

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

<p>1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Harford County TOWN Joppertown STREET NO. Joppertown</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER Rumsey Family ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER Panitz & Co. PRESENT USE Vacant WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick NO. OF STORIES 2-1/2</p>	<p>HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY HA - 1</p> <p>2. NAME Rumsey</p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD Early 18th century STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION</p> <p style="text-align: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u></p> <p>The Rumsey house is located on the Gunpowder River and is now in a housing development. The 2-1/2 story brick building has a one-story "catslide" wing. The lower story of the mansion and the wing are covered with stucco. The south and west sides of the main building are laid in Flemish bond with glazed headers. There is no basement under the main house. Above the water-table, an existing one-brick belt course may indicate that a pent roof could have existed around the four sides of the house.</p> <p>There is a plaster cove cornice on all sides of the attic story. The house has a gambrel roof and the cove cornice is also built on the gable producing a gambrel pediment. The south facade is five bays wide and has a central door. The north facade is only three bays wide. There are three flat headed dormers on the gambrel roof which have 9-pane casements. The second floor gable-ends used to have two small windows, now bricked up. There is a flat-roof porch over the north entrance. The windows of the second floor on the north facade have been moved at some time. The door of the north entrance has fluted pilasters on each side. The doors of the house were apparently 8 panelled. The interior is divided into a center hall and a single room on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(continued on reverse side)</p>	
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <small>Endangered</small> <small>Interior</small> <small>Exterior</small> </p> <p><u>Poor condition</u></p> <p>* See reverse side</p>	
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH 3</p>	<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> <p>Forman, Henry Chandlee <u>Early Manor and Plantation Houses</u> of Maryland, 1934</p>
<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Michael O. Bourne Maryland Historical Trust</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD March 11, 1968</p>	

each side. The living room, west of the hall, has a panelled overmantel with fluted pilasters. The dining room, east of the hall, had a completely panelled wall, although much of it has been damaged, and in the north-east corner of this room there is an enclosed stair which rises to the attic. Each of the two second floor bedrooms are panelled on the fireplace wall. There are two closets - one on each side of the fireplace. The attic shows evidence of having been divided in the same manner as the second floor. The central hall staircase is partially enclosed from the second floor to the attic. The banister is missing, but a piece of it has been found in one of the out-buildings and shows fine workmanship. The step-ends are similar to those at Sophia's Dairy.

The house was recently broken into and all of the doors were smashed and mutilated. The present owner hopes to restore the building in the future.

Marker reads: "Rumsey Mansion

This Colonial home of Benjamin Rumsey, influential landowner and member of the first American Continental Congress. Erected in 1720 - 24 with bricks imported from England, it remains an outstanding example of colonial Georgian architecture."



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