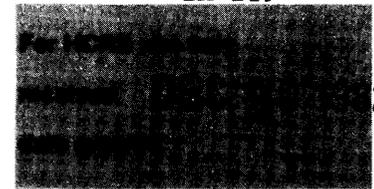


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Type all entries—complete applicable sections



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**1. Name**

historic Rockland  
and/or common Rockland

**2. Location**

street & number 10214 Falls Road, N/A not for publication  
city, town Brooklandville vicinity vicinity of congressional district Third  
state Maryland code 24 county Baltimore code 005

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**4. Owner of Property**

name J. T. H. Johnson et al SEE CONTINUATION SHEET #1  
street & number Box 132  
city, town Brooklandville vicinity of state Maryland 21204

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse  
street & number  
city, town Towson state Maryland 21204

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title Maryland Historical Trust  
Historic Sites Survey has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no  
date May 1982  federal  state  county  local  
depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust  
city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

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## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION (See Continuation Sheet # 7 for DESCRIPTION SUMMARY)

Rockland, a house, stands on a prominence overlooking a meadow on the west side of Falls Road at the end of a quarter mile driveway bordered by sycamore trees. The house, which faces east, is located approximately 2¼ miles north of the Baltimore city line.

Rockland is a 2½ story Greek Revival building consisting of a main block with two telescoping additions off the northwest end. The main block is the original structure and was constructed in 1837. The flanking arched logias were added sometime after 1905.<sup>1</sup> The first of the telescoping additions, currently the dining room, was completed in 1852,<sup>2</sup> and the second, now the kitchen, was added later, probably after 1890.<sup>3</sup> Resting on a stone foundation, the house is constructed primarily of brick which is and presumably always has been stuccoed, scored and painted.<sup>4</sup> Two interior chimneys and three dormers pierce the hipped roof of the main block while the telescoping additions have gabled roofs, each with an inside end chimney. The principal windows of the house are double hung, six over six. A simple cornice and blank frieze run under the eaves of the shallow, hipped roof.

Interior details at Rockland are consistent with the sophisticated Greek Revival design of the main block and are simple but strong and confined primarily to the first floor. Deep cornices and heavily paneled interior shutters are found in the three rooms of the original structure. Four dark marble mantels of plain slab design common to the Greek Revival style exist in the three principal rooms of the main block and the dining room. Bulls-eye corner blocks and fluted pilasters trim each window on the first floor of the 1837 building. Interior doors in the main block carry heavy entablatures.

Off the north elevation and connected to the house by a fenced wall, is an 18' by 18' smokehouse of the same material. A small stone oven with a brick chimney and wooden shingle roof is immediately west (across the driveway) from the smokehouse. Both are contemporary to the original house. A short distance from the southwest corner of the main house is a late 19th century board and batten shed with a tin roof on a concrete block foundation.

The front or east elevation of Rockland is three bays wide. The central bay protrudes slightly. On the first floor a small one bay entrance porch with four simple Doric columns covers the main double door over which exists a patterned, frosted glass transom. The door surround is plain with bull's eye corner blocks. Two six over six windows flank the door with a shutter each. A diamond-patterned waist-high railing stretches between the porch columns. The windows to either side of the porch are six over six and are inset in segmental arches and flanked by slender, two over two sidelights. The trim is plain with bull's eye corner blocks separating the windows from the sidelights. Each logia flanking the main block is five sided with arched openings defined by engaged pilasters. A waist-high railing in the diamond pattern spans the base of each archway except at the extreme ends which are open to stairs.

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OWNERS OF PROPERTY

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Interest</u>
John T. H. Johnson, M.D.	Brooklandville Maryland 21022	13/72
Rose Johnson Randall	20 Laughlin Lane Philadelphia Pennsylvania 19118	13/72
Robert W. Johnson, III, M.D.	Brooklandville Maryland 21022	4/72
Harrison Garrett	Brooklandville Maryland 21022	7/72
Katharine Garrett Bainbridge	2500 Stone Mill Road Box 114 Brooklandville Maryland 21022	7/72
Alice Whitridge Phillips	5617 Camino del Sol Tucson, Arizona 85718	7/72
Ella B. G. Brigham	P. O. Box 249 Paul Smiths New York 12970	7/72
William L. Reed, Personal Representative of the Estate of Barbara Garrett Reed, Deceased	c/o Keating Bowie, Esq. Cable, McDaniel, Bowie & Bond 900 Blaustein Building One North Charles Baltimore, Maryland 21201	7/72
Harrison Garrett and Citibank, N.A., Trustees, Trust Fund B under Will of Johnson Garrett, Deceased	c/o Harrison Garrett Brooklandville Maryland 21022	7/72

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On the second floor the windows are all shuttered, the central one being a French door over which a six light window exists. Sidelights flank this window and door, and a simple but deep cornice rests above it. The door leads out to a gallery which is the roof of the porch below. A waist-high railing of the same diamond pattern encloses the gallery. The other two windows on the flanking bays are standard six over six double-hung sashes.

Piercing the hipped roof are two gable dormers with casement windows of eight lights each. Between them rests a decorative partial parapet. The central chimneys are brick.

The addition to the main block is seen on the north side extending from the main block westward. The first segment of the addition (the dining room) has four windows, two on the first floor and two on the second, all shuttered. One double-barreled chimney is at the west end of this addition. The first floor windows are eight light French doors with arched transoms and lead to a shallow balcony with a waist-high railing in the diamond pattern. The upstairs windows are standard six over six double hung sashes.

The westernmost addition (the kitchen) contains four windows and two doors and is separated from the main block and first addition by a stuccoed wall topped by a spiked fence which runs to the two story smokehouse directly north of the house. One of these doors is covered by a gabled hood on brackets. The other door is defined by a small porch with a hipped roof resting on simple square columns with railings on either side of the opening. Between these doors is a shuttered six over six window. The three windows at the second floor are six over six and shuttered as well. An inside end chimney is on the western-most wall.

On the west elevation one sees the smokehouse to the north connected to the house by a stuccoed and fenced wall. The west end-wall of the kitchen is blank. The rear galleried, screened-in porch is directly south of this and then the southernmost part of the main block contains four six over six shuttered windows, two on each floor, is next. A dormer rests above and the south logia finishes the south wall.

The south elevation contains the kitchen wing with six six over six shuttered windows, three on each floor. Off of the first addition, between the kitchen wing and the main block, is a two story, galleried, screened-in porch defined by simple square columns. A simple, waist-high ballustrated railing exists around the upstairs portion. The main block contains one shuttered, six over six window above the logia and a small six over six window on the second floor just east of the porch.

The main block of Rockland consists of a central hall with flanking rooms, the open well, two run stairwell being to the rear (west) of the northernmost bay. Upstairs, three large bedrooms exist off of a rear hallway running north to south. A bathroom is opposite the center of the middle room and up two

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stairs. Above the bedrooms are three corresponding rooms with curved walls (to accommodate the shallow hipped roof) off of a rear hall. Fireplaces with painted wood mantels of simple design exist in each room on the second and third floors except for the middle room on each level.

The first of the two additions is the current dining room which is entered from the narrow hall off of which the stairwell rises. The second addition, now the kitchen, is accessible from the dining room and contains a large, stone, open hearth fireplace and rear stairwell, narrow winders which climb to the small bedrooms (servant's quarters) above both additions. Two baths are located in the servant's quarters and a powder room and laundry area separate the kitchen from the dining room.

Elaborate trimwork is primarily confined to the first floor. A deep but simple cornice is in each of the three downstairs rooms. The hall, perhaps formerly two rooms, has two large floral design ceiling medallions (the parlor has one), a shallow niche on the north wall, and a fireplace with a dark marble mantel on the south wall. Two Ionic columns define the front of the room from the rear. Deep panels, some of which are interior shutters, surround the windows at the front of the house. Bulls-eye corner blocks and fluted pilasters trim each window. Interior doors, framed by fluted pilasters, carry a simple but deep entablature. Each downstairs room of the main block plus the dining room contains a fireplace with a dark marble mantel of simple slab design with a pressed fireback in either a leaf or floral motif. Upstairs, the mantels are painted wood, also of simple design. In addition to doors, louvered shutters are at each bedroom entrance, a feature which allowed ventilation in summer without a total loss of privacy.

A full basement exists under the first floor with stone walls and a dirt floor. Access is by a door under the main stairwell.

Outbuildings

The square, 18' by 18' smokehouse of stone covered with scored and painted stucco is now used for storage and was built in 1837 at a cost of \$450. The asphalt shingled, hipped roof contains one brick chimney and a small cupola in the center topped by a weathervane. The east elevation contains two windows, one on each story. The north elevation is a blind wall. One window and door exist on the first floor of the west elevation, and two doors, one on the first story and one above on the second story, are on the south elevation. A single run staircase with railing rises to the second floor to accommodate the upper door.

The oven, across the drive from the meathouse, is probably a lime oven described in William Fell Johnson's ledger and is contemporary to the main house.

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It is stone with a brick chimney and wooden shingle roof. A brick arch defines one of the two openings on the east elevation. The other opening is an untrimmed square.

Due west of the house at the south end is a board and batten shed on a concrete block foundation. A tin roof covers the late 19th century structure.

Northeast of the house is a large bank barn, of frame construction on a stone foundation, clad in vertical board and batten siding. The barn of late nineteenth century date, displays the Italianate influence in its bracketed eaves, broad cross gable and picturesque cupola.

NOTES:

- <sup>1</sup>Dawn Thomas in The Greenspring Valley: Its History and Heritage, Vol. I, p.328 suggests that the porches may have been added about 1916. They were certainly later than 1905 as verified by photographs in the possession of the Johnsons.
- <sup>2</sup>William Fell Johnson kept a ledger recording the cost of construction for Rockland. The back building is recorded as costing \$1,239.76 in the autumn of 1852.
- <sup>3</sup>Dawn Thomas, The Greenspring Valley: Its History and Heritage, Vol. I, Maryland Historical Society, 1978, p. 328.
- <sup>4</sup>Ibid., p. 327.

# 8. Significance

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	Main house, oven, smokehouse-1837			
<b>Specific dates</b>	1st Addition-1852	<b>Builder/Architect</b>	David Carlisle	
	2nd Addition & shed-c.1890			

**Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)**

Applicable Criteria: B and C

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Rockland derives significance from two sources. First, its architecture is unique in Baltimore County, in that it represents a highly refined and sophisticated articulation of the Greek Revival style that was not commonly employed in rural areas of Maryland. The distinctive characteristics of this style, including its symmetrical massing, smooth wall surfaces, low-pitched roof, transomed entrance, and simple yet strong interior and exterior detail, are generally associated with urban contexts in early nineteenth century Maryland; Rockland presents a rare example of a country residence executed in the Greek Revival style. Moreover, the elegance of Rockland's design is noteworthy; the careful attention to detail and effect evident throughout the house extends to its setting, with the result that the building, viewed from a distance, appears much more imposing than its true size. Secondly, Rockland is significant as the residence of William Fell Johnson, who played an important role in the improvement of transportation in Baltimore County in his position as a manager of the Falls Turnpike Road Company.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The cornerstone for Rockland was laid 16 June, 1836, and the house was complete on Saturday, 4 November 1837. This information comes from a ledger found in the house titled "An accurate account of entire cost of house built by Mr. David Carlisle for William Fell Johnson, A.D. 1836." The ledger contains the costs of the lumber, the hardware, the stonecutting account, and the cost of carpentry, for example. The names of those from whom items were purchased are listed as well as the names of some who executed the work. For instance, J. Thomas turned the "Newel and bannister, etc." for the stairwell at a cost of \$20.29½. The mahogany for same was bought from James Williams at a cost of \$12.08. The meat house cost \$50. "all tolled", the dairy, \$400., and the ice house, \$205. The cost for the main house amounted to \$8602.95. Further, the ledger describes an addition: "The back building of my house was erected in the autumn of 1852 and cost me, everything estimated as per vouchers, \$1239.76.

In addition to the ledger, numerous other 19th century family documents exist such as letters, accounts, wills, inventories, and appraisals, many of which have been donated to the Maryland Historical Society. These materials confirm and add to the information in the ledger. For example, this excerpt is from a letter dated 12 March 1836 to William Fell Johnson from David Carlisle, architect for the building: "I have made some alterations in the

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property approximately 30 acres

Quadrangle name Cockeysville, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

### UMT References

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

For verbal boundary description see attached map.

For boundary justification see Continuation Sheet # 6

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

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state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marie Fischer Cooke

organization Goucher College date May, 1982

street & number 6222 Falls Road telephone (301) 296-2027

city or town Baltimore state Maryland 21209

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature] 12-16-82

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

[Signature] date 2-2-83

for Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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plan by adding a few feet in length and changing the position of the stairs..."

Because of Rockland's similarity to the Wickham-Valentine House in Richmond, Virginia, and because the sophistication of the design is uncommon for Baltimore County in the early nineteenth century, the present Johnson family believes that Robert Mills was the architect for both buildings. If true, this would account for Rockland's architectural refinement.<sup>1</sup>

The Rockland estate has been in the Johnson family since Thomas Johnson married Ann Riston (sometimes called Risteau or Reeston) in 1752, whose father, upon his death, left her 200 acres of Turkey Cock Hall, which is now a part of the larger Rockland estate. In 1766, 102 more acres were purchased from Poor Jamaica Man's Plague which adjoined Turkey Cock Hall. By 1783, Thomas Johnson owned 284 acres in the area. Upon his death in 1791, his children inherited and jointly owned the property until 1823 when Dr. Thomas Johnson, his son, acquired title to the entire estate. Dr. Johnson built the 8th and 9th miles of the Falls Turnpike Road and one of the toll gates near Rockland, still standing on the east side of the road just south of the estate.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, Dr. Johnson was a member of the Maryland Senate in the early 1800s and was appointed a warden for the Baltimore County jail. It was this Johnson who established Rockland as a successful working farm and prosperous milling center.

William Fell Johnson, the next owner of the Rockland estate and son of Dr. Johnson, built the 1837 house on the estate. Described in his obituary as a "well known and prominent citizen of Baltimore County" he was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates. Although Rockland was finished on 4 November 1837, Johnson did not move in until 29 May 1838 because he was serving in the legislature in Annapolis. William Fell Johnson was elected a manager of the Falls Turnpike Road Company on 13 October 1835 serving with Richard Caton and four others. In addition, Johnson was a lieutenant in the Baltimore County Hussars and was a vestryman and warden at St. Thomas' Church. William Fell Johnson died at Rockland on 16 April, 1864 leaving a 300 acre estate and personal property worth nearly \$15,500. to his wife Ann Miflin Barker Johnson.

Upon Ann's death in 1899, the property passed to the second William Fell Johnson who was one of the founding members and a former secretary and treasurer of the Garrison Forest Farmer's Club.<sup>3</sup> The estate was about 575 acres at his death, making him one of the wealthiest landowners in the Green Spring Valley. The main house at Rockland and part of the estate passed to William Fell Johnson III at the 2nd's death.<sup>4</sup> William Fell Johnson III died intestate in 1968 and the estate is presently in the hands of several Johnson families.

William Fell Johnson was a citizen concerned with the further development of Baltimore County as evidenced by his involvement with the Falls Turnpike Road Company and his service as a delegate to the Maryland legislature.

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NOTES:

<sup>1</sup>Dawn Thomas, The Greenspring Valley: Its History and Heritage, Vol. I, Maryland Historical Society, 1978, pp. 327, 328.

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., page 326

<sup>3</sup>Ibid., page 328

<sup>4</sup>Ibid., page 329

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The Greenspring Valley: Its History and Heritage, Vol I, Daw F. Thomas, Maryland Historical Society, 1978.

All That Once Was I: Ann Mifflin Barker Johnson, Rockland (1830-1900), edited by Josephine Dixon Johnson, 1979. On file at the Maryland Historical Society.

Johnson Family Papers, many of which are on file at the Maryland Historical Society.

BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The precise boundaries are determined by existing property lines which generally correspond with visual barriers such as ridge and tree lines and roadways. The large acreage is included to retain rural setting the house has had since construction. The house is located on a hill to the west of Falls Road (see photographs) with pasture land between the house and road. The boundaries are also drawn to include all of the resources around the house and the barn and gate posts at the entrance to Falls Road.

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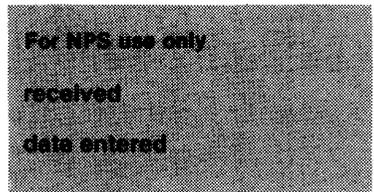
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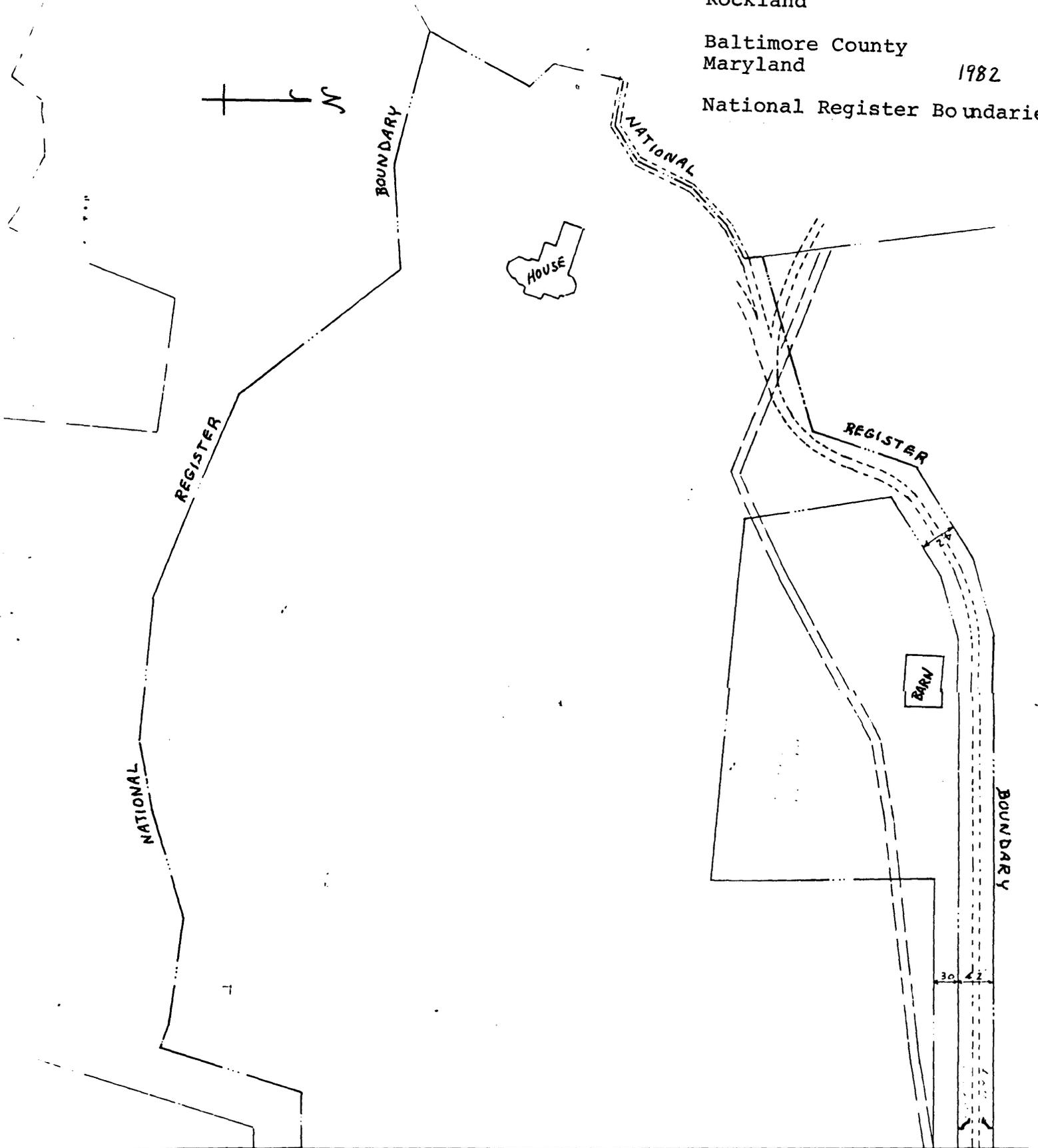
Rockland is a 2½ story Greek Revival-influenced house consisting of a three-bay-wide main block with two telescoping additions extending to the north. The house faces east on a prominence on the west side of Falls Road in Brooklandville, Baltimore County, about 2½ miles north of the Baltimore City line. The main block was constructed in 1837. The building rests on a stone foundation, and is constructed of brick which has been stuccoed and scored to resemble ashlar masonry. The principal (east) facade is three bays wide; the central bay, which projects slightly, holds the entrance which has a double door in a simple surround with bull's-eye corner blocks, surmounted by a transom. Two six over six windows flank the door. The entrance is sheltered by a one-bay-wide porch with a flat roof supported on four simple Doric columns. On the second floor, a French door flanked by sidelights and surmounted by a six light window opens onto the roof of the entrance porch, which has a diamond-patterned balustrade. Each of the flanking bays has a tripartite window with bulls-eye corner blocks inset in a recessed segmental arch on the first floor, with a single six over six window above. A simple cornice and blank frieze run under the eaves of the hipped roof, which is pierced by two gabled dormers with eight-light casement windows and two brick central chimneys. A small parapet surmounts the central bay. A wing extends to the west, consisting of two, two-story additions: a two-bay-wide stage completed in 1852, and a three-bay-wide section built after 1890. The five-sided, arched loggias which flank the main block were constructed ca. 1905. The main block has a center-hall plan; interior details are consistent with its sophisticated Greek Revival design. The three first-floor rooms have deep cornices and heavy paneled interior shutters. Dark marble mantels of plain design are found in these three rooms and in the 1852 addition. Bull's eye corner blocks and fluted pilasters trim each window in the main block; interior doors carry heavy entablatures. Also on the property are a smokehouse and bake oven, contemporary with the main house; a large bank barn showing Italianate influence in its bracketed eaves, broad cross-gable, and picturesque cupola, and a late-nineteenth-century frame shed.

Rockland

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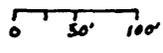
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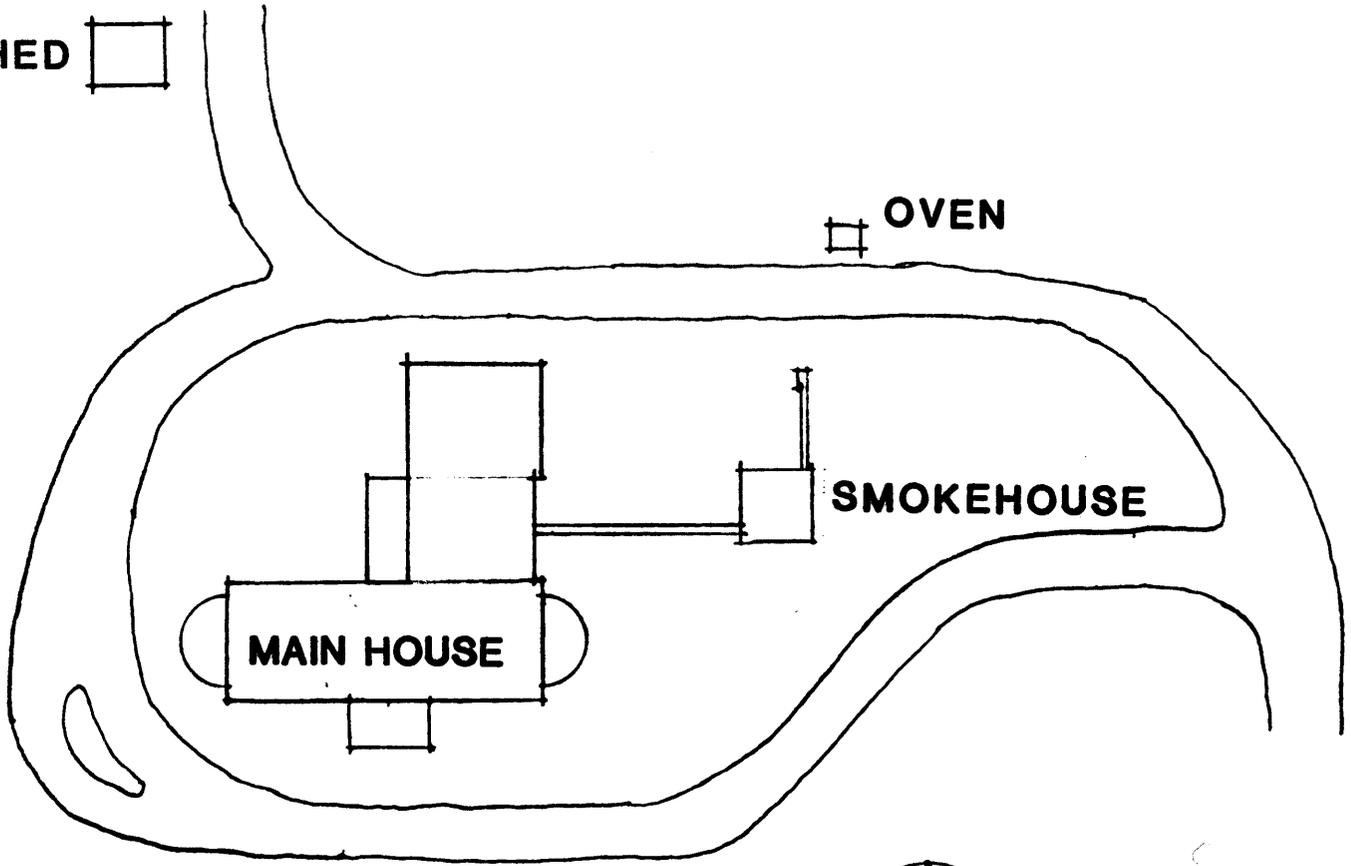
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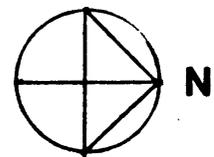


**OVEN**



**MAIN HOUSE**

**SMOKEHOUSE**



# **ROCKLAND**

**SITE PLAN N.T.S.**