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Benjamin Hall House
New Market
Private

C. 1806

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The principle facade, which was built in three sections, is five bays wide. The facade is built of coursed random stonework; other elevations are built of random stone. The house was built in three parts. The west section, with pegged six panel door and stepped brick cornice with dentiled brickwork, is the oldest; the east section exhibits exceptional stonework including keystone stone lintels and dates to the first half of the nineteenth century. A two story Victorian addition with bayed window, dentiled cornice and decorative brackets extends to the rear of the east section.

Three large stone outbuildings and a stone and brick bake oven also stand on the premises.

The land upon which the buildings stand, once comprised of 1054 acres, was first conveyed in 1755 to Benjamin Hall and was named "Halls Choice." Later in 1844 the name was changed to "Benjamin's Luck." The land descended through Joseph Hall to his son, Nicholas Hall. In March, 1806 for the price of 350 pounds, Benjamin Hall purchased the property and he and his wife resided in the house until 1844 when he sold part of the property to his son Joel, in a very unusual deed which divided the house as follows: "by a strait line to meet the south end of the partition dividing the west room from two east rooms in the mansion house of said Benjamin Hall in which he now resides."

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Benjamin Hall House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North Side Crickenberger Road

CITY, TOWN

New Market

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

ED 9 79 4

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Howard M. Mainhart

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

New Market

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21774

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 666

Folio #: 632

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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 Benjamin Hall House is a two story coursed and random stone gable roofed residence which faces south from the north side of Crickenberger Road near New Market.

The house and accompanying outbuildings are of exceptionally fine quality and style for the area. The coursed stonework of the residence is one of the finest examples found in the New Market Region.

The principle facade which was built in three sections is five bays wide. The facade is built of coursed random stonework; other elevations are built of random stone.

The west section appears to be the oldest part of the building because of the diminutive size of the windows and door and interior woodwork which remains. This sections is two bays wide and one room deep. An entrance, a pegged six panel door with window inserts and simple four light transom is located in the second bay.

Located in the remaining bays are double hung 6/6 windows. Over each bay on the facade of the west section of the house are keystone stone lintels. On the second level the keystones project into a stepped brick cornice with dentiled brickwork. The stonework of the west section is very similar to the treatment of the front section of the Anthony Kimmel House.

The east section of the building is three bays wide and one room deep. It is constructed of similarly fine coursed stonework on the facade. A two story stone addition extends to the rear. The main entrance, a pegged six panel door with window inserts and four light transom is located in the second bay.

Both windows on the first level of the east section have undergone substantial changes. The window in the first bay is a replaced 1/1 window; a larger 1/1 window has been placed in the third bay. Located in all three bays on the second level are double hung 6/6 windows with wood lintels. Keystone stone lintels are also located over each bay in the west section. A plain boxed cornice with a return which appears to be a replacement attaches the roof in the west section. A replaced but old slate flank gabled roof covers both sections of the main residence.

A three bayed frame window, with a dentiled cornice and decorative brackets extends eastward from the second level of the rear addition of the building located directly over a modern entrance porch or, the east side of the house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Benjamin Hall House is a very fine example of the stone architecture found in the New Market area of Frederick County. The coursed stonework of the main residence with keystone lintels is particularly unusual and not found on other stone buildings in the area.

The existence of three stone outbuildings including a large brick and stone bake oven (in good condition) is also quite uncommon.

The land upon which the buildings stand, once comprised of 1,054 acres, was first conveyed in 1755 to Benjamin Hall and was named "Halls Choice". Later in 1844, the name was changed to "Benjamin Luck".

The land descended through Joseph Hall to his son, Nicholas Hall. In March, 1806, for the price of 350 pounds Benjamin Hall purchased the property¹ and he and his wife resided in the house until 1844 when he sold part of the property to his son, Joel, in a very unusual deed which divided the house as follows: "by a strait line to meet the south end of the partition dividing the west room from the two east rooms in the mansion house of said Benjamin Hall in which he now resides." ²

The Hall family finally sold the property to Charles Duvall in 1870 for \$18,000.³ Several different families have owned it since that time.

¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber WR 28; Folio 324.
²Ibid., Liber HS 22; Folio 542.
³Ibid., Liber CM 5; Folio 588.

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

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

6/28/78

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

663-8300 ext. 266

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

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The Benjamin Hall House

To the rear of the entire structure is a small two story frame addition added in the twentieth century.

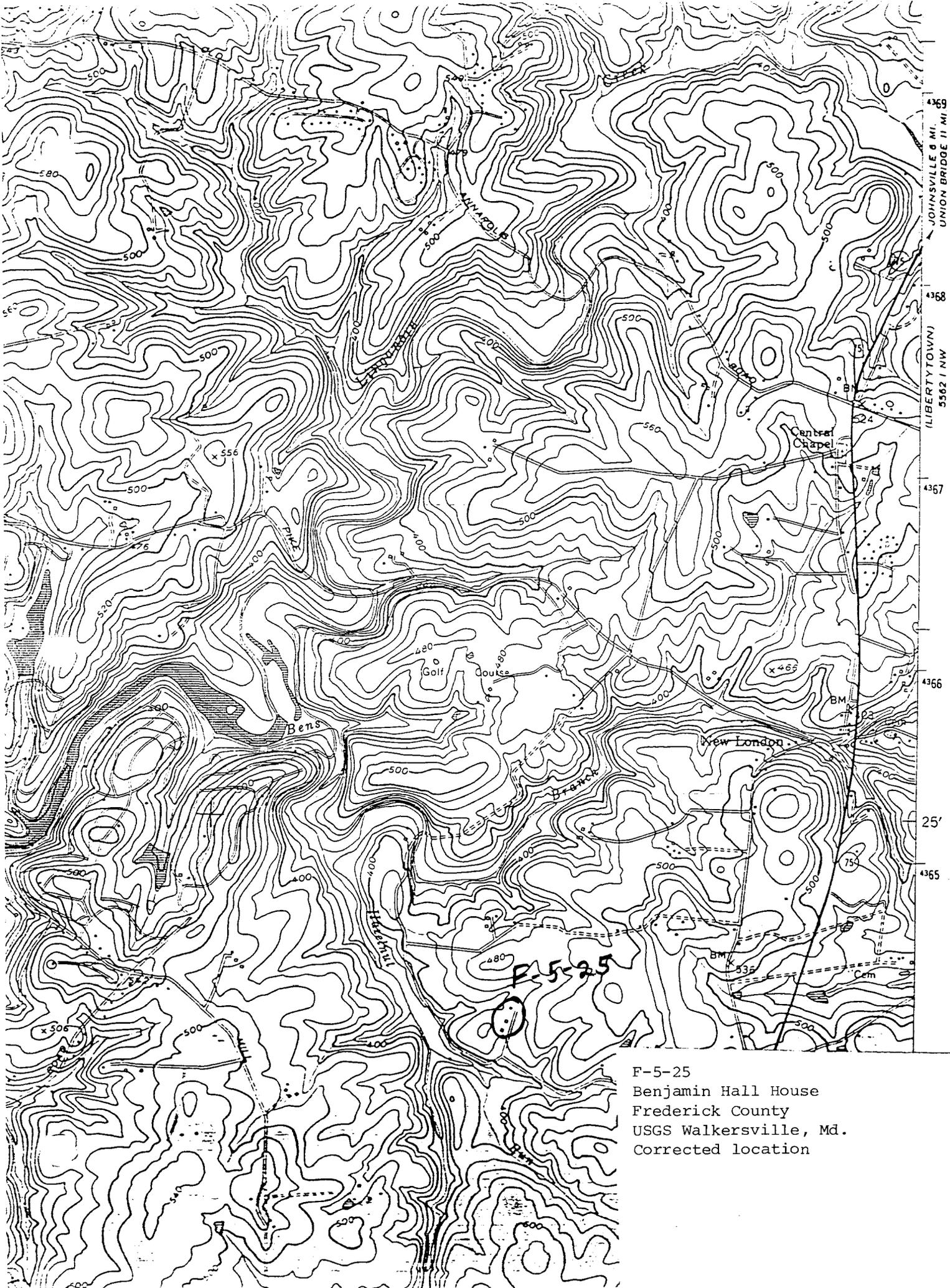
Four interior brick chimneys are located on the building; straddling the gable on the north, east, west, and center of the front section of the house.

Located just to the rear of the main residence is a two story random stone outbuilding, four bays wide and one room deep. The building is believed to have been used as a summer kitchen and servants quarter. Entrances are located in the second and third bays of the first level. Replaced double hung 6/6 windows occupy the first and fourth bay on both the first and second levels. Flat brick arches are located over each bay. The flank gable roof is slate and is attached to the building by a three stepped brick cornice. A small interior brick chimney flanks the gable on the west side.

A large bake oven, one of the most unusual features of the site, is located immediately west of the main house. It is sheltered under a front gable roof and is built on a coursed stone foundation. A brick wall encloses the oven on all except the north side of the building.

A stone workshed and additional square stone outbuilding are located west of the house. The square outbuilding is believed by the owner, to have been used as a small school during its past, however, it appears to be similar to a large springhouse.

Two other buildings located on the original tract of land associated with the building are a two story flemish and common bond brick building, located one mile west of the Benjamin Hall House, and two story frame building just south of Crickenberger Road.



F-5-25
Benjamin Hall House
Frederick County
USGS Walkersville, Md.
Corrected location



BENJAMIN HALL HOUSE
N/S CRICKENBERGER RD

SOUTH AND EAST ELEVATIONS

CEW 11/77

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BENJAMIN HALL HOUSE
N/S CRICKENBERGER RD
NORTH AND WEST ENDS

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BENJAMIN HALL HOUSE
N/S Crickenberger Rd
OUTBOUNDING

CREW 11/77
P-5-25



BENJAMIN HALL HOUSE OUTBUILDING
S/S Cricklen Leger Rd
FREDERICK COUNTY, MD

CEW 10/77
F-5-25



BENJAMIN WALL House
N/S Cricklenberger Rd
Outbuilding

CEW 11/77
F-5-25



BENJAMIN HALL House
N/S Cuellulberger Rd
BARRE OVEN

CEW 11/77
F-5-25



BENJAMIN HALL HOUSE
N/S CUCKENBERGER RD
OUTBUILDINGS

CEW 11/77
F-5-25