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Burton-Berry House
Golden Hill vicinity
1914

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For the past one-hundred years, the Golden Hill vicinity house has been owned by members of the Burton and Berry families. Comprising part of a tract called "Smith's Advantage," the property was held by Levi R. Burton and John Sullivan Burton, beginning in 1908. Ira L. Berry and Leona Berry of the City of Baltimore purchased this property and other parcels during the early 1940s. Berry family ownership of the house was maintained until 2003.

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Burton-Berry house is a two-and-a-half story, two-bay by two-bay four-square frame house that stands at 3626 Smithville Road in the vicinity of Golden Hill in Dorchester County, Maryland. Built in 1914, the frame dwelling is supported on a rusticated concrete block foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboards. A steeply pitched hip roof with projecting gables is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a story-and-a-half kitchen wing. The house faces northeast.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Burton-Berry house is a two-and-a-half story, two-bay by two-bay four-square frame dwelling located north of Golden Hill in the Taylor's Island Election District. The house is located at 3626 Smithville Road, and it faces northeast. Dated by a marble date stone inscribed "Built A.D. 1914" the four-square style frame house is supported by a rusticated concrete block foundation, and the exterior is clad with plain weatherboard siding. A steeply pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The northeast (main) façade is a two-bay façade with a single-story Tuscan columned front porch sheltered the first story. A side entrance is fitted with a partially glazed door, and a wide single-pane sash window pierces the wall surface south of the doorway. The door and window openings are framed by plain surrounds. The Tuscan columned porch has a low pitched gable distinguishing the entrance bay. The marble datestone is fixed in the southeast corner of the rusticated block foundation. The second story is defined by a tripartite window above the first floor opening, and a single-pane center sash window is flanked by narrow single-pane sidelight windows. Centered on the roof is a large cross gable pierced by rectangular window fitted with a diamond shaped center pane. Piercing the narrow ridge of the hip roof is a single-flue brick stove chimney. The edge of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice and a wide soffit.

The southeast side elevation is an asymmetrical elevation with a projecting single-bay pavilion extending forward of the main block. The single-story Tuscan columned porch wraps around to the south side to access a side entrance located in the projecting pavilion. The southeast face of the projecting pavilion is defined by paired single-pane sash windows on each floor, and the gable end is enclosed as a pediment and pierced by a rectangular window featuring a center diamond pane light.

The northwest side elevation is similar with a projecting pavilion capped by a gable-front enclosed pediment. Paired single-pane sash windows light the first and second stories, and the gable end is pierced by an identical window with a center diamond pane. The main block is supported by rusticated concrete block piers.

The southwest (rear) wall is largely covered by a story-and-a-half kitchen wing that is extended on each side by shed roofed sections; to the southeast is a small porch and enclosed pantry. The porch roof is

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supported by a Tuscan column. A partially glazed door opens into the kitchen. A gable-roofed dormer with an enclosed pediment is fitted with single-pane sash windows, and it lights the attic. The shed roofed section on the north side is enclosed. Single-pane sash windows light the kitchen, and an interior end brick stove chimney pierces the roofline.

The interior was not seen.

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3626 Smithville Road
Golden Hill vicinity, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 77, Parcel 89

MLB 700/177

Smithville Road, LLC

to

12.22.2005

Percy A. Ransome III and Marie A. Ransome

Plat Recorded 51/191 2.50 acres

MLB 546/298

Ira L. Berry, et al, (Mary V. Berry, Sharon Anne McVey, etc.)

to

8.1.2003

Smithville Road, LLC

\$114,000

477/251

Ira L. Berry

to

3.14.2002

Ira L. Berry, Mary F. Berry, Sharon Ann McVey, John Walter Berry,
Michael Ira Berry, David Leroy Berry

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PLC 221/55

M. Leona Berry

to

11.4.1981

Leona C. F. Keene
Ira L. Berry

RSM 47/513

John Sullivan Burton
Sina Gertrude Burton

to

7.30.1943

Ira E. Berry, M. Leona Berry, City of Baltimore

JFD 31/50

LeRoy L. Wallace, Assignee

to

4.16.1934

John Sullivan Burton

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JFD 26/509

Benjamin W. Burton and others

to

11.15.1930

John Sullivan Burton

All that farm where the said Levi R. Burton and John Sullivan Burton resided in the year 1908, "Smith's Advantage," all the land of said tract lying to the west of the County road and a small field lying to the east of said County road

CL 33/703

Dr. Benjamin L. Smith

to

2.28.1908

Levi R. Burton and John Sullivan Burton

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
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X 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates 1914

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

For the past one-hundred years, this Golden Hill vicinity farmhouse has been owned by members of the Burton and Berry families. Comprising part of a tract called "Smith's Advantage," the property was owned by Levi R. Burton and John Sullivan Burton beginning in 1908.¹ Ira L. Berry and Leona Berry of the City of Baltimore purchased this property and other parcels during the early 1940s.² Berry family ownership of the house was maintained until 2003.³

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 33/703, 28 February 1908, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

² Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 47/513, 30 July 1943, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

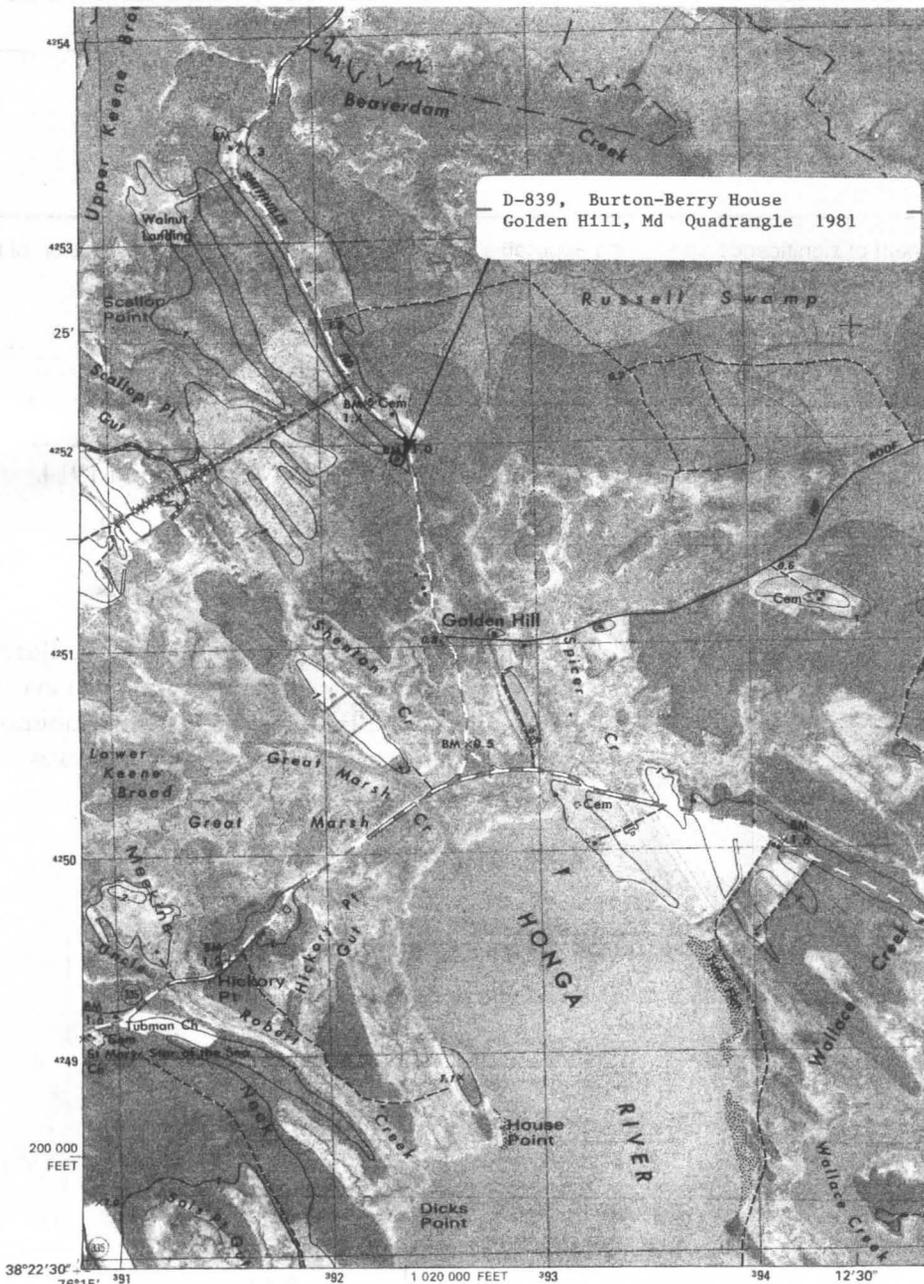
³ Dorchester County Land Record, MLB 546/298, 1 August 2003, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2.50 acres
Acreage of historical setting 50 +/- acres
Quadrangle name , Golden Hill, MD Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10.8.2013
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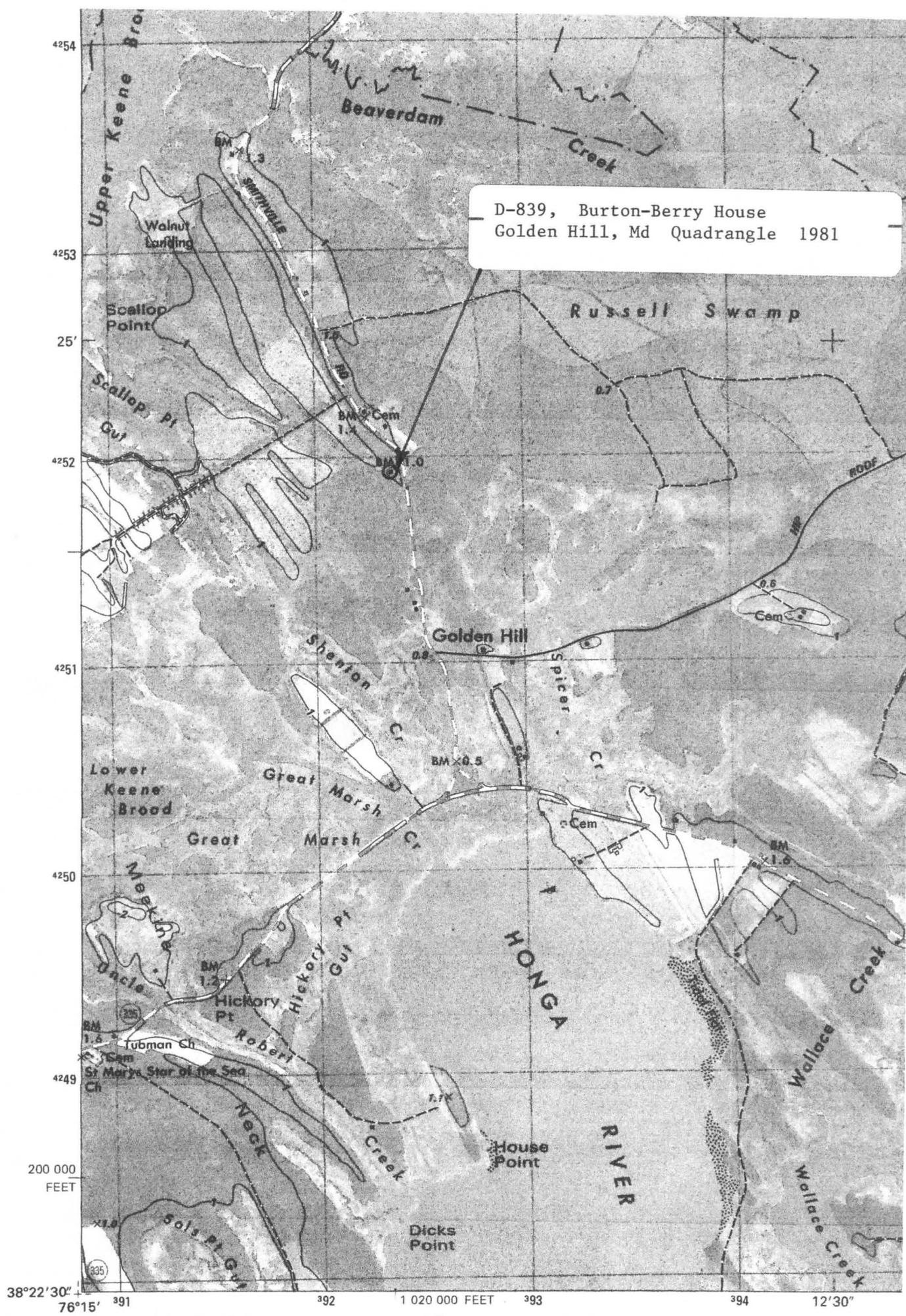
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Golden Hill, Md Quadrangle 1981



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BARTON-BERRY HOUSE

GOLDEN ITAL VII, DISTRICT OF C. M.
SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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BURTON-BENNY HOUSE

GOLDEN HILL VIC., DOVERESTER
C. MD

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Burton-Benny House

Golden Hill vic, Dorchester Co., MD.

Southeast elevation

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BURTON-BEARBY HOUSE
GOLDEN HILL VIC., DONCASTER W.
D.P.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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BURTON-BENNY HOUSE
GOLDEN LEE VIC.,
DUNDEEN CO., MD.

1914 DATESTONE

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PITTSB.

NEB./MD. HIST. TRUST

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