

S M -1B HOWARD YOUNG'S HOUSE AT MULBERRY FIELDS mid-19th century  
Valley Lee  
Private

This one-story frame dwelling, probably built in the third quarter of the 19th century, housed families who worked at Mulberry Fields. The original block consisted of one ~~first floor~~ room <sup>on each floor</sup> and ~~another upstairs~~ with an exterior, gable end chimney. Numerous additions have been made over the years, several by the present occupants, the Young family. Though modern facilities are present, the family prefers occasionally to continue traditional ways of life, such as baking in a wood stove and drawing water from the nearby spring.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

HOWARD YOUNG'S HOUSE AT MULBERRY FIELDS

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

At the end of a dirt road which turns off to the north c. 200 yds. in front of main

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

house.

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

**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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Holger Janssen

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Mulberry Fields

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
 SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Annapolis, Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

Located about a quarter of a mile from the main house at Mulberry Fields, this house is now occupied by Howard Young and his family. Mr. Young said that he has repaired, modernized, insulated, and enlarged the house over the years, with the result that many of the original features have been replaced or covered. He built an el extending from the rear corner of the west side of the house. He added new rooms along the northern (rear) corner of the house and enclosed the front porch. He replaced much of the original material, such as the old siding and the hewn timbers in the frame. Inside the house he replaced the original plank flooring, built another stairway to the upstairs, and bricked over the fireplace, and sheet-rocked the ceiling in both the downstairs and upstairs. The room on the eastern gable side was also added, though Mr. Young said this was before his arrival.

Nevertheless, the design of the original house (the central section) is apparent. It consisted of one and a half story frame house with an A roof. Since the doors and windows have been enlarged and modernized the number of bays across its length could not be determined. Mr. Young said that the old walls had been lathed and plastered. The dimensions of this original section were 17'4" x 15'4" x 7'10" downstairs and 17'4" x 15'4" x c.8' upstairs. On the east gable side stood a brick chimney with a large firebox.

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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 checked="" 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
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<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**

The design and dimensions of this house are similar to those of slave cabins in southern Maryland as well as to those of white tenant farmers and many overseers, thus this house may have been a slave cabin, or perhaps been occupied by one of the latter groups. But the Youngs and an eighty-six year old black man, all of whom were raised near Mulberry Fields, said this dwelling was originally a slave cabin.

Its frame construction of hewn timbers with lathing and plastering indicate a date of construction preceding the use of balloon frame in the last quarter of the 19th century; so it is probably early or mid 19th century. Because of the home improvements on the exterior and interior, a more precise date cannot be determined.

Near the house is a bricked-in spring, sheltered by a lean-to. Before they had running water, the Youngs carried water in buckets from this spring to the house. The children used the spring as a hiding place when their parents called them for chores. Today, Mrs. Young "fresh water" from her spring is all she drinks, and she does not like the taste of "that tap water."

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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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

George McDaniel

1/76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Commission On Afro-American and Indian History and Culture

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

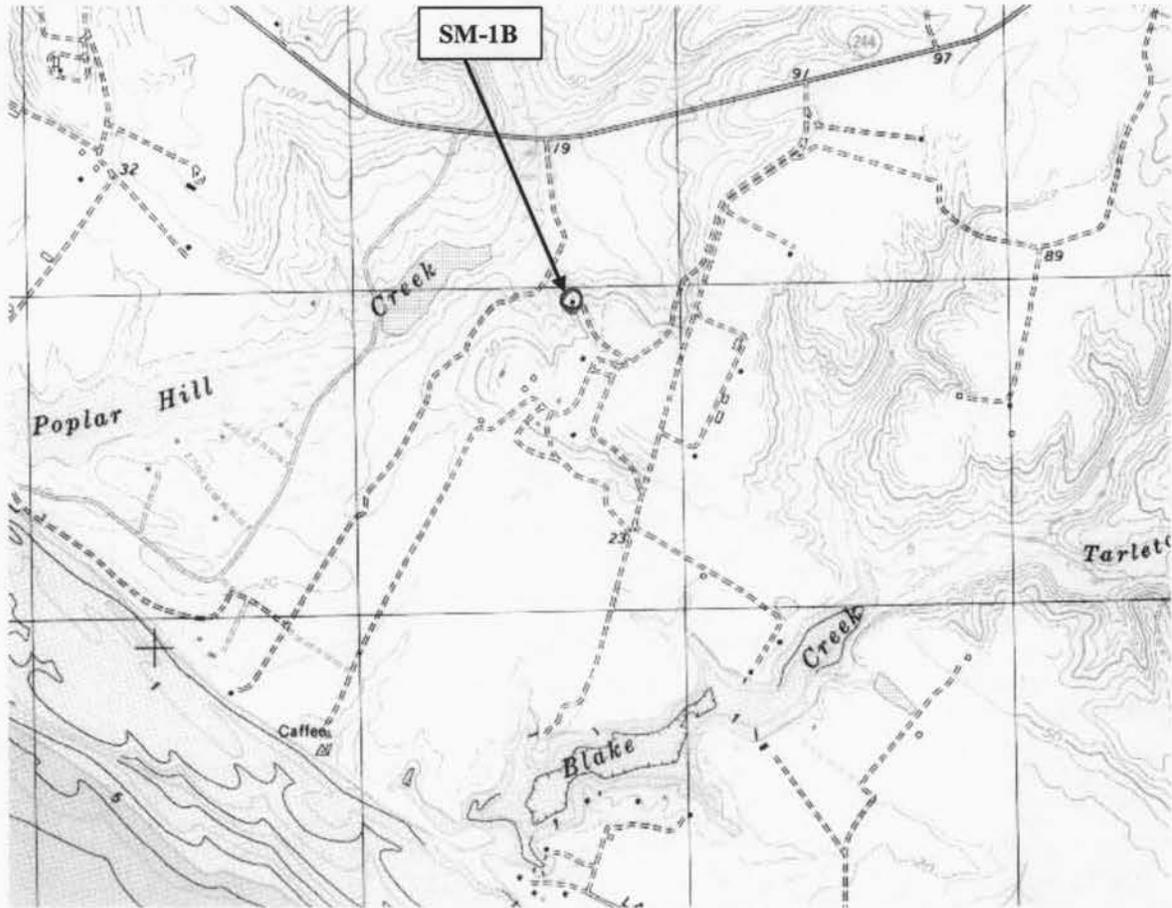
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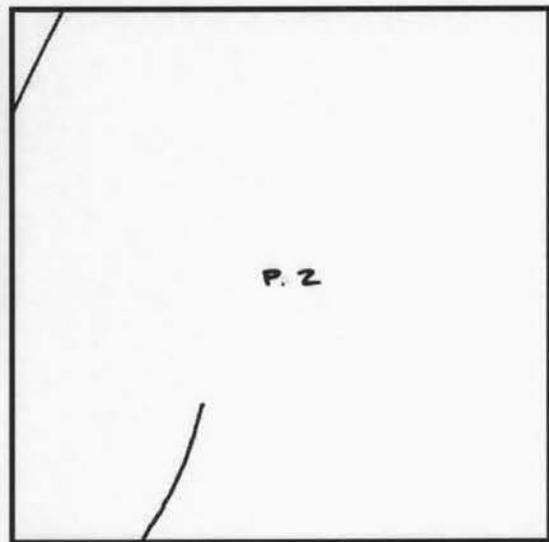
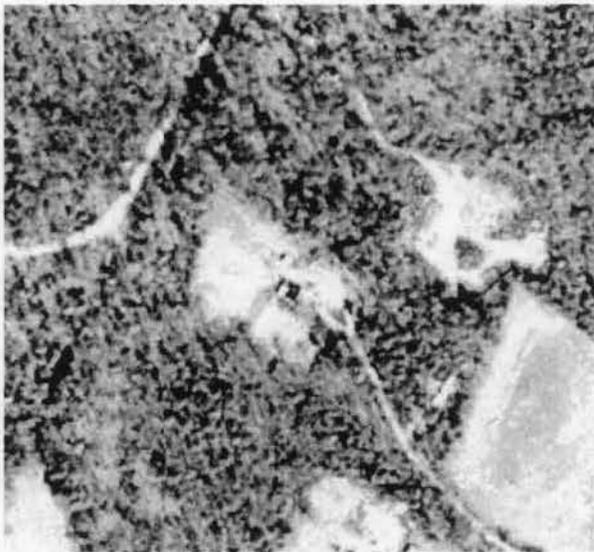
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Howard Young's House at Mulberry Fields  
19700 Mulberry Fields Road  
Piney Point Quadrangle



1993 Aerial Photo

Tax Map 56





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Spring St. Ground

Long & Short

on Long & Short

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