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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Prince George's	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
MAR 14	1973

1. NAME

COMMON:
Bowieville

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
2300 Church Road

CITY OR TOWN:
Upper Marlboro

STATE Maryland	CODE 24	COUNTY: Prince George's	CODE 033
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both 	<input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress 	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment 	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum 	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific 	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>tenants</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **contact: Albert W. Turner, President Maryland Community Developers, Inc., (Largo, Maryland)**

STREET AND NUMBER:
7600 Fountain Blew Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Lanham	STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Hall of Records

STREET AND NUMBER:
St. John's College Campus, College Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: **1970** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis	STATE: Maryland	CODE 24
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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bowieville is located on the east side of Church Road, one and one-tenth miles south of the intersection of Church Road and Maryland Route 214.

Bowieville is a large, brick, Federal house finished with a coat of yellow stucco. It stands on a high basement situated on the crest of a hill with a panoramic view of the surrounding rolling countryside.

In the projecting center bay of the south elevation, a set of stone steps ascends to the main entrance. The entrance, set back from the surface of the facade, has a large wood entablature with reeded columns. The entrance door is flanked by fluted pilasters, sidelights and an elliptical leaded-in glass fanlight. On the second story of the south elevation is a tri-part window, and in the pediment is a tri-part semicircular "lunette" window, the bottom of which is level with the broken cornice and the lower edge of the pediment. These two windows, one above the other, are connected by a panel, the surface of which is decorated by an elliptical, raised medallion.

Flanking the central bay on each story of the facade is a pair of windows, each of which has louvered shutters. Each of the windows, except the "three over three" ones in the basement, has a six over six sash.

The house has a low-pitch hip roof which slopes down from a center deck. On the two ends of the dwelling are massive, broad, brick chimneys, shallow in depth. On the east side is a two-story, three-bay long wing with a roof cantilevered over the first-story porch. On the north side of the four-bay long main house runs a partially elliptical one-story porch. The two central bays on the porch have "gib" doors beneath the hung-sash windows. This window treatment is also used on "Wye House" in Talbot County, Maryland.

The floor plan of the house is comprised of a central square hall flanked by a small room on the west and a stair hall on the east. Two large parlors are located to the north of the hall. The east wing contains the dining room and kitchen.

In all the principal rooms the window trim and door trim is bold. The windows have recessed, paneled shutters. The main hall and the parlors have plaster medallions in the center of their ceilings. A wide, double, sliding door connects the two parlors. The semi-elliptical interior fanlight and the trim around this door match the entrance. The two parlors have identical black marble mantels with round columns, reminiscent of those at Rose Hill in Cecil County, Maryland.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **c. 1820**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Military		
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> Music		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The architecture of Bowieville exemplifies the application and philosophy of the Federal-style in a large imposing house built by an affluent Marylander.

Bowieville probably dates from the peaceful period in American history after the War of 1812, under the presidency of James Monroe. The builder was Mary Mackall Bowie Wootton Bowie, the daughter of Maryland's war hawk, Governor Robert Bowie. Up until the time of her father's death in 1818, she lived at Es-sington, the home of her first husband, Turner Wootton. Mary Bowie moved to a large tract of land, part of which she had inherited from her father, Robert Bowie, and part of which she had received from her son, William Wootton. Mary Bowie built the imposing Federal house for her family of nine children. The plaster work, the elaborate architectural details, the marble mantels, and the impressive scale of the house indicate the financial and social position and architectural taste of the Maryland widow.

Mary Bowie died unexpectedly in 1825. From her death until the early 1840's, when William J. Berry bought Bowieville, the property was involved in complicated legal action.

Bowieville remained the property of Berry descendants into the twentieth century. Prince George's countians remember the elaborate balls and debuts that took place there during the Berry family tenure.

The Bowieville farm did not stay clear of financial difficulties, for during the depression it was mortgaged under Roosevelt's Emergency Farm Mortgage Act in 1934.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		
NW	38°	53'	15"	76°	45'	31"			
NE	38°	53'	15"	76°	45'	11"			
SE	38°	52'	59"	76°	45'	11"			
SW	38°	52'	59"	76°	45'	31"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **64 acres**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Michael Bourne, Field Surveyor, and Nancy Miller, Historian

ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust** DATE: **July 18, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland 21401** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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 National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date July 26, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

Robert W. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 3/14/73

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of the National Register

Date 3-9-73

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7. DESCRIPTION, continued

The basement, which runs beneath the entire structure, has one room which contains a fireplace for cooking and a cast iron baking oven bearing the inscription: "John Bowie, Patented, Baltimore."

Although at present (1971) the grounds are not maintained with care, one can see that previous owners have lavished much attention on the landscaping.

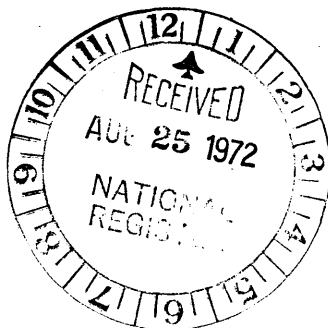
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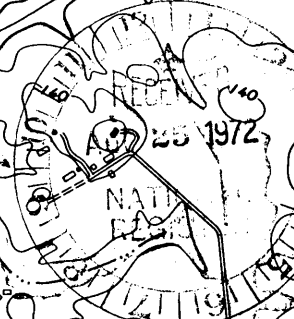
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LANHAM QUADRANGLE
 USGS 7.5 minute map
 scale: 1:24 000
 1965

(Maryland)



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long.	76°	45'	31"
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NE long.	76°	45'	11"
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SW lat.	38°	52'	59"
SW long.	76°	45'	31"



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