

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

Survey No. W0-83

Magi No. 2400835404

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Whaley House, Cummings House

and/or common Whaley House

2. Location

street & number SW corner of West and Broad St not for publication

city, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input type="checkbox"/> occupied | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> museum |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input checked="" 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 | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number folio

city, town Snow Hill state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust Survey

date November 1969 federal state county local

depository for survey records MHT 21 State Circle

city, town Annapolis, MD state Maryland

7. Description

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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.

The Whaley House is a two and one half story frame building which stands on a large tree shaded lot at the southwest corner of Broad and West Streets in Berlin, Worcester County. The house has its entrance on the gable or east end and was probably built in the early nineteenth century. On the south side is a later two story wing. Also on the property is a group of four mid-nineteenth century frame outbuildings.

The house is built on a "T" plan with the older part being the two and one half story main block to which a two story wing was added. This older part is three bays wide and three bays deep, and is sheathed in unbeaded clapboard with a narrow and slightly projecting cornice running between the second and attic stories. Above this is a much heavier classical cornice which runs along the north and south facades and the gable roof, returning on the two gable ends. Below the cornice is a fine Greek Revival frieze with triglyphs and metopes.

A one story flat roofed screened porch with widely projecting cornice extends across two bays of both the entrance gable and the attached wing. The off center, gable end door is framed by simple quarter round moulding with crossettes. Above the door is a plain rectangular panel framed by short fluted Doric pilasters below a dentilled cornice. The windows on the first floor have 6/9 sash; all others have 6/6 sash. There are chimneys near the west end of the main block and the south end of the wing.

The two story wing is four bays long and two bays wide and is similar in appearance to the main block, particularly on the east facade. On the west facade is a two story screened porch in poor condition with a jigsaw balustrade on the second floor. A one story wing addition extends to the south of this wing.

Also on the grounds are four interesting mid-nineteenth century frame outbuildings: a one story gable roofed smokehouse covered entirely with cedar shingles with door made up of four vertical boards; a one story dependency on a brick cellar with weatherboard siding and 6/6 sash windows, a boxed cornice and a roof of cedar shingles; a small four-hole privy with a corrugated tin roof; and another one story shed on brick piers.

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 |
| <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 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <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

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.

The Whaley House is a good early example of a gable entrance house, one of six such houses still standing in Berlin. Notable Greek Revival features include the classical cornice and frieze which runs along the second story and the door surround on the east facade. With the exception of the porches on the east and west facades, the house has retained much of its exterior appearance, including its 6/6 and 6/9 sash windows.

Also of interest are the four outbuildings on the property, all of which merit further study.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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| A | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | B | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| | Zone | Easting | Northing | | Zone | Easting | Northing |
| C | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | D | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| E | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | F | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |
| G | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | H | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> | <input type="text"/> |

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

| state | code | county | code |
|-------|------|--------|------|
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| state | code | county | code |

11. Form Prepared By

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| organization | Maryland Historical Trust | date | 4/28/83 |
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| city or town | Annapolis | state | Maryland |

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

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|---|--|
| <p>1. STATE <i>Maryland</i> COUNTY <i>Worcester</i> TOWN <i>Berlin</i> VICINITY STREET NO. <i>Broad and West streets</i> <i>(west corner)</i> ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE <i>dwelling</i> PRESENT OWNER <i>Katherine W Cummins</i> PRESENT USE <i>dwelling</i> WALL CONSTRUCTION <i>frame</i> NO. OF STORIES <i>2</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <i>WD - 83</i></p> <p>2. NAME <i>Cummins House</i> DATE OR PERIOD <i>c. 1820-30</i> STYLE <i>Federal</i> ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p> |
| <p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC <i>NO</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Cummins House at West and Broad Streets, Berlin, is like several of the houses in Berlin built in the first part of the nineteenth century. It stands on a brick foundation, is a three-bay-long-by-three-bay-deep, frame (clapboard) house with gable facing the street. The entrance is in the center of the facade. Windows of the first story have six over nine sash; second story and attic have six over six sash, all having black louvered shutters. The cornice is similar to the later wing at Golden Quarter, having reeded panels separated by plain diamond panels on the fascia. The fascia continues on the facade at attic floor level, but the heavy part of the cornice returns upon itself at the corners. A brick chimney is located within the NW gable. (see reverse side)</p> | |
| <p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered <i>NO</i> Interior Exterior <i>good</i></p> | |
| <p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> | <p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p> |
| <p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p> | <p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER <i>Michael Bourne</i> <i>Maryland Historical Trust</i></p> <p>DATE OF RECORD <i>Nov, 1969</i></p> |

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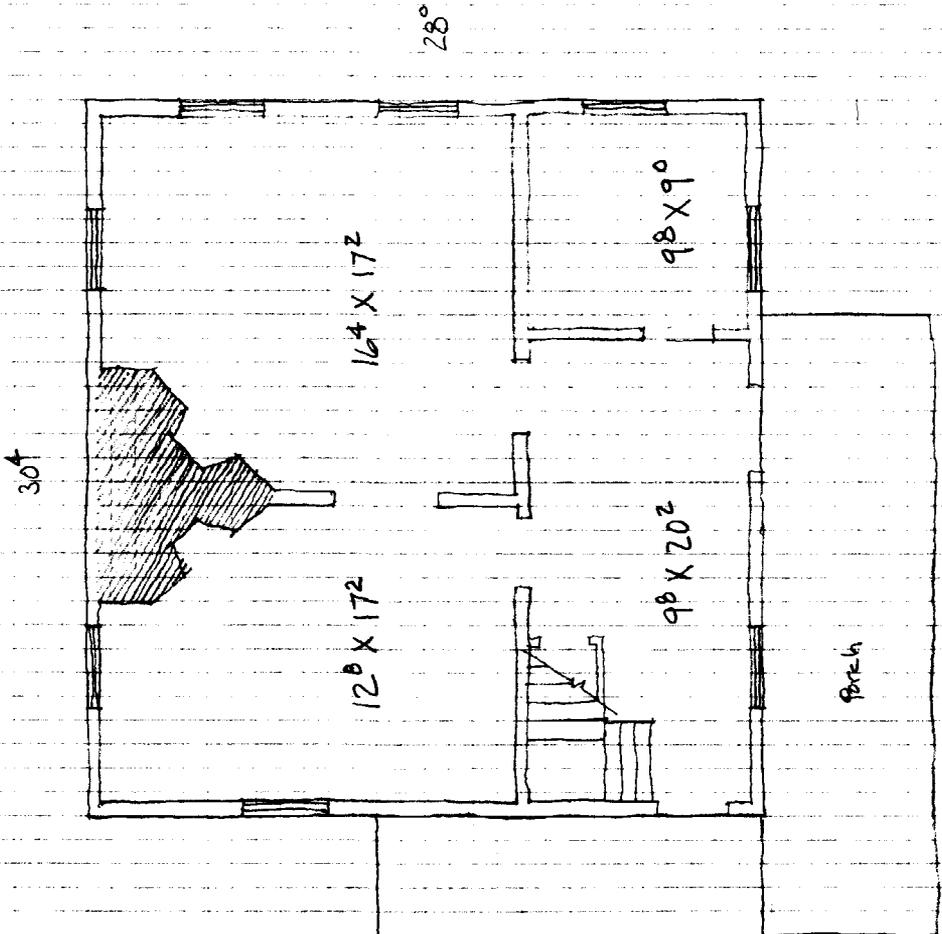
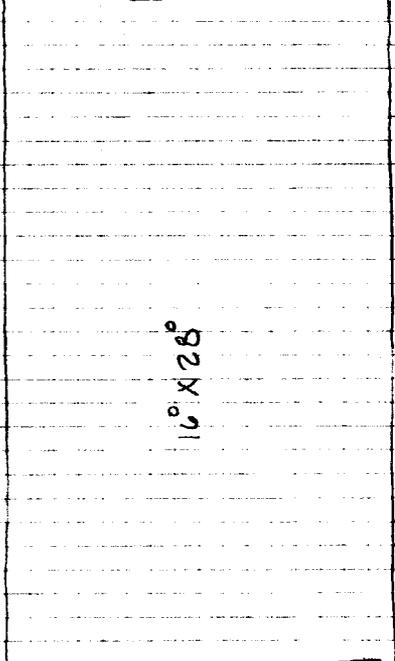
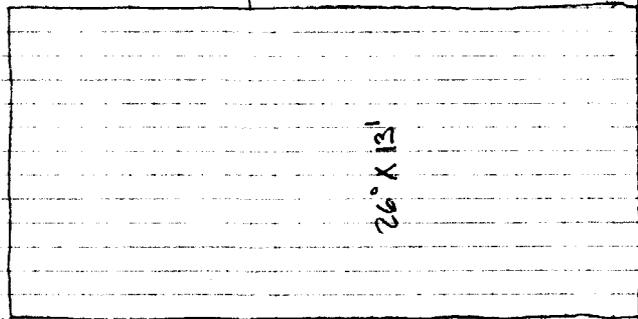
On the southwest is a three-bay-long, two-story wing and a one-bay, one-story wing. The entire SE facade is hidden behind a one-story screened porch.

It stands in a large lot of land which helps to show the house to its best advantage.

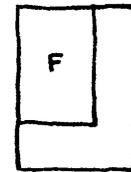
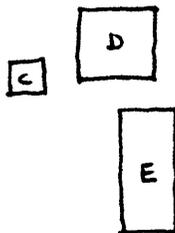
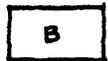
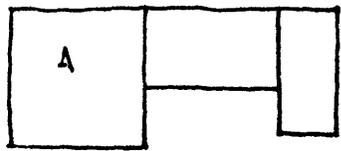
Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

Sketch Plan



280'



- A. Whaley House
- B. Storehouse
- C. Privy
- D. Meat House
- E. Poultry House
- F. Granary
- G. Shed

Note: detailed documentation of this complex is planned for Fall '84.

Whaley House
 Berlin, Md.
 Orlando Redout 1984

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WHALEY HOUSE

BERLIN, WORCESTER COUNTY, MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

11/88

PHOTOGRAPHER, MICHAEL HARRISON Day

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Whaley House

Berlin, Worcester County, MD.

STAR

11/00, Michael HARRISON Day, PHOTOGRAPHY

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VITALEY HOUSE

BERLIN, WORCESTER COUNTY, MD.

BEDROOM MANTEL

11/88, MICHAEL HARRISON DAY, PITTSBURGH

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Witney House

Berlin, Worcester County, MD.

PARLOR MANTEL

11/98, MICHAEL HARRISON DAY, PITUTUCKRIVER
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Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

Dependency?

visible in photo of W. facade

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Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

Smoke House, rt.

Left: small barn or garden shed

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Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

Rear or west facade

(Frieze on original section)

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Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

front door in central bay winder
porch

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Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

Front Door, Main Block

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Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

Front view, West St. in foreground

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Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

Necessary

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Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

Notable Tulip Poplar

north side of house

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Whaley House

Berlin, Md.

detail of main block. Frieze
(faded photo) continues around
corner

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