

SUMMARY

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Frank Famous' Tenant House
Mill Green Road
Street, Maryland 21154

The Frank Famous' Tenant House, like the other houses in Mill Green, dates from the era when Margaret Roberts Street ran the grist mill in the third quarter of the 19th century. Although there had been a grist mill in Mill Green since the 18th century, most of the houses still standing date from the latter phase in the community's development. This house may have been built by John or Charles Biles or William Scott.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Frank Famous' Tenant House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Mill Green Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

___ 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 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frank Famous

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Mill Green Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21154

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

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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 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, el-shaped frame house is located on the south side of Mill Green Road.

Facing north, the house is two rooms wide and one room deep with a one-story bay window on the east side and a two-story rear ell. The house, set on a low rubblestone foundation, has a gable flank slate roof with a corbelled brick chimney located in the southern slope inside the east end.

Windows have 2/2 sash; both gables contain round-arched windows. Two entrances are located in the two center bays of the north facade.

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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 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 checked="" 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 _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

In 1915, the flour milling industry began to flounder in Harford County, and with it went the reason for the existence of the Village of Mill Green. There had probably been a grist mill in Mill Green as early as the third quarter of the 18th century, around which a small community including a saw mill and store grew up. In the 1820's, the enterprise--now owned by John Ashmore's daughter and son-in-law, Susanna & Nathaniel Bemis, expanded with the addition of a forge and an ordinary, and, in the 1830's, a tannery. In 1838, Thomas Roberts purchased the mill, and in 1852, his daughter, Margaret Roberts Street acquired it, employing Joseph Bond as her miller, according to the 1878 business directory. The houses still standing in Mill Green, including this one, probably date from the latter phase of the mill community's development.

This 163-acre farm was originally part of two separate estates. In 1908, John and Louanna Famous purchased 130 acres from Amanda & Ellsworth Scarff¹ and, 16 years later, 33 acres from Alonza Huff.² The latter represented the consolidation of three parcels of "John's Adventure" from Edwin Treacle (or Treakle) and from Amanda Scarff.³ The 130-acre parcel had belonged to Nathan & Susanna Bemis, owners of the mill. In 1832, they sold 214 acres of "Jones Gift" and "Johns Adventure" to John Robinson for \$2575.⁴ In 1852, John Biles of Chester County, Pa., purchased a 140-acre lot for \$3,000⁵ and in 1870 it was sold to William Scott for \$1070.⁶ Charles Biles lived on the farm until at least 1880, when an equity case refers to the property "where Charles Biles now resides."⁷ It was then purchased by Margaret Rea for \$4976.82⁸, and, in 1893, by Amanda J. Scarff.⁹ The fluctuations in price may reflect various improvements. The house standing now, of a pattern similar to the neighboring Chrismers' house (HA-95), may date from the mid-to-late 19th century. A kitchen wing was torn down in the early part of this century; a former resident Elizabeth Famous Snodgrass, recalls it had a brick oven and large cooking fireplace.

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| 1. Liber WSF 125, Folio 133 | 7. Liber ALJ 41, Folio 326 |
| 2. Liber DGW 186, Folio 468 | 8. Liber ALJ 48, Folio 319 |
| 3. Liber JAR 160, Folio 127 | 9. Liber WSF 79, Folio 284 |
| Liber ALJ 53, Folio 243 | |
| Liber WSF 90, Folio 498 | |
| 4. Liber HD 15, Folio 135 | |
| 5. Liber ALJ 1, Folio 241 | |
| 6. Liber ALJ 24, Folio 56 | |

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will & equity records of Harford County

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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/Susan Deeney

Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission of Harford County

DATE

9/79

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

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

FRANK FAMOUS' HOUSE

Title Search

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1. 263/122 October 19, 1940 Grantor: Louanna L. Famous, widow
Grantee: Franklin E., son of Louanna Famous; & wife, Anna C. Famous
Acreage: 1.) WSF 125/133 = 130 Acres, 14 P
2.) DGW 186/468 = 33 A., 3R., 33 P
- 2a. WSF 125/133 July 16, 1908 Grantor: Amanda J. & C. Ellsworth Scarff
Grantee: Louanna L. Famous, wife of John W. Famous
Sum: \$2500
Acreage: 130 A. 14 P.
- 2b. WSF 99/300 April 2, 1900 Grantor: George L. Van Bibber, Trustee
Grantee: Amanda J. Scarff
Sum: \$2500
Acreage: 130 A., 14 P.
- 2c. Equity Records February 5, 1900
WSF 55/1 Amanda & C. Ellsworth Scarff vs. Wm. T. Burkins
(February 28, 1893 Wm. T. Burkins agreed to purchase 143 Acre -farm from Scarffs for \$4500)
- 2c WSF 79/284 November 29, 1893 Grantor: George L. Van Bibber, Trustee
Grantee: Amanda J. Scarff
Sum: \$2500
Acreage: 140 Acres
- 2e. Equity Records 1892
WSF 44/399 Amanda T. Scarff vs. Margaretta E. Rea
- 2f. ALJ 48/319 September 4, 1880 Grantor: Gabriel A. & Rachel A. McComas
Grantee: Margaret E. Rea
Sum: \$4976.82
Acreage: 140 Acres
- 2g. ALJ 41/326 September 1, 1880 Grantor: Henry D. Farnandis & Edwin H. Webster,
Trustees
(Wm. G. Scott vs. Chas. Biles)
Grantee: Gabriel McComas
Sum: \$4800
Acreage: 140 Acres
- 2h. ALJ 24/56(Mort.) April 18, 1870 Grantor: Charles & Matilda A. Biles
Grantee: Wm. Scott
Sum: \$1070
Acreage: "Johns Adventure" & "Jones Gift" =
140 Acres
- 2i. ALJ 1/241 May 11, 1852 Grantor: James S. & Mary Robinson
Grantee: John Biles, lately of Chester Co., Pa.
Sum: \$3000
Acreage: "Jones' Gift" or "John's Adventure"=
140 Acres

Title Search (Cont'd.)

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2j. HD 15/135	May 15, 1832	Grantor: Nathan S. & Susanna Bemis Grantee: John Robinson Sum: \$2575 Acreage: "Jones' Gift", "John's Adventure" = 214 Acres
3a. NGW 186/468	April 30, 1924	Grantor: Alonzo Huff, widower Grantee: John W. & Louanna L. Famous Acreage: 33 A., 3 R., 33 P. 1.) ALJ 53/243 = 57 P. 2.) WSF 90/498 = 33 A., 2 R., 8 P. 3.) JA 160/127 = 8 P.
3b. JAR 160/127	May 14, 1918	Grantor: Edwin T. & Martha S. Treacle Grantee: Alonza Huff Acreage: 8 P.
3c. WSF 90/498	April 21, 1897	Grantor: Amanda J. & C. Ellsworth Scarff Wm. T. Burkins Grantee: Alonza Huff Acreage: 33 A., 2 R., 8 P.
3d. ALJ 53/243	December 4, 1884	Grantor: Edwin T. Treacle & wife, Martha S. Grantee: Alonza Huff Sum: \$50 Acreage: "John's Adventure"

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: *Frank Famous' tenant house*

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: *South side of Mill Green Road about 0.3 mi southeast*

CITY OR TOWN: *Mill Green - Near Street of Prospect Road (N.W. 646)*

STATE: *Maryland* CODE: COUNTY: *Harford* CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: *Frank E Famous*

STREET AND NUMBER: *RFD*

CITY OR TOWN: *Street* STATE: *Maryland* CODE: *21154*

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: *Clerk of Circuit Court*

STREET AND NUMBER: *Harford County Courthouse to S. Main St*

CITY OR TOWN: *Bel Air* STATE: *Maryland* CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE FOR NPS USE ONLY

Color: 6903

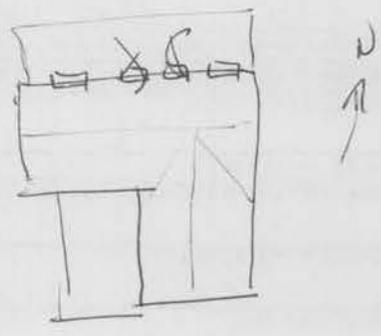
7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frame house, two stories, h shaped, ~~three bays by two~~, faces north. Two front doors indicate meet-family house. Entry goes back from the east wall, and there is a side porch on the west side of the house. Slate ridgepole runs east-west. Chimneys are small, brick, outlets for flues from ~~stoves~~ ^{stoves} ~~chimneys~~. ~~Foundation is stone~~ Foundation is stone. All windows are two bylets or two.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| Aboriginal | Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Political | <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric | Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Phi- | | Other (Specify) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic | Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> | losophy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <u>History</u> | |
| Agriculture | Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> | Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Art | Landscape | | Sculpture | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Commerce | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human- | | | |
| Communications | Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> | itarian | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Conservation | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| | Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

A workers' cottage ^{over} ~~substituted~~ a small duplex
 for two workers' families in this mill
 village. The present tenant drives a
 truck for the ^{local} dairy cooperative.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Patton Our Harpb Heritage p 177-8

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Jean S Swain

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: Jan '70

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: MD CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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SCALE



Frank Famous' Tenant House at
Mill Green HA-97
Street, MD 21154
Susan M. Deeney
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