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HUNTER HOUSE-STIFFLER HOUSE

1896

PARKTON

PRIVATE

The Hunter House is an attractive, L-shaped, two-story plus attic house in a simplified Queen Anne style, with a full width porch, and some jerkinhead roofing. The house is covered with white aluminum siding. The dwelling was built by or for Thomas C. and Rose J. Hunter, who bought two of the Harris-Fishel lots on Calder Avenue in 1896 and were found with a "new frame dwelling" in the same year's tax ledger. The house was owned by William N. Krout from 1920 to 1924; Krout was also owner of the now extinct White Hall Roller Mill. Pleasant A. Stiffler bought the house in 1924. In 1959, Mrs. Stiffler sold to the trustees of the Parke Memorial Methodist Church next-door, which needed the rear lot of the dwelling in which to expand a proposed educational building.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC HUNTER HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON

Stiffler House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

18,912 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME PARKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH, INC.

Telephone #: 329-6070

STREET & NUMBER

18,908 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21120

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: WJR 3528

Folio #: 215

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE NONE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Stiffler or Hunter House is an L-shaped, two-story plus attic frame house in a simplified Queen Anne style. The main block is two bays wide, set under a gabled roof, with a full-width, one-story, shed-roofed porch. The "L" portion of the house projects toward the street past the porch and presents a three-surfaced bay, sheltered on the street end by a jerkinhead roof section.

The main entrance door off the porch has a plate glass panel and it is topped by a transom, flanked by sidelights. Two windows open onto the porch, both almost floor-to-ceiling types, one set in the main block to the left of the door (or to the south), the other located in the south wall of the bay that projects toward the street. The door is centrally located in the overall house.

The porch deck is supported by a foundation of field-stone laid as uncoursed rubble. Two porch posts, machined into both square and round cross-sections support the roof and are decorated with simple scroll brackets. Balusters in the porch railing are slender, machine-turned in decorative forms.

The bay windows are mixed sash types, with older, 2-over-2 types facing the street and 1-over-1 types in the side surfaces. In this projecting bay, there are false windows at attic level under the slopes of the jerkinhead roofing.

In the second story of the main facade, the two windows facing the street are 2-over-2 types similar to others in the house.

The south (or left) end of the house contains two bays, also with the same kind of 2-over-2 windows at each story plus two rectangular windows of one light each at attic level in the gable peak.

The north facade is two bays deep, with four windows, 2-over-2 in format like the others.

Chimneys are found in the south end of the main block (an inside end-chimney) and in the ridge line of the "L" there is an internal chimney that emerges just forward (streetward or east) of the ridge line of the main block. Both chimneys have corbelled caps.

The entire house has been covered with white aluminum

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siding.

Roofing material is light green rubber or asphalt tile. Foundation is uncoursed fieldstone. Rectangular cellar windows appear in both bays of the south end of the house.

This is one of the best-looking houses in Parkton, well-maintained by the church located immediately to the south.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

HUNTER HOUSE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1896 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Wm. F. Stiffler

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hunter house is one of the more attractive and complex houses on the high ground at the north end of Parkton. The street to the west, Calder Avenue, was laid out in 1877, and in 1887 a plat was recorded in the deed books that shows a number of suburban lots laid out between York Road and Calder Avenue on the lands bequeathed by Miranda Harris. (1, 2)

Sallie Calder Fishel and husband, the heirs of Mrs. Harris, sold Lots 7 and 8 of this subdivision to Wesley R. Cuddy in February of 1892. (3) Cuddy paid \$350 for it, or intended to pay for it, but somehow the property reverted to the Fishels, and they charged the next buyer \$350 for Lots 7 and 8. (4)

The next owners were Thomas C. Hunter and Rose J. Hunter, and the year of their purchase, the tax ledger of 1896 shows:

C. Thomas Hunter, Parkton		
A lot on West Side of Baltimore and York Turnpike in Parkton		\$100.00
New Frame Dwelling		<u>1000.00</u>
		1100.00 (5)

The deeds to the Parke Memorial Church, founded on land given by Mrs. Miranda Harris' daughters in 1888, prove that Lots 7 and 8 were north of the church lot. (6) In 1914, Thomas C. Hunter and wife sold the property to William N. Krout for \$2100. (7) The 1918 tax ledger showed that Krout lived next to W. Hare (whose lot adjoined on the north). The dwelling was 16 by 20 in one wing, and 16 x 26, described as two stories. There was also a warehouse 24 x 60, plus "stock in trade" worth \$850. A correction made in 1920 showed that Krout owned a mill on Wiseburg Road (the former Hunter Mill, MHT Site BA 233). (8)

In 1924, the Krouts sold to Pleasant A. Stiffler and Ella F. Stiffler. (9) In 1959, Mrs. Stiffler was a widow, and she sold Lots 7 and 8 and the house to the adjoining

Parke Church, which was at that time putting up an educational building. The dwelling house on this site has been preserved, although its deep rear lot provided space for the school structure and parking. (10)

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, JWS 178:518.
2. B.C. Deeds, JWS 178:518 (Plat).
3. B.C. Deeds, LMB 191:461.
4. B.C. Deeds, WPC LMB 219:105.
5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, Entry #273-54.
6. B.C. Deeds, JWS 169:315.
7. B.C. Deeds, WPC 422:486.
8. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 611.
9. B.C. Deeds, WPC 595:4.
10. B.C. Deeds, WJR 3528:215. Also, Committee on History, Parke Memorial United Methodist Church 1888-1978 (Parkton, 1978), p. 11.

ADDENDA

The Baltimore County Union reported on January 23, 1897:

PARKTON, N.C.R.R.—The new residence for Mr. Thomas Hunter is rapidly nearing completion and he expects to occupy it next week. Mr. Wm. F. Stiffler was the contractor and builder and deserves much credit for the expeditious manner in which the work was done."

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

HUNTER HOUSE

Baltimore County Deeds, Plats, and Tax Ledgers.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 77 square perches (0.48 ac.)**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Beginning in centerline of Calder Avenue -
 N4W 71 feet along Calder Avenue
 S76E 328 feet to York Road
 S14-1/2W 66-2/3 feet along York Road
 N76W 304 feet to Calder Avenue

(Tax Map 17 P216)

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

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

STATE NONE COUNTY NONE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

May 26, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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.

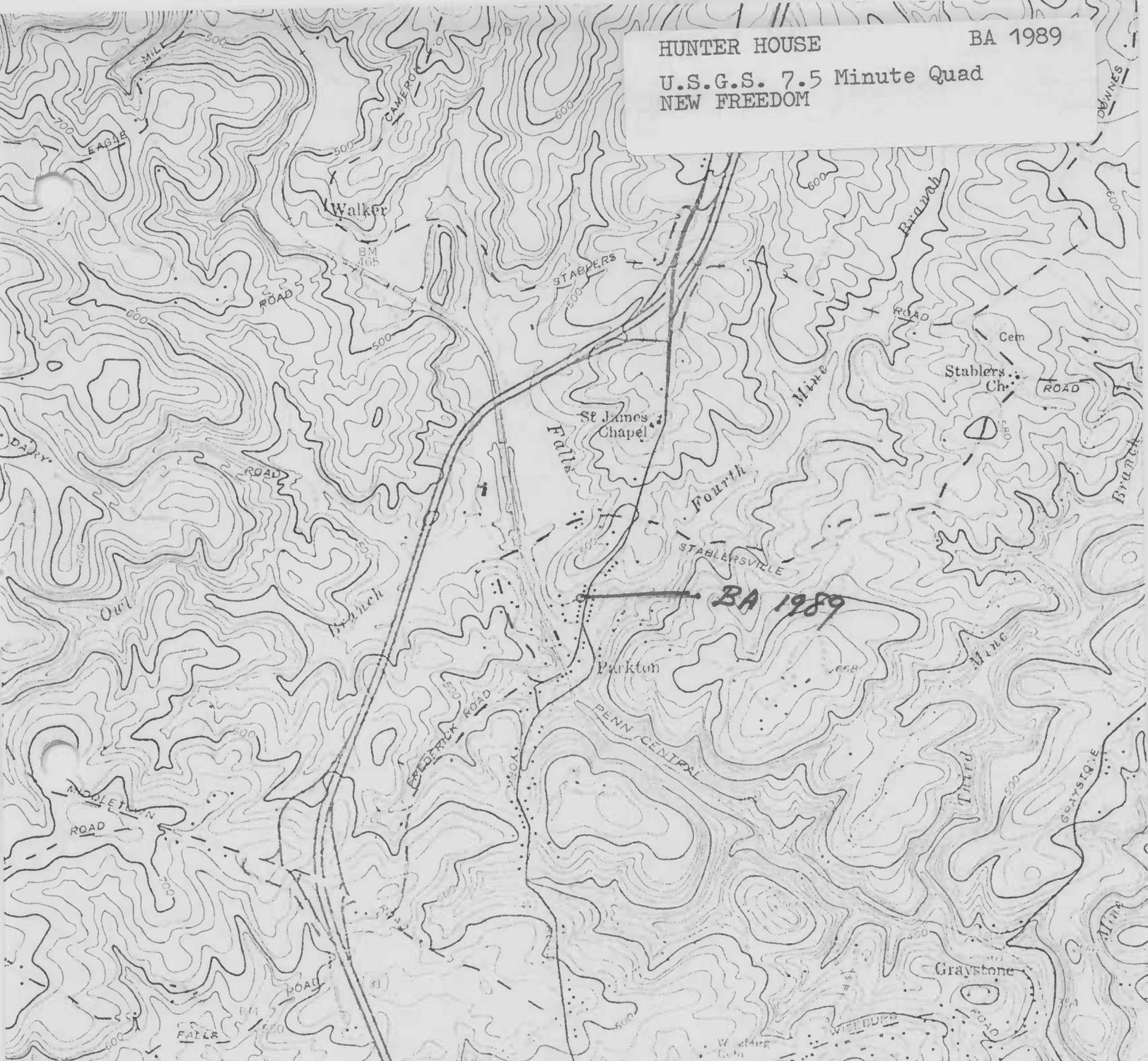
The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
NEW FREEDOM



REFORD) 663 II SW E 1 24 000
 356
 40 NEW FREEDOM 2.6 MI.
 BALTIMORE (NORTH AVE.) 22 MI
 2 310 000 FEET (M.A.)
 3590000 E
 WHITE HALL C



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	—————	Light duty
Medium duty	- - - - -	Unimproved dirt
	⊖	⊙
	U. S. Route	State Route

NEW FREEDOM, MD

N3937.5--W7637.5/

1958
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5663 II NW SERIES

Supplied by the Geological Survey, 1974. This



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Baltimore County, Maryland

J. McGrain, March 1980

Neg. located at MHT

Mian (east) and s. facades fr. SE



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J. McGrain, March 1980

Neg. located at MHT

South facade, SE corner