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James Sappington House  
Libertytown  
Private

C. 1785

The James Sappington House is significant to this area of Frederick County as the residence of John Young who laid out Libertytown.

Much of the original Federal detailing of the building including flemish bond brickwork with molded water table, decorative dentiled cornice with diamond and Greek Key design and narrow staircase with simple turned baluster remains intact.

The house served as the residence of General James Coale for an excess of twenty-five years when he served as the president of the C & O canal and made Brigadier General of Frederick infantry units in 1860.

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## DESCRIPTION (Continued)

## The James Sappington House

Located next to the farm pond on the southwest side of the building is a pyramidal tin roofed whitewashed random stone springhouse.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC John Laspia

AND/OR COMMON

James Sappington House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South Side Route 26

CITY, TOWN

Libertytown (east of)

— VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 John Laspia

Telephone #: 898-7868

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Libertytown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21762

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 961

Folio #: 742

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

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 checked="" 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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The James Sappington House is an ell shaped two and one-half story Federal style brick residence which faces north from the south side of Route 26 at the east edge of Libertytown.

The principal facade is five bays wide. The main entrance, a replaced six panel door with four light transom and colonnaded and dentiled pediment with diamond and Greek key design is located in the third bay.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first level are double hung 9/6 windows with pegged framing and jack arches. Double hung 6/6 windows with single header arches are located in each bay on the second level. The entire residence exhibits very fine brickwork including a diagonal brick water table and flemish bond on the facade. The remaining elevations are laid in common bond.

The main block of the residence is two bays deep with double file fenestration. The arches over the windows on the first level on the east side of the building are single header arches for some unexplained reason. A similar arch accommodates a cellar entrance on the west side of the building.

The main residence is built on a low random whitewashed stone foundation. A leader course separates the stone from the brick bond. The building is covered by a flank gable standing seam tin roof which is attached to the residence by a very decorative original dentiled cornice with diamond and Greek key detailing. Two double brick chimneys rise from the east and west gable ends.

The interior of the building is a two room flanker center hall plan. Although the mantelpieces have been replaced, original beaded chair railing, and a narrow staircase with simple turned balusters remain intact.

A two story brick addition, three bays deep with a two story open porch to the east side was added in the nineteenth century. Except for the exterior brick walls, very little of the historic fabric of the building remains unchanged. The open porches were enclosed and interior spaces renovated for modern space. The addition is covered by a standing seam tin roof with single replaced brick chimney on the south gable.

A frame one story smokehouse with exterior brick chimney sits immediately to the rear of the main residence. The structure is two bays wide covered with German clapboarding and a standing seam tin gable roof.

A frame bank barn with coursed stone foundation in deteriorating condition is also located on the premises.

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**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input 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 James Sappington House is significant to Frederick County for its fine Federal architectural styling, and also for its associations with John Young, founder of Libertytown.

According to Williams History of Frederick County Maryland, Young laid out the town of Libertytown in June, 1782. The existing James Sappington House was probably built at this time. Upon the death of Young, he left his estate to Richard Coale who died in 1834 and left the property to his sons, Richard, James, and William.<sup>1</sup>

General James Coale took possession of the house in the 1830's and lived there until he died. General James Gale, a lawyer, was the president of C & O Canal and opened negotiations with the B & O Railroad to act as a connecting link between the canal and Cumberland for facilitating the transport of coal until the canal was completed to Cumberland.<sup>2</sup>

General Coale was also made brigadier general of Frederick infantry units in 1860, and served as a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1852 to 1862.<sup>3</sup>

From 1869 to 1896 the farm was leased by John D. Kling.<sup>4</sup> The property remained in the Sappington family until 1950.

<sup>1</sup>T.J.C. Williams, History of Frederick County Maryland, Baltimore Maryland: Regional Publishing Co., 1967, Rpt. of 1910, p. 325.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., page 276.

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., page 1235.

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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

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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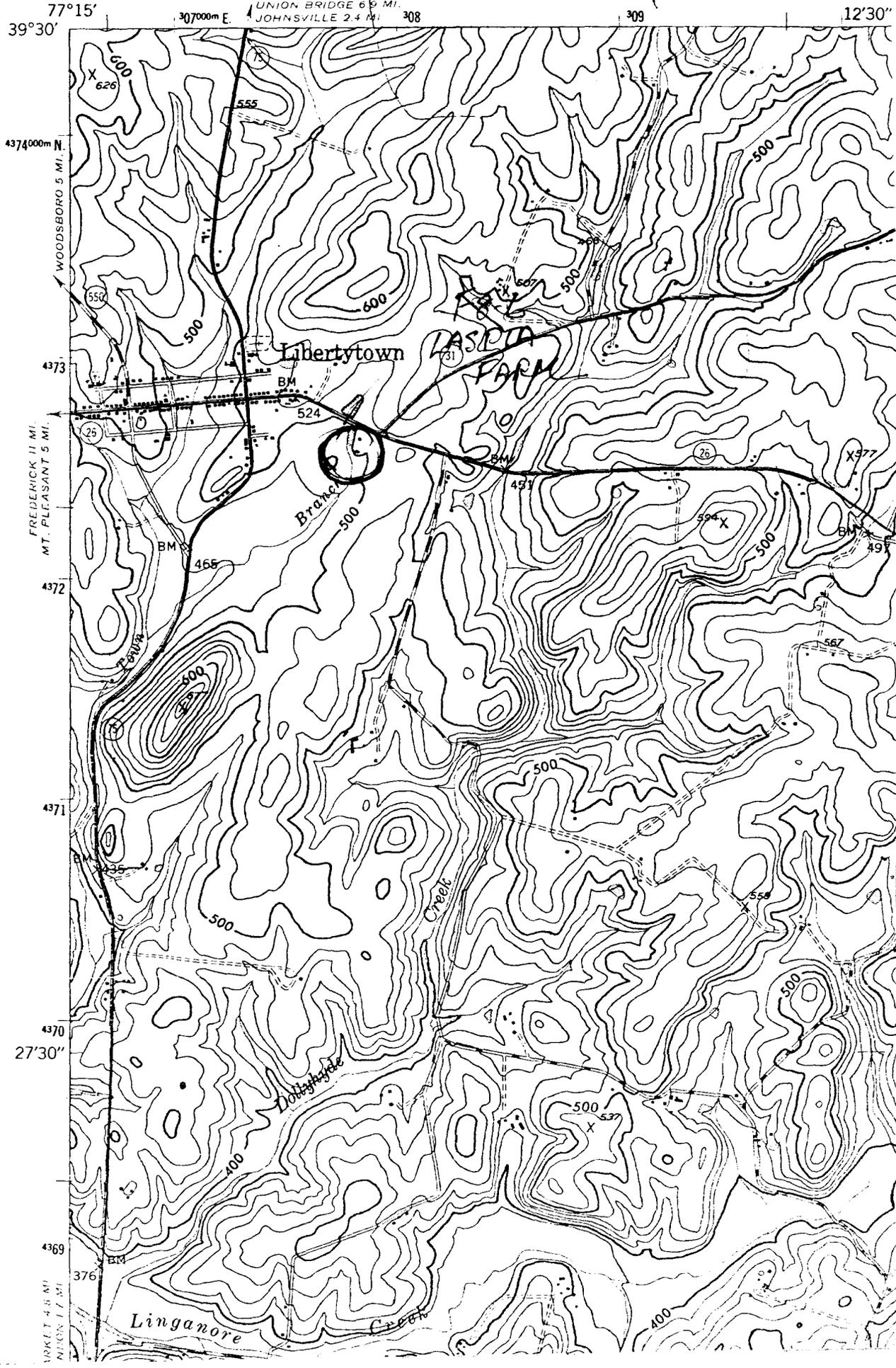
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

LIBERTYTOWN  
QUADRANGLE





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3/5 Rte 26 Libertytown

Math Evaluation

CEW 4/18



P-8-L

3/5 Pte 26 Liberty Lowz

Southwest elevation

CRW

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F86

S/S Rte 26 Liberty Ave

Southwest elevation

OKW 11/78



K-8-6

3/5 Rte 26 Libertytown

FRONT DOOR DETAIL

CREW 11/78



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5/3 Rte 26 Westydown  
North Chevalier  
CEN 11/78



F-8-6  
3/5 Pte 26 Libertytown  
Southeast Elevation  
CEN 11/78



F-86  
S/S Rte 26 Libertytown  
EAST ELEVATION  
CEN 11/78



P-86

5/3 Rte 26 Libertytown

WINDOW DETAIL

CRWS 11/78



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3/5 Rte 26 Libertytown  
WINDOW DETAIL  
CREW 11/78



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3/5 Rte 26 LIBERTYTOWN  
WINDOW DETAIL  
CRW 11/78



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3/3 Rte 26 Libertytown  
Celtic Arch Detail  
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3/3 Rte 26 Libertytown

Cornice Detail

CFW

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S/S Rte 26 Libertytown  
Defaut, brick waterfable

CEW 11/78



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S/S Rte 26 Libertytown  
Smokehouse

OEW 11/78



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3/3 Rte 26 Libertytown

INTERIOR STAIRCASE

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S/S Rte 26 Libertytown

BANK BARN

CEW 11/78



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3/5 Rte 26 Libertytown

BANK BOOK

NEW 11/78



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S/S Rte 26 Libertytown  
BANK BARD  
CREW 11/78



F-86  
S/S Rte 26 Libertytown  
WAGON SHED  
CEW 11/78



F-8-6  
3/5 Rte 26 LIBERTY TOWER

SPRINGHOUSE

CEW

11/78