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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

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Harry's Lott

AND/OR COMMON

Commodore Joshua Barney House (Preferred)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

7912 Savage-Guilford Road

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Savage

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE

024

COUNTY

Howard

CODE

027

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

OWNERSHIP

STATUS

PRESENT USE

___DISTRICT

___PUBLIC

X OCCUPIED

___AGRICULTURE

___MUSEUM

X BUILDING(S)

X PRIVATE

___UNOCCUPIED

___COMMERCIAL

___PARK

___STRUCTURE

___BOTH

___WORK IN PROGRESS

___EDUCATIONAL

X PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___SITE

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

ACCESSIBLE

___ENTERTAINMENT

___RELIGIOUS

___OBJECT

___IN PROCESS

X YES: RESTRICTED

___GOVERNMENT

___SCIENTIFIC

___BEING CONSIDERED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___INDUSTRIAL

___TRANSPORTATION

___NO

___MILITARY

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Bob Gillette Skaggs and Wava Gertrude Braum Skaggs

STREET & NUMBER

7912 Savage - Guilford Road

CITY, TOWN

Savage

X VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

20863

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Howard County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

8360 Courthouse Drive

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

21043

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Commodore Barney House is located approximately 1.1 miles northeast of the village of Savage in Howard County, Maryland, on the west side of the Savage-Guilford Road. The house has three sections: the original two-and-one-half story brick one, probably built before 1811; a two-story frame addition to the south built in 1941; and a 1946, one-story frame addition to the west.

The original part of the Barney House is almost square in plan and has three bays on each facade. The house has a hip roof and a central chimney. On the east and south is a small, arched dormer, each being a replacement for an earlier, flat skylight. Over the central bay on the north is a brick pediment with a lunette window. The entrance with a recessed six panel door is located in the south bay of the east facade. It has paneled reveals, a square transom and is flanked by sidelights separated from the doorway by about one foot of brick. The north facade is laid in common bond.

Windows throughout the house are 6/6.

There was a Victorian one-story porch across the full width of the east facade.

The interior of the Barney House was altered during the 1940's when it was used as a boys' school and about 1960 when it was made into apartments. On the first floor, there is a parlor and a large entrance hall which was originally divided so as to have the stair hall at the rear. The balustrade and other parts have been removed and the stain enclosed. The parlor retains much of its original appearance. On the south wall is a mantel with fluted pilasters. The room is surrounded by a chair rail, and under each window is a large, single panel.

The second floor has bedrooms in the northwest, northeast and southeast corners. The hall ends in a drying closet between the two east rooms. The beginning of the hall is marked by a paneled arch opening supported by tapered pilasters. The chair rail, present throughout the house, is deeper and more elaborate in the bedrooms than in the hall and forms the casing underneath the sills. In the northeast bedroom, the mantel has a reeded architrave.

There is a batten door to the attic which is divided into two bedrooms. Throughout the house are softwood floors. On the lower floors, the boards are 4 to 7 inches wide, but in the attic they are slightly wider

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
___PREHISTORIC	___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	___COMMUNITY PLANNING	___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	___RELIGION
___1400-1499	___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	___CONSERVATION	___LAW	___SCIENCE
___1500-1599	___AGRICULTURE	___ECONOMICS	___LITERATURE	___SCULPTURE
___1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	___EDUCATION	X MILITARY	___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
X 1700-1799	___ART	___ENGINEERING	___MUSIC	___THEATER
X 1800-1899	___COMMERCE	___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	___PHILOSOPHY	___TRANSPORTATION
___1900-	___COMMUNICATIONS	___INDUSTRY	___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	___OTHER (SPECIFY)
		___INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Military)

The older section of the dwelling and the now remaining portion of the original land was directly associated with Commodore Joshua Barney, a native son of Maryland, born on July 6, 1759. For a period of over forty years, beginning with the Revolutionary War through 1815, he performed in a most creditable manner in naval activities.

In February 1811, Commodore Barney purchased the house and 300 acres to prevent creditors of Thomas Coale (then deceased) from claiming the property from Barney's second wife, Harriet Coale, her sister, Anna Maria, and a brother, Alfred.

In May 1812 Commodore Barney sold his property interests in Baltimore and moved to the "Farm at Elk Ridge" with intentions to make it his retirement home.

At an early age Joshua Barney developed an interest and skills in seamanship, along with a maturity that warranted his commission as a Lieutenant in the Continental Navy in June 1776, just prior to his 17th birthday.

Historical records from various national sources, historical writings and official comments give him considerable credit for service to his country from 1775 to 1784. In most cases this service was rendered with success and always with honor.

On November 20, 1783, Joshua Barney, along with many other officers of the Continental Forces, became a charter member of the Society of the Cincinnati (State of Maryland) at Annapolis. Barney continued to serve in the Naval Forces until mid-1784.

From 1784 to 1794 he went about the normal pursuits of livelihood of most veterans of the Revolutionary War. Most of these dealt in some manner with the sea.

In 1794, along with a few others, he was tendered an appointment as Captain in the American Navy - an appointment he never accepted for personal reasons. Instead, that same year he sailed with James Monroe, the United States Minister to France.

In France in 1794, at the recommendation of Mr. Monroe, he was commissioned a Captain in the French Naval Forces and later raised to Commodore (Flag Rank) in which grade he served approximately four years. He left the

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET # 2

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5

UTM REFERENCES

A 18 341740 4335340
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

B
ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C

D

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Bob Gillette Skaggs

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Spring 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

7912 Savage-Guilford Road

(301) 725-9282

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Savage,

Maryland 20863

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL see letter 8-22-78 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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

John N. Pearce

DATE

12/14/77

TITLE

State Historic Preservation Officer

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Charles H. ...

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8/20/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

8.23.78

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Military, continued)

service of France in 1802, returning to the United States.

Between 1802 and 1812 Barney appears to have engaged in generally non-naval pursuits. During this period he suffered the death of his first wife, Anne Bedford Barney, on July 25, 1808.

In 1812 he volunteered his services to his country, but apparently the offer was not accepted. He then requested and received the first commission for "private armed vessels" which he used to the fullest extent against the British. This method of protection for the country, later considered improper by the Congress, was terminated after his first cruise. He again retired to the farm.

With his value and experience sorely needed and with the deteriorating efforts of the Armed Forces seriously endangering the safety of our Capitol, he was asked in July 1814 to form and command a flotilla in defense of Washington. He was commissioned with the equivalent rank of a Captain in the Navy.

His account of the defense of the Capitol on August 24th at the "Battle of Bladensburg" is described in his written report to the Secretary of the Navy on August 29, 1814. He wrote this report while recuperating from a wound received in the battle, from the "Farm at Elk Ridge" (now known as the Commodore Barney House).

In January 1815 Commodore Barney was nearly 56 years old with almost 40 years of naval experience. Yet he can be seen writing to the Acting Secretary of the Navy, Benjamin Homans, again offering his services. It appears that only a man of the breed of Joshua Barney knew when to quit - when the job was done and he had no more life to give.

He did perform other minor services after the war of 1812 ended, being chosen for these by the President possibly as a way of honoring him. However, due to failing health, he was forced to retire permanently to his farm.

The wound suffered at Bladensburg, coupled with ill health, finally took his life on December 1, 1818, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, while on his way to Kentucky. He is buried in the Allegheny Cemetery near the city of Pittsburgh.

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