

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Thomas Kell House  
 AND/OR COMMON Ralph Barnett House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 1801 Old Joppa Road  
 CITY, TOWN Joppa VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT First  
 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 checked="" 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 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 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 Ralph O. Barnett Telephone #: 879-7877  
 STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY, TOWN Joppa VICINITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ STATE, zip code Maryland 21085

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse Liber #: HDC 914  
 STREET & NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ Folio #: 584  
 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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" 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 is a building in several sections and is directed southwards. The most imposing portion is a citadel-like uncoursed stone unit with quoined corners. It rises a full three stories on the south side, although the slope of the ground exposes only two stories on the opposite exposure. Changes in the stone work indicate that an original entrance could have been located on an upper wall of the structure on either side. Overall, this unit is three bays by two, with the western extreme having only two small 2 X 2 attic windows. A solitary door is stationed on the ground level of the southern side, and was probably the original entrance to a basement kitchen. The windows have stone lintels and are 6 X 6. A slate-shingled gable-flank covers the dwelling, trimmed with a box cornice. The flush-end brick chimneys jut from the extremes of the roof. Attached to the eastern side of this stone structure is a frame one of more recent vintage. It, too, is built into the slope and is a shorter two stories than is the other wing. The bays measure three by three and are odd-sized 6 X 6, with the exception of two sets of casements on the second floor of the southern aspect. An arched 6 X 6 sash is on the attic level of the eastern wall. There are two doors, one over the other, on the southern extreme. The lower entrance has a three-light transom and five-pane sidelights, while the upper portal is fronted by a small railed balcony. A third entrance is near the northeast corner, sheltered by a partially finished-over porch that forms a shed addition to the eastern end of the house. The northeastern part is still open and has stout stucco columns. A huge shed-roof porch of five bays, with simple square columns, fronts the entire length of both sections, a rather feeble emulation of Tara. The roof and trim of this section is of the same configuration as the other, and a tall brick chimney is on the interior of the roof. A third, shed-roofed section stretches the length of the frame section and about halfway across the stone house. It supposedly contained kitchen facilities at one time and is only one window deep and four across. The stuccoed stone foundation is quite high and has full length windows. The walls are covered with wood shingles, and a door and small porch shelter are located near the northwestern corner.

## The Outbuildings

There is a motley collection of structures around the dwelling. North of it are newer ones; a garage and chicken coop. Eastwards can be found a recent shop and root cellar. Directly north of the frame wing are the brick and stone ruins of a servants' quarters. South of the house is a stone spring-house facing to the north. It has a gable-front tin roof and doorways on both the cellar and first floor levels of the western side, where a rude wooden porch shelters all. Northeast of the dwelling are the barn and corncrib. The barn is quite old, with vertical siding over pegged interior frames of hand-cut beams and logs. The tin roof is gable-flank and is trimmed with a sawtooth barge and crowned with a rectangular louvered cupola. The foundation is stone and protrudes fully from the northwestern side. Adjacent to this is a corncrib of similar construction, with a stone cellar and a gable-flank roof.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The stone and kitchen portions of this home could have been built prior to 1798, but although there was a dwelling on the property at that time, as well as several outbuildings, no other details are available as the Gunpowder Upper Hundred received a more cursory examination on the tax rolls than did other hundreds. The 1783 Tax List indicates Thomas Kell, the owner of this parcel of land, as owning 125 acres of Bond's Thought as well as 50 acres of William's Delight, while the 1798 Tax List shows Aliseanna Kell with 130 acres. Thomas Kell married Aliseanna Bond in 1767, and they had fifteen children! Thomas, Jr., born in 1772, was later a judge and clerk of court of Baltimore County, and was the first Harford Countian to serve as attorney general of the state. Kell's daughter would later marry Augustus Bradford, Maryland's Civil War governor, in 1835. The frame portion of this building was added in the Nineteenth Century, probably within the second half. Three of the outbuildings are significant for their age- the barn, the springhouse and the servant's quarters ruins. The farm had numerous owners in the 1800's, the 1878 Martenet Map showing the owner to be John Jewtt.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Federal Tax List of 1798  
Harford County Land Records  
Martenet's Map of 1878  
Maryland Tax List 1783 Harford County, 1970, Rhistoric Publications, Philadelphia.  
Preston, W. W.; History of Harford County, 1901, Sun Press, Baltimore  
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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 68.85

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located on the north side of Old Joppa Road, between Old Mountain and Jerusalem Roads. Actually, the property is closest to the angle formed by the intersection of Jerusalem and Old Joppa Roads, fronting the latter road.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	Paul L. Penrod / site surveyor	
ORGANIZATION	Maryland Historical Trust	DATE September 1, 1976
STREET & NUMBER	Shaw House, 21 State Circle	TELEPHONE 267-1212
CITY OR TOWN	Annapolis	STATE Maryland

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

## TITLE SEARCH

<u>Libre</u>	<u>Folio</u>	
HDC	914 584	In 1972, Dorothy Barnett conveyed 68.85 acres to Ralph O. Barnett, Jr.
HDC	902 1055	Also in 1972, Dorothy Barnett mortgaged the property to the Federal Land Bank of Washington.
GCB	271 148	Ralph O. Barnett, Sr., purchased 68 acres from J. Edgar Gladden in 1942.
JAR	155 327	In 1917, Harry S. Pyle sold 71 acres to J. Edgar Gladden.
JAR	150 369	Harry S. Pyle purchased the property from James M. Bosley in 1916.
JAR	137 307	In 1911, James M. Bosley acquired the parcel from C. R. Howard.
ALJ	64 322	Milton Bosley purchased the tract from Sarah P. Coates in 1889.
ALJ	56 105	John Jewett conveyed 105 acres to Sarah P. Coates in 1886.
WHD	16 15	William Gent transferred 105 acres of Jerusalem to John Jewett in 1865.
WHD	15 464	Francis J. Wheeler sold the property to William Gent in 1864.
WHD	15 105	Henry A. Anthony, trustee for Joseph Cleveland, imparted the parcel to Francis J. Wheeler in 1864.
ALJ	9 160	Joseph S. Cleveland conveyed the property to Henry A. Anthony in 1857.
ALJ	6 333	Joseph S. Cleveland obtained the parcel from Edward M. Onion in 1855.
ALJ	4 400	Edward M. Onion purchased three acres from Harriett A. Reynolds in 1854.
ALJ	4 398,415	Hugh L. Bonds, trustee, conveyed land to Edward M. Onion in 1854.
HGD	36 286	John Carrington imparted the property to Harriett Reynolds in 1850.
HGD	33 131	Freeborn Garrettson sold the land to John Carrington in 1847.
HD	Y 310	In 1815, David Preston transferred the property to Freeborn Garrettson.
HD	S 319	In 1806, Thomas Bond Onion sold parts of Rebecca's Lot and Jerusalem to David Preston, totalling 144 $\frac{1}{4}$ acres and 44 perches

<u>Libre</u>		<u>Folio</u>	
Will			
AJ	2	376	Thomas Kell left the property to his children in 1790.
JLG	I	163	In 1790, George Garrettsen sold 159 acres of Jerusalem to Thomas Kell.
JLG	I	161	Thomas Kell sold the same tract to George Garrettsen in 1789

INVENTORY NO. 426 ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 8/19/76 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Barnett - Kell House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 1801 Old Joppa Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Ralph Barnett

ADDRESS: 1801 Old Joppa Rd  
Joppa 21085

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 1[ ] 2[ ] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ]

WINGS, ADDITIONS:  
1 ~~section~~ 3 stories 6 X 2  
2 ~~section~~ 2 stories 6[ ] 7[ ] [ ]

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- New  FRAME: Bevel, clapboard (front), weatherboard, wood shingles (back), board & batten(type?)
- BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- Old  STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[] stone lintels

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: S. IN ~~2nd~~ section  
HARDWARE: original [ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM (3 lights), SIDE LIGHTS (5 lights), PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: 2 in ~~2nd~~ section interior gable ends, 1 in ~~2nd~~ section 

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: 1st floor front stuccoed  
east side now stuccoed - 3 small windows on either side of chimney  
on both east + west sides



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DATE: 8/13/76 TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Barnett Kell Home

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Old Lopp Road

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: south

NAME OF OWNER: Ralph Barnett

ADDRESS: 1801 Old Lopp Rd.

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS: 3 x 2 ? main <sup>2nd addition</sup> outside and <sup>with side</sup> chimney

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2 story clapboard addition - east end  
shed-wood shingle addition on north side  
stone type attached to front wing



WALL CONSTRUCTION:  
[ ] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)  
[] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
[ ] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
[ ] LOG <sup>uncoursed</sup> <sup>start barrels</sup>

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS  
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE part of south - stone on street wing  
WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK part of west

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ] 2 on north end of add. one over other - upper one 400 lattice

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 1 on east side of wing 1 on north side of rear part of wing  
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ] partially enclosed shed porch on north side

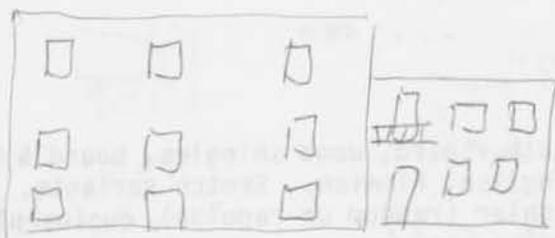
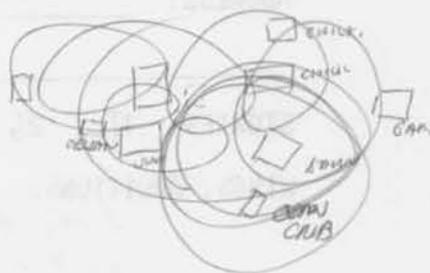
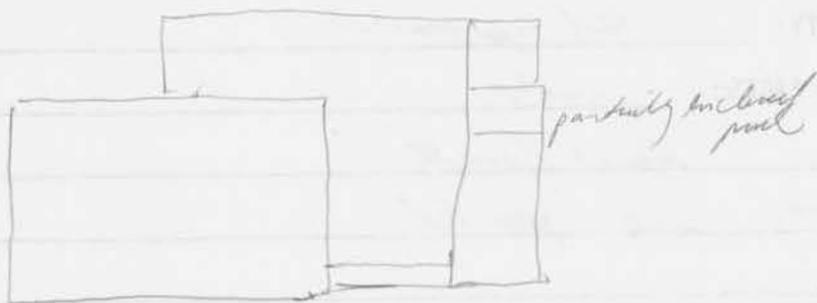
CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK[] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]  
LOCATION: 2 on north side - the west one of old house  
one on chimney on addition

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: original door on addition part was probably 1 x 6 angled  
bricks on

newer addition went into ground in rear + 2 stories  
sub-level

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was one secret quarters  
old fireplaceman rear of house

Shed oriented N-S  
snow camouflage thick 4x2 - sunk into ground  
door on NW north end  
6x6 window gable plank roof  
floor also on extension on N end

spring from  
door, faces N  
tin roof gable front  
Aluminum cellar +  
1st floor  
N. side  
small shed  
part.  
N. side

low

points NW - vertical slat siding  
stone base  
gable - plank roof  
sunk into earth from  
NW corner

peppered interior space  
by supports  
hand cut beam  
carved rest.  
cupola on top

shed  
same type  
of construction  
gables sunk  
into earth  
add faces  
NW  
stone base  
peppered  
stone cellar  
in rear





Barnett-Kell House HA-426

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South

Paul Penrod

8/76



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North  
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