

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Waverly Survey Number: WO- 81

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map):

Waverly is located at 509 South Main Street on the east side of the street and north of its intersection with US Route 113 in the town of Berlin, Worcester County, MD. The property is considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places and is also considered a contributing resource within a National Register-eligible historic district.

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Erected ca. 1842 for Elisha L. Purnell, a successful local landholder instrumental in the early development of Berlin and Worcester County, Waverly is an elegant transitional-style dwelling displaying characteristics and details of both the Federal and Greek Revival styles. The 2-1/2-story dwelling is of frame construction, clad with weatherboard, and is covered with a front gable roof with a hipped-roof porch with four Doric columns extending across the facade. The facade is divided into three bays, with an entry door located on center of the first story and a "Palladian" style window with corner blocks located in the center bay of the second story. Interior finish at Waverly matches the Federal and Greek Revival-inspired exterior. The building survives in excellent condition.

Waverly is eligible for listing on the National Register under Criterion C as a fine example of a mid-19th-century gable-fronted dwelling and of an excellent example of transitional Federal/Greek Revival style architecture.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Stuart Paul Dixon, Historian, KCI Technologies, Inc. for SHA

Kimberly Prothro Williams March 21, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
Olav's Padgett March 27, 1996.  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/single dwelling

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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Worcester County

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition                      A.D. 1815-1870

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category:                      Building

Historic Environment:      Village

Historic Functions:         Dwelling

Known Design Source:      None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-81

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Waverly

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 509 South Main Street  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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private        | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied                 | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park                          |
| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no                         | <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:                          |

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

name Frances H. Quillen

street & number 509 South Main Street telephone no.: (410) 641-1790

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number 1 West Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title Worcester County Historic Site Survey

date 1988-1992  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state MD 21032

# 7. Description

Survey No. W0-81

**Condition**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

See Continuation Sheet

# 8. Significance

Survey No. WO-81

| 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 checked="" 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/<br>humanitarian |
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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** c. 1842      **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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.

See Continuation Sheet

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. W0-81

See Continuation Sheet

# 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name Berlin, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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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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Waverly  
Worcester County  
Page 7.1; Description

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

Located on the east side of South Main Street north of its intersection with US Route 113 (Worcester Highway) in the town of Berlin, Worcester County, Maryland, Waverly follows a tradition of gable-front architecture prevalent throughout the Eastern Shore during the first half of the nineteenth century. Waverly displays a symmetrical three-bay wide, pedimented western elevation facing South Main Street. A full length hipped-roof porch supported by four columns shades the first story composed of nine-over-six wood sash flanking a door capped by a cross-stick muntin transom. Six-over-six sash occupy second and attic story window openings. Modillions ornament the gable front's pediment while a Palladian window penetrates the second story central bay. Louvered shutters border each window.

Interior finish at Waverly matches the Federal and Greek Revival inspired exterior. Slender newel posts and ramped handrails define the delicately crafted stair rising in the south end of the hall. Scrolled trim and flat panels finish the stringer. Semi-engaged Tuscan columns support a decorative frieze on the parlor mantel (Touart 1994:391).

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Page 8.1; Significance

Erected circa 1842 for Elisha L. Purnell, a successful local landholder instrumental in Berlin's and Worcester County's early development, Waverly stands as a fine example of one of the most enduring architectural designs on the Eastern Shore, the neoclassical inspired gable- or temple-front, transverse hall dwelling. First built in the region during the 1790s, the temple-front became the domestic style of choice for Worcester County's planter and merchant elite during the first half of the nineteenth century. Borrowing architectural ideals identified with classical Greek and Roman democracies for a new national style representative of the new American Republic, gable-front dwellings often received extensive embellishment with Federal and Greek Revival motifs (Touart 1994:89-90).

Significant as a fine example of gable- or temple-front architecture on the Eastern Shore during the early nineteenth century, Waverly possesses excellent integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association. As a result Waverly is recommended for inclusion on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C, embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of an type or method of construction. Suggested National Register boundaries for Waverly encompass the entire current tax parcel of 4.13 acres. Although Purnell purchased a larger tract of 18 acres for the site of his residence, adjoining parcels that once formed part of the Waverly property now contain non-contributing dwellings. The current tax parcel preserves the rural character of Waverly's period of significance in the 1840s.

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Touart, Paul Baker

1994 *Along the Seaboard Side, The Architectural History of Worcester County, Maryland.* Worcester County Commissioners, Snow Hill, MD.

United States Geological Survey

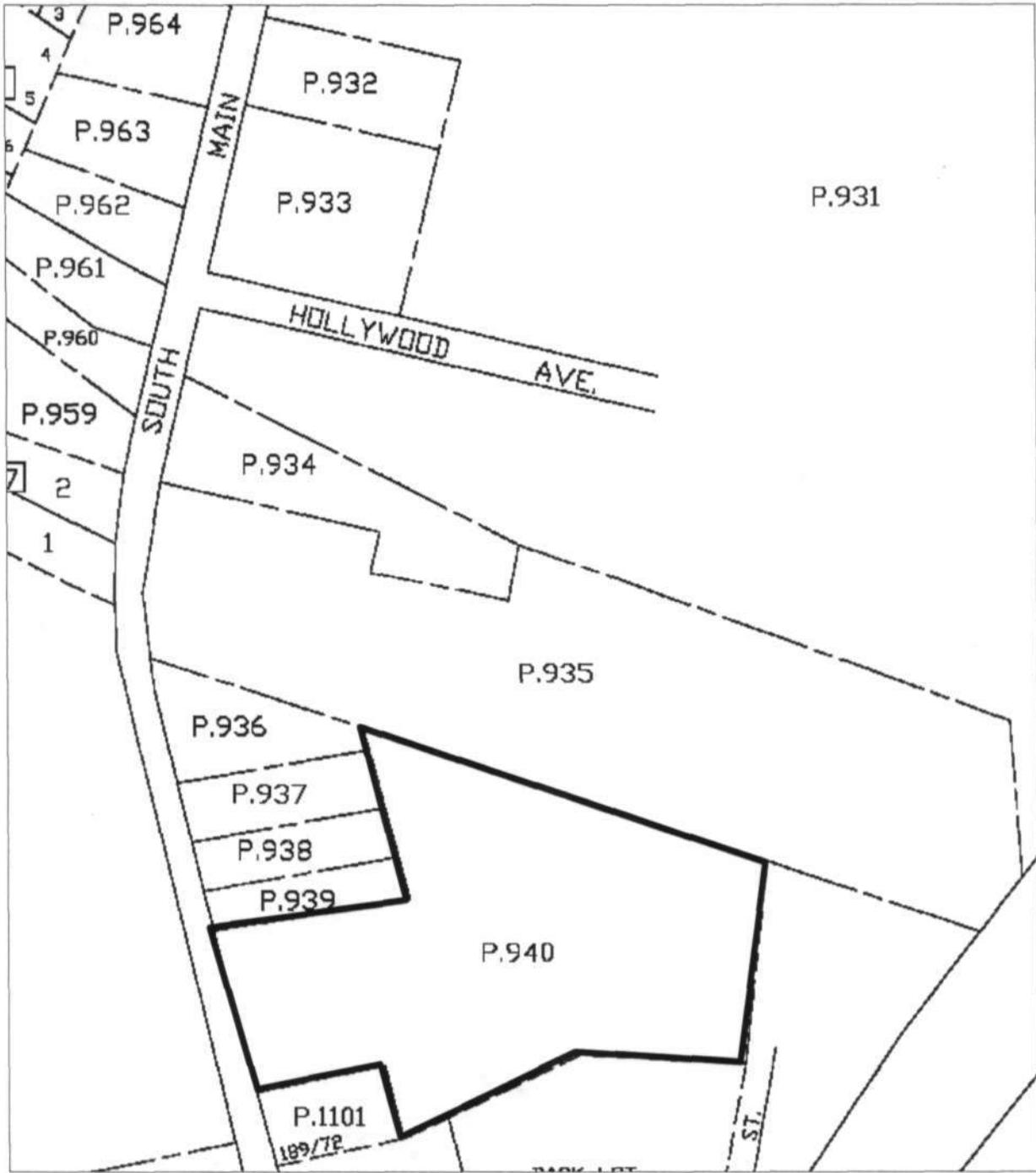
1943 *7.5' Series Quadrangle for Berlin, MD.* On file at Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.

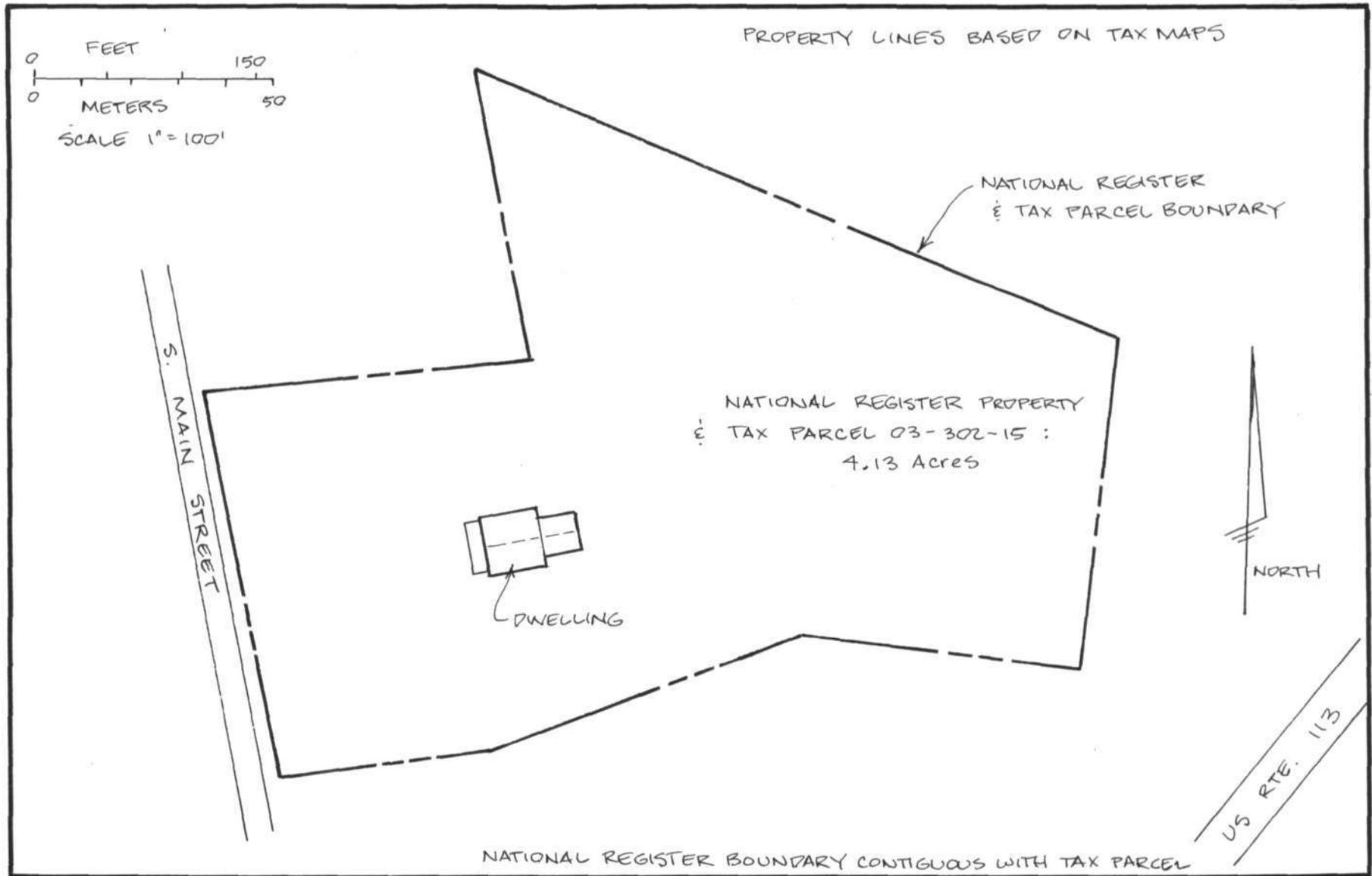
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1993 *Articles for Consideration: 250 Years of History, Worcester County, Maryland.*  
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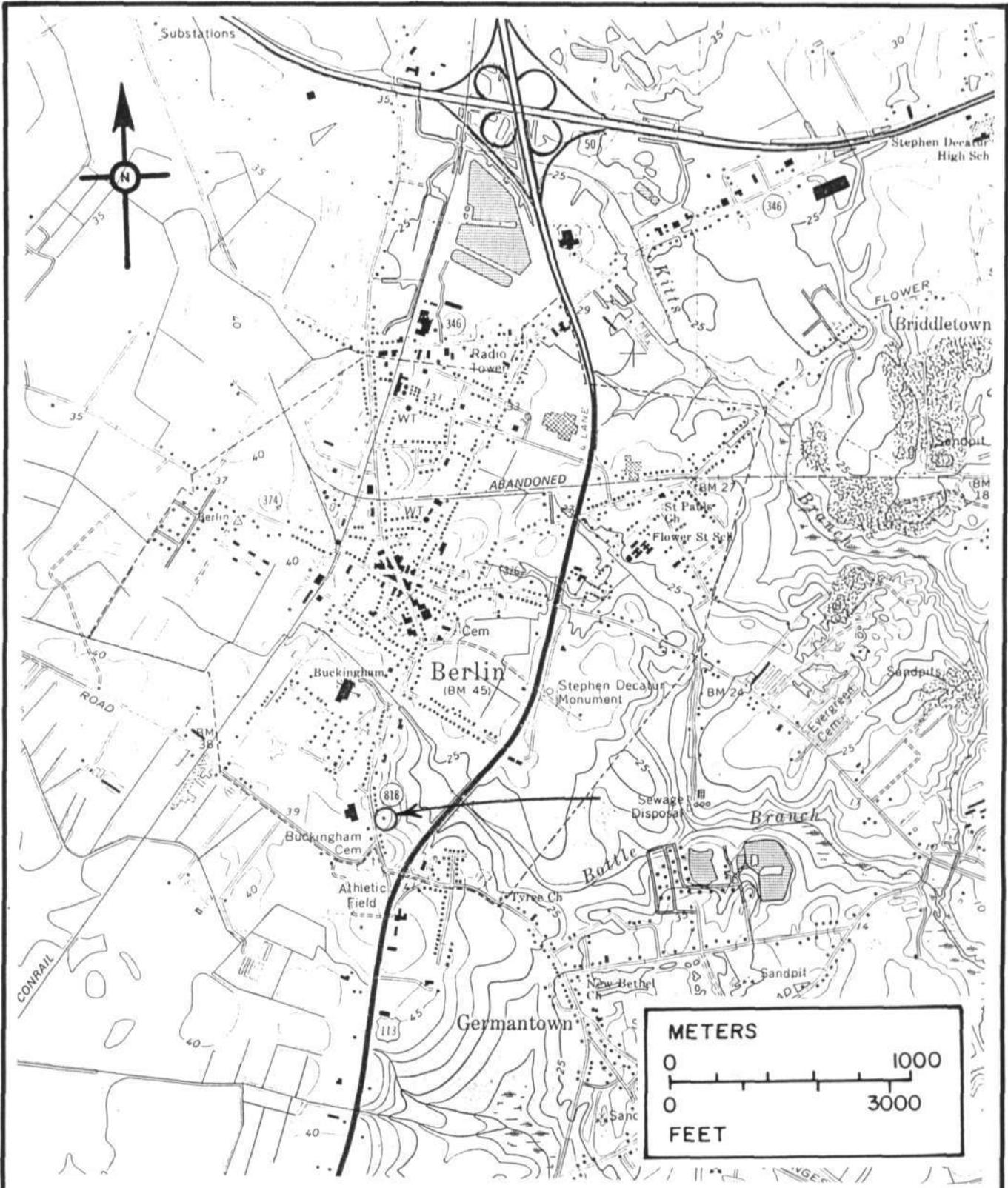
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Waverly  
509 S. Main Street (MD 818), Berlin  
Worcester County Tax Map 302, P. 940





**RESOURCE SKETCH MAP**  
 Waverly (WO-81; KCI-8)  
 Berlin, Worcester County, MD  
 Berlin, MD Quad Map

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**LOCATIONAL MAP**  
 Section of the 7.5' Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967)  
 Showing Waverly (WO-81; KCI-8),  
 Berlin, Worcester County, MD.

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WAVERLY

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| 1. STATE <u>Maryland</u><br>COUNTY <u>Worcester</u><br>TOWN <u>Berlin</u> VICINITY<br>STREET NO. <u>South Main Street</u><br><br>ORIGINAL OWNER<br>ORIGINAL USE <u>dwelling</u><br>PRESENT OWNER <u>E. Bowman &amp; Frances Quillen</u><br>PRESENT USE <u>dwelling</u><br>WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>frame</u><br>NO. OF STORIES <u>2</u>  | HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY<br>INVENTORY <u>WD-81</u><br><br>2. NAME <u>Waverly</u><br><br>DATE OR PERIOD <u>c. 1835</u><br>STYLE <u>Federal</u><br>ARCHITECT<br>BUILDER<br><br>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE |
| 4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION <span style="float: right;">OPEN TO PUBLIC <u>NO</u></span><br><br><p style="text-align: center;">Waverly is like several other dwellings in Berlin, with its pedimented gable facing the street. It is a frame dwelling built on a brick foundation, three bays wide and three bays deep, with a two-bay, two-story wing to the rear. A porch conceals the first-story facade. It has four doric columns, modillion blocks and a roof sloping upward from three sides. The entrance is located in the center of the facade and has a lattice-like transom above the paneled door. Two windows with nine over six sash flanks the entrance. Other windows on first story have same number of panes. Above entrance on second story is Palladian style window with corner blocks. Windows of the second story have six over six sash. The pediment has two, three over three sash windows. All windows have green louvered shutters. The cornice consists of</p> |   |
| 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE <span style="float: right;">Endangered <u>NO</u> Interior Exterior <u>good</u></span><br><br><p style="text-align: center;">modillions and a fascia with waves or inverted scollops. It forms a full pediment on the facade. A brick chimney pierces the 'A' roof about in the center of the building.</p>  |   |
| 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)<br><br>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)<br>INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  | 7. PHOTOGRAPH<br><br>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER<br><u>Michael Bourne</u><br><u>Maryland Historical Trust</u><br><br>DATE OF RECORD <u>Nov, 1969</u>   |

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