

“Mt. Bernard”

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Historical Details

The earliest known owner of this property was Phillip Lightfoot in the 1700's, and it was referenced as "Lightfoot's Beaver Dam Plantation" consisting of about 700 acres. A century later the property was known as "Kameschatka" and was owned then by Edward Garland, during which time the original house is thought to have burned.

In 1848, Mathew Payne built the present house on the foundation of the original structure, and it became known as "Mt. Bernard." Subsequent owners, especially John R. Oughton from 1912-1925, increased the acreage to approximately 1,559 acres. Following his tenure, ownership transferred to Robert Winship Woodruff, President and Chairman of the Board of the Coca Cola Company. It was during his era that the residence was changed from a traditional "T" shape 3/3 rural dwelling to the current Classical Revival, with a barn, tenant houses and dependencies built as a model farm.

In 1948 1,301 acres conveyed to a local businessman T. Brady Saunders, who with his wife resided in the residence while making additions and changes to the house. In 1977, upon Mr. Saunders' death, the remaining 1,045 acres was partitioned into numerous parcels. Dr. and Mrs. Becker, current owners, acquired the homesite parcel of 75.27 acres and conveyed a portion to an adjacent owner. The Beckers have made substantial additions and modernizations to the house and dependencies. Between 2003 -2005 a major renovation elevated the condition and quality substantially, and in 2005 they placed the 58.3 acres on the National Register of Historic Places as an example of Antebellum-era domestic architecture and progressive Classical Revival updates.

Owner: Maria A. Becker
Legal Description: T B Saunders 58.3 Ac, Mt Bernard, DB 159 181
Year Built: 1840 with subsequent improvements
Finished sq ft: Per appraisal, main house has 8,336 sq ft of “practical living area”
Taxes: Per tax records, 2019 taxes were \$9,457

Exterior

- Stucco exterior
- Slate and metal roof
- Copper gutters and downspouts
- Mature landscaping, trees and planting beds
- Stone terrace off sunroom, bordered by rose gardens leading to the lower level terrace and on to the dining terrace and gardens
- Rear upper terrace located off the master bedroom sitting room has Trex flooring, powder coated railings, and a hot tub
- Fenced with security gate at the entrance
- Fenced pastures and paddocks



Interior

- Renovations 2000-2005 with upgrades to electrical, plumbing, kitchen and bathrooms
- True divided light insulated windows

Mechanicals

- Whole house generator
- HVAC – heat pumps
- Private well and septic system



First Floor

Vestibule

Opens to the grand foyer

Grand Foyer 30' x 16'4" with 10'8" ceiling
Heart pine floor; staircase to the second floor;
staircase to the finished lower level; door to the
library; door to the dining room; open to the
gathering area/bar; crown moulding with
"morning glory" decorative frieze; wainscoting
with egg and dart details and picture frame
panels; fireplace with brick hearth and surround
and a custom carved mantle; flanking the
fireplace are built-in display cabinets with
arched tops and glass shelving; open to the back
hallway





Library 17'4 x 15'9 with 9'6 ceiling
Paneled walls and built-ins; pine floor (original);
crown moulding with dentil details; four windows
with wide sills; fireplace with marble hearth and
surround; French doors to the foyer and to the
gathering room/bar

Gathering Room/Bar

Stone floor tiles; wet bar with copper sink, bar refrigerator with
icemaker, and a wooden countertop; pendant lighting; three
windows overlooking gardens; open to the foyer, library, and sun
room



Sun Room 18' x 14'3 with 10'4 ceiling

Maple floor with stained banding details laid on the diagonal; double window; full light French doors (to the terrace) flanked by two windows; dramatic coffered ceiling; open to the gathering room/bar and to the family room

Family Room 20'10 x 25' irregular with curved back wall

Open to the sun room; open to the back hallway; wood floor laid on the diagonal; multi-member crown moulding; recessed lighting; stone fireplace with raised hearth and stone chimney breast with mantle; the back wall has two single and three double windows, all with lower transoms creating a bay window effect



Back Hallway

Wood floor is laid on the diagonal; connects the family room and foyer to the back staircases (to second floor and to the basement), powder room, kitchen, and dining room; wainscoting with picture frame accents; hidden storage cabinet houses electronics

Powder Room

Stone floor; crown moulding with decorative details; window; marble vanity top with vessel sink;

Kitchen 26'4 x 12'6 (includes the breakfast room) irregular
Painted tin ceiling panels with tin cove crown moulding; heart pine floor; granite countertops and backsplash; bead-board and glass cabinet fronts; under-cabinet lighting; work island with a cherry top; raised corner fireplace and bread oven; double stainless steel sink; appliances include a Wolf gas stove with a pot-filler and warming drawer, a built-in wall GE Advantium oven plus a full oven, a Miele steam oven and dishwasher, exhaust fan, and a Sub-Zero side-by-side refrigerator/freezer

Breakfast Room (12'3 x 6'6)

Tile floor, bead board ceiling, brick walls with bead board wainscoting, and five windows overlook the back and side yards



Dining Room 20'11 x 15'9 with a 9'6 ceiling
Hardwood floor; crown moulding and chair rail with raised-panel wainscoting with decorative relief; recessed lights; four windows;
fireplace with brick hearth and carved mantle; opens to the foyer, kitchen, and back hallway



Second Floor

Upper Foyer (Front Hall)

Hardwood floor; linen closets; crown moulding; chair rail with picture frame wainscoting; French doors to the front upper Juliette balcony; window; main staircase; hall bathroom; to the cross hallway (to the back hallway with the back staircase and an additional bedroom and bath)

Office/Bedroom #2 18' x 16'6 (front left – currently used as an office)

Heart pine floor; four windows; fireplace with brick surround; crown moulding; cathedral ceiling with accent uplighting; doors to the foyer and to the hall leading to the master sitting room



Master Sitting Room 20'9 x 17'6

Parquet floor; crown moulding; recessed lights; bead board wainscoting; wall of windows overlooks back yard and gardens; doors to the upper rear terrace; two walk-in closets in the hallway

Master Bedroom 20'8 x 16'

Hardwood floor; two windows; crown moulding; chair rail with raised panel wainscoting; fireplace; built-in storage cabinets; built-in bookcases and shelving; doors to the upper foyer, sitting room, and master bathroom

Master Bathroom

Heated tile floor; jetted tub with tile surround; double tile vanity with copper sinks; window; towel warmer; linen/medicine cabinet; separate tile shower with bench; private toilet room



Bedroom #3 17'9 x 16'8 (front right)
Hardwood floor; four windows; fireplace with decorative mantle; built-in storage; closet; crown moulding; cathedral ceiling with accent uplighting

Front Hall Bathroom
Marble tile floor; crown moulding; window; raised panel wainscoting; built-in storage niche; vanity with vessel sink; claw-foot bathtub



Back Hallway
Heart pine floor; bead board wainscoting; back stairs; back hall bathroom; laundry center; bedroom #4

Back Hall Bathroom
Marble tile floor; crown moulding; shower with bench and glass door; pedestal sink; window

Bedroom #4 14'3 x 13'2 (back right)
Old heart pine floor; three windows; crown moulding; cedar walk-in closet; built-in shelving



Basement

Media/Recreation Room 28'10 x 18'10 irregular

Carpet; built-in storage and serving cabinets with wet bar; recessed lighting; wall display niches; door to the unfinished conditioned wine cellar; door to the hall with a powder room and leading to the utility room with an exterior entrance and a separate steam bath/sauna



Wine Cellar 18'6 x 16'

Conditioned space (Mitsubishi unit) and insulated ceiling; two windows

Bathroom

Granite tile floor; vanity with decorative sink; windows

Utility Room & Steam Room/Sauna 14'4 x 12' (utility room)

Storage closet; laundry center with a work sink and folding counter; back staircase to upstairs back hall; to the steam room/sauna area; door to unfinished mechanical room; exterior door to a vestibule leading to a staircase to the driveway

Cottage

Exterior

- 1,557 sqft of finished space
- Two-story with a walk-out lower level to the rear
- Concrete foundation with frame structure
- Vinyl and Hardiplank siding
- Slate roof
- Insulated replacement windows

Interior

- Updated kitchen with dining area 12'4 x 9' – granite tops, tile backsplash, electric range and dishwasher
- Large walk-out great room 21'6 x 17'7 with two triple windows, patio doors to the rear yard, fireplace; open to the kitchen
- Utility/mudroom with exterior door, stone floor, laundry center, staircase, and a window; opens to the kitchen
- Three bedrooms upstairs; BR#1 – left front; 13'4 x 9'; fireplace, exterior door, window, full bath; BR#2 – right front; two windows, door to BR#1; BR#3 – 13'5 x 13'4; built-in cabinet, two windows
- Two full bathrooms – one with a tile shower and the second with a tub/shower
- Pine floors upstairs; wood laminate over concrete in the lower level

Mechanicals

- Updated HVAC (2000)



Packard House

Details

- 825 sqft
- Great room, bedroom and bathroom
- Formerly used as a garage to house the former owners Packard automobiles, converted to a small rental dwelling
- Concrete foundation, frame structure, slate roof, vinyl siding, replacement windows
- Heat pump
- Floors are pine, tile and plastic laminate floors
- Updated kitchen with range, dishwasher and storage



Additional Outbuildings

Swimming Pool Complex

Located south of the residence below the terraced lawn is the swimming pool complex consisting of a pool house of excellent quality, manufactured stone terrace and retaining walls, a saltwater heated swimming pool with a spa, and a conversation fire pit, all constructed in approximately 2009. The stone and brick pool house consists of 470 sqft (16' x 29.4') with an 8' covered veranda with a sod-covered roof.

Interior features include a gathering room, shower/bath and sauna, a slate/marble floor, lofted ceiling with fan, marble counter, stainless steel sink, microwave, an under-counter refrigerator, and a Rinnai tankless hot water heater.



Three-Car Garage

Built in approximately 2006, the garage is in good condition and serves the main residence. It has a concrete slab, hardboard siding, supra-slate shingle roof, insulated windows, three 9' overhead doors with automatic openers, permanent stairs to a floored attic. It is approximately 26.5' x 43.7' or 1,158 sqft.



Ice House

Built in the 1920's and located adjacent to the garage is a stone and concrete storage building originally used as an ice house. The slate roof is pyramidal with flared eaves, a cupola and a small dormer. Inside, the upper level has a large storage room and the lower level has two storage chambers, and the structure is thought to originally house a root cellar, game, and equipment.

Horse Barn

Built in the 1920's, this 38' x 65' equestrian facility (bank barn) has over 4,940 square feet with access to both the upper and lower levels, metal clad siding, a slate roof, metal clad barn doors and metal casement windows. Both levels have concrete floors with rubber matting in the center aisle. The third level is a hay loft with chutes to the other two. Stalls are mostly 10' x 10', but the middle ones are moveable to create fewer larger stalls. The lower level has a tack room, nine stalls, and laundry. The upper level has eight stalls, tack room, and a feed/stair stall with permanent stairs to the loft.

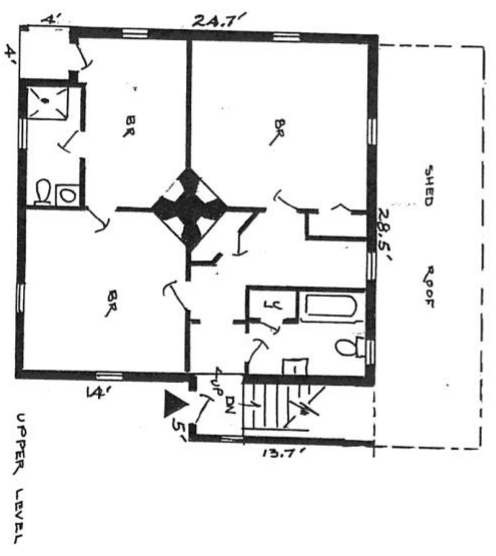
Shop/Equipment Building

Built in the 1990's this utilitarian facility is built in two sections. The shop is approximately 24' x 14'4 with a concrete floor, plywood siding and a 10' manual overhead door. The other section is equipment bays with soil and gravel flooring and open front and back, with a solid plywood wall on the end. Across the front is a 14' x 50' shelter.

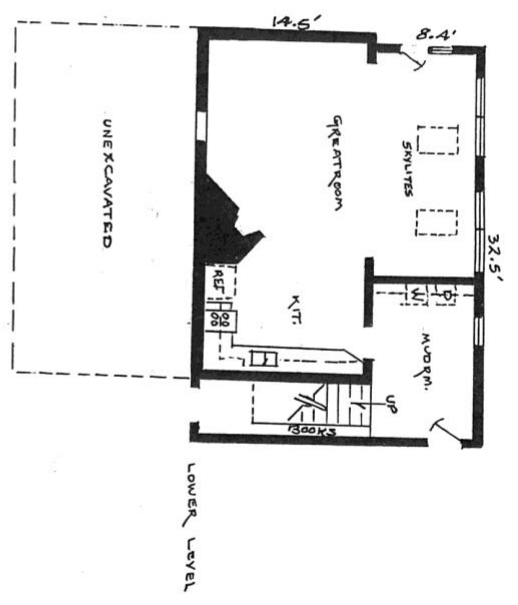
Crib, Kitchen, and Equestrian Facilities Buildings

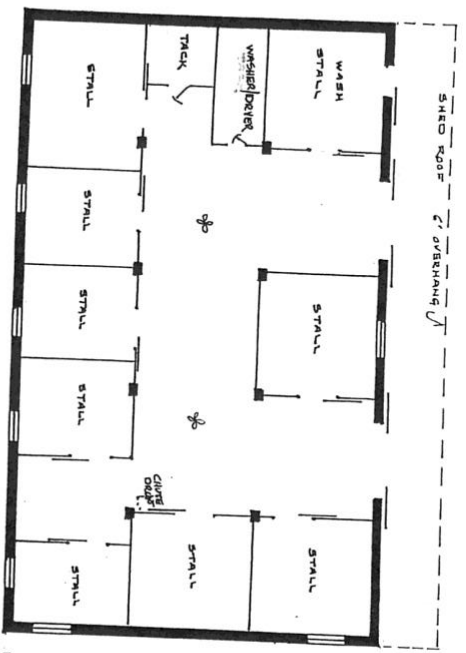
The crib is a general storage building measuring 32' x 9' on each side with an open end wagon-passage between the sides. The kitchen measures 12.3' x 23'7 and is a frame structure with two rooms and a metal roof. The equestrian facilities include two run-in stables plus a newer shared run-in.

The information herein has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable but is in no way warranted by us. Dimensions are approximate.

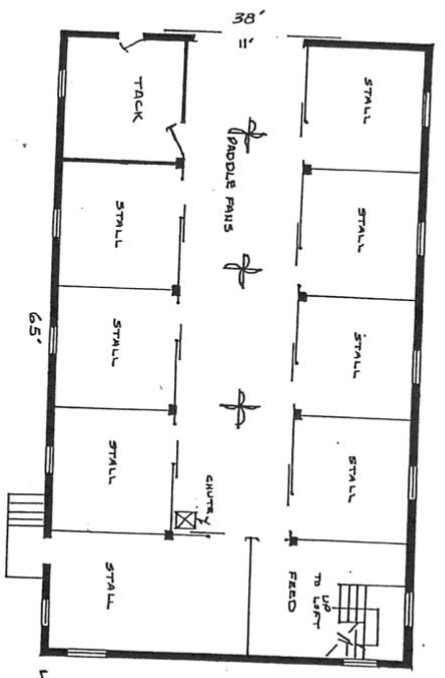


COTTAGE ~ 1557 SFT





LOWER LEVEL



UPPER LEVEL

HORSE BARN ~ 4940 SFT

