

CH-653

Hildabrand House

Architectural Survey File

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Hildabrand House
CH-653
Faulkner
Private

C. 1881

Standing at the intersection of Faulkner and Bowling Road and near the railroad village of Faulkner, the Hildabrand House is a representative example of the very popular I-House which began to appear in Charles County after the construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad in the 1870's. Erected circa 1881, this two story, side gable, center passage dwelling has three bays and includes a typical full width hipped roof front porch.

The dwelling is associated with the development of the railroad village Faulkner. Originally known as Lothair, the town emerged as a stop along the B&P Line in the late 1870's. At the time of its construction, the dwelling was associated with 58 acres on the east and west side of the railroad that had been carved from nearby Equality (CH-99).

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-653

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Hildabrand House
 other _____

2. Location

street and number 10065 Faulkner Road _____ not for publication
 city, town Faulkner _____ vicinity
 county Charles

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

name Oswald Swann, et al
 street and number 9704 Rosaryville Road telephone unknown
 city, town Upper Marlboro state MD zip code 20772-4666

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 64-113
 city, town LaPlata liber 1203 folio 54

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
 Other _____

6. Classification

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

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

Constructed in 1881, the Hildabrand House is located across from the intersection of Faulkner and Bowling Road near the railroad village of Faulkner. The house, which stands near the road on a 7 acre parcel west of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad tracts, is a typical example of the regionally prominent late 19th century I-House. Like most local examples of its time, it is three bays in width with a full length hipped roof porch and a decorative center gable. Long periods of vacancy, deterioration, and a second floor fire have left the house in a near ruinous state.

The dwelling is sheathed with a metal seam roof and diamond shaped composition siding probably added after 1910. Missing siding reveals that the composition shingles are adhered to closely spaced diagonal nailors. Two asymmetrically placed corbel capped chimneys intersect the roof.

One of the buildings most distinctive feature is its decorative cornice. On the eave wall the wide soffit is slightly inverted, pointing outward away from the structure. Below this rests the bed molding consisting of two parts. The fascia on the eave walls appears to be rounded. The gable ends include a simple fascia embellished with decorative scrollsawn flourishes in the place of returns.

Facing southeast, the front elevation reveals three window bays on the second floor nestled just under the decorative cornice. The first floor has two windows flanked by a centered door. The porch is either not original or has been altered. It is currently screened and rests on a concrete block foundation. Narrow square wooden posts support the hipped roof which awkwardly begins just under the second floor windows.

The rear elevation is asymmetrical, consisting of two windows clustered in the center and south ends, above a center doorway. A window provides light to the first floor room to the south while an additional boarded opening appears to the north of the doorway.

The south gable wall reveals a 2/2 window on the first floor and a smaller window above. The north elevation was not visible due to thick vegetation. The structure's stability was questionable, therefore the interior was not examined.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input 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 industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1881

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1881

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Hildabrand House is an example of a typical late 19th century I-House in Charles County. Although ruinous, it retains a number of interesting original features including a relatively elaborate decorative cornice and returns. The dwelling is significant as a representative example of late 19th century local architecture and for its association with the railroad village of Faulkner near which it stands.

Originally known as Lothair, Faulkner was the last stop on the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad before the track descended to reach its terminus at Popes Creek. Daily passenger service began in 1873 and within the next five years, businesses began to cluster around newly established stations including Cox's (Bel Alton), LaPlata, White Plains and Beantown (Waldorf). In the case of Lothair, in 1877 James Faulkner, a blacksmith and farrier, announced that he had "a large stock of winter horseshoes of all sorts and sizes." While its passenger heyday was during the first three decades of the 20th century, trains continued to make several weekly trips to Faulkner as late as 1964.

The construction of the railroad, which ran virtually through the center of Charles County had a tremendous impact on the lives of local citizens. New consumer goods ranging from foods to fabrics and all kinds of building products arrived by rail. Conversely, agricultural products from the surrounding area were shipped to metropolitan markets. The increased availability of building materials in particular, had a dramatic effect on the built environment as builders incorporated mass produced products into new building construction.

Property owners along the B&P witnessed substantial increases in real estate values. Anticipating this trend speculators from within and without the region bought up surrounding acreage, selling it several years later for a substantial profit. In 1881 Abraham and Elizabeth Mansbach and Gabriel and Henrietta Gump of the city of Baltimore sold to Frank Hildabrand of Charles County two parcels found on the east and west side of the railroad tracks containing a total of 58 acres. Eight of these acres were on the east side, comprising the current house lot. Just two years before in 1879, Mansbach and Gump had purchased the land which was formerly part of Equality (CH-99) from Arthur Jameson. In 1893 Frank Hildabrand and his wife Theresa sold the property and premises for \$2000 to John and Margaret Schott. The property passed through several owners until it was acquired by Oswald Swann in 1909. Swann's heirs own the property today.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 8
Acreage of historical setting 8
Quadrangle name Popes Creek Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 62, Grid 15, Parcel 113.

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Dept.	date	3/28/01
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-5815
city or town	LaPlata	state	MD zip code 20646

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Crownsville MD 21032
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Hildabrand House
name of property
Charles County, MD
county and state

Chain of title:

- April 13, 1987 Mary A. Johnson and Delores S. Ford, representative of Mary T. Mason estate to Theodore Louis Swann and Lawrence Swann. Wheareas Oswald Swann died intestate February 1959, wife Effie died 1960.
1203:54
- June 9, 1966 Last will and testament of Mary Mason. To Theodore and Lawrence Swann.
- June 26, 1909 Fannie S. Robey to Oswald Swann. 58a.
20:336
- November 29, 1904 Annie Robertson/Samuel Cox, assignee to Fannie Robey. 58a.
15:530
- April 11, 1901 Mortgage to Annie Robertson from John and Margaret Schott
BGS 11:617
- November 3, 1893 Frank and Theresa Hildabrand to John and Margaret Schott
JST 6:222
- May 13, 1885 Abraham Mansbach and Gabriel Gump to Frank Heildebrand[sic]
BGS 8:79
- September 25, 1879 Benjamin A. Jameson to Abraham Mansbach and Gabriel Gump 58 a.
BGS 4:66

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Major Bibliographic References:

Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Circuit Court Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klaphor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

Wearmouth John M., Baltimore and Potomac Railroad: The Popes Creek Branch.
Manuscript published by the Baltimore Chapter and the Washington Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society, Inc. 1986.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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Date: 2/2001

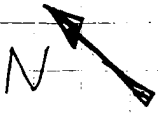
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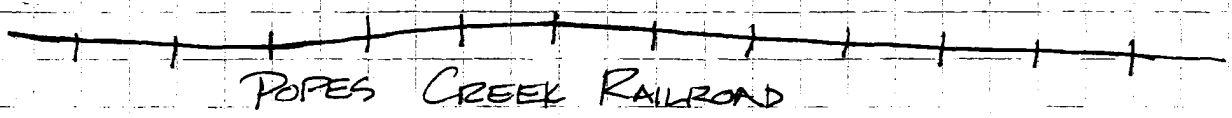
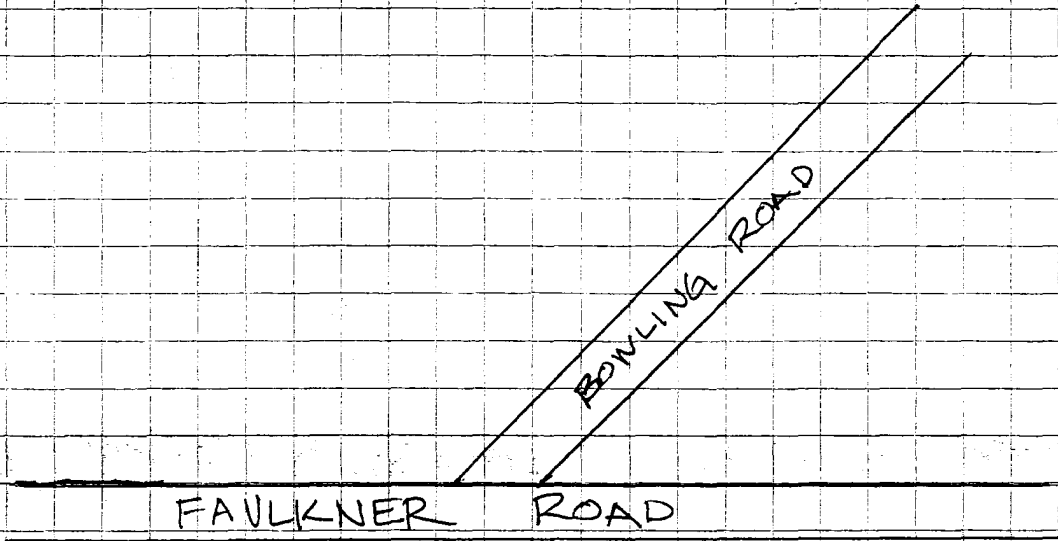
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Charles County, Maryland

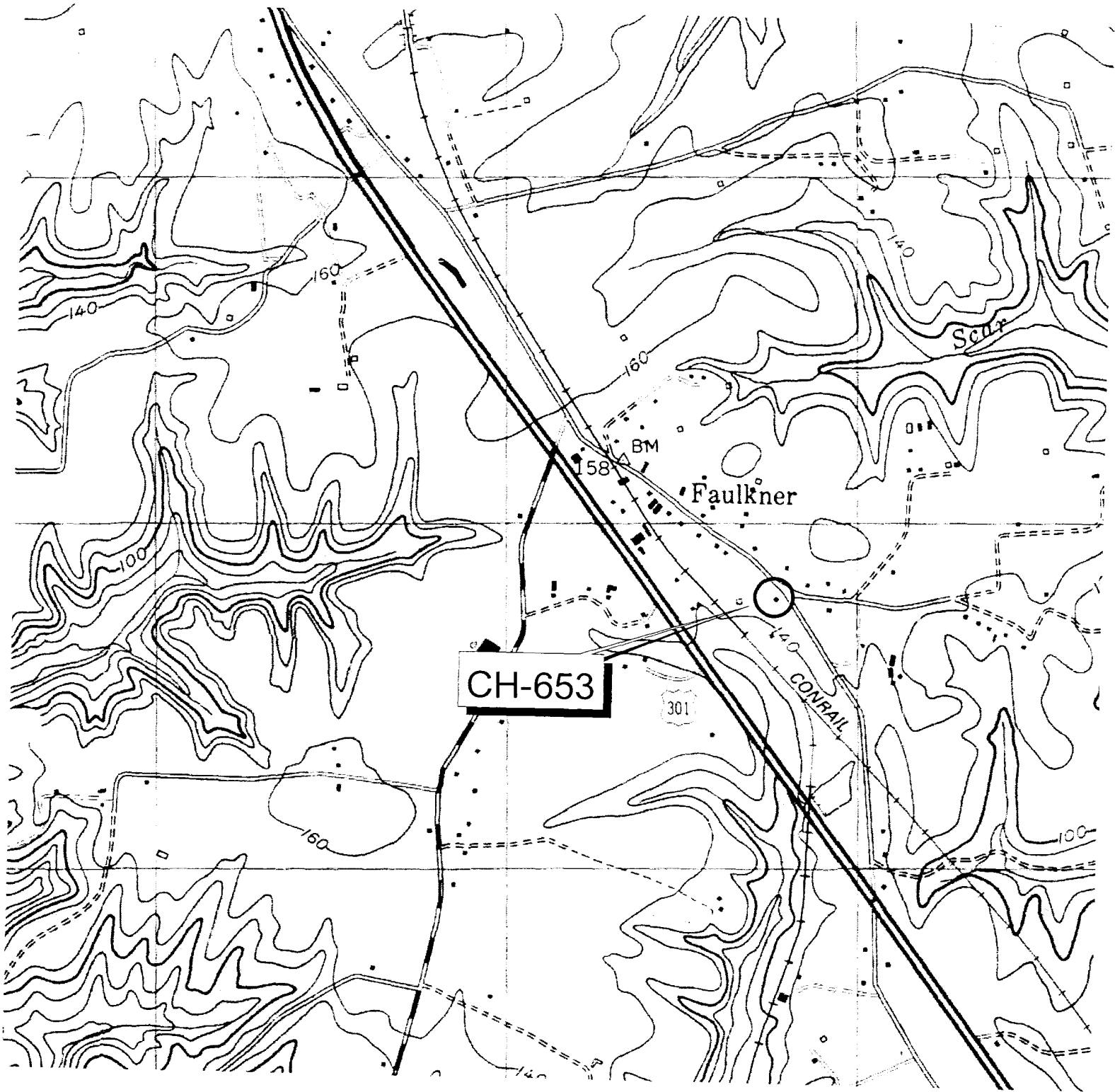
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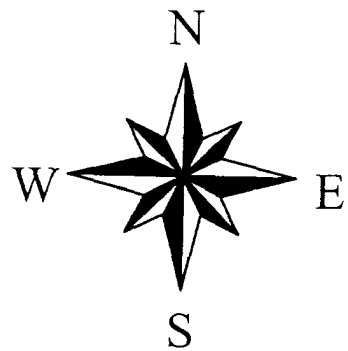
FAULKNER
STATION
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Hildabrand House
Faulkner, MD
Popes Creek Quad





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HILDABRAND HOUSE
FAULKNER VIC.

|| 2001

C. CURREY

MD SHPO

FACADE, LOOKING WEST

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HILDABRAND HOUSE
FAULKNER VIC.

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C. CORREY
MD SHPO

REAR ELEVATION

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C. CURREY

MO SHPO

CORNICE DETAIL, SW CORNER

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