

Easement

AL-IV-A-076
Gordon House (History House)
218 Washington Street
Cumberland, Maryland
1867

In 1867 the locally prominent builder John Walton completed this Second Empire house for Josiah Hance Gordon. Mr. Gordon was one of the members of the State Senate arrested and imprisoned by Federal troops for considering the question of Maryland's secession from the Union. In later years he was president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and an Associate Judge. The large house has twelve pedimented dormers. It is currently a museum operated by the Allegany County Historical Society. A walled garden and carriage house greatly enhance the beauty of the building.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Gordon House

AND/OR COMMON

History House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

218 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

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

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

The Allegany County Historical Society, Inc. Telephone #: 777-8678

STREET & NUMBER

218 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 21502

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 262

Folio #: 245

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Washington Street Historical District

DATE

2/6/73

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

M.H.T.

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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 Gordon House (History House) is located at 218 Washington Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

The building now basically consists of a two and one half story, six bay wide, irregular rectangular structure. Wall construction is brick laid in American common bond using random variations. Wall features include a wooden belt course around the original building. Another wall feature is repointing. The building is supported by a high, stone foundation of rock-faced coursed ashlar bond. A capping of smooth-faced cut stone blocks are located on the northern and western foundation sides. Water table is beveled. The roof is Mansard and covered with rectangular slate shingles. Eaves of the roof are in two sets. Upper set consists of a cornice, frieze and bed moulding. Corner boards meet the bed moulding at right angles on corners (decorative woodwork here) and runs down to band moulding. Tin band moulding between the roof and lower eaves acts as flashing. The lower eaves consist of a boxed cornice, soffit, frieze and bed moulding. Approximately one foot below this frieze is where the wooden belt course is located. Built into the sides of the roof are twelve dormers, all with windows. (Five dormers are larger with double windows with mullion). Dormers are gabled with triangular pediment and three part entablature with dentils. Sides of dormers have slate siding. Sides of the fronts of the dormers feature decorative wooden moulding. Trim along the windows are chamfered. There are five brick chimneys, all original, four with corbeled caps, one with chimney hood. All chimneys are located interior.

A two story frame addition with aluminum siding, shed roof with tar and asphalt paper, (parapet on eastern side) is located on the eastern facade.

The main entrance is located on the northern facade featuring a three part entablature with dentils, shoulders and a recessed two light plain glass transom with chamfered trim. Also featured are double doors of vertical boards, pointed corner blocks and two recessed architrave panels with raised interiors on each. First floor has three double hung, four-over-six light french windows with roll moulding and stone lugsills. Two windows have shutter hinges. Also on this floor are two double hung, four-over-four light windows with roll moulding, fixed louvered shutters and stone lugsills. Second floor has five double hung, four-over-four light windows with roll moulding and stone lugsills. Located in the dormers on the second and a half floor are four double hung, two-over-two light windows, two of which are in pair in the same dormer with mullion.

Eastern facade has one casement, basement window of two lights, with a stone slipsill, that swings in. First floor porch windows are one double hung, four-over-four light window with roll moulding, wooden slipsill, lintel and one double hung, narrow, two-over-two light window with roll moulding, stone lugsill and shutter hinges. Other windows on

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1867

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John B. Walton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Josiah Hance Gordon was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania in the year 1816. Little is known about his childhood. In 1842 he moved to Cumberland and began to study law under the firm of McKaig and McKaig. Three years later in 1845 he was admitted to the bar and began to practice law. In 1849 he married Catherine Umbaugh by whom he had two children, Robert and Helen.

In 1856 Mr. Gordon was elected States Attorney for Allegany County. By 1859 he was Allegany County's State Senator. He was still a member of the legislature when the Civil War began in 1861. In September of that year an emergency meeting of the Legislature was called. The group met in Frederick in order to vote on the question of secession. During the meeting Gordon, along with a number of the other legislators, was arrested by Yankee soldiers and charged with being a secessionist. He was taken to Fort Monroe, Virginia where he was imprisoned.

Two years after the close of the war Gordon's house at 218 Washington Street was completed. The builder employed by Mr. Gordon was John Walton (who also worked on Emmanuel Episcopal Church and the Allegany County Academy) one of the more well known builders in the Cumberland area.

Throughout the remaining years of his life Mr. Gordon remained in the public eye. In 1869 he became president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and in 1883, by executive appointment, he was elevated to the bench to succeed Judge George A. Pearre.

His son, Robert Gordon, followed in his father's footsteps by also becoming a distinguished member of the Cumberland Bar. He is perhaps best remembered for the fact that he was instrumental in developing Cumberland's water supply. Lake Gordon in Pennsylvania was named for him.]

This Second Empire house is currently a museum operated by the Allegany County Historical Society. Unique exterior features of this well-preserved home include triangular pediments and three part entablatures on each of the twelve domers. The western and eastern porches have posts with highly decorative brackets with consoles.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records Cumberland, Maryland
 Josiah Vance Gordon Decent Information Sheet II, Allegany County Historical Society
 218 Washington Street, Cumberland, Maryland 21532

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 35 x 159

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

William Pratt and Dave Dorsey

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

9/2/77

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, Pershing Street

TELEPHONE

777-5967

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

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
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first floor include another just like the last one described and another narrow window with closed, fixed louvered shutters, roll moulding and stone lugsill. On frame addition are two double hung, one-over-one light, recessed windows with mullion, plain wooden trim and continuous wooden slipsill. Second floor has two double hung, two-over-two light, narrow windows with roll moulding and stone lugsills. Also one double hung, four-over-four light window with stone lugsill, roll moulding and shutter hinges. Second and a half floor features two dormers with three double hung, two-over-two light windows. (Two are in pair in same dormer with mullion). The one entrance on this facade is recessed and located on the porch. It has a vertical boards door with four recessed architrave trim panels, two light transom and a wooden lintel.

The western facade has three, casement basement windows of six lights each, with stone lugsills, that swing in. Also two double hung, six-over-six light basement windows with stone lugsills and stone lintels. An entrance here of one door with wooden lintel is partially boarded up and partially bricked up. Another basement entrance is recessed with a vertical boards door with four recessed architrave trim panels, two light transom and roll moulding. The first floor has three double hung, four-over-six light french windows with stone lugsills, roll moulding and shutter hinges. Other windows on first floor include three double hung, four-over-four light windows with roll moulding and shutter hinges. Two have stone lugsills; one with wooden slipsill and wooden lintel. Finally one double hung, two-over-two light, narrow window with wooden slipsill. The first floor entrance here is located on a veranda with a vertical boards door with four recessed architrave trim panels, two light transom and roll moulding. Second floor has six double hung, four-over-four light windows with stone lugsills, roll moulding and shutter hinges. Second and a half floor in dormers are four double hung, two-over-two light windows. (Two windows in pair in same dormer with mullion).

Southern facade has one fixed basement window of two lights with plain wooden trim. There is one recessed basement entrance with door of horizontal boards with four lights (lights in pairs vertically arranged) and a stone lintel. Another recessed basement entrance has a plain diagonally boarded door with wooden lintel and flat brick arch. First floor has two double hung, four-over-four light windows with roll moulding and shutter hinges. One window has a wooden slipsill and lintel, the other a stone lugsill. Addition has two recessed windows. One is a double hung, one-over-one light window with wooden slipsill and plain wooden trim. The other window is fixed with two lights, wooden slipsill and plain wooden trim. On the second floor porch located here is a recessed entrance with one horizontal boards door with one light, three recessed architrave trim panels, (two are vertical, one is horizontal) one light transom and roll moulding. Second floor has one double hung, four-over-four light window with stone lugsill, roll moulding and shutter hinges. On addition are two double hung, four-over-four light, recessed windows with wooden slipsills and plain wooden trim. Located in the dormers on the second and a half floor are four double hung, two-over-two light windows in pairs with mullion.

The Gordon House has four porches, one on each facade. Eastern facade porch has a flat roof with cornice and soffit, slat board ceiling and floor, and is

Description continued for Gordon House AL-IV-A-076

supported by brick posts, and five square wooden posts with brackets. A high lattice screen is located atop a plain balustrade. The porch on second floor southern facade has a flat roof with cornice and soffit, supported by six square chamfered posts with brackets. Porch has a decorative slat-board balustrade with additional ornamental railing atop it. The veranda on the western facade has a flat roof with cornice, fascia, soffit and frieze, a slat boards ceiling and floor, and a decorative balustrade. It is supported by cinderblock posts, five square chamfered posts, and one pilaster. Chamfered posts and pilaster feature cornices and highly ornamental brackets and consoles. Northern facade has a first floor porch with no entrance, cement floor, that is identical to the western veranda with only four posts, no balustrade, and no underporch supporting posts.

Behind the Gordon House is a brick carriage house built in 1867. It is two stories high and three bays wide with a gabled roof. For a further description please see accompanying pictures and field sheet for out building.

Roll moulding on most of the windows and a few of the doors is an unusual feature in the Cumberland area. Jambs of the dormer windows and the front entrance transom are chamfered. This house remains a physical reminder of the prosperity and cultural awareness of the nineteenth century inhabitants of Cumberland.

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1. Josiah Hance Gordon Recent Information Sheet II, Allegany County Historical Society, 218 Washington Street, Cumberland, Maryland.

TITLE SEARCH

Gordon House (History House)
AL-IV-A-076

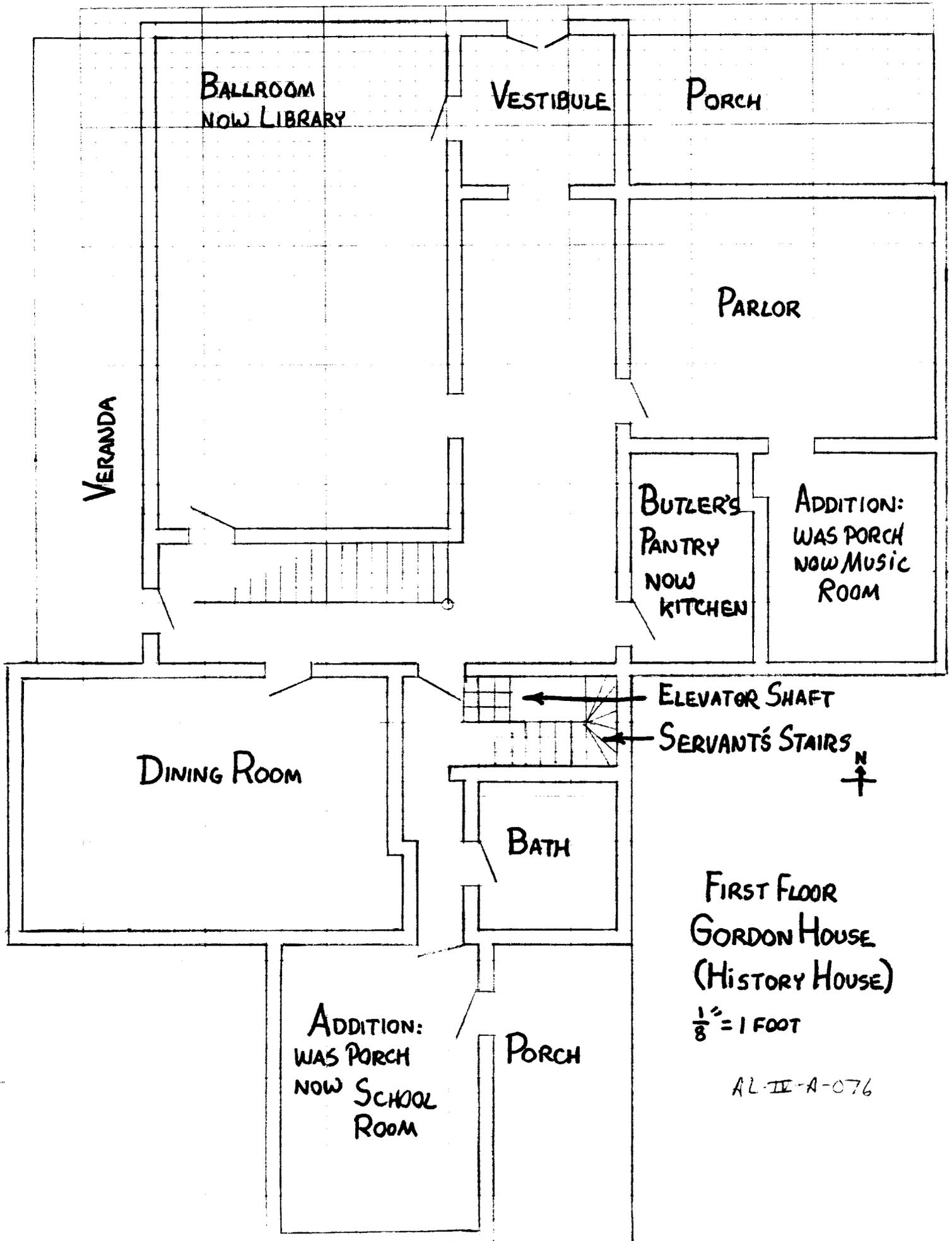
Allegany County Deed: Liber 262, Folio 245
Grantee: Allegany County Historical Society, Inc. Date: September 30, 1954
Grantor: George L. Buchanan (Executor of the estate of Elizabeth H. Roberts)
Deceased Consideration: \$6,600
Notes : Lot 60

Allegany County Deed: Liber 74, Folio 358
Grantee: Elizabeth H. Roberts Date: September 7, 1893
Grantor: Robert H. Gordon, et al Consideration: \$9,700

Allegany County Deed: Liber 24, Folio 243
Grantee: Josiah H. Gordon Date: March 1, 1866
Grantor: Charles B. Thurston (Trustee for William Brent Estate)
Consideration: \$700

Allegany County Deed: Liber EE, Folio 619
Grantee: William Brent Date: December 18, 1845
Grantor: Eleanor Simms Consideration: \$5
Notes : Daughter of Daniel Carroll Brent

Allegany County Deed: Liber F, Folio 357
Grantee: Daniel Carroll Brent Date: February 1, 1812
Grantor: Thomas Beall (of Samuel) Consideration: \$48
Notes : Part of land sale. This property goes back to 1806 when additional city
lots of Cumberland were surveyed.



WINDOWS

Northern Facade -

First Floor - Three double hung, 4/6 light, two wooden sash, french windows, roll moulding, two have shutter hinges, stone lugsills. Two double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, fixed louvered shutters, stone lugsills.

Second Floor - Five double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, stone lugsills.

Second and a Half Floor- In dormers, four double hung, 2/2 light, two wooden sash, two are in pair in same dormer with mullion.

Eastern Facade -

Basement - One casement, two lights, swing in, stone slipsill.

First Floor - On porch, one double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, wooden slipsill and lintel. Two double hung, 2/2 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, narrow, shutter hinges, stone lugsills, one is on porch. One narrow window, closed fixed louvered shutters, roll moulding, stone lugsill. On frame addition, two double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, recessed, plain wooden trim, mullion, continuous wooden slipsill.

Second Floor - Two double hung, 2/2 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, narrow, stone lugsills. One double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, shutter hinges, stone lugsill.

Second and a Half Floor - In dormers, three double hung, two wooden sash, two in pair in same dormer with mullion.

Western Facade -

Basement - Three casement, six lights, swing in, stone lugsills. Two double hung, 6/6 light, two wooden sash, stone lintels, stone lugsills. One door boarded up, partially bricked up, wooden lintel.

First Floor - Three double hung, 4/6 light, two wooden sash, french windows, roll moulding, shutter hinges, stone lugsills. Two double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, shutter hinges, stone lugsills. One double hung, 2/2 light, two wooden sash, narrow, wooden slipsill. One double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, shutter hinges, wooden lintel, wooden slipsill.

Second Floor - Six double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, shutter hinges, stone lugsills.

Second and a Half Floor - In dormers, four double hung, 2/2 light, two wooden sash, two in pair in same dormer with mullion.

Southern Facade -

Basement - One window fixed, two lights, plain wooden trim.

First Floor - Two double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, shutter hinges, one with stone lugsill, one has wooden slipsill and lintel. On addition, one double hung, 1/1 light, two wooden sash, plain wooden trim, recessed, wooden slipsill and one window fixed, two lights, plain wooden trim, recessed, wooden slipsill.

Second Floor - One double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, roll moulding, shutter hinges, stone lugsill. On addition, two double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, plain wooden trim, recessed, wooden slipsills.

Second and a Half Floor - In dormers, four double hung, 2/2 light, two wooden sash, in pairs with mullion.

ENTRANCES

Northern facade main entrance, double doors, two recessed, architrave panels with raised interiors on each, pointed corner blocks, vertical boards.

Eastern facade one entrance on porch recessed, four recessed architrave trim panels, vertical boards, two light transom, wooden lintel.

Western facade, on veranda, one door four recessed architrave trim panels, vertical boards, two light transom, roll moulding. On basement, recessed entrance, four recessed architrave trim panels, vertical boards, two light transom, roll moulding.

Southern facade on basement, one recessed entrance, four lights, lights in pairs vertically arranged, below these are plain horizontal boards, stone lintel. On basement, one plain diagonally boarded door, recessed, wooden lintel and flat brick arch. On second floor porch, one recessed entrance, one light, three recessed architrave trim panels (two are vertical, one is horizontal) horizontal boards, one light transom, roll moulding.

DORMERS

Gabled with triangular pediment and three part entablature with dentils. Decorative wooden moulding on sides of dormer, trim along windows is chamfered. Slate siding on sides of dormers. Five dormers are larger with two windows.

EAVES

Two sets of eaves. Upper set - cornice, frieze, and bed moulding. Corner boards meet bed moulding at right angles on corners and runs down to band moulding. Tin band moulding between roof and lower eaves acts as flashing. Lower set - boxed cornice, soffit, bed moulding and frieze. Approximately one foot below frieze is a wooden belt course.

PORCHES

On Northern facade, porch with no entrance, identical to western veranda with only four posts, no balustrade, no supporting posts, cement floor.

On Eastern facade, flat roof with cornice and soffit, supported by brick posts, five square wooden posts with brackets, high lattice screen atop a plain balustrade, slat board ceiling and floor.

On western facade, veranda with flat roof, supported by cinderblock posts, slat board ceiling and floor, decorative balustrade, five square chamfered posts and one pilaster with cornices, highly ornamental brackets and consoles, roof has cornice, fascia, soffit and frieze.

On southern facade second floor, flat roof with cornice and soffit, six square chamfered posts with brackets, decorative slat-board balustrade with additional ornament railing atop it.

FLOOR PLAN:

- (X) CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

- () ENCLOSED: Single flight, two flights with landing
- () OPEN: Single flight, two flights - one landing, three flights - two landings
- () DOG-LEG
- () DOG-LEG with WINDERS Two long flights, two short ones
two landings.
- () SPIRAL
- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- (X) PLASTER
- () paneled: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER 1 One in parlor wooden tiled hearth
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal Ionic columns with caps
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble Fully 3-D chimney breast
Ballroom - One white marble spandrel
 mantel scrolled cartouche.

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
HARDWARE: original; replaced

Upstairs Rooms - Empire bedroom
 Medical room
 Another bedroom
 Transportation room

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- (X) ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

Ballroom - bed moulding, fascia, architrave ceiling moulding. Heavily ornamental
plaque in ceiling from which chandelier hangs.

Vestibule Doors- vertical boards one architrave panel each, two vertical arranged lights
each, etched glass design, three etched glass sidelights each side go to ceiling. Two
light etched glass transom.

INVENTORY NO: AL-IV-A-076.

DATE: 3/2/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

262/245
85 x 159

NAME OF PROPERTY: Gordon House (History House)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 218 Washington Street

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North

NAME OF OWNER: The Allegany County Historical Society, Inc.

ADDRESS: 218 Washington Street

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

STORIES: 1() 2($\frac{1}{2}$) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6(X) 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Frame addition (two stories) aluminum siding, shed roof with tar and asphalt paper, parapet on eastern side.

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) Irregular

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- Aluminum siding on addition
- (X) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- (X) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. Random
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated Stretcher bond on northern facade.
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others (Repointing) wooden belt course around original building.

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone Rockfaced coursed ashlar, capping of smoothfaced cut stone blocks on north and west.

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
(See other page) pegged() nailed(X) wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Center of northern facade. Entrance has three part entablature with dentils, shoulders, two light plain glass transom, chamfered trim.
HARDWARE: original(X) replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN (See other page - ENTRANCES)
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards
(Wide)

Boxed
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit) bed
original(X) replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave
(See other page - EAVES)

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # 12 (See other page - DORMERS)
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original(X) replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() Four with flat roofs (See other page)

CHIMNEYS: Number: 5 Brick (X) Stone() Corbeled() Caps original(X) replaced()
Location: Plush end() Inside end() Outside end(X) Central() Interior(X)
One with chimney hood

PLUMBING: Door & windows: Keystone, Flat, segmental, Semicircular

STYLES: Second Empire Style
Museum

Architecture/History
1867
Good

INVENTORY NO: AL-IV-1-176

DATE: 9/1/77

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Gordon House (Carriage House)(Out building)

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Behind 216 Washington Street

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Allegheny County Historical Society Inc.

ADDRESS: 216 Washington Street

Cumberland, Maryland 21502

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. Random
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings Two cast iron entrance plaques on North and East wall plaque reads "Carriage House Built 1867" Rectangular tie rod anchors on North and South.

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others Built 1867" Rectangular tie rod anchors

FOUNDATIONS: High, low, Brick, Stone Coursed rockfaced ashlar.

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Replaced
(See separate page) pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()
on eastern facade

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Two sets of large double doors, vertical boards, diagonal 'X'
HARDWARE: original() replaced() shaped cross braces. Double row
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN header brick arches.
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

Brick

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

original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

Gabled parapet with brick cap on north and south. Center gable with brick return on

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # east.

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

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: Number: Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()
(Brick)

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, (Flat) Segmental, Semicircular Basket handle

COMMENTS: Extensive patching done to bricks.

USE: Museum

SIGNIFICANCE: History/Architecture

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1867

CONDITION: Fair

FLOOR PLAN:

- () CENTRAL HALL: Two rooms, each side; double parlor, one side
- () SIDE HALL: One room deep, two rooms deep
- () IRREGULAR

STAIRWAYS:

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- () ROUNDED
- () SYMMETRICAL DIVIDED FLIGHTS

WALL FINISH:

- () PLASTER
- () paneled: original; replaced
- () BOARD PARTITION: baseboard, cornice, chair rail, wainscot

FIREPLACES:

NUMBER _____
 LOCATION: parallel to walls, diagonal
 MANTELS: wood mouldings, pilasters, columns, masonry, marble

DOORS: paneled, board and batten, flush
 HARDWARE: original; replaced

DOOR & WINDOW TRIM:

- () PLAIN
- () ARCHITRAVE
- () SYMMETRIC with CORNER BLOCKS
- () FLUTED
- () FLUTED with CORNER BLOCKS
- () ARCHED OPENINGS: elliptical, tudor

NOTES:

(Out building)

Field Sheet continued for Carriage House AL-IV-A-076

Northern Facade -

Basement - Two cast iron grates, wooden lintels, flat brick arches.

First Floor - One double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, plain wooden trim, wooden lugsill, flat brick arch. Dutch door, vertical boards, "X" shaped cross braces.

Second Floor - One , three horizontal lights, fixed, wide horizontal muntins, wooden lugsill, flat brick arch.

Eastern Facade -

First Floor - Two doors described on Field Sheet.

Second Floor - Wooden windows, casement, vertical boards and "X" shaped cross braces, resemble doors above, plain wooden trim, wooden lugsill sheathed in tin.

Western Facade -

Basement - One window, blocked up.

First Floor - One, double hung, 4/4 light, two wooden sash, plain wooden trim, wooden lugsill, flat brick arch.

Second Floor - One casement, eight lights, recessed, swings in, wooden lugsill, replaced brick drip moulding.

Southern Facade - Solid Wall

Easement

Form 10-445
(5/62)

<p>1. STATE <u>Maryland</u> COUNTY <u>Allegany</u> TOWN <u>Cumberland</u> VICINITY <u>West-side</u> STREET NO. <u>218 Washington Street</u></p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER <u>Josiah H. Gordon</u> ORIGINAL USE <u>Home</u> (1816-1887) PRESENT OWNER <u>Historical Society</u> PRESENT USE <u>Museum-type Home</u> WALL CONSTRUCTION <u>Brick</u> NO. OF STORIES <u>3 and basement</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY <u>HL-36</u></p> <p>2. NAME <u>HISTORY HOUSE</u> <u>GORDON HOUSE</u> DATE OR PERIOD <u>1867</u> STYLE <u>Victorian</u> ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>
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4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC YES
(April to Thanksgiving)

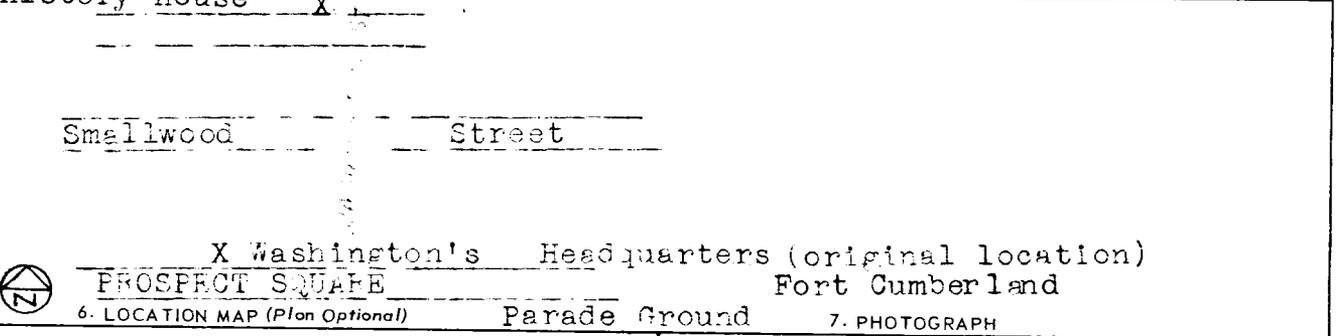
Victorian home with Mansard roof
 Front, back, upstairs and side porches.

Original: 12 large rooms, four small ones. Fireplaces in 6 rooms.
 Rococo plaster design in Library, Sitting Room, Hall (first floor)
 Basement kitchen with fireplace. 20th century addition of 3 rooms.
 19th century Carriage House.

A large hole in the backyard indicates that a trench or tunnel went through the property, probably from Fort Cumberland since the jail for the Fort was located within sight of History House.

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5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Good Exterior Poor



8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
 INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.
Court records--research by
helen Straw Hinkle

Personal knowledge.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Hazel Groves Hansrote (Mrs. Chas. J. Sr.)
519 Hill Top Drive) Cumberland, Md.
(5 yr. Trustee--History House)

Mem. Md. Hist. Trust
 DATE OF RECORD Jan. 9, 1970

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

History House, the nome of the Allegany County Historical Society, was built soon after the Civil War (1867) by Josiah Gordon, President of the C & O Canal in 1869.

This house was built on lot #60 of the Town of Cumberland as laid out by Thomas Beall of Samuel. It was offered at public sale in February 1812. The highest bidder was Beal Howard who paid \$16.62 for the lot, plus \$1.00 per year ground rent.

..Liber F---Folio 353

Beal Howard sold this land (with other lots) to Daniel Carroll Brent of Stafford Co., Va.
Ground rent release--

..Liber F--Folio 356
..Liber F--Folio 357

William Brent was the next owner (by inheritance)

..Liber S--Folio 371 to
Liber EE-Folio 619

He died intestate in Washington, D.C. leaving his wife Elizabeth and children. Equity Suit #1353, Chas. B. Thruston, Trustee; Judgment record-Sept. 13, 1865

..Liber 10-Folio 146

Land sold to Josiah Hance Gordon of Franklin Co., Pa. for \$700.00, at public sale, held at the St. Nicholas Hotel, Apr. 8, 1865. Final deed, Mar. 1, 1866.

..Liber 24-Folio 243.

Mr. Gordon built the nouse soon after.

On Sept. 7, 1893, the inherited property was sold by Mrs. Kate E. Gordon and children to Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts for the sum of \$9,700.

On Sept. 30, 1954, the Allegany County Historical Society, Inc., purchased the property for \$6,600 from the Roberts heirs. As of Oct. 1, 1965 the property is debt free.

Since the property is located at the edge of Fort Cumberland, it is possible that the horses, chickens and other animals of the Fort were kept on this land, as this area was under constant surveillance because of the marauding Indians in the nearby wilderness.

comment by--Hazel Groves Hansrote.

HISTORY HOUSE, a museum-type nome contains many objects 100 years old and older. The Doll, Medical, Military, Transportation and Toy rooms each offer authentic nistory and objects of their respective subjects. The Library has the largest genealogical file in the Tri-state area. The Society is justifiably proud of their collection of books and documents and their position to assist students of history.

..H.G.H.

Lake Gordon, part of the Cumberland water supply was named for above Gordon family.

..H.G.H.

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The name HISTORY HOUSE was coined by me as a convenience for a return address (short one) for the thousands of letters I answered on genealogy to persons all over the United States. The name caught on and has been used constantly in newspaper articles etc. since 1965.

Hazel Groves Hansrote.

Easement

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(5/62)

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany TOWN Cumberland VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER PRESENT USE WALL CONSTRUCTION NO. OF STORIES	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY AL-36
	2. NAME Gordon House (History House) DATE OR PERIOD STYLE ARCHITECT BUILDER
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO PUBLIC
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(8B.) Gordon House

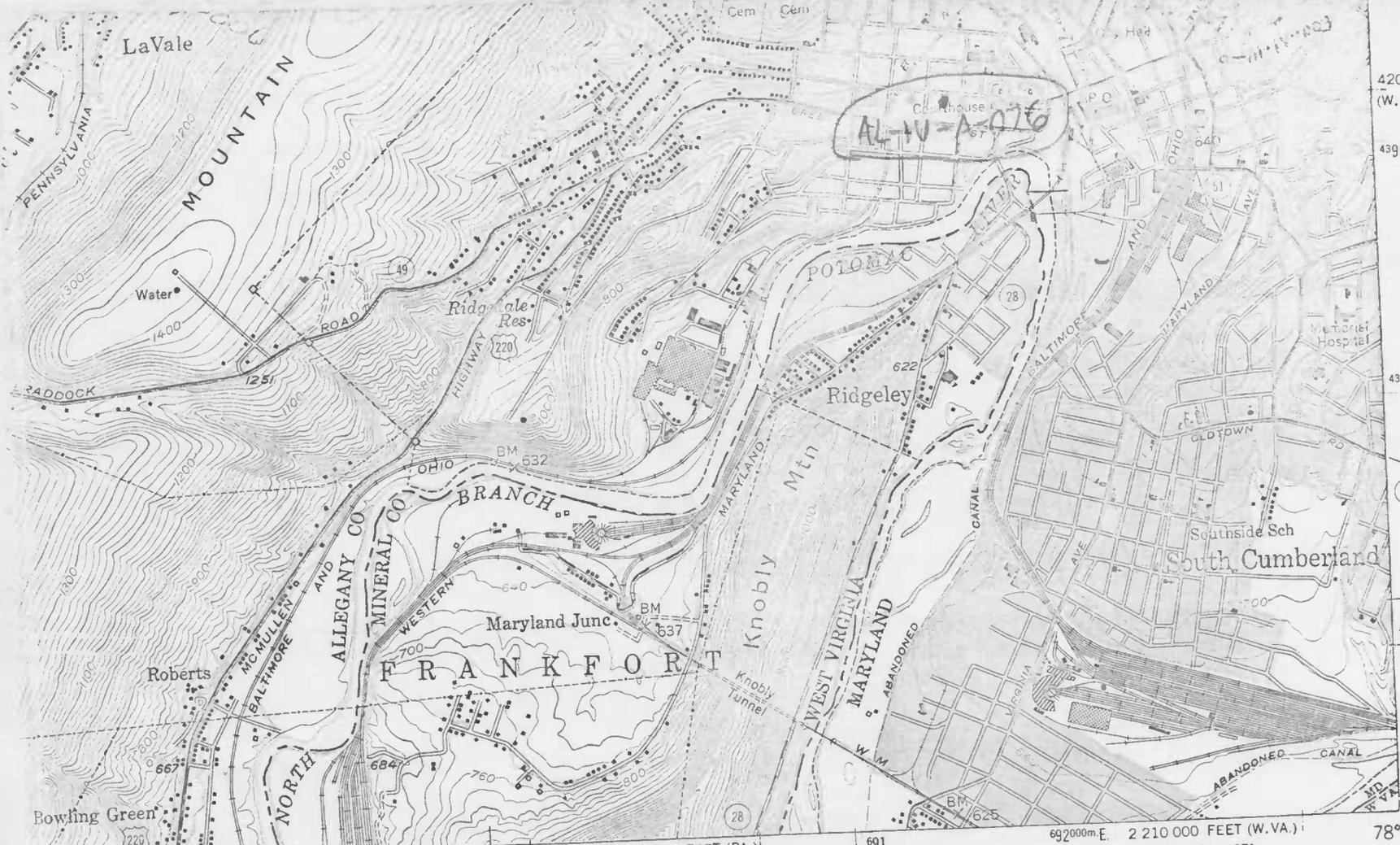
The Allegany County Historical Society's home, which it purchased in 1954, is an eighteen-room brick structure located at 218 Washington Street in Cumberland. Built in 1867 by Josiah Gordon, the father of Robert Gordon for whom Cumberland's Lake Gordon is named, the house is of beautiful brick and is structurally sound and sturdy. On display in the house are many objects of historical significance to Allegany County. Various rooms in the house hold displays depicting different eras and happenings in the County's history. Among the most interesting are the C. & O. Canal Room and the President Room. The Society is extremely active and is doing much to preserve and tell the most interesting story of history in Allegany County. It welcomes visitors who may be interested in touring the Historical House or those who may wish to become members.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	Endangered	Interior	Exterior
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Source: Historic Landmarks in Allegany County; a staff report by the Allegany County Planning & Zoning Commission, Cumberland, Maryland, Jan. 1965

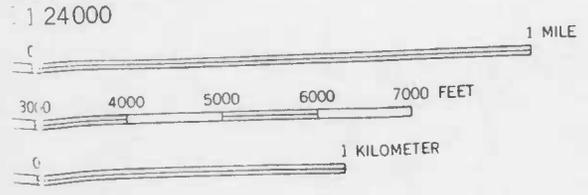
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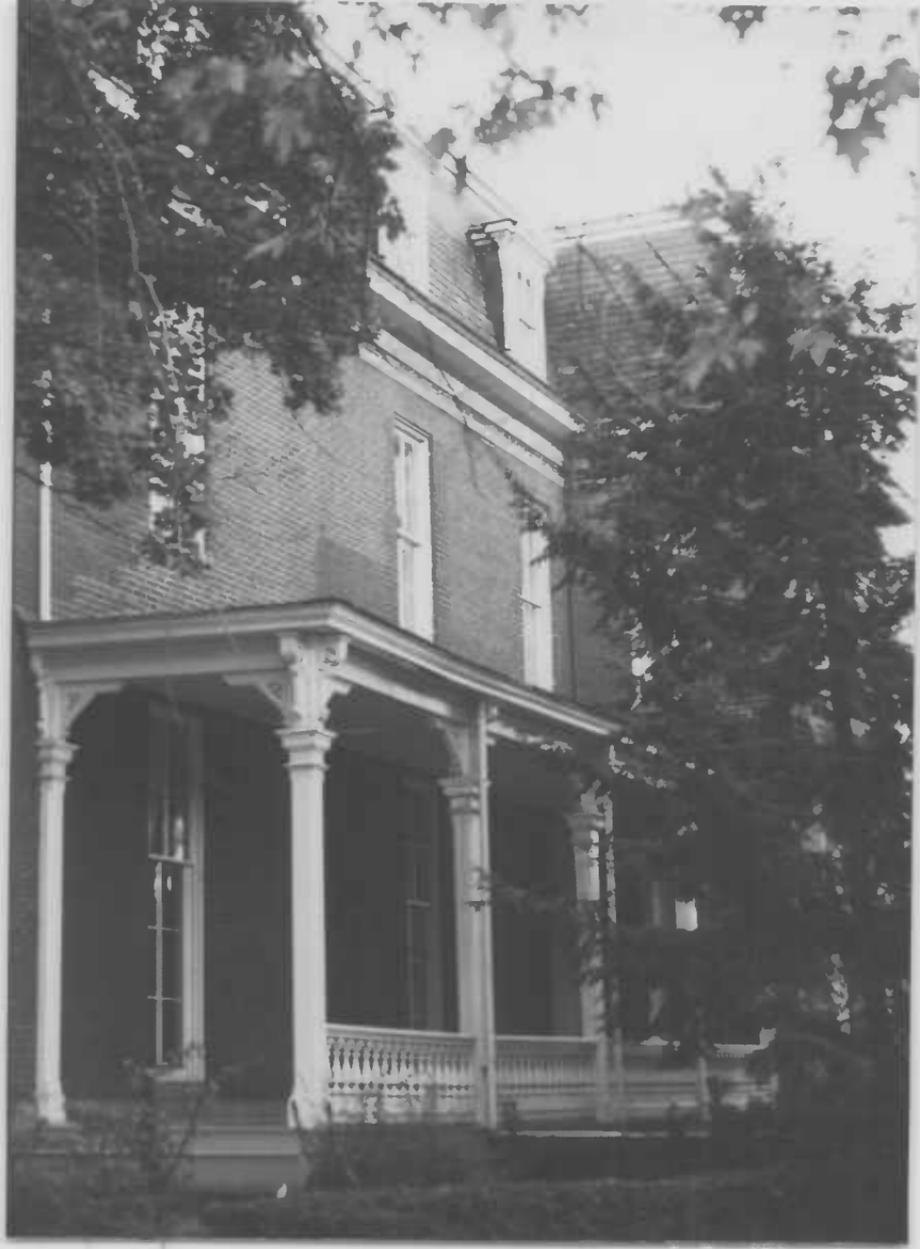
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