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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Bank House  
AND/OR COMMON  
Testerman House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
1900 Glenville Road

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF Glenville

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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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  
Ernest Testerman

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
1900 Glenville Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21034

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1094

Folio #: 633

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE  
Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

On June 19, 1980 only access to the cellar was possible.

Exterior

This building is another example of a bank house. A two story frame section with an exposed rafter gable-end roof stands upon a high stone foundation. The plan then provides for two rooms of nearly equal size (c. 10'x15') on each of the three levels. There is a shed roofed kitchen addition on the "short" (north) side.

The upper portion of the building is covered with German siding while the rubble walls below are painted white. In the original block the fenestration is regular utilizing most 2/2 sash.

SOUTH

The main facade faces south and overlooks the crossroads approximately 30 yards away. It is three bays wide and two deep and is characterized by the elevated porch of the second level. According to the owner family photographs document that this was once an open wrap-around porch before the west portion was removed and the south section enclosed.

There is a centrally located entrance with 2/2 openings on either side. The middle bay of the upper story is blind. There is another entrance in the each most bay of the first level, a 6/6 sash in the middle and a casement window in the west bay. This facade was originally recessed beneath the porch above.

EAST

This facade is blind except for the lower north bay of the second level and a casement window beneath it in the cellar wall. The facade is bisected by a modern chimney that replaces (according to the owner) an earlier stove-flue.

NORTH

Two 2/2 windows can be seen in the upper story, however, the lower portion is obscured by a shed roofed kitchen addition on this the short side of the house. On its east side the kitchen has a 2/2 window but its other sides are vented by 3 light and 6 light casements. There is a rear entrance in the west bay of the north wall.

This present kitchen wing is modern but may replace an earlier construction. Except for the dirt floor the cellar was a very finished area and should be investigated as an original kitchen.

(See Description continuation sheet #1)

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 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

Harford County's hilly terrain results in a regional architecture expressed most dramatically by the many bank barns and houses. With perhaps an unconscious respect for the topography these buildings utilize the natural materials of stone and wood to build "into" a site and become part of the slopes rather than a dominating force on top of the hill. It is a vertical approach to planning that is quite compatible with the surroundings and differentiates this areas architecture from such other areas in the state as Southern Maryland or the Eastern Shore.

While there is little archival documentation concerning this building, its plan, construction and oral history suggest that, and was one of the many dependencies to HA- . The little stone dwelling sits close to the road and must be passed going into the main house. Even in recent times it has housed farm workers and is likely to have originally done so.

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning & Zoning

DATE

September, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 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

WEST

This end of the house is blind but for two 6 light casements with the gable that light what the owner says is an unfinished attic.

INTERIOR

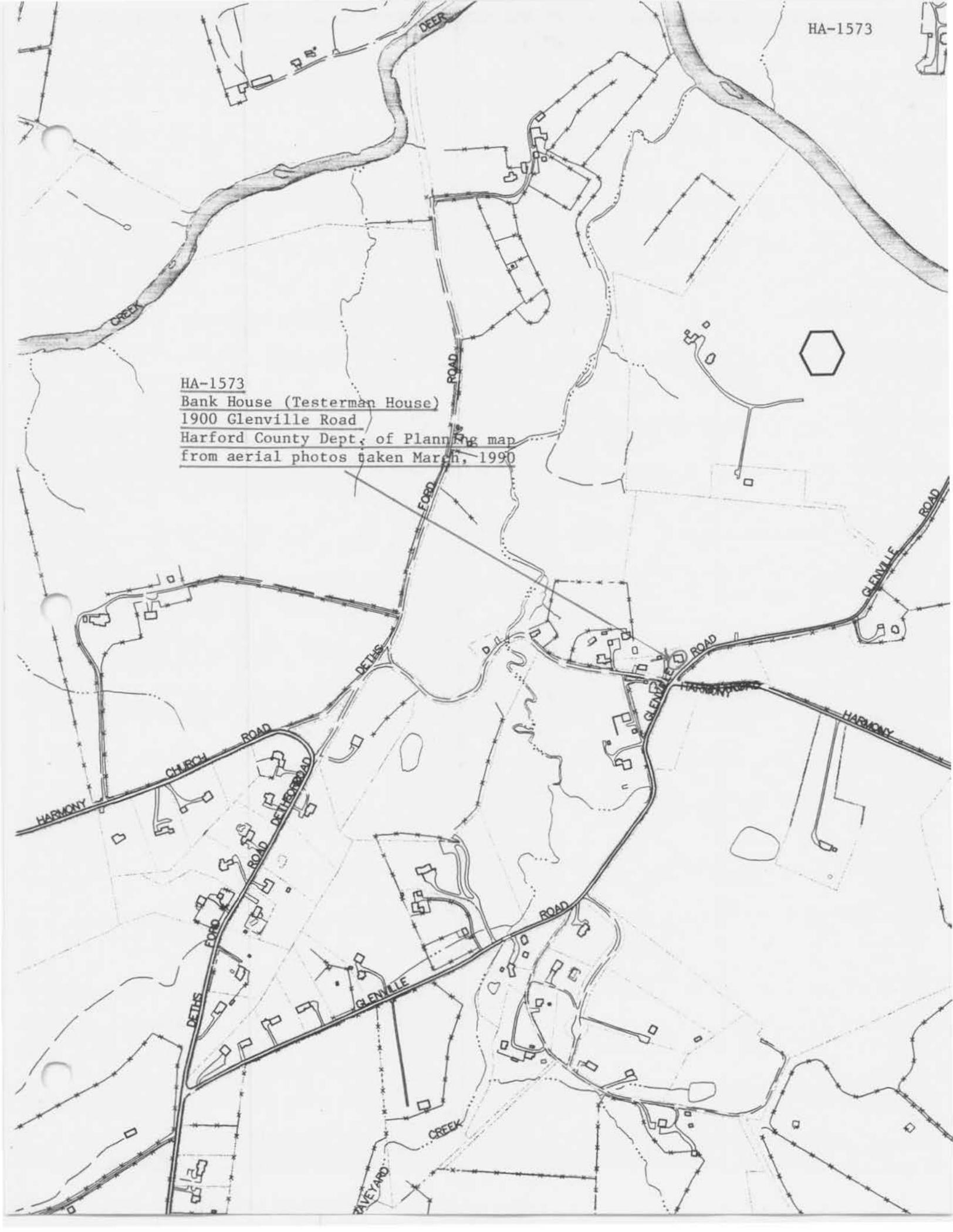
BASEMENT

The dirt floor incongruous with the otherwise finished appearance. A mixture of puncheons and hewn joists were whitewashed and at a later time lath-and-plastered (circular sawn laths with cut nails). The walls were plastered and painted and the window and door openings have heavily rounded edges. The central 6/6 window has some bubbled glass. The beaded tongue and groove batten door contains what appear to be struck nails.

A centrally located stairs separates the two rooms of this level.



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Bank House (Testerman House)  
1900 Glenville Road  
Harford County Dept. of Planning  
from aerial photos taken March, 1990







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BANK HOUSE, Glenville

Wayne Nield 9/1980