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THE OAKS

Maryland Route 51, northwest of Spring Gap  
1913

The Oaks was constructed in the Queen Anne Style in 1913 by the McCabe family of Spring Gap. Exterior wall construction includes a combination of weatherboarding and wooden fish scale shingles. The entire two and a half story, three bay wide structure rests on a high stone foundation now covered with cement. Roofing material covering the gables consists of slate laid in alternating patterns, common to the Queen Anne Style. The main facade is ornamented with a pedimented gable which contains a fan light window. Featured on the front porch are sets of Roman Doric columns which rest on cement supports.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Oaks (James McCabe)

AND/OR COMMON

McCabe Frame House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Md. Route 51, N. W. of Spring Gap

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Nola Wheeler (Mrs. Raymond)

Telephone #: 724-2586

STREET & NUMBER

Route 51

CITY, TOWN

Spring Gap

X VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

STATE

MD.

Liber #: 394

Folio #: 434

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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 Oaks is located on Maryland Route 51 just north west of Spring Gap, Allegany County.

The Oaks is a large rectangular structure two and a half stories high and three bays wide. The building is a frame structure covered with a combination of weatherboarding and fish scale shingles. The entire structure rests on a high stone foundation covered with cement. The roof is gabled with a soffit and eaves and is covered with slate. The main facade is ornamented with a pedimented gable in the middle of which is placed a fan light window. The gable is covered with fish scale shingles and tops a two story bay which runs from the first floor porch to the roof line. A second cross gable also covered with fish scale shingles ornaments the west facade as well. Windows are double hung wooden sash frames with cornices and plain trim. The main entrance is located on the southwest facade and features a verticle paneled door with a transom and side lights. Other entrances are located on the west and north sides of the building. The main entrance is covered by a three bay end porch with a flat roof and a second small pendimented gable. The porch is supported by groups of two and three Roman Doric columns which rest on cement supports. The entire porch is surrounded by a railing supported by turned ballistors. A second enclosed porch is located at the rear of the building. Two corbeled brick chimneys are located in the interior of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 49.75 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin, & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

9/1/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-111-B-021

377/1-84

DATE: 8/25/76

49.75A

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: The Oaks (James McCabe)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: MD. Rt. 51 N.W. of Spirit Gap

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South <sup>WEST</sup> 208th

NAME OF OWNER: Nola Whizzer (Mrs. Raymond) 724-2586

ADDRESS: Rt. 51

Cumberland, Md.

STORIES: 1( ) 2() 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3() 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

*- fish scale on gable -*

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE w/ cement

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( ) cornice plain trim  
2nd story bay w/ light in cross gable pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: 3 front, rear side

HARDWARE: original ( ) replaced ( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN light

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards front

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original (  ) replaced ( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BORMERS # \_\_\_\_\_

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original (  ) replaced ( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed (  ) hip ( ) gable ( ) enclosed rear roman dome double + triple

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK ( ) STONE ( ) CORBELLED (  ) original ( ) replaced ( ) CUSTOM CHIMNEYS

LOCATION: Flush end ( ) Inside end ( ) Outside end ( ) Central ( ) Interior (  )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - private residence

Significance - architecture

Date Constructed - 1913

Condition - Good



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The Oaks Frame House

RT 51 - Near Spring Gap

USGS - Patterson Creek Quad

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1949



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Rt. 51 Spring Gap

John E. Nelson

8/25/76

Northeast



The Oaks Frame

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Rt. 51. Spring Gap

John E. Nelson

8/25/76

Southwest