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Bull-Barrow House

Architectural Survey File

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Bull-Barrow House
Harford County
Kalmia vicinity

UPDATE: The house has no roof and the interior is undoubtedly greatly deteriorated. Access to the house is difficult, through a very muddy cow pasture. The building was not re-surveyed, but was clearly seen from the Archer-Hawkins House (HA-51) nearby.

Janet Davis
April 18, 1983
## NAME

**HISTORIC**

Bull-Barrow House

AND/OR **COMMON**

## LOCATION

**STREET & NUMBER**

Lane that runs from the north side of Thomas Run Road at that stream, near the intersection with Kalmia Road.

**CITY, TOWN**

Churchville

**VICINITY OF**

First

**STATE**

Maryland

**COUNTY**

Harford

## CLASSIFICATION

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## OWNER OF PROPERTY

**NAME**

James Barrow

**Telephone #:** 836-2767

**STREET & NUMBER**

2626 Thomas Run Road

**CITY, TOWN**

Churchville

**VICINITY OF**

Maryland

**STATE, zip code**

Maryland 21028

## LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

**COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.**

Harford County Courthouse

**STREET & NUMBER**

40 South Main Street

**CITY, TOWN**

Bel Air

**STATE**

Maryland

## REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

**TITLE**

**DATE**

_FEDERAL_ _STATE_ _COUNTY_ _LOCAL_
This property has neither been lived in nor maintained for at least forty years and has already begun to go through its death throes. Gaping holes are in the roof, water damage is abundant and a general rot has long since set in.

The dwelling faces towards the west and is composed of three sections. The northernmost one is of original squared and chinked logs and is one bay by one. The logs are covered on the exterior by bevelled frame. The souther unit is also of bevelled frame and measures three bays by two. These sections are connected by a short stone "breezeway", one bay across. The windows on the breezeway have wooden lintels, and a pair of 2 X 2 attic windows adorn the gable extremes of the house, whose parts are under the same contiguous roof. The two original free-standing sections have finished attics. A low stone foundation is found underneath the southern portion of the building. The windows are all 1 X 1 and are not indigenous to the original house. Opposite doors are stationed on the eastern and western sides of the southern half of the house, and a single entryway is sited on the eastern facade of the log unit. A three-light transom is above the western door of the southern section, and a small cellar bay is positioned on the same unit's southern wall. A single shed dormer faces east and is over the southern part of the house. The roof itself is gable-flank; wood shingles on the southern part and asphalt on the northern wing. A four-bay shed-roof enclosure covers the main entrance on the western side. Two older brick flues are located on the inside ends of the northern and southern extremes. A third, more recent, near the northern end of the principal section of the dwelling.

The Interior

The log section has exposed beams and log walls on the inside, with a large stone and brick fireplace along the northern wall. This hearth is flanked by a closet on the left and a circular stairway on the right. The ceiling is low. The adjacent breezeway has stout stone walls and inset windows. One room in it once served as a pantry. The most detailed area is in the southern section, where the northernmost rooms have single-tier wainscoting. All of these rooms retain the old plaster and high ceilings. Adjacent to the first room is another, with chair rails and two closets beneath the stairway that leads from the thru-hall to the attic. On the other side of the hall is the most ornate room, with ceiling cornices, shoe molding and chair rails. A fireplace is situated along the southern wall and is flanked and topped by two-tier panelling. A closet is to the left and a circular stairway is to the right.

Beyond the house, to the north, are two small barns, constructed of vertical sheathing with gable-front, wood-shingled roofs. One of these has a log frame, joined by mortised joints.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY
This house is unique in the fact that it is almost 200 years old and has not been altered very much at all. The penalty for this, however, is the fact that it has not been lived in or maintained for at least forty years.

The presence of the house is mentioned as early as 1782, when John Bull willed it to William Bull. The 1783 Tax List shows Francis Bull as owning 156 acres of Auff's Chance and 21 acres of Howards Harbour. The 1798 Tax List states that William Bull owned a 33 x 18 house with a kitchen, corn-house, meat-house and stable. The house remained in the Bull family until 1908, spanning three centuries. The 1878 Hartnet Map lists the owner as being a "Miss Bull", presumably one of the daughters of William Bull who received the land in 1848.
VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is located off of the north side of Thomas Run Road, bounded on the western side by Kalmia Road. The Thomas Run flows through the property, north-south.

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

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

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<td>In 1949, James T. and Bertie Barrow conveyed 168 acres to James Barrow.</td>
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<td>125</td>
<td>In 1908, William H. Harlan and J. Edwin Webster, trustees, imparted the acreage to William Barrow and Bertie Barrow. These trustees were named after a land suit involving John F. Bull and James S. Barrow v. Mary M. Bull in 1904 (Equity Record ALJ 28 161).</td>
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<td>William Bull bequeathed parts of tracts called Brotherly Love and Ruff's Chance to his five daughters in 1848.</td>
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<td>In 1837, Catherine Richardson, executor of the will of William Richardson, conveyed the land to William Bull.</td>
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<td>1. Richard Wheeler and others sold a part of this property to William Richardson in 1824. Richard acquired it from his father, Joseph Wheeler.</td>
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<td>James Wheeler sold 54% acres of Brotherly Care and Parson's Range to George Wheeler in 1819.</td>
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<td>In 1818, James Wheeler purchased a number of large tracts, including a dwelling, from James Brooke.</td>
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<td>Thomas Jenkins sold the parcel to James Brooke in 1810.</td>
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<td>Thomas Jenkins obtained the property from Thomas Ayres, Sr., in 1810.</td>
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<td>In 1802, Thomas Ayres obtained the parcels from Robert Amoss, sheriff. Amoss was selling the lands of the late Joseph Wheeler.</td>
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<td>Also in that year, William Bull, a tanner, imparted the same property to Henry Ruff.</td>
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<td>AJ</td>
<td>In 1782, the will of John Bull left this property, as well as a house, to William Bull.</td>
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INVENTORY NO. 50
ELECTION DISTRICT ______
DATE: 8/10/76
REMOLDING: Drastic, moderate, minor
PARCEL NO. ____________
NAME OF PROPERTY: Barnett Bull House
LOCATION OF PROPERTY: off Thirty Run Road at intersection of Kalmar Rd.
DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West
NAME OF OWNER: James Barrow
ADDRESS: 2626 Thirty Run Road

836-2767

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: A log section thought to be first 1 1/2 story
B built some time after
C connecting addition made of stone

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)
BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
STONE: Bond type- 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[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION:
HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

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

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

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[√] hip[ ] gable[ ] in west side

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3
BRICK[√] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[√] replaced[√]

ARCHES:

COMMENTS: Root cellar east side
          out door entrance to cellar under A
          wooden lintel
          A+8
1) Front Room. Closet to Road
   chair rail  fire place wall - completely panelled
   closet on me and winding staircase on other
   original hardware (what's left) on door

2) Next through Hallway - walls panel (planks) & planter w/
   chair rails
   2 entrances off hallway - to upstairs
   to next rm.

3) Next Room - low wainscoting
   floor caving in shows no cellar
   walls - narrow lath w/ plaster
   low ceilings compared to 1st room & hallway.

3a) Room off 3. small, low ceilinged, chair rails.

   in this section of house window depth is about 6".

4. Small window 3/3 depth 20 in. breeze way
   "pantry" - shelved - door, small deep window
   brick chimney for wood stove clay pipe in wall shared
   by #3.

5. Log section
   large central room
      2 windows
      1 door
      fireplace - brick and stone
      plastered over. & there are remnants of blue paint over all
      red clay pipe inserted - later use of wood burning stove?
      fireplace plugged up
      #6 closet on one side
      winding stairs on other.

upstairs

A) Finished Attic - plastered wall, ceiling

B) None

C) attic not finished
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