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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries complete applicable sections)

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| STATE            | Maryland  |
| COUNTY           | Worcester |
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| ENTRY DATE       |           |

1. NAME

COMMON:  
Caleb's Discovery

AND/OR HISTORIC:  
Hilliard's Discovery

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:  
North side of U.S. Route 50, 2 miles west of Berlin

CITY OR TOWN: Berlin CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: First

STATE: Maryland CODE: 24 COUNTY: Worcester CODE: 047

3. CLASSIFICATION

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

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

|  |                                     |   |  |                                   |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence | <input 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                   |  |                                   |

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:  
Mr. and Mrs. William P. Phillips 641-0772

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Caleb's Discovery, Route 1, Box 15

CITY OR TOWN: Berlin STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:  
Worcester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Snow Hill STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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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Worcester

7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Caleb's Discovery is located on the north side of U.S. 50, approximately two miles west of Berlin, Maryland. The house consists of two sections, the kitchen wing, dating from the early eighteenth century, and the living room wing, dating from the early nineteenth century. The kitchen wing, with its major axis running north-south, is one-and-one-half stories, three bays wide by one room deep. The south end has a large, inside end chimney flanked by two small, two-over-two light windows in the gable. The north end has a newer exterior end chimney flanked by two small windows. The wing is constructed of brick covered with stucco scored to simulate ashlar masonry. On the north end a small section of brick is exposed revealing Flemish bond brickwork. The west side has a door in the center bay and one six-over-six light window. A second dormer on the gable roof is between the north window and the door.

Connecting the kitchen and living room wings is a one-story hyphen, one bay wide. Centered on the south facade is a double door flanked by two narrow six-over-six light windows. A pedimented portico projects from the house.

To the east is a two-story wing plus attic. Three bays wide by two deep, this wing is also covered with stucco scored to simulate ashlar masonry. Each bay on the south facade has a window. The first floor windows have twelve-over-twelve sash while the second floor have eight-over-twelve. There is a recessed flat arch over each window. The house has a modillion cornice. Between the first and second stories are five, evenly spaced, S-shaped ends to tie rods.

The east end also has a window in each bay on both floors. They are identical to those on the front. In the gable, flanking the inside end chimney, are two small, six-over-six light windows. Centered in the west gable is a single six-over-six light window.

On the north side a screened porch covers the center and west bays of the first story and extends across the hyphen. The window in the east bay and the one on the second floor are identical to the ones on the north facade. There is a single dormer above the west bay and a double dormer in the hyphen.

The entrance hall, which is the hyphen, has a double door on the north and south, each with a five-light transom. A low chair rail, approximately two feet from the floor, surrounds the room above the plain wainscot. A short hall extends along the north wall joining the living room and entrance hall. Off this hall in the living room wing is the single flight enclosed stairway. On the east wall a reeded pilaster forms the newel. East of the stairway and extending under it is a tiny room.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify: <u>local history</u> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> Military               | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  | _____  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Caleb's Discovery is a good illustration of the incorporation of an early house into a later structure without the loss of the earlier building's identity. The present kitchen wing was originally a small house typical of those built by the early planters on the Eastern Shore. Many such buildings have been lost through thorough incorporation in a later structure or through neglect as later generations outgrew them. However, when the large main block of Caleb's Discovery was constructed in the early 19th century, it was connected with an entrance hall to the rear of the early 18th century dwelling. The resulting juxtaposition of the two buildings still allows each to be viewed as an individual structure. It is this preservation of the earlier building's architectural integrity that makes Caleb's Discovery an unusual example of the later growth common in small dwelling houses.

In 1743 Elizabeth Tingle deeded 390 acres of Hilliard's Discovery which she had inherited from her father, Walter Powell, to her son, Daniel Tingle.<sup>1</sup> All or part of this land then descended to his son, Caleb Tingle. Caleb patented fifty-five acres of this with forty-four acres of vacant land as Caleb's Discovery in 1758. On this property stood the small dwelling which is now the kitchen wing of the house. Tingle apparently did not live here, for in the patent for it, it is described as being "to the Westward of Tingles Plantation."<sup>2</sup> When he died in 1798, Caleb left this dwelling plantation to one son and another parcel of land identifiable as Caleb's Discovery to his son, Daniel Tingle.<sup>3</sup> The latter died in 1819 and his son, Judge William Tingle, inherited it. It was probably during the ownership of this man that the present main block of the house was built.

Caleb Tingle was quite a wealthy man in Worcester County in 1783 when the tax assessment was taken there. The total value of his property came to \$1244.11.<sup>8</sup> This included 785 acres of land, thirteen slaves, eleven horses, forty cattle, and some silver plate. Several people had property worth more than this and a few had property of similar value. The great majority of Buckingham Hundred residents, however, had

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7. Description

The living room across the east end of the wing is quite large. The projecting chimney breast has a large fireplace with rectangular opening and architrave surround. Reeded pilasters with full entablature frame the architrave. Above the reeded capitals is a band of reeding extending the full width of the mantelpiece, including bed mouldings. Beneath the cornice is another band of reeding above a narrow band with a carved double scallop decoration. The center tablet is plain. On each side of the chimney breast is a two-panel closet above a heavily molded chair rail with a band of reeding beneath. The chair rail on the remaining walls is also heavily molded but lacks the reeded band. The window frames are plain. The room has a plain wainscot and heavily molded cornice with dentil trim.

In the bedroom above the living room, the mantelpiece is similar although not as elaborate. Reeded pilasters flank the architrave and the center tablet is also reeded. A simple molding forms the cornice.

The kitchen wing also has two rooms, the old kitchen in the south end and the dining room in the north. The fireplace on the south wall has a rectangular opening 7' 10" wide above which is a large beam. There are two small arched recesses in the back and one in each side of the fireplace. On the chimney breast are two large, horizontal panels. The entire unit is flanked by pilasters with beaded edges. At the far left of the fireplace wall, three steps lead to an enclosed winding stairway. Running east-west are six exposed beams with chamfered edges.

The fireplace in the dining room has been greatly reduced in size, although the two arched recesses remain in the back.

8. Significance, continued

property worth considerably less. Tingle owned twenty-three slaves by the time of the 1790 census, a large number in a time when the average family had only one or two slaves, if any.

William Tingle was a judge, an associate judge, and a commissioner in the Chancery Court for Somerset County in the 1840s. He possibly also served the Chancery Court of Worcester County.

6. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

PRIMARY SOURCES, Hall of Records, Annapolis  
 Census of 1790, Maryland  
 Chancery Records  
 Tax Assessment of 1783  
 Worcester County Land Records  
 Worcester County Probate Records

SECONDARY SOURCES

Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine, LXV (September, 1931), 570. (see continuation sheet #2)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

| LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY |          |         |         | O<br>R  | LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES<br>DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY<br>OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES |         |         |         |         |
|--|----------|---------|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| CORNER   | LATITUDE |         |         |         | LONGITUDE   |         |         |         |         |
|  | Degrees  | Minutes | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes   | Seconds | Degrees | Minutes | Seconds |
| NW   | 38°      | 21'     | 14"     | 75°     | 14'   | 24"     |         |         |         |
| NE   | 38°      | 21'     | 13"     | 75°     | 14'   | 14"     |         |         |         |
| SE   | 38°      | 21'     | 05"     | 75°     | 14'   | 14"     |         |         |         |
| SW   | 38°      | 21'     | 10"     | 75°     | 14'   | 24"     |         |         |         |

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 12 acres

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

| STATE: | CODE | COUNTY  | CODE |
|--------|------|---------|------|
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Ann Hill, Summer Intern; and Pamela James, *Assistant Historian* Research Assistant

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historical Trust DATE: 12/23/1974

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis STATE: Maryland CODE: 24

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: Arthur C. Townsend

Title: State Historic Preservation Officer

Date: February 20, 1975

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

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 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Significance, continued

although little information about his other activities has come to light. In 1866 his four children sold "all the land in Worcester County near the town of Berlin of which the Honorable William Tingle late of said county died seized" to Lemuel Showell. The property has changed hands many times in the last century and was purchased by the present owners in 1953.

<sup>1</sup>Deed A/104, Worcester County Land Records, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

<sup>2</sup>Patent BC & GS 10/17, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

<sup>3</sup>Will JW 18/334, Worcester County Probate Records, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

<sup>4</sup>Tax Assessment of 1783, Worcester County, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

9. Major Bibliographical References, continued

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Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage, 1965.

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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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75° 15'  
3E° 22' 30"

179

480

440

St Martin

Sandpit

Sandpit

CARLY

446

Caleb's discovery

NE 1/4 38° 21' 14"  
long 75° 14' 24"

NE 1/4 38° 21' 13" 4245  
long 75° 14' 14"

SE 1/4 38° 21' 05"  
long 75° 14' 14"

SW 1/4 38° 21' 10"  
long 75° 14' 24" 4244

USGS  
Berlin Quad



34

20

442

14

Berlin





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