRUITSE

SOUTH ELEV.

N<sup>R</sup> LIBERTY GROVE

3/79 PBT

NEG. / MD. HIST TRUST

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Stoney Battery

PJB 3/95