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first quarter 19th century

Jamison House (Cowen Brick House)

1788 Appleton Road (MD 316)

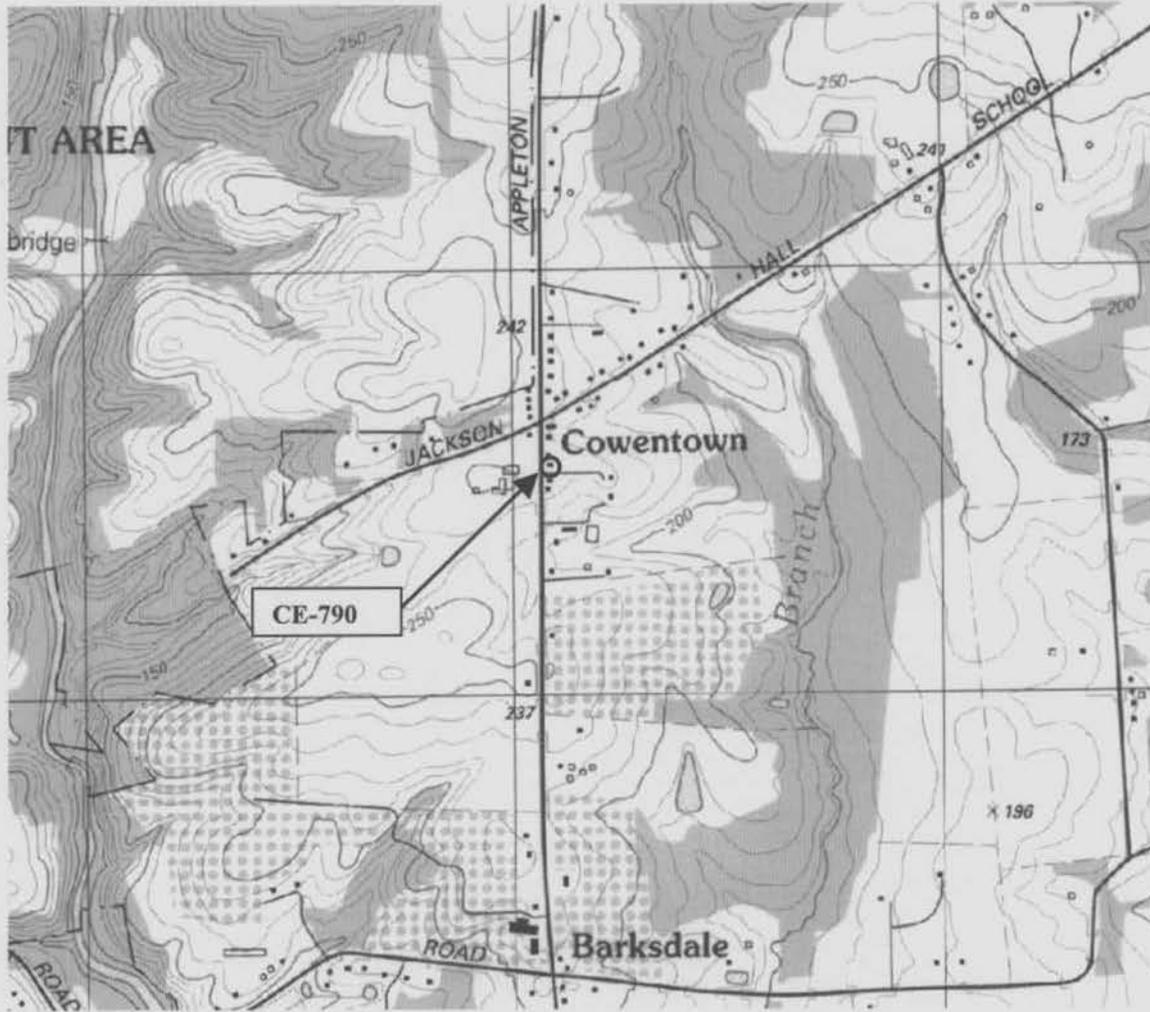
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The Jamison House is a 2 1/2-story brick house, three bays wide and two deep, with a frame rear wing. Facing west, the principal facade holds a door with a semicircular fanlight in the south bay, and 6/9 sash windows with splayed jack arches in the center and north bays. A hip-roofed porch on turned posts with sawn brackets covers the first floor. The second floor holds three 6/6 sash windows, with a brick stringcourse below the sills possibly representing the remnant of a pent roof. The front facade of the building is laid in Flemish bond while the remaining walls are of common bond. A single exterior chimney stands at the north gable end. The roof is covered with standing seam metal.

Although it is often said to have been built by Benjamin Cowen in the 1840s, this house appears earlier because of its Flemish bond facade, stringcourse on the front, and the brick jack arches above the 6/9 sash first-floor windows. The door features a semicircular fanlight that bears comparison with the Greek Revival elliptical fanlight of the c. 1840s house across the street, also a Cowen property. The brick house stands on Lot No. 2 of the estate of William Cowen, and was involved in several legal disputes between his heirs before it was sold in 1841 to Samuel Kilvington.

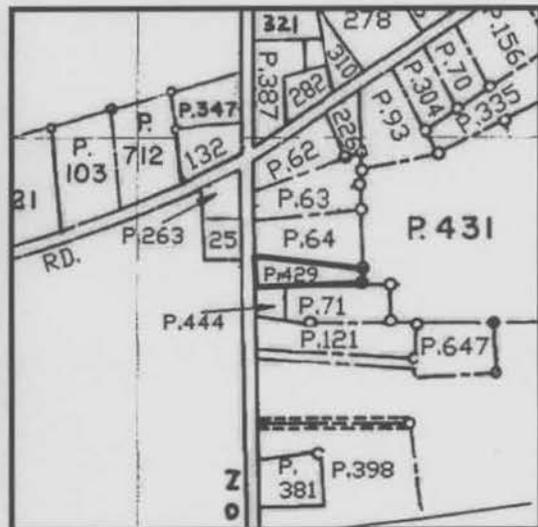
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