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William Wilson Ashby House  
Crellin  
Private

1876-1877

The William Wilson Ashby House is significant because of its association with the Ashby family, early settlers in Garrett County. It is also significant as one of the few fine late 19th century brick houses in Garrett County.

The house, built between 1876 and 1877, is a brick, 2 story, 3 bay by 1 bay, classically influenced dwelling based on the ell-plan and has a hip-roof. The main block measures 20 x 50 feet and the ell, 20 x 40 feet. The facade faces east and has a central entrance.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

William Wilson Ashby House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Crellin-Underwood Rd., West side, approx. 1 mile South of Crellin

CITY, TOWN

Crellin

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dorsey T. Ashby

Telephone #: 301-334-3540

STREET & NUMBER

Crellin - Underwood Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Crellin

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21550

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The William Wilson Ashby House is located approximately 1 mile southwest of Crellin, MD. The house is presently abandoned.

The house, built between 1876 and 1877, is a brick, 2 story, 3 bay by 1 bay, classically influenced dwelling based on the ell-plan and has a hip roof. The main block measures 20 x 50 feet and the ell, 20 x 40 feet. The facade faces east and has a central entrance.

One hundred thousand bricks were used in the construction of the house. The brick is laid in common bond. The first story walls are laid 3 courses deep and the second story, 2 courses deep. Interior wall partitions are made of brick. The foundation is made of cut stone laid 3 feet wide and 3 feet high in the front.

The facade entrance is flanked by wooden panels, surmounted by side lights and an 8-pane transom. The door is paneled and the entire entrance has plain, narrow board surrounds. Most of the windows are broken and boarded up, but the ones that are located in the ell are lower 1 sash. Based on historical photos, it appears that the windows were 2 by 2 sash. There is a double window, above the facade entrance, at the second story. All windows have narrow plain board surrounds and a one-course wide brick lintel.

A wide, wooden cornice has double brackets across the facade and at the corners of the main block; single brackets adorn the remaining elevations and the ell.

The facade has undergone at least one porch alteration. The existing porch, although in a deteriorating condition, runs the length of the facade and is 1 story with a hipped roof and supported by wooden Doric columns. A c. 1920 photo reveals a 1-story, hipped roof porch covering just the entrance bay and featured scroll work ornamentation and latticing at the base. A late 1800's photo reveals that originally the house did not have a facade porch.

A dilapidated shed enclosure covers the rear, west elevation of the house and part of the south elevation of the ell. There is an entrance into the west end of the south elevation of the ell which consists of a paneled door with a transom.

There are 3 interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps: one at the north elevation and one at the south elevation of the main block, and the third is located in the ell.

Interior: The house is a central hallway, four room plan with the kitchen located in the ell. The facade entrance opens into a small anteroom from which a stairway leads to the upper story. A central hallway leads through, past the stairway, to a rear door which opens onto the back porch. There are small fireplaces in each room. The fireplace in the kitchen was never used except to accomodate a cast iron cookstove.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ashby, Iret. The Ashby Story. Terra Alta, W.VA.: Pioneer Press, 1975.

Shaffer, Robert C. History of Crellin, Maryland. Oakland: Sincell Printing Co., Inc., 1976.

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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

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DATE

September 1981

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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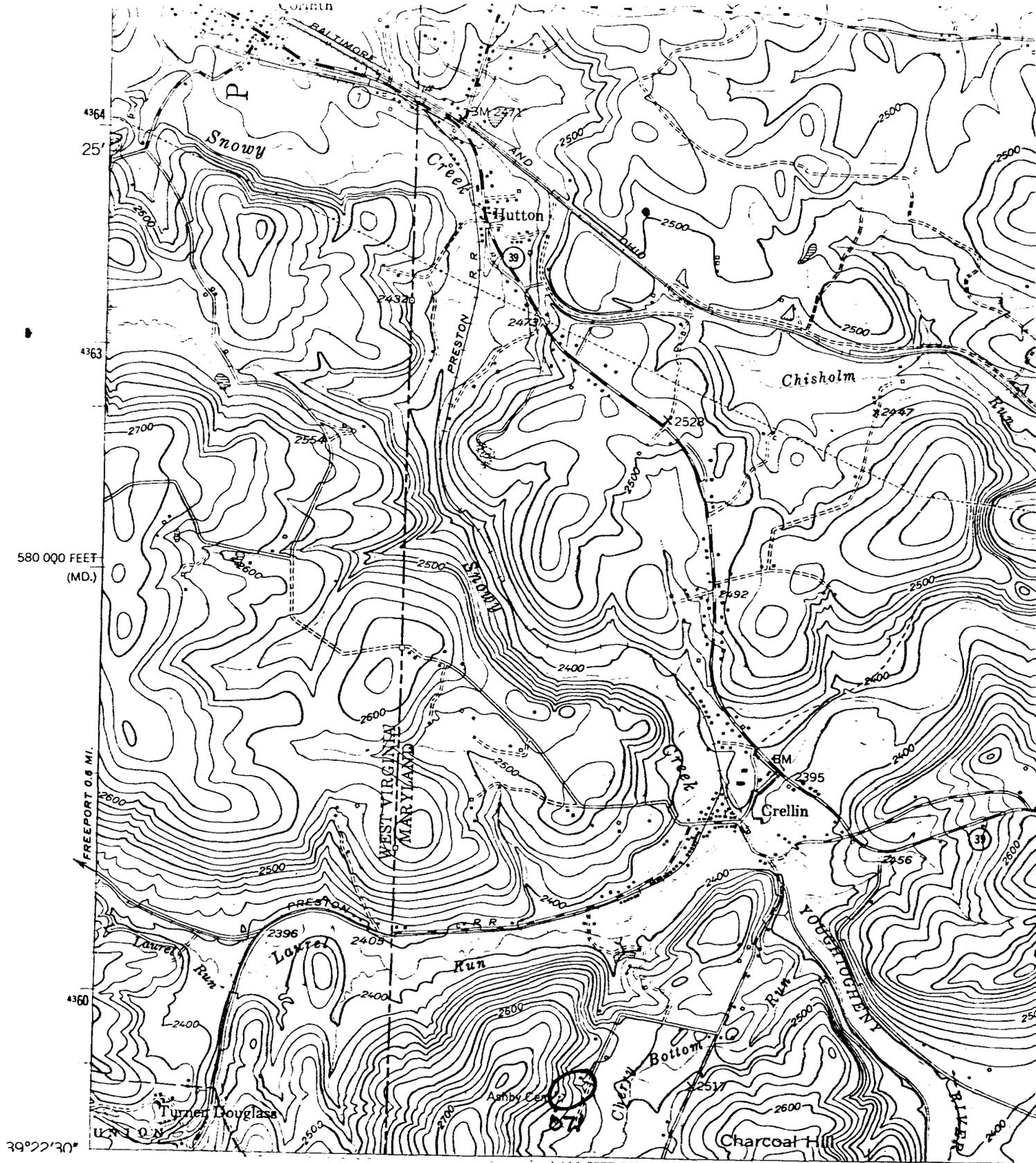
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(Continued - #8, Significance)

born to William Williams and Mary Wilson Ashby in 1809) (Ashby, p. 22).

William Wilson Ashby died in 1902. The house, now owned by Dorsey Ashby, has remained in Ashby family hands since that time.



Oakland, MD:WV Quad.  
 Crellin  
 7.5 Minute Series  
 Scale 1:24,000  
 1948; photorevised 1974

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Facade E. elev (House)



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House: side-s. elev.



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