

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. PG:74A-35

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Elverton Hall Outbuilding  
other None

## 2. Location

street and number 3707 Church Road not for publication  
city, town Bowie vicinity  
county Prince George's

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bayard Construction/ Bayard Galey  
street and number 3707 Church Road telephone 301-464-5396  
city, town Bowie state MD zip code 20721

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber folio  
city, town Bowie tax map 54 tax parcel 20 tax ID number 0808444

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District  
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
 Recorded by HABS/HAER  
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
 Other: Photos of plantation house are located in HABS MD, 17-MUL. V, 1-1, KBK recorded in 7/67 on a HABS inventory form that describes "outbuilding remains in 19<sup>th</sup> century condition." Current report reference is Levinthal and Hill, 2010.

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape
Contributing	Noncontributing		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture
buildings			1 Building
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social
structures			
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory 0
			1 Total

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This resource is a heavily altered brick building that may have once served as an Elverton Hall plantation smokehouse, milkhouse or other plantation support outbuilding. Currently functioning as a storage shed, the building remains in moderately-poor condition and is aligned east-west. The foundation of this outbuilding appears to be at least partially concrete but visible concrete may be a veneer that stabilizes an original brick foundation. The gable roof is a replacement and it has been constructed of modern, standard dimensional lumber connected with wire nails. A heavy metal beam has been installed in the interior of the east gable and a former window or vent in this gable appears to have been recently bricked in. The west gable failed at some point in the past and has been rebuilt using recycled bricks. The eaves are boxed and the roof is clad with several layers of deteriorating asphalt shingles. The brick walls have been laid in an irregular stretcher bond and some bricks appear to have been burnt while others are glazed. The interior of the brick walls have been coated with a concrete veneer. One empty, rectangular, wood window frame has been recently centrally-located in the north wall. A smaller, rectangular window has been inserted into the center of the south wall. This three-light, metal frame window is also probably a modern replacement. Evidence of the recent improvement or stabilization of this building includes at least two episodes of wall repair using recycled historic brick, occasional modern brick and modern mortar. A failing interior brick chimney penetrates the west terminus of the roof ridge. During an unknown period, a concrete slab was installed just outside of the empty, central entry located on the east elevation. The exterior slab adjoins a modern slab that has been poured into the interior of the structure. The empty entryway itself was recently expanded to nearly the full width of the east elevation. Other evidence of recent renovations includes; new mortar surrounding window and door frames as well as irregular breaks in recycled brick coursing. Because of heavy and repeated alteration, the chronology and use of this building remains unknown. The use of glazed brick in seemingly original portions of wall fabric hints at an at least 19<sup>th</sup> century date of original construction. A possibly functioning and possibly historic well that has been capped with concrete and that features a metal access is located six-feet (1.82 meters) northeast of the east elevation of the outbuilding and a possibly historic, abandoned concrete fence post is located approximately 18-feet (5.48 meters) northeast of this outbuilding. The proximity of the well hints at past domestic or kitchen-related uses of the outbuilding.

# 8. Significance

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Period and justify below	Areas of Significance				Check
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

Specific dates	None	Architect/Builder	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	Possibly as early as the late-18 <sup>th</sup> century.		

Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Research indicates that a Federal period plantation house known as Elverton Hall once stood within the confines of archaeological site 18PR989, of which this outbuilding is a component. This outbuilding may have once served as a milkhouse, smokehouse or other plantation support outbuilding during the occupation of Elverton Hall plantation. Specific construction dates for this building are unknown but the presence of glazed brick within the walls indicates at least a 19<sup>th</sup> century date of construction. Currently the resource appears heavily altered and functions as a shed.

Elverton Hall plantation was probably constructed by Notely Young, a notable race horse breeder. The plantation was probably occupied initially by the Young family and possibly a substantial number of African-American slaves. Young and his wife Elanor originally patented the tract known as "Elverton Hall" in 1773 and it remains unknown if the plantation served as a horse farm. The once sizable property carried the "Elverton Hall" designation until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century though over time it was reduced in size to the current state of 4.67 acres. The property remained in the Young family until 1852, when it was sold to Charles C. Hill. After 1876, the land was sold sequentially to the McKubin, Bell, Belt, Hoover, McHenry, Fullerton, Kramer, Chaney, McDonough, Cefaly, Serenati, Serenati-Merkel and Galey families. The Galey family currently owns the property.

Photographs of the Elverton Hall plantation house were taken in 1936 and are located in the HABS files at the Maryland Historical Trust and also on the National Parks Service HABS website (HABS MD, 17-MUL. V, 1-1). Additionally, an unknown individual known as "KBK" recorded on a HABS inventory form currently located within the Prince George's County MIHP form binder at the Maryland Historical Trust that, during July of 1967 an "outbuilding remains in 19<sup>th</sup> century condition." It is believed that the Elverton Hall plantation house stood until the 1950's when it was razed for an unknown reason. A short time after demolition, the currently extant, 1957 ranch house was constructed within the vicinity of the former Elverton Hall footprint. For an unknown reason the subject brick outbuilding was spared, possibly to serve as a shed. The 1936 HABS photographs are the only known documentation of the Elverton Hall plantation house. Fortunately, the HABS file includes views of the exterior and interior of Elverton Hall but unfortunately it does not include much of a view of the plantation grounds nor does it include views of the subject outbuilding.

The integrity of this resource is extremely degraded on all counts but redeeming qualities include the facts that; the outbuilding may have been constructed and used during the Young period of ownership, it is probably situated in an original location with respect to the Elverton Hall plantation and a possibly historic well and possibly historic concrete fencepost both stand nearby and these features may provide clues to the history and use of the building. Unfortunately, the building has undergone numerous structural failures and numerous periods of historically unsympathetic repair and reconstruction have taken place; possible gable vents have been bricked-in, windows have been inserted, the roof has been replaced with modern materials and stabilized with a metal beam, a concrete floor has been inserted as has a concrete pad outside of an enlarged entryway. Additionally, walls have at least partially collapsed only to be repaired with recycled historic and modern brick fragments joined with modern mortar.

This building does not significantly fulfill the requirements of Criterion A- The resource does not contribute to broad patterns of American history because it is a fragmented and currently disjointed member of a demolished plantation complex.

This building does not significantly fulfill the requirements of Criterion B- The resource cannot be securely or directly associated with individuals important to the American historical record because of considerable unknowns related to chronology and function.

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This building does not significantly fulfill the requirements of Criterion C- The resource is a fragmented and currently disjointed member of a demolished plantation complex, it does not individually possess rare artistic or functional value nor does it represent the work of any known architectural master.

This building may be eligible for NRHP inclusion under Criterion D- The resource is significant because it may hold research potential. The outbuilding may have been constructed during the Young period of plantation occupation and since it is probably situated in its original location with respect to the Elverton Hall plantation and because a possibly historic well and possibly historic concrete fencepost both stand in-situ nearby, the situation and setting may provide clues to the history and use of the building and it may provide, at least archaeological information, regarding the historical patterns and design of the Elverton Hall plantation. In addition, Phase I archaeological survey and recordation of archaeological site 18PR989, of which this outbuilding is a contributing element, has identified intact cultural soils and possibly intact cultural features within close vicinity. The archaeological site features the same or perhaps heightened significance under this same criterion.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Levinthal, Aaron and Phillip J. Hill

2010 *A Phase I Archaeological Survey of the Bayard Property: A 4.67 Acre Parcel Located on the East Site of Church Road in Prince George's County, Maryland.* ATC, Inc. Silver Spring, Maryland.

The Library of Congress

2009 HABS MD, 17-MUL. V, 1-1. Available at <http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query>

Historic American Buildings Survey

1967 HABS inventory form notes on Elverton Hall, dated 7/67 and signed "KBK". Located in the Prince George's County Binder, Maryland Historical Trust Library, Crownsville, Maryland.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 4.67

Acreage of historical setting 2.15

Quadrangle name Lanham, MD. 7.5 Minute

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

This outbuilding is located in the southeast quadrant of archaeological site 18PR989 in the east third of the 4.67-acre Bayard Tract. The tract fronts Church Road in Prince George's County, Maryland and is enclosed on the north south and east by residential subdivisions, treed buffers and overgrown margins. The resource is located in an area comprised of grassed lawns that are (probably historically) landscaped with shrubs and mature hardwood trees. A blacktop driveway is located south and east of the outbuilding.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title

Aaron Levinthal/ Architectural Historian

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organization	Archeological Testing and Consulting	date	10/5/2010
street & number	12025 Remington Drive	telephone	301-593-4192
city or town	Silver Spring	state	MD

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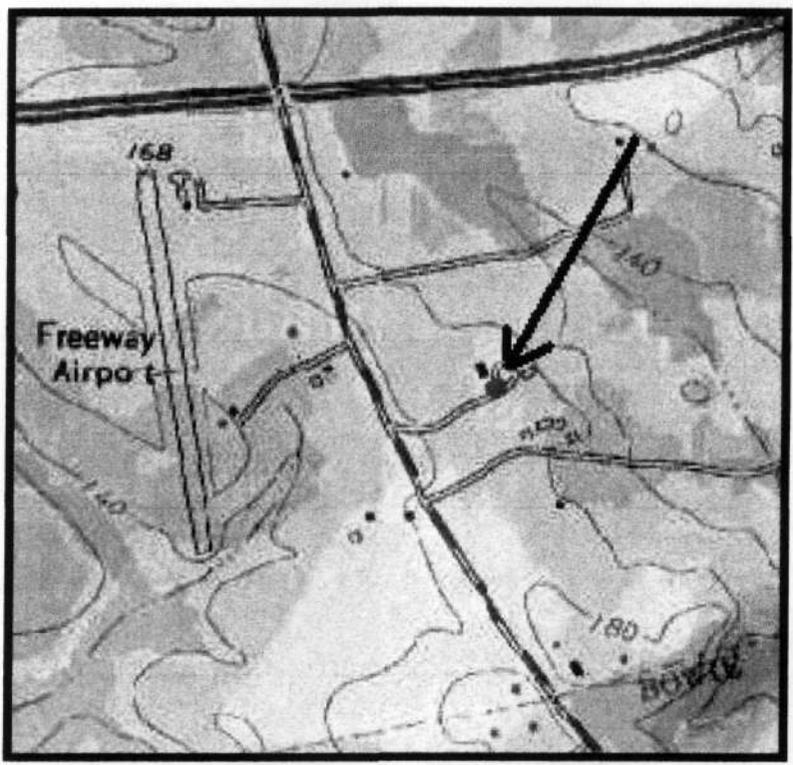
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Location of Elverton Hall outbuilding (marked with red dot) on 1993 USGS Lanham, MD. 7.5 Minute quadrangle map.

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1936 HABS photograph of Elverton Hall plantation House (HABS MD, 17-MUL. V, 1-1. Available at <http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query>).

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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Maryland Department of Planning  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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11/1/09

2510280, 2510280-R1-E011

Negative - MDSHPO

View to Southwest

1/4

Ritz, R1280G, 11/17/09



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Negative - MD SHPO

View to Northwest

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Ritz, R1280G, 11/17/09



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2510280, 2510280-R1-E009

Negative - MD SHDO

View to Northeast

3/4

Ritz, R1280G, 11/17/09



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Everton HALL outbuilding  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Aaron Levinthal

11/1/09

2510280, 2510280-R1-E006

Negative - MD SHPO

Interior / NW Gable + Chimney

4/4

Ritz, R1280G, 11/17/09