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K-32 William Barroll House

c. 1743

Chestertown

private

Originally a monumental five-bay brick Georgian dwelling on Lower High Street in the heart of Chestertown's Historic District, the Barroll House was expanded to seven bays in the early nineteenth century and is ~~is~~ today a double dwelling <sup>with one half</sup> in declining condition. Half of the house <sup>is hoped to be</sup> ~~has recently been~~ purchased for restoration. Prominent local attorney, William Barroll, and his family owned the house ~~for~~ from 1797 to 1857 and were presumably responsible for its expansion. Its original owner was William Dougherty.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Barroll House

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**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

108-110 High Street

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED 108	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED 110	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME 108: Lawrence P. Strong *see title search*  
110: Christian Havemeyer *(Sale in progress)*

Telephone #: 778 1537  
778 1389

STREET & NUMBER Strong: 108 High Street  
Havemeyer: Reward Farm, RFD 3

CITY, TOWN Chestertown VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21620

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk

Liber #: 108: WHG 7/340  
Folio #: 110: EHP ~~7~~ ?  
*Smyth. 110 WtH 43-31*

STREET & NUMBER Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN Chestertown STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE There is a plot on RRA 2 347 which was drawn when the ownership of the property  
DATE 1923 was split in 1923.

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS same as deed above.

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 108	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR 110, in process of restoration		<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED			

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The William Barroll house is located on the northeast side of High Street in the middle of the block between Queen and Water Streets in Chestertown. It is situated on Town Lot 34.

It was originally a 2½-story, 5-bay brick Georgian house with symmetrical facade, an "A" roof with gabled dormers, and large brick chimneys within the gable ends. At some point--perhaps under the ownership of John Scott when the price rises from \$1000 to \$1400 in four years--a 2-bay addition was made to the northwest (left) end of the building and continuous with it. The addition amounts to a window and door on the first story (door in the inside bay), two windows on the second story, two dormers on the roof (added to three already there), and another large brick chimney within the new gable end.

The combined general appearance of the house today is a 7-bay, double house with two entrance porches, the original occupying the second and third bays in from the southeast (right) end, the new one occupying the second and third bays in from the northwest end. There are two sets of dormers, a set of three over the original 5-bay section and set from off from them a pair over the 2-bay addition. There are three chimneys, two marking out the original structure and the third at the northwest end.

The brickwork of the entire house is laid in Flemish Bond; that of the old section only has glazed headers. There is a molded water table which jogs over the basement windows and a 2-brick belt course over the first story, both of these features limited to the original 5-bay section. Each entrance has an entrance porch that of the original door has a wood floor which sits on brick piers and has brick steps. There are wood balusters around it, and three round columns, and a flat roof. The door is 8-paneled, has a 3-pane transom, and is framed by full-length shutters. The porch on the addition matches its mate, though there is no transom and the porch steps are wood.

All of the windows on the facade are double hung sash 6/6; all first and second story windows have louvered shutters. The basement and first story windows have brick segmental arches. There is a plain wood box cornice with moldings at the top and bottom, which is continuous over both sections. The lower molding extends down nearly to the wood lintels over the second story windows. The roof of 108 is covered with asbestos shingles, that of 110 temporarily with tar paper.

At present the owner of 108 owns only three bays of the original five. The four remaining bays which comprise 110 have just been purchased for the purpose of restoration. It is expected that some aspects of the restoration, especially the roof, will affect both 108 and 110.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input 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 1740's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the building lies partly in its being a part of an immediate neighborhood in which there are several houses of its style and period: 103 Queen Street, 116 High Street, and the Wickes House at the corner of High and Water Streets. Architecturally, its significance would increase if it could be restored to its original 5-bay form, an unlikely prospect. Restored in its present form, it would still be an extremely handsome Georgian residence.

The house was probably built soon after 1743 when the land it is on, the southeast half of Town Lot 34, was purchased by Walter Dougherty from Jonothon Page, mariner. Page had purchased all of Lot 34 from Simon Wilmer in 1733 for £10, and the deed sounds as if the only building on it then was some sort of frame "messuage or tenement." When Dougherty bought the southeast half from Page, no messuage or tenement was mentioned, though the purchase price had climbed to £90. When Walter's son, Henry Dougherty sold the property to Joseph Nicholson in 1770, a "messuage or tenement" is mentioned as being on the half-lot, and the price has jumped to £550.

Nicholson's wife and son inherited the house from him and sold it to John Scott in 1793 for £1000 (post Revolution pounds). Scott turned it over for £1400, ~~perhaps after modifying it~~, to its principal owner and the man from whom it takes its popular name, William Barroll: this transaction took place in 1797. The house remained, more or less, in the Barroll family until 1857. The Wickes family owned the house from 1860 until 1884. The house began its split ownership in 1923.

and may well have been modified at some early stage in their ownership, perhaps in the 1820's when William H. Barroll bought the adjacent (or adjoining) 106 High Street and turned it into his office.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Attached.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Robert Neill Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Town of Chestertown

DATE

March, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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

Summary of Title Search on 108-110 High  
Barroll House

Simon Wilmer to Jonothon Page Liber 4 Folio 343 (1733)  
(all of lot #34) ~~with lease & messuage (from)~~ "tenement or messuage"

Jonothon Page to Walter Dougherty Liber 5 Folio 585 (1743) L90  
(southeast half of lot #34) ~~with the right to use same~~

Henry Dougherty to Joseph Nicolson, Jr. Liber DD 3 Folio 262 (1770) L550  
(southeast half of lot #34 with messuage or tenement)

Elizabeth Nicolson and Joseph Hopper Nicolson to John Scott BC 3 476 (1793) L1000  
(wife and son of J. N., Jr.)

John Scott to William Barroll BC 4 546 (1797) L1400

Deed JFG 4 356 says that Sarah Barroll probably inherited it from William, that she conveyed it to a Catharine Pearce and then got it back again in 1834. Sarah finally left it to Rebecca Barroll.

Rebecca Barroll to Rebecca Ringgold JFG 4 356 (1857) \$2235

Rebecca Ringgold to George W.T. Perkins and wife JFG 4 459

George W.T. Perkins and wife to Joseph Wickes JKH 1 795 (1860) \$2800

Joseph A. Wickes and Ann R. Wickes to Emma P. France SB 5 145 (1884) \$3500  
(inherited from father)

Emma P. France leaves it to Adele France, Emma France Porter, and her husband, Albert H. Porter.

Adele France, Emma F. Porter, and Albert H. Porter to William G. Smyth and Thomas B. Kilbourn APR 4 534 (1919)

110: Wm. G. Smyth & Tho. B. Kilbourn  
to Lizzie M.C. Smyth RRA 2 347  
(1923)

108: Wm. G. Smyth & Tho. B. Kilbourn  
to Eva Kilbourn RRA 2 349  
(1923)

Lizzie Smyth & Wm. G. Smyth  
to Scott Beck, Atty. RAS 31-  
202. (1943)

Eva Kilbourn, widow, to Lawrence  
P. Strong and Olive Strong WHG 7-  
340 (1948)

Scott Beck to Lizzie Smyth  
& Wm. G. Smyth RAS 31 203 (1943)

Wm. G. Smyth to Eliz. C. Rollison  
WHG 43 29 (1956)

Eliz. C. Rollison to Wm. G. Smyth  
& Evelyn Smyth WHG 43-31 (1956)

Wm G. Smyth died and willed house to  
his wife, Evelyn. In spring of 1976

Mrs. Smyth entered into a contract to sell with C. Havemeyer, then later would not sell. This matter is presently in the Courts to be decided.

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CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

FOODS (NEW) FARM

COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

LYNCHBURG

KENT

WASHINGTON AVENUE

COLLEGE AVENUE

MORNING

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD

VALLEY

STREET

SCHOOL

MT. VERNON

CAMPUS

WASHINGTON U.S. 213

BROWN VIEW RIVER RD.

STREET

SCHOOL AVENUE

MILL

STREET

STREET

STREET

STREET

CALVERT

STREET

TERRACE

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

SCHOOL STREET

STREET

SPRING ST.

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

BARROLL DRIVE

CROSS

ROW

STREET

PARK COURT ST.

CHURCH ST.

STREET

BYFORD COURT

TWILLEY

LANE

QUEEN

WATER CANNON

HIGH

STREET

MAPLE

RIVERSIDE TERRACE

MORRIS

(K-32)

U.S. 213

River

Chester



K-31 & K-32  
Barroll House  
108-110 High St.  
Chestertown  
Chestertown Quad.  
Kent County





K 37. William Barroll Home

32 108-110 High St

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K 3P, Wm Barwell House

32 108-110 High

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