

WO-28
Engleside
Berlin vicinity
private

c. 1840

Credit for the construction of Engleside, probably known as Mount Pleasant during the early nineteenth century, is attributed to Littleton Bowen, a prominent Worcester County planter of pre-Civil War period. Littleton Bowen purchased the Mount Pleasant tract with several other adjacent or nearby parcels in 1839 from John C. Briddell, who lived in Missouri at the time. The 300-acre tract sold for \$7,500, a substantial sum for the period. However, due to the high, well-drained nature of the land and the prosperity of the late 1830s and 1840s, \$25 an acre does not seem unreasonable. Littleton Bowen evidently engaged carpenters in an ambitious building program shortly afterwards. Apparently, he had the iron face-plates for each downstairs hearth installed in 1850, since the southwest parlor face-plate carries that date and his name in embossed numerals and letters. The 1850 Worcester County census lists Littleton Bowen, aged 57, as a farmer, with his 51-year old wife, Charlot, and three children, Ann M., Sidney, and Ellen J. At the time of his death in 1864, Littleton Bowen bequeathed his Mount Pleasant plantation to his wife for her use, and after her death the property would pass to their daughter, Ann Maria Truitt. In 1882, the farm was purchased by Joseph Godfrey. It was probably after the Godfrey acquisition that the mansard roof was added to the service wing. During the twentieth century the property was known as the Godfrey homeplace.

Engleside is architecturally important as one of three late Federal style, transverse hall dwellings to remain on a rural Worcester County farm. The other two examples are well preserved but are smaller and less

elaborately detailed. (See Peace and Plenty farm, WO-60, and Golden Quarter, WO-14) These gable-front style dwellings are regionally distinctive for the lower Eastern Shore with a number of fine examples located in Berlin, Snow Hill, and in adjacent Somerset County. The Calvin B. Taylor house and Waverly in Berlin share many identical features. Engleside is distinguished by a finely executed modillioned cornice that is further embellished with a scalloped fascia. Original twelve-over-twelve sash windows light the first floor and a Palladian style window with corresponding shutters fills the second floor center bay on the east side. Attached to the north side of the main block is a contemporary three-bay wing that was modified with a mansard roof during the late nineteenth century. The interiors of the house are equally well preserved with late Federal style mantels, chair rail, doors, and bulls-eye block surrounds. Much of the original hardware also survives including large brass box locks on the front doors.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ENGLESIDE

MHT Inventory Number: NO-28

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE, AGRICULTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1815-1870 AGRICULTURAL-INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION

4) Resource Type(s):

1. Standing Structures

a. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic MT. PLEASANT

and/or common ENGLSIDE **

2. Location

street & number West side of MD 818 ___ not for publication

city, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Alger H. and Henry G. Abbott

street & number Engleside P. O. Box 466 telephone no.: 641-0896

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Worceseter County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1967 federal state county local

pository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

Survey No. WO-28

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Engleside farm is located on the north side MD Route 346 and west of MD Route 818 with the entrance lane a tenth of a mile north of the intersection of the two roads in the vicinity of Berlin, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, transverse hall frame house faces east with the main gable oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1840, the two-story, three-bay gable-front frame dwelling is supported by a fully excavated stuccoed brick foundation and the main block is sheathed with a combination of plain weatherboards and asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending northward from the main block is a two-story, three-bay frame wing topped by a mansard roof. More recently in-fill additions were added to the north side to provide modern kitchen space.

The east (main) elevation is symmetrical three-bay facade with a center eight-panel door sheltered by a gable roofed porch. The door is framed by four-light sidelights and a seven-light colored glass transom. To each side of the entrance are twelve-over-twelve sash windows with louvered shutters nailed to the wall surface. The second floor is defined by three window openings. Highlighting the center bay is a Palladian window with corresponding arched shutters. Twelve-over-eight sash windows fill the adjacent bays. Each of the window and door openings are framed by period surrounds. The modillion block cornice that stretches across the front of the house is enriched by a repeating arch trim. The modillion blocks continued within the pediment. Piercing the tympanum is a blocked up round window opening and to each side are small four-over-two window sash. The foundation wall, on the other hand, is pierced by rectangular four-pane windows.

The south side of the main house is defined by three twelve-over-twelve sash windows on the first floor and three twelve-over-eight sash light the second floor. Highlighting the cornice is a row of molded modillions. Atop the gable roof is a turn of the century Victorian gable with fishscale shingles framing a six-over-six sash window. The foundation wall is pierced by four-pane cellar windows as well.

The west or back side of the house is covered with asbestos shingles, and twelve-over-twelve and twelve-over-eight sash windows light the first and second floor, respectively. The attic is defined by shuttered four-over-two sash windows to either side of the interior end brick chimney that is finished with a corbelled cap. A molded bargeboard trims the gable end. Also, identical horizontal four-pane windows light the cellar.

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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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D

and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Engleside derives significance from its architecture as one of three late Federal style, transverse hall dwellings to remain on a rural, Worcester County farm. The other two are well preserved but are smaller and less elaborately detailed. (See Peace and Plenty farm, WO-60, and Golden Quarter, WO-14) These gable-front style dwellings are regionally distinctive for the lower Eastern Shore with a number of fine examples in Berlin, Snow Hill, and in adjacent Somerset County. The Calvin B. Taylor house and Waverly in Berlin shares many identical features. Engleside is distinguished by a finely executed modillioned cornice that is further embellished with a scalloped trim. Original twelve-over-twelve and twelve-over-eight sash windows light the first and second floors, and highlighting the center second floor bay is a Palladian window with corresponding shutters. Attached to the north side of the main block is a contemporary three-bay wing that was modified with a mansard roof during the late nineteenth century. The interiors of the house are equally well preserved with late Federal style mantels, chair rail, doors, and bulls-eye block surrounds. Peculiar to this house alone is the iron facing that fits inside the parlor mantel with the name, Littleton Bowen, and the date, 1850, embossed in iron letters and numbers. The northwest room firebox retains a plain iron facing. Much of the original hardware also survives including large brass box locks on the front doors.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

Credit for the construction of Engleside, probably known as Mount Pleasant during the early nineteenth century, is attributed to Littleton Bowen, a prominent Worcester County planter during the second and third quarters of the nineteenth century. Littleton Bowen purchased the Mount Pleasant tract with several other adjacent or nearby parcels in 1839 from John C. Briddell, who lived at the time in Missouri. (GMH 3/224) The 300-acre tract sold for \$7,500, a substantial sum for the time, however due to the high, well-drained nature of the land and the prosperity of the late 1830s and 1840s, \$25 an acre does not seem unreasonable. Littleton Bowen evidently engaged carpenters in an ambitious building program shortly afterwards. Apparently he had the iron face plates for each

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The north side of the main house is largely covered by the two-story, three-bay frame wing which was altered during the late nineteenth century with the addition of a mansard roof. The south side of the wing has a side six-panel door topped by a four-light transom. Sheltering the front door is a gable roofed portico supported by square columns. The adjacent two bays are marked by nine-over-six sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. Illuminating the second floor are three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows also hung with louvered shutters. Stretching across the base of the mansard roof is a modillioned cornice that follows the main house with a scalloped frieze. The roof is marked by three gable roofed dormers filled with six-over-six sash windows.

The north end of the wing is pierced by nine-over-six sash on the first floor and six-over-six sash on the second. Rising through the mansard roof is an interior end stuccoed brick stack finished with a corbelled cap. The west side of the wing is covered for the most part by a two-story, two-bay ell of more recent date.

The interior of the main house retains much of its late Federal style woodwork. Following a transverse hall plan, the stair rises in the northeast corner. A slender turned newel post and rectangular balusters support a circular profile handrail. The stringer is trimmed with a decorative s-scroll, and the area beneath the stringer is finished with flat panels set with molded edge rails and stiles. A short six-panel door opens into the cellar area under the first landing where a cellar stair and a bathroom are located. Directly adjacent to the cellar door is another six-panel door that once opened into the wing. A large brass box lock remains on the inside face of the front door. The south end of the hall was partitioned into a small room with vertical board paneling during the mid 1950s.

The two rooms west of the hall are entered through eight-panel doors that are framed by fluted surrounds with bulls-eye blocks. Both rooms are fitted with early nineteenth-century chair rail, baseboard, and cornice moldings. The late Federal style mantel in the southwest room is distinguished by an iron plate that faces the front of the firebox. The name, Littleton Bowen, and the date, 1850, is embossed on the horizontal surface. The chimney breast in the northwest room is fitted with less elaborate Greek Revival style mantel, and the front of the firebox is faced with an iron plate as well.

The first floor of the north end wing is divided into a side hall/parlor plan. Fixed in the southwest corner of the hall is a modified winder stair. The stairwell is boxed and finished with a flat panel wall, and a small six-panel door opens into the stair closet. Modifications were made to the stair around 1950 with the addition of a landing and a section of early nineteenth-century railing was taken from the attic and installed across the landing. A six-panel door framed by a period surround opens into the adjacent room that is finished in a similar fashion to the rest of the first floor. A late Federal style mantel with fluted pilasters and a

paneled frieze support a stepped mantel shelf. The room also retains period door and window surrounds, chair rail, and beaded edge baseboards.

The second floor of each section was not seen.

hearth installed in 1850, since the southwest parlor face-plate carries that date. The 1850 Worcester County census lists Littleton Bowen, aged 57, as a farmer, with his 51-year old wife, Charlot, and three children Ann M., Sidney, and Ellen J. At the time of his death in 1864, Littleton Bowen bequeathed his Mount Pleasant plantation to his wife for her use until her death, and then it was to pass to their daughter, Ann Maria Truitt.(TT 8/409) In 1882, the farm passed out of Bowens family hands when Joseph Godfrey acquired its title.(ITM 9/103) It was probably after the Godfrey purchase that the mansard roof was attached. During the twentieth century the farm has been known as the Godfrey homeplace, and Godfrey descendants still own the land.

ENGLESIDE
MOUNT PLEASANT
CHAIN-OF-TITLE

WO-28

CWN 2/197

Jeannie G. Abbott, widow

to

8/16/1945

Alger H. Abbott, Jr. and Henry Abbott
"Godfrey Homeplace"

Will

Henry A. Godfrey

to

1911

Jeannie Godfrey Abbott, part of farm

B.B. 4/516

Fidelity Trust Company, trustee for
Eleanor G. Abbott

to

11/23/1927

Jeannie G. Abbott
Part--Whereas by the terms of the
Last will and testement of Jeannie Webb
Godfrey deceased, under said will did
acquire $\frac{1}{2}$ undivided interest

S.M.C. 55/426

Jeannie G. Abbott
Alger H. Abbott

to

6/4/1923

Jeannie Webb Godfrey
 $\frac{1}{2}$ interest "Godfrey Homeplace"
Now occupied by Oscar M. Chandler, being
the same property Henry A. Godfrey died
siezed

I.T.M. 11/456

Heirs of Joseph Godfrey, died about the
month of August

to

10/23/1885

Henry A. F. Godfrey

I.T.M. 9/103 Charles L. Bowen, trustee
to

3/22/1882 Joseph Godfrey

I.T.M. 6/547 Littleton B. Truitt
to

2/20/1879 Charles L. Bowen, trustee \$4,700

Last Will Littleton Bowen
T.T. 8/409

to

1/6/1862 written
12/6/1864 proved

Littleton Truitt

I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Maria Truitt wife of Robert W.D. Truitt of the City of Philadelphia, to her sole and separate use apart from the control of her husband the following property, to wit, the farm on which I now reside for and during her natural life and no longer and after her death I give the same to their son Littleton B. Truitt in fee simple, also to Ann Maria Truitt,
1. Farm known as the Wm Hammond farm
2. The Duncan farm
3. Golden Valley

G.M.H. 3/224 John C. Briddell, Missouri

to

11/29/1839 Littleton Bowen \$7,500

"Mount Pleasant," "Long Acre," "Evans Discovery," "Friendship," "Friends Advice," and "Tribble Purchase" **300 ACRES**
"all that tract or tracts or parts of

land that was devised to Edward Briddell and the aforesaid John C. Briddell by their father Isaac Bredell by will, 8/7/1839, also which said tracts or parcels of land was conveyed by Edward Bridell to John C. Bridell by deed 11/4/1839 and the Littleton Bowen became purchaser of the same. It being the same land that the said Isaac Bredell, dec'd purchased of Henry Franklin by two deeds

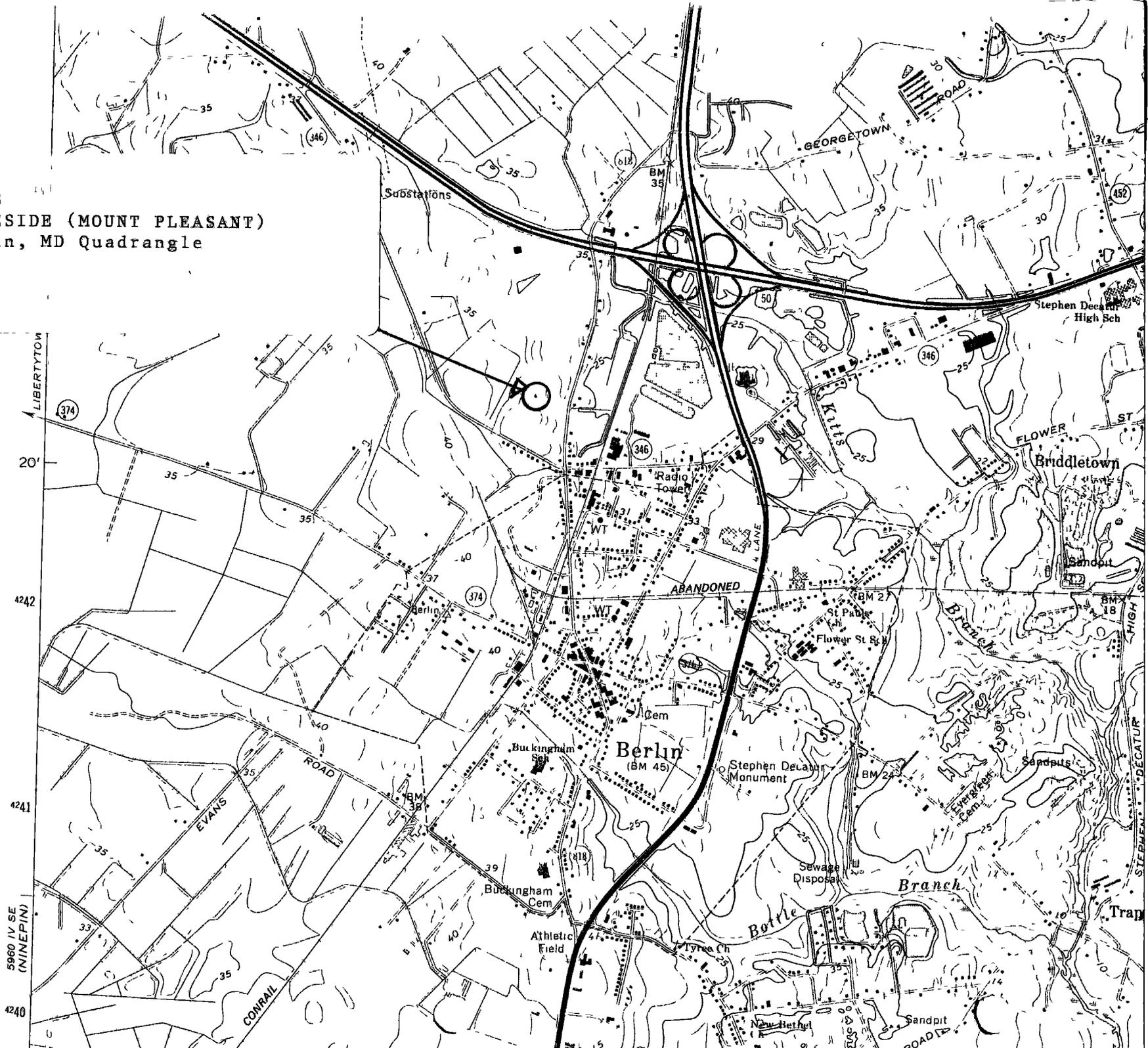
1. 4/5/1825
2. 2/25/1826

"the aforesaid lands lying and being in Worcester County situate near the Village of Berlin"



1877 Lake, Griffiths, and Stevenson Atlas

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ENGLESIDE (MOUNT PLEASANT)
Berlin, MD Quadrangle
1967





Engleside

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Michael BOURNE