

SUMMARY

HA-1537

Stephen Kahoe House
333 Bynum Ridge Road
Forest Hill, MD 21050

Although architectural features date the back portion of this two-story stuccoed stone house to the late 18th century and the front portion to the first quarter of the 19th century, historical records only obscure the issue. The property consisting of parts of the tracts "Edmunds Camp," "Bilberry Hall," Durham's additions to Bilberry Hall, and "Friends Advice" was owned by Samuel Durham until 1795. Edward Tredway may have built the main section of the house after he purchased the property and took out a mortgage in 1815.

Architecturally, the house is an undiscovered treasure. The stuccoed exterior with aluminum shutters and an aluminum portico belie the wealth and quality of the federal ornament within. The early 19th century portion of the house has been preserved beautifully, the 18th century section less so--but much of the original configuration is still apparent.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Stephen Kahoe House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

333 Bynum Ridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Vivien Kahoe

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

333 Bynum Ridge Road

CITY, TOWN

Forrest Hill,

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21050

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

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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

This two-story, stuccoed stone house built in two parts is located on the east side of Bynum Road south of Montgomery Drive, just west of the Route 1 By-Pass.

The house, facing south, is el-shaped, with a corbelled cornice and a gable roof extending in a long pitch over the 1-1/2 story rear kitchen wing. The long side of the ell--or south section, dating from the first quarter of the 19th century, measures 44'4" X 21'3" and is five bays long and one room deep with interior end chimneys. Perpendicular to that, extending north and flush with the west end is the one-room, 1-1/2 story, 12'2" X 19'11" kitchen addition, probably dating from the 18th century, with a rebuilt exterior brick chimney on the north side. The stucco completely covers the distinction between the two sections. Windows have 9/6 sash in the 1st story of the south section and 6/6 sash elsewhere, except for the four-light gable windows. (Windows also have recent aluminum louvered shutters.)

The south facade has an entrance in the center bay, with windows in both stories of each of the other five bays. (A recent portico with a metal awning covers the entrance bay.) The north facade of the south section has an entrance in the westernmost bay (coinciding with the center bay of the south facade) with a window at stair landing level above it, flanked by one window in the second story and two in the first. Both ends of the south section are blank except for a pair of gable windows.

The north wing has a door and window in the first story of the west end and one window in the second story; the east end is similar, minus one window in the first story. The north side has two pairs of replaced windows.

The interior of the south section has a center hall plan. Windows have splayed jambs with single raised panels set inside recessed bands. The trim and mantels differ between the two rooms. The west room has architrave trim; the mantel has a molded shelf, a three-torus cornice, an architrave with a recessed panel, and pilasters flanking the opening containing recessed bands with columns of ovals and diamonds. The east room trim has two central fillets, flanked by wide flutes, and corner blocks. The mantel, like that in the west room, has a molded shelf and three-torus cornice; the architrave contains a panel with four bevelled planes, and columns flank the opening. The basement contains a stone fireplace or chimney base in the west wall. The attic rafters are numbered with Roman numerals and pegged together with mortise-tenon joints.

The interior of the kitchen wing consists of one room in the first story with a winder stair in the southwest corner and one room in the second story. The kitchen fireplace has been blocked up although the apparently original mantel with a curved shelf and simple molding is extant. Four hooks in the ceiling in a square configuration may have been for hanging quilts.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 checked="" 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

Although architectural features date the back portion of the house to the late 18th or early 19th century and the front portion to the 1st quarter of the 19th century, historical records provide little supporting evicence.

The Harford County Land Records begin with Samuel Durham, whose will dated 1786 left all his real estate to his son, Samuel.¹ The will stipulated, however, that "the said estate be properly surveyed and contents be rated at 20 shillings specie per acre and the amount of which to be paid each of my other sons." Samuel Durham was a relatively prosperous man, according to the inventory of his personal estate valued at 824 pounds and 18 shillings. It included 10 slaves and three children of slaves, seven horses and four yearlings, and 11 cows (including five steer) and two hogs, as well as such items as a copper still, an "old cyder mill," a variety of 100-gallon and 60-gallon casks, and--indicative of a fairly civilized lifestyle: one tablecloth and three towels, 1/2 dozen silver tablespoons and one dozen knives and forks, books, and "one stone jug warming pan and taylors shears."

In 1795 a public sale disposing of Samuel Durham's property was held, and Hugh Young paid 100 pounds for 625 acres of the tracts "Edmunds Camp," "Bilberry Hall," Durhams 1st, 2nd and 3rd additions to Bilberry Hall, "Addition to Durhams Meadows," "Friends Advice," "Scotts Hopewell" and "Ewings Contrivance."²

Although the 1783 Tax Assessment lists Samuel Durham as owning 242 acres of the abovementioned tracts (describing the soil quality as "sorry"), the 1798 Tax Assessment is less helpful. It lists several Durhams--Lee Durham owning a house occupied by Hugh Young--but nothing owned by Hugh Young and none of the house descriptions and dimensions match those of the stone rear portion of this particular house.

William Billingslea purchased 242 acres of this farm by two deeds, one dated 1802,³ the other 1808.⁴ The 1814 Tax List credits William Billingslea with 260 acres (not named), a two-story stone dwelling 40' X 22' a barn, and six outbuildings, valued at \$2600. More promising is the entry for 230 acres "above Bell Air," with a two-story stone dwelling 20' X 16' (the stone portion of this house measures approximately 12'5" X 19'11") and two wood outbuildings, valued at \$1840. A note tells us that this property was "CHD." to Edward Tredway and, indeed, in 1815 William Billingslea sold 236 acres of "Edwards Camp," "Bilberry Hall," "Durhams Second Addition to Bilberry Hall" and "Friends Advice" to Edward Tredway for \$3307.50.⁵

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will & equity records of Harford County
 1798 Tax List
 1814 Tax List
 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map
 1878 Martenet's Map

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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

Natalie Shivers, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

3/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air, MD

STATE

21014

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.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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8. Statement of Significance

(Continuation Sheet #1)

Tredway procured a mortgage of \$1694.46 from Billingslea that same year, and the main portion of the house was probably built at this time.

There was a problem with this mortgage and the September session of the 1824 Chancery Court in Annapolis, sold the property back to William Billingslea for \$1602.⁶

In 1843 Billingslea's wife, Elizabeth, and two daughters, Eliza and Maria, sold the property to Wm. & Isaac Mechem.⁷ They divided it--the section on the west side of the road from Bel Air to Rock Spring (now Md. Rte. 24) went to William, the section on the east (and the part this house is on) to Isaac.⁸

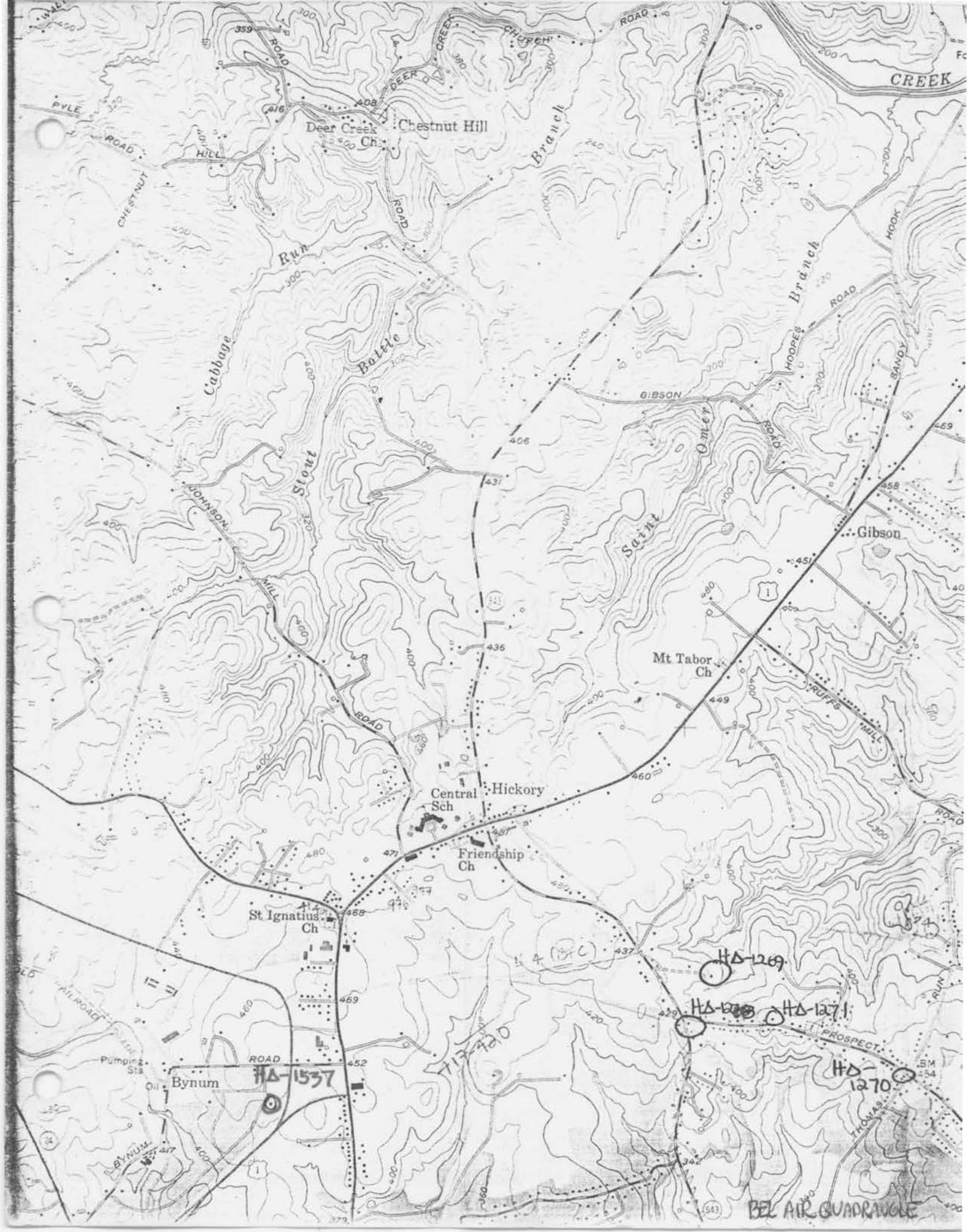
The 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map credits a house on the north side of Bynum Run Road to "Billingsley." Although both the owner and location are slightly askew, the house most certainly was built by this time.

Isaac Mechem died in 1859, His will leaves his home farm to his sister Lydia during her life, and then to his four brothers John, George, Richard, and William. The 1878 Martenet's Map lists a house belonging to Miss Lydia Mitchell (sic) here. She died in 1885, and in 1886 Daniel P. Lynch purchased it, now comprising 213 acres, and divided it with his mother, Mary Lynch.

Daniel Lynch lived in this house until his death in 1922 and the Kahoes have owned it since 1925.

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1. Will Records Liber AJ2, Folio 159
2. Liber JLG M, Folio 432
3. Liber HDQ, Folio 360
4. Liber HDT, Folio 377
5. Liber HDY, Folio 233
6. Liber HD 8, Folio 293
7. Liber HD 29, Folio 33
8. Liber ALJ 9, Folio 238
9. Equity Records Liber ALJ 40, Folio 64
10. Liber DGW 191, Folio 484



CREEK

Chestnut Hill
Deer Creek Ch.

Run

Cabbage

Battle

Stout

Branch

Branch

GIBSON

HOOPES

ROAD

HOOK

SANDY

Summit

Omer

Gibson

Mt Tabor
Ch

Central Sch
Hickory

Friendship
Ch

St Ignatius
Ch

Bynum

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HS-1269

HS-1270

HS-1271

HS-1270

BEL AIR QUADRANGLE



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N. Shivers 1/80
Southwest



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Northeast



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West