

SUMMARY

HA-1253

Galbreath-Voss House
1112 Main Street
Darlington, MD 21034

Built in 1884 by the principal of the Darlington Academy, A Finney Galbreath, the Galbreath-Voss house is a suitably conventional--yet distinguished--residence on Darlington's Main Street. The Galbreath-Voss House and the two houses that flank it (HA-1255, HA-1256) were on lots of "Phillips Purchase" sub-divided by Miles Crow in 1866. Considered together, this trio of houses represents the taste of the prosperous and substantial citizens of Victorian Darlington.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Galbreath-Voss House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1112 Main Street (west side of Main Street)

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Daniel & Jan Voss

Telephone #: 836-3864

STREET & NUMBER

1112 Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21034

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

4-253

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input 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

Located on the west side of Main Street in Darlington, this two-story, gable-roofed frame house is ell-shaped with a one and one-half story addition on the rear of west end of the ell.

Covered in German siding, the house, which is three bays wide and one bay deep, is set on a low stone foundation and faces east with a front center gable; the south side of the ell is flush with the north end of the house. The juncture of the ell has been partially filled in with a two-story enclosed porch. Most windows have 2/2 sash (although some have 6/6 sash) and louvered shutters. North of the center gable is a stuccoed stove flue. The roof has exposed eaves and the gables have barge boards decorated with a simple geometric design of bands and circles.

The east facade of the house has an entrance in the north bay, flanked on the south by two full-length windows. The second story has three windows in the corresponding bays, and there is a window in the gable.

Each end of the east section has one window in each story.

The two-bay by one-bay room at the juncture of the ell is shingled on the first story and opens onto the porches on the east side. It covers the eastern bay of the ell's south side leaving one window in each story of the ell. In the west end of the ell the one and one-half story addition covers all but the gable window, and the ell's north side has one window in each story.

The one and one-half story west addition has a window and a door in the east and west bays, respectively, and a dormer containing a pair of windows in the south side. A new shed-roofed addition surrounds the north and west sides.

The interior plan has a side stair-hall with a three-run staircase, flanked on the north by a parlor with a fireplace for coal in the south wall. The ell contains the dining room with an enclosed staircase against the north wall. The kitchen in the west addition originally had a staircase against the north wall, which was recently moved to the west wall.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
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| <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 checked="" 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 | | | | |

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| SPECIFIC DATES | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Like the neighboring George Whitelock and James Gosier houses, this lot was subdivided from a 16-acre parcel on the Darlington-Dublin road (now Darlington's Main Street) purchased by Miles Crow in 1866.¹ It was part of a 180-acre parcel of "Phillips Purchase" that had been owned by Thomas C. Stump.

In 1883, Miles Crow sold this 127-perch lot to A. Finney Galbreath.² The Galbreaths took out a \$1500 mortgage the next year and almost certainly built the house then. A. Finney Galbreath was the principal of Darlington Academy for forty years, and the house is suitably distinguished without being immodest. William Wilson Galbreath purchased the property in 1907 and sold it to Virginia J. Wilson in 1949.

This house should be considered in conjunction with the two houses that flank it. Together they represent the tastes of the prosperous and substantial citizens of Darlington around the turn of the century. This house and the George Whitelock house to the south date from the same time (the Gosier ^{house} was rebuilt after a 1918 fire) and together show a conventional and a relatively unconventional gesture of upper middle class Victorian Darlingtonians. The Galbreath-Voss house is a decorated condensed Harford County farmhouse with many peers in Bel Air. The George Whitelock house shows a more cosmopolitan taste that can be observed in Havre de Grace and Aberdeen.

- 1. Liber WHD 17, Folio 177
- 2. Liber ALJ 48, Folio 177

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will, and equity records of Harford County

Harford Democrat, March 12, 1948

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | COUNTY |
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

10/79

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

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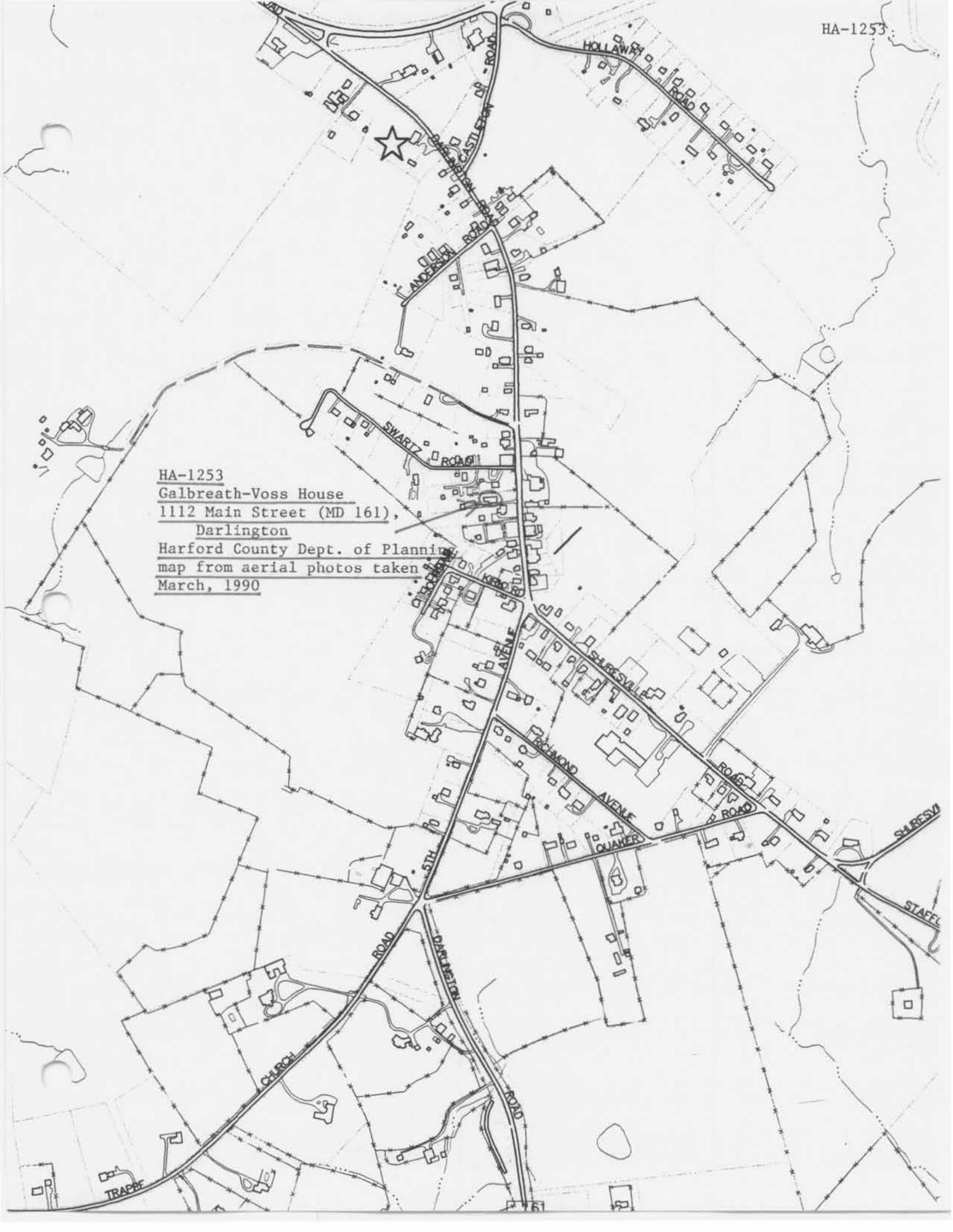
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

Title Search (Cont'd.)

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| 10. | ALJ 48/177 | September 1, 1883 | Grantor: Miles Crow Grantee: A. Finney Galbreath Sum: \$278.90 Acreage: 127 1/2 Perches |
| 11. | WHD 17/177 | February 1, 1866 | Grantor: Oliver M. & Margaret S. Warfield Edward M. & Sallie E. Allen Amos Spencer Grantee: Miles Crow Sum: \$803.13 Acreage: 16 Acres, 10 Perches |
| 12. | WHD 15/137 (Mort.) | May 27, 1864 | Grantor: Oliver M. & Margaret S. Warfield Grantee: Amos Spencer Sum: \$2000 Acreage: 28 Acres of "Philips Purchase" |
| 13. | WHD 15/30 | January 10, 1864 | Grantor: Ann Stump, widow of Thomas C. Stump, et al Grantee: Oliver Warfield Sum: \$9010 Acreage: 180 Acres, 27 Perches of "Philips Purchase" |

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Galbreath-Voss House
1112 Main Street (MD 161),
Darlington
Harford County Dept. of Planning
map from aerial photos taken
March, 1990



Coronings Dam
1965 map





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Natalie Shivers
Southwest



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Northeast