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CECIL COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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19 October 2005

George & Elizabeth Glessner
696 Colora Road
Colora, Maryland 21917

RE: Historic Designation – Barnes Inheritance

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Glessner:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of County Commissioners, at our meeting of Tuesday, 18 October 2005, voted to designate the dwelling on your property as a historic structure. This action was taken pursuant to the submittal of your nomination of the above referenced site.

As part of the designation, this board has determined that certain exterior features should be protected. These items of note are the stone work and original windows.

Thank you for your efforts to protect and preserve Cecil County's historical heritage.

Sincerely,

Nelson K. Bolender, President
Board of County Commissioners

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CECIL COUNTY REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES NOMINATION FORM

Please refer to separate detailed instructions for completing this form.

Definition

"Property" refers to the entire geographic area being nominated. It may be an individual building, site, structure or object; or it may be a district consisting of numerous buildings, sites, structures or objects. An area consisting of several types of structures with different owners is also a property that is a district.

Nomination Information:

Please Print or Type

1. a) Name of property:

BARNES INHERITANCE

b) Estimated age or historic dates:

1793 - SEE NARRATIVE ATTACHED

2. Address of property:

696 COLORA Rd., COLORA, Md 21917

3. Tax Map:

0009

Parcel Number:

0318

4. Name, address, and telephone number of all property owners of record within the District:

GEORGE E. & ELIZABETH GLESSNER

696 COLORA Rd. COLORA, Md 21917

PHONE 410 658-4231

(Attach separate sheet, if necessary)

5. Description of property boundaries of the District:

1.953 ACRES WITH STONE HOUSE ON W. SIDE
COLORA Rd (#696) BORDERING P.J. ELDTRETH ON NORTH
SIDE AND CARL C. CAMPBELL ON WEST AND SOUTH
FRONTING COLORA Rd FOR A DISTANCE OF 434.021 - PLAT ATTACHED

6. Attach a map showing the boundaries and location of the site or District. ✓

MAP IS ATTACHED

7. Please provide photographs or slides showing the important structures or features of the property. - ATTACHED 6 PHOTOS

8. Please check all designations that apply to this nomination. Add descriptive information for those checked. Is or has this property, in any part, been listed or nominated to:

Cecil County Historic Designation: NO

Maryland Register of Historic Properties: NO

_____ National Register of Historic Places: No

_____ Maryland or Cecil Inventory of Historic Properties? No

_____ A Preservation Easement by any historic organization? Identify No

_____ Are there any other easements or rights of way affecting the District? Explain No

_____ Other, explain _____

9. Please check all of the following criteria that apply to the property.

A. Historical or Archeological

- The property has character, interest, or value as part of the development or cultural characteristics of the County, State, or Nation.
- The property is the site of a significant County, State, or National historic event.
- The property is identified with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the County, State, or Nation.

B. Architectural

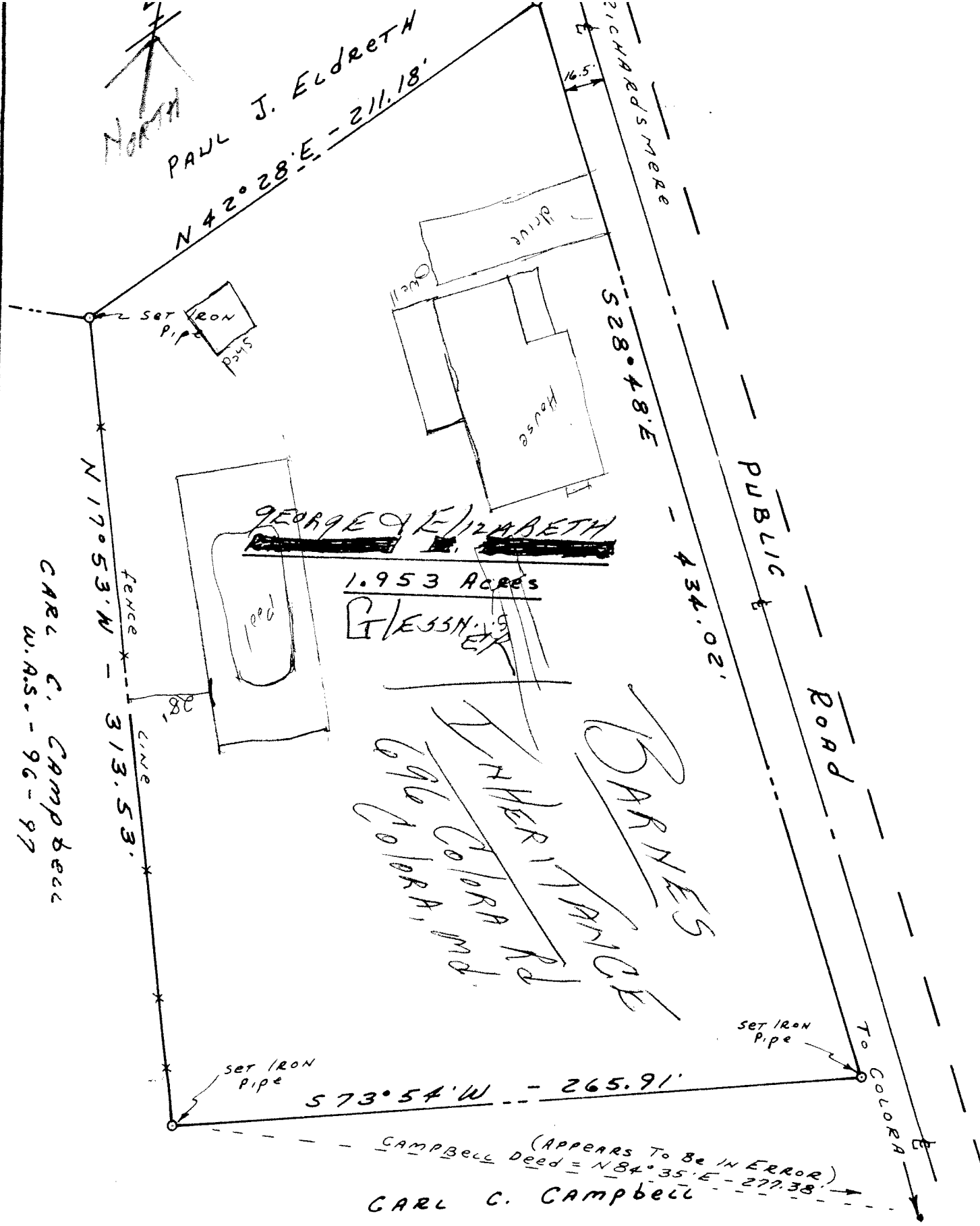
- The property has distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction or use of indigenous materials.
- The property represents the work of a master builder, designer, architect or landscape architect whose work influenced the development of the County, State, or Nation.
- The property has elements of design, detailing, materials or craftsmanship that render it architecturally significant.
- The property has elements that make it structurally or architecturally innovative.
- The property has a unique location or singular physical characteristic that makes it an established or familiar usual feature.
- The property has character as a particularly fine or unique example of a utilitarian structure, with a high level of integrity or architectural significance.
- The property has significant interior features. List SEE NARRATIVE ATTACHED
By MATTHEW GLESSNER

10. Attach a statement describing the property, its historical significance, and the reasons why it should be designated to the Cecil County Register of Historic Places. At the end of the statement, please list your sources of information, including bibliographic references.

SEE ATTACHED BY MATTHEW GLESSNER



PAUL J. ELDRETH
N 42° 28' E - 211.18'



CARL C. CAMPBELL
W.A.S. - 96 - 97

~~GEORGE & ELIZABETH~~

1.953 Acres

GLESSNER

BARNES

THE HERITAGE
THE COLORA, MD.

S 73° 54' W - 265.91'

(Appears to be in error)
CAMPBELL Deed = N 84° 35' E - 277.38'

CARL C. CAMPBELL

GEORGE GLESSNER

A PLAT of The ~~Raymond M.~~
~~BORELAND~~ LAND ON THE West Side of
THE COLORA-RICHARDSMERE ROAD.
6TH ELECT. DIST., Cecil Co., Md.

C. ROBERT WEBB
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR
ELKTON, MARYLAND

SCALE 1" = 50'
DATE 5-8-65
JOB. No. 29
FOLDER

Clark of the Court Office
Etc

List of owners & dates of purchase Cecil County Court House, Elkton, Md.

"Architectural Details." Colonial Homes

Fall - Winter 1977: 142

Garner, Charlotte, "If you had lived in Colonial Days"

Home Building and Remodeling Winter - Spring 1977: 85-87

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"If you had lived in Colonial Days"
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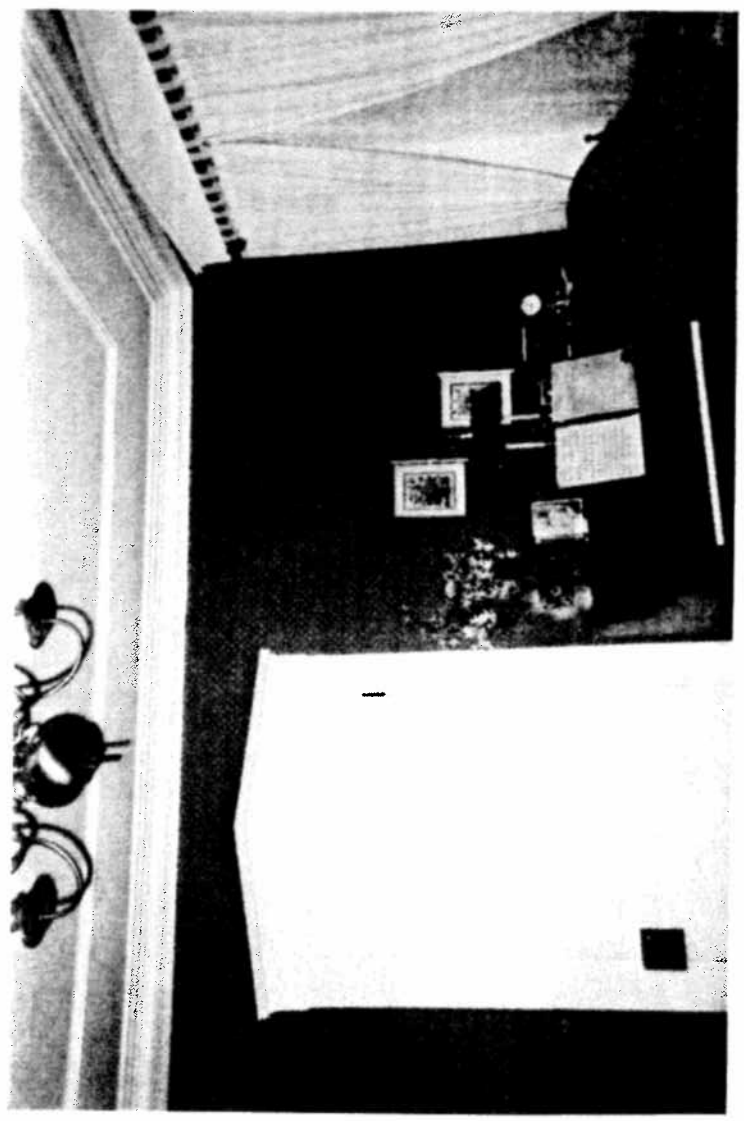
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Map. "An Illustrated Atlas of Cecil County, Maryland"

Lake Griffing & Stevenson: 1877



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Aug. 31, 2005
695 Colora Road
Colora, MD 21917

Mr. Eric Sennstrom
Department of Planning and Zoning, Room 300
Elkton, MD 21921

Dear Mr. Sennstrom:

I am writing to you in support of the application by George and Betty Glessner to have their property designated as a Historical District. The property is located at 696 Colora Road, Colora, MD.

My family purchased our farm and the house now owned by the Glessners in 1964. In approximately 1967 we sold the stone farmhouse to the Glessners.

The house is a magnificent example of mid-19th century architecture. We believe the house may have been constructed in two parts, with the current kitchen and single upstairs bedroom constructed around the turn of the 17th century and the larger part of the house which contains 3 bedrooms, a study, a living room, and the large attic constructed in the mid-1850's by the Moore family. The house was built on the farmland here that was known as Barnes Inheritance around 1800. The Barnes must have owned quite a bit of farmland far exceeding the 100 acres on our farm that was a mere parcel in their property.

The Glessner's house has enormous stone walls. The 12 light windows are original design but have been replaced. The house initially had a slate roof on it when we purchased it but it was in bad shape and has been replaced with blue-grey asphalt shingles. Inside the house there are a number of original features that merit this house being listed as a historical building including molded plaster ceiling trim, fireplace surrounds, the stairs and banister in the front hallway, the lovely original window surrounds, the random width oak floors, and the curved plaster hallway on the second floor. There are two attics that show excellent architectural features though I understand that Mr. Glessner removed the floor in one attic and laid it in the kitchen. There is a walk-in cooking fireplace in the kitchen.

The Glessners have taken great pride in their home and have done much of the restoration and remodeling work themselves, including the pointing of the stone walls, which was an enormous job.

I do not think Cecil County would be making a mistake in listing this wonderful home and property as an historical property. I myself searched all the Deeds for the property and they go back to around 1793 in the Elkton Courthouse records. There may be earlier records for the farmland in Annapolis, but certainly the records for the house seem to be in the Courthouse. I never looked for biographical information on the Barnes and the Moores nor on the various other owners but it appears they were farmers. The original large stone barn that was used to raise milk cattle was on my property across the road from the Glessner's and Paul Eldreth properties and was part of Barnes' Inheritance. The barn caught fire in the 1930's, I am told, and Paul Eldreth, Sr. and his father had the stone walls pushed down

by a bulldozer. A wood carriage house was directly across from the Glessner property on our land and was used for cattle when we bought the farm in 1964. It was severely rotten and unsafe and my family had the structure removed, though I do have photograph of it which may be of interest to the historical society

Sincerely yours,

R. Michael Borland
Raymond Michael Borland, M.D., Ph.D.

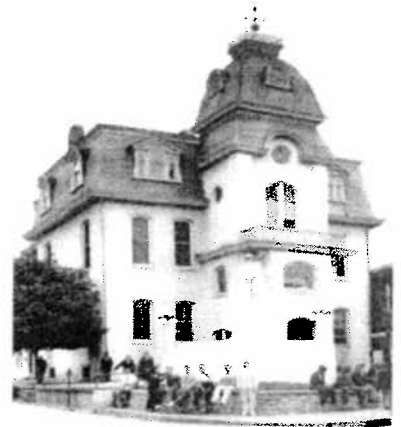
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Cecil County Courthouse, Elkton, MD
Circa 1920

November 8, 2002

Mr. George Glessner
696 Colora Road
Colora, MD 21917

RE: Barnes Inheritance

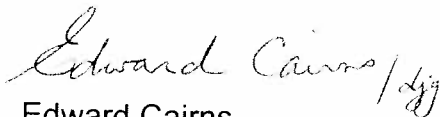
Dear Mr. Glessner:

The Historic District Commission has reviewed the preliminary information you submitted for Barnes Inheritance. It appears that your property has significant historic value to Cecil County – either in architectural features or from its association with persons or events of historical significance.

Enclosed is a Nomination Form and Instructions for application to nominate this property to the Cecil County Register. We strongly encourage you to complete and submit the form. We will review it and make a recommendation to the County Commissioners, who make the final decision about registering the property.

If you have questions, or we can assist you further with this process, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Edward Cairns
Chair CCHDC

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