

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Baker -Scarborough House Inventory Number: HA-1553

Address: 913 Stepney Road. City: Bel Air Zip Code: 21014

County: Harford County USGS Topographic Map: Aberdeen, Maryland, 1985

Owner: Krokowski, Janet Is the property being evaluated a district? NO

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: 057999

Project: Adams Property Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context _____		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property was most recently observed and photographed on January 17, 2003. Its condition was unchanged since the preparation of the Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey form in the library of the Maryland Historical Trust.

The property is described in, Maryland Historical Trust, Inventory Form For State Historic Sites Survey prepared by Natalie Shivers, Harford County Historical District Commission, on April 1980. Following is a brief summary of that property description, as modified by site observations made January 17, 2003.

From the description, the house, which faces west, is a two and half story, gabled roofed (east to west) house. The house is five bays wide and two bays deep. German wood siding is located on the main section of the building. The main/ west section of the house has an interior brick chimney at the north end and an exterior chimney on the south end. The east section of the building consists of two and half story, gabled roof and is three bays wide and one room deep with an exterior chimney on the

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
<i>Janet Krokowski</i> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>4/30/03</u> Date
<i>[Signature]</i> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>4/29/03</u> Date

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

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east and shed roof porches on the north and south sides of this section. The main wood portico entrance is on the west side, and is column supported with a lower hip roof. Fenestration is a 6/6 sash windows with louvered shutters. In addition, the house was originally described as being in good condition. In addition to the house, a one-story, gable roofed clapboard structure with a brick chimney at the east end is located to the north of the house. South of the house are four wood framed out buildings, including a board and batten barn. It was observed that this property appears unchanged from the description in the attached form.

The property is not associated with any event or personage that would qualify it for eligibility under Criteria A or B, respectively. A portion of the Baker-Scarborough house reportedly may date from ca. 1839, and the property remained in the hands of the Baker family for many years, evolving as the family prospered. The Bakers were locally prominent in the canning and furniture making industries. The significance of the property is local in nature and derives primarily from the extensive elements of design and construction, which remain in good condition. Accordingly, the property is considered eligible for historic registration under Criterion C. No known archaeological significance is associated with the property, making it ineligible for consideration under Criterion D.

Prepared by: William C. Riggs, RA
Historic Architect

Date Prepared: 01.28.03

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Photo Negative List - Adams Raw Land 09.75132.0272

Ordered by Property Number

Roll 1		Roll 2		Roll 3		Summary	No Photos- (Bldg. demolished, or not in survey area)
Neg	Property	Neg	Property	Neg	Property		
1-33	HA-1294	2-17	HA-0987	3-4	HA-1296	HA-0987	HA-988
1-34	HA-1294	2-18	HA-0987	3-5	HA-1296	HA-0989	HA-1295
1-35	HA-1294	2-19	HA-0987	3-6	HA-1296	HA-0991	HA-1304
1-36	HA-1294	2-2	HA-0989	3-7	HA-1297	HA-0998	HA-1313
1-1	HA-1533	2-3	HA-0989	3-8	HA-1297	HA-0999	
1-2	HA-1533	2-4	HA-0989	3-9	HA-1297	HA-1293	
1-3	HA-1533	2-11	HA-0991	3-10	HA-1297	HA-1294	
1-4	HA-1533	2-12	HA-0991	3-1	HA-1554	HA-1296	
1-5	HA-1533	2-13	HA-0991	3-2	HA-1554	HA-1297	
1-6	HA-1534	2-14	HA-0991	3-3	HA-1554	HA-1533	
1-7	HA-1534	2-15	HA-0991			HA-1534	
1-8	HA-1534	2-16	HA-0991			HA-1535	
1-9	HA-1534	2-33	HA-0998			HA-1536	
1-10	HA-1534	2-34	HA-0998			HA-1553	
1-11	HA-1534	2-35	HA-0998			HA-1554	
1-12	HA-1534	2-36	HA-0998			HA-1618	
1-13	HA-1534	2-25	HA-0999			HA-1875	
1-14	HA-1534	2-26	HA-0999				
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1-28	HA-1535	2-21	HA-1293				
1-29	HA-1535	2-22	HA-1293				
1-15	HA-1553	2-23	HA-1293				
1-16	HA-1553	2-24	HA-1293				
1-17	HA-1553	2-1	HA-1536				
1-18	HA-1553	2-5	HA-1536				
1-19	HA-1553	2-6	HA-1536				
1-20	HA-1553	2-7	HA-1536				
1-21	HA-1553	2-8	HA-1536				
1-22	HA-1553	2-9	HA-1536				
1-30	HA-1618	2-10	HA-1536				
1-31	HA-1618	2-31	HA-1875				
1-32	HA-1618	2-32	HA-1875				

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HARFORD COUNTY
 Real Property Data Search

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Account Identifier: District - 02 Account Number - 057999

Owner Information

Owner Name: KROKOWSKI JANET M C Use: RESIDENTIAL
 Principal Residence: YES
 Mailing Address: 913 S STEPNEY RD Deed Reference: 1) / 422/ 216
 ABERDEEN MD 21001-2618 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address: 913 S STEPNEY ROAD Zoning: R1 Legal Description: 6.9 AC
 ABERDEEN 21001 W OF ABERDEEN

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:	Plat Ref:
58	1C	50						82		

Special Tax Areas: Town Ad Valorem Tax Class

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1957	1,359 SF	6.90 AC	
Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
1	YES	STANDARD UNIT	BRICK

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
			As Of	As Of
Land:	82,700	01/01/2003	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
Improvements:	114,890	92,700		
Total:	197,590	125,700		
Preferential Land:	0	218,400	197,590	204,526
		0	0	0

Transfer Information

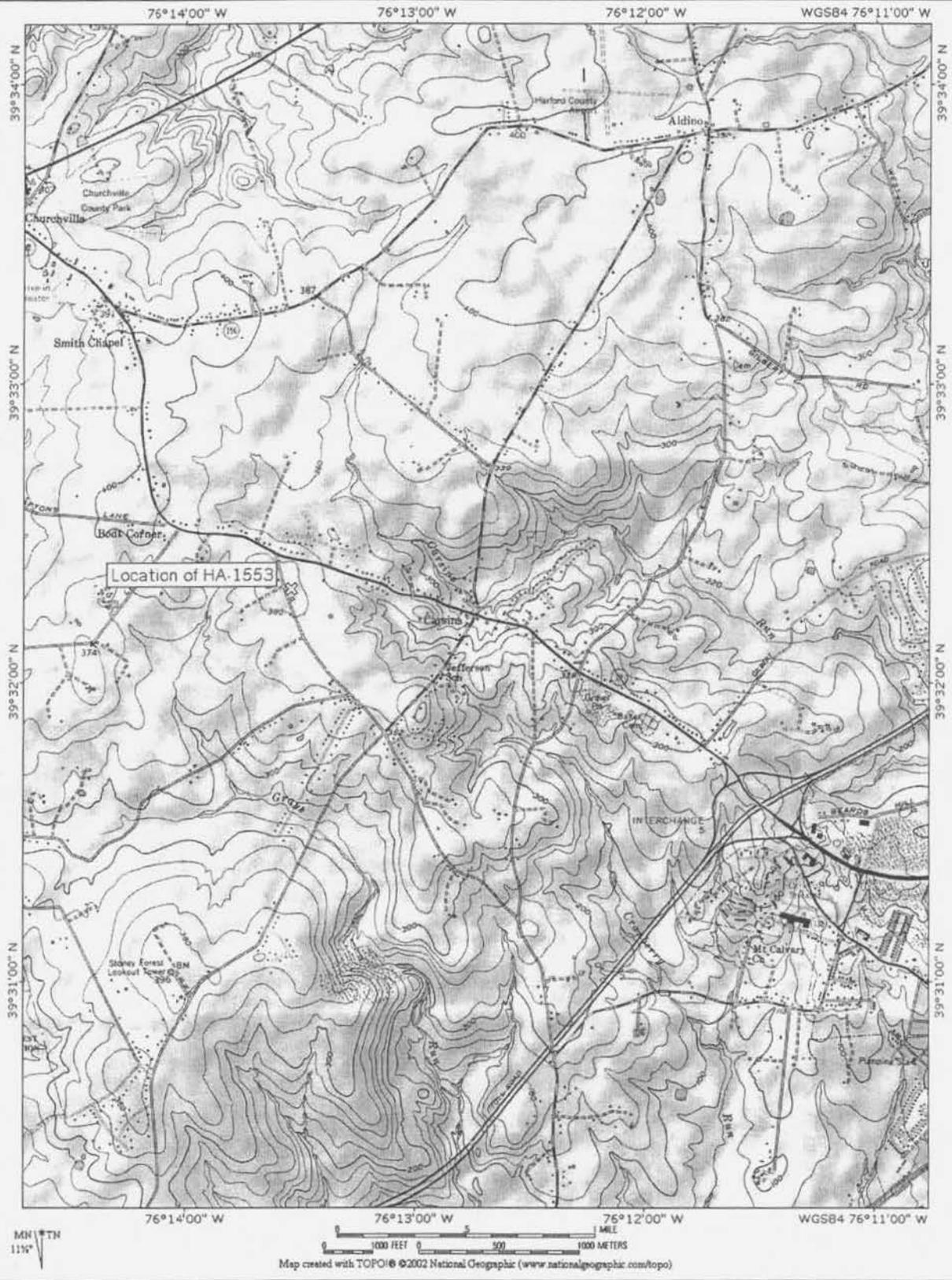
Seller: KROKOWSKI DONALD F & WF Date: 10/30/1992 Price: \$0
 Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 422/ 216 Deed2:
 Seller: Date: Price:
 Type: Deed1: Deed2:
 Seller: Date: Price:
 Type: Deed1: Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
 Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:
 HOMEOWNERS TAX CREDIT



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SITE VICINITY MAP
 Aberdeen, MD Quadrangle
 SCALE: As Shown



Property Condition Assessment
 HA-1553_Baker-Scarborough House
 Aberdeen, MD 21001



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BAKER-SCARBOROUGH HOUSE

913 STEFNEY RD,

ABERDEEN, HARFORD CO.

MD 21014

PHOTO BY: JAMISON STOVER 01.17.03

NEG @ MD SHPO

WEST ELEVATION

1/2

BAKER-SCARBOROUGH HOUSE HA-1553

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01.03

Photo Gallery: D1429-03



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ABERDEEN, HARFORD CO,
MD 21014

PHOTO BY: JAMISON STOVER 01/17/03

NEG @ MI, SHPO

SOUTH & WEST ELEVATIONS
2/2

BAKER-SCARBOROUGH HOUSE HA-1553
ABERDEEN, MD 21001

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x Photo Gallery: 01/29/03

SUMMARY

HA-1553

BAKER-SCARBOROUGH HOUSE

The rear (east) portion of the Baker-Scarborough house may date from as early as 1839, when Nicholas Baker purchased 38 acres of "Hall's Plains." This wing is said to have faced Churchville Road and was added in the third quarter of the 19th century. The house looks much like a stripped-down version of the house (HA-1296) built by George W. Baker, brother of Nicholas Baker who built this house. Nicholas Baker had a chair and furniture factory and later had his own canning factory, an industry begun in Harford County by George W. Baker. The Bakers were quite prominent locally as canning magnates, and most of the family participated in the industry in one role or another during the last quarter of the 19th century and first quarter of the 20th century.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Baker-Scarborough House AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION (East side of Stepney Road, south of Md. Rte. 22.)

STREET & NUMBER 913 Stepney Road

CITY, TOWN Aberdeen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY, OWNERSHIP, STATUS, PRESENT USE. Includes options like DISTRICT, BUILDING(S), STRUCTURE, SITE, OBJECT, PUBLIC, PRIVATE, BOTH, PUBLIC ACQUISITION, IN PROCESS, BEING CONSIDERED, OCCUPIED, UNOCCUPIED, WORK IN PROGRESS, YES RESTRICTED, YES UNRESTRICTED, NO, AGRICULTURE, MUSEUM, COMMERCIAL, PARK, EDUCATIONAL, PRIVATE RESIDENCE, ENTERTAINMENT, RELIGIOUS, GOVERNMENT, SCIENTIFIC, INDUSTRIAL, TRANSPORTATION, MILITARY, OTHER.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Miller Scarborough

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN Churchville, MD

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code 21028

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 MD 21014

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 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 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 2-1/2-story, gable-roofed frame house, built in two parts, is located on the east side of Stepney Road, just south of Churchville Road.

Facing west, the house is comprised of two sections: the main-or west part-- is frame with German siding, five bays wide and two bays deep, with a center front gable flanked by one dormer with scalloped shingles on each side, and an interior brick chimney in the north end and an exterior chimney (replaced) in the south end. A hip roofed porch with carved brackets spans the first story of the west side, which has a center entrance. The transom and sidelights contain etched glass. Windows have 2/2 sash, pronounced pediments, and louvered shutters. The older ell on the east, also 2-1/2-stories with a gable roof, measures 20'3" by 24'2" and is three bays long and one room wide with an exterior brick chimney (replaced) on the east, and shed-roofed porches spanning each side. Windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters, and two dormers are located in the south slope of the roof.

North of the house is a one-room, gable-roofed clapboard structure with a brick chimney in the east end. South of the house are four frame outbuildings, including a board and batten barn.

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 checked="" 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 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

The rear (east) portion of the Baker-Scarborough House may date from as early as 1829, when Nicholas Baker purchased 38 acres of "Hall's Plains" from Francis Cloman for \$304.00.¹ (The 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map shows a structure without a name in this location.) It is said to have faced Churchville Road originally, and when the front (west) section was built, the house was turned around to face west towards Stepney Road. The front section of the house was built later in the 19th century: the year when Fort Sumter was fired on (1861) is bandied about by Nicholas Baker's descendents; another possibility is 1890 when Nicholas & Mary Baker took out a \$2500 mortgage on this property.² In any case the property was sold to their son, Winfield L. Baker, in 1895 and included "the tract whereon Nicholas Baker now resides" as well as "all the household and kitchen furniture and all other domestic articles in the residence of Nicholas Baker." The house is now owned by Winfield Lee Baker's daughter, Mary Baker Scarborough.

The Baker family has been extremely prominent in Harford County's history. They pioneered the canning industry in this area and were among the great local canning magnates of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Since there were four generations of Nicholas Bakers, it is not clear exactly which one built the Baker-Scarborough house. Nicholas Baker III (d. 1845) was a farmer and merchant, who served in the war of 1812. With his wife, Elizabeth Cole, and and seven children, he probably lived in the nearby Rodman House (HA-999). His son, Nicholas IV (b. 1810, d. 1896), was the brother of George W. Baker, the first canner in Harford County. According to one biography, Nicholas had a small chair and furniture factory with James Everett and later his own canning factory.³ The same article informs us that he purchased his farm in 1839 and, indeed, Nicholas Baker IV may be the Nicholas Baker who purchased 38 acres from Francis Cloman. He married Elizabeth Carsins, sister of William Carsins (Burdell Preston House, HA-991), in 1837 and they had six children: Elizabeth, John L., Charles H., Mary J., Sarah F., & George H. With his second wife, Mary Greenland, whom Nicholas Baker married in 1855, he had two more children: Edmund and Winfield L. The latter inherited the home farm and continued the canning business. Nicholas Baker, we are told, was a Republican and "an active worker" in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will, & equity records of Harford County
 Baker family archives (provided by George Harold Baker)
 Interview with Miller Scarborough 12/79
Portrait & Biographical Record of Harford & Cecil Counties, Chapman Publishing Co.,
 NY

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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 Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

4/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

Baker-Scarborough House
HA-1553

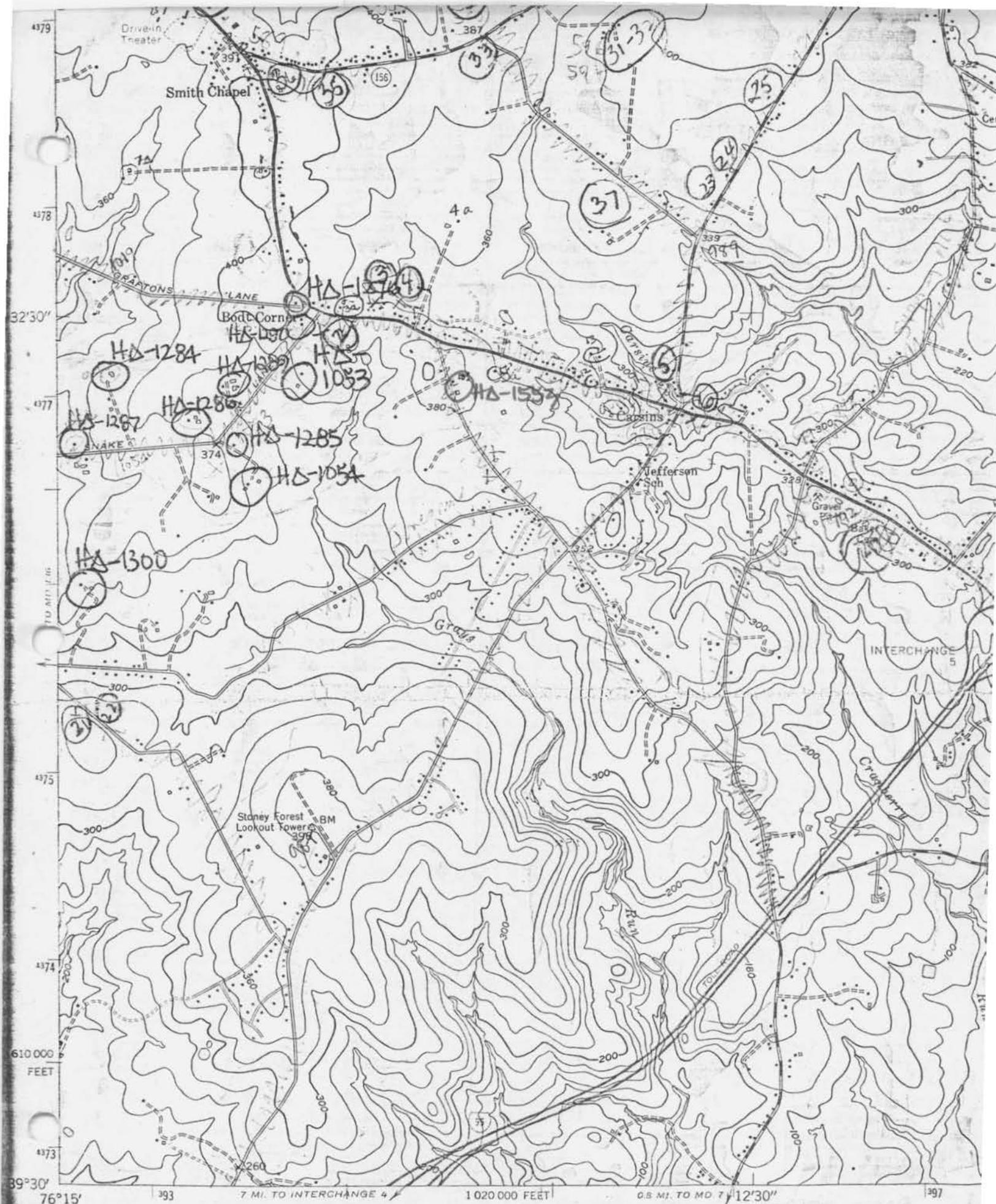
8. Significance Continuation Sheet #1

In design, the house is much like the Baker homestead (HA-1296), built by George W. Baker around 1855. That house has been altered severely, although its original configuration and some of its ornament can still be discerned. The Baker-Scarborough house seems to have been a stripped-down version of that one (after all, George W. Baker was the pioneer of the family canning enterprise and should have had the fancier house) and so is a fairly standard farmhouse, while George W. Baker's house was really a common farmhouse glorified with italianate ornament.

TITLE SEARCH

BAKER-SCARBOROUGH HOUSE
HA-1553

284/262	7/18/1944	Grantor: W. Lee Baker (single) Grantee: Mary Baker Scarborough Acreage: 1) 84 1/4 A. 9 P 2) 49 A. 27 P 3) 22 A, 4) 21 1/4 A. (Winfield L. Baker, Dec.; Will ALJ 21/302)
WSF 85/88	3/8/1895	Grantor: Nicholas Baker Grantee: Winfield L. Baker Sum: \$3500 Acreage: 2 tracts: incl. 1) tract whereon Nicholas Baker now resides
ALJ 69/89 (Mort.)	6/21/1890	Mortgagor: Nicholas & Mary B. Baker Mortgagee: Wm. B. Baker Sum: \$2500 to be paid back in gold coin Acreage: 21-1/2 A. - "Halls Plains" + "Ann's or White's Purchase" = 25 1/2 A.
HD 22/272	6/1/1839	Grantor: Francis Cloman Grantee: Nicholas Baker, Sr. Sum: \$304 Acreage: 38 A. 58 P



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 Culture and drainage in part compiled from aerial photographs

Aberdeen Quadrangle





Baker-Scarborough House HA-1553
Aberdeen, MD 21001
Natalie Shivers 4/80
Northwest