

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common House on Bowersox Property

2. Location

street & number West side Pleasant View Road, between Doubs and Pleasant View _____ not for publication

city, town Doubs vicinity of _____ congressional district

state Maryland _____ county Frederick

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

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

name

street & number _____ telephone no.:

city, town _____ state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. _____ liber

street & number _____ folio

city, town _____ state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

pository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Survey No.F-1-141

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

This house is located close to the west side of Pleasant View Road, between Doubs and Pleasant View in southern Frederick County. The house faces east toward the road, and is 2½ stories high, gable roofed with a metal standing seam roof, and six bays wide by two deep. It is now sheathed with white asbestos shingle, and according to the owner, is of brick construction. There are two brick chimneys, one located inside the north gable end, and the other located between the second and third bays from the south.

The location of these chimneys, and the locations of door and window openings on the principal facade, suggest that the house may possibly have been built in two sections or built to serve two different functions. The two entrances on this facade, one in the second bay from the south end and one in the second bay from the north end, also suggest that the building may have been divided in two sections. The four north bays form a distinctly separate section, with window and door openings here generally evenly spaced. The south two bays, however, are set apart from the northern four bays by a much wider space; this section is also clearly demarcated by the location of the chimney between the second and third bays from the south. Windows are 6/6 double-hung sash. A one-story wooden porch extends across the length of the facade. A one-story ell is located to the rear of the house on the north end. The house is currently being renovated by its owners.

8. Significance

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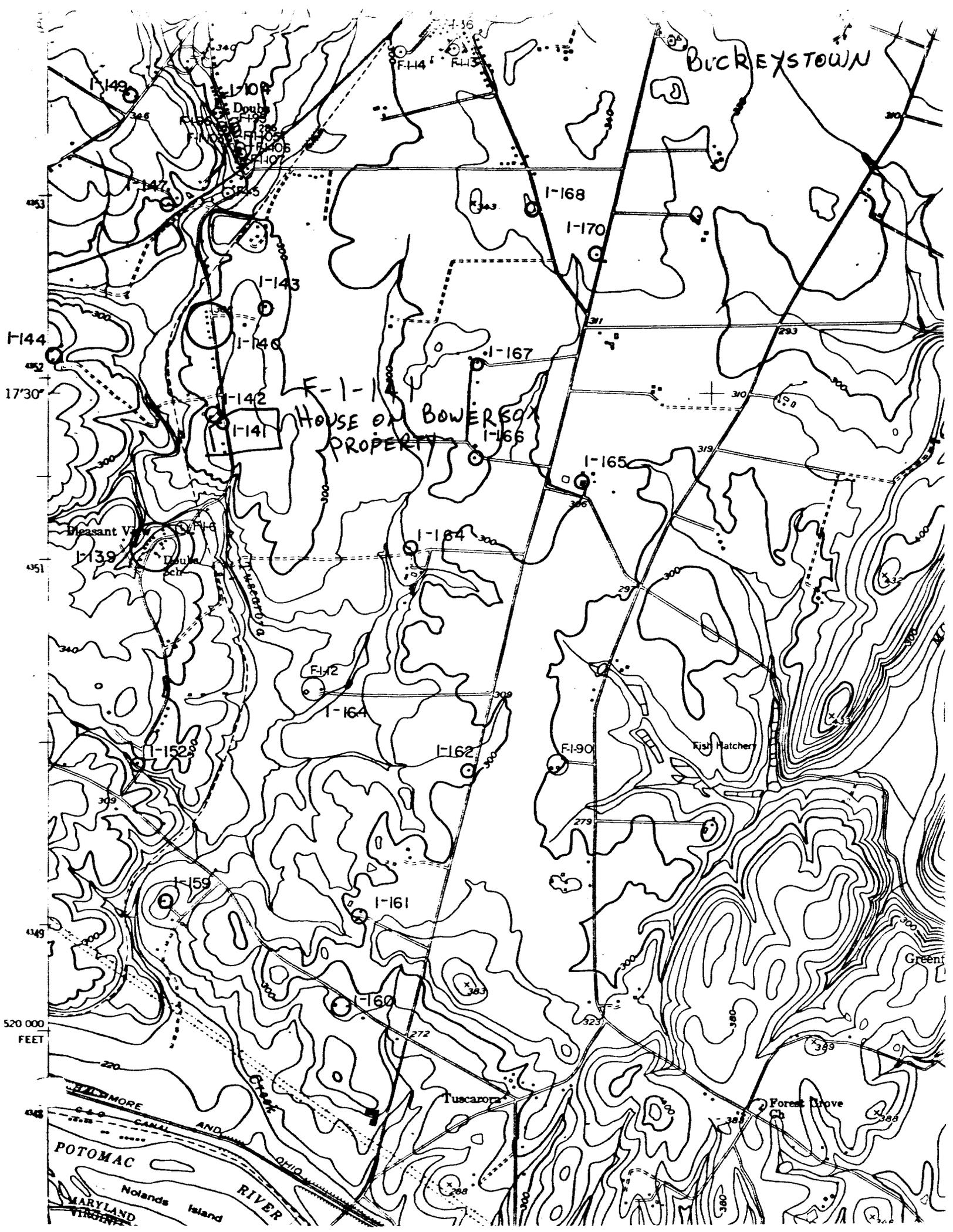
Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<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
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

This house is significant architecturally as a type of vernacular building which is unusual in this area. The unusually long principal facade; the division of the facade into four-bay and two-bay sections, each with separate entrance; and the locations of the two chimneys, all suggest either that the building was constructed in two sections or that it was originally built for some other use than as a single family dwelling. The building also appears to be the earliest in date of the buildings which line the west side of Pleasant View Road to the north.

The building is shown on the 1873 Lake atlas of Frederick County, possibly as the E.F. Bowersox property or more likely as "B.& W.S.", which may refer to a blacksmith and wheelwright shop. An E.F. Bowersox is listed as a wheelwright under Adamstown in the 1880 Maryland Directory. See also survey site F-1-142 for information on the house directly north of this one, which was probably the Bowersox house.





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House on Bowersox Property

East Elevation

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