

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. BA 2222

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Peter Meade House

2. Location

street & number 11927 Maple Drive not for publicationcity, town Franklinville, Maryland vicinity of congressional district 11

state Maryland county Baltimore

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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meade

street & number 11927 Maple Drive telephone no.:

city, town Franklinville state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Towson New Courts Building Land Records liber 5231

street & number Bosley Avenue folio 298

city, town Towson state Maryland 21204

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 of move _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today. The Meade house represents a typical "worker's" in the former "company-owned" town of Franklinville. Built for the various workers of the cotton factories under such names as Baltimore Manufacturing Co., Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills sometime around the mid nineteenth century, this housed groups of people, not necessarily families who worked in the mill. Many modern alterations to the floor plan such as removal of stairs and fireplaces and chimneys have all but obliterated the original design of the house. A porch was added in 1948 and the front of the house changed to a center entrance with two windows on either side of the front door.

Facing on the Maple Drive, called the road to Jericho, with about a ten yard set back from the road, this two storey frame residence now covered in asbestos siding has a large chimney exiting the center south ridge of the east west gabled roof. The north or main facade has five bays on the first floor - from east to west bay, bay, door, bay, bay. A shed roof porch covers the whole front. Several of the panes of glass appear to be original. Lattice work obscures the foundation. On the eastern facade there is a bulkhead door with two casement windows venting the basement. The first floor has two evenly spaced windows as does the second floor. The attic is vented by a single six over six sash window. On the south facade, alterations have been made at the first level to create door - bay - door - blank, hence changing the original plan most likely. The second level is two evenly spaced windows. The western facade has casements windows on the bottom level. The second and first levels have been altered with siding and hence have irregular fenestration.

The rear of the lot abuts the ten foot alley mentioned in all the deeds.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> law |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> science |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support. This Franklinville worker's house represents an example of a house found in company owned mill community, planned and owned by the company and arranged so that several groups of of people could live within the house together. The houses were designated as frame "tennements" on the auction records of the foreclosure of the company 1916. The houses and their ownership by the company created a closed, planned community akin to that of a serf-like tenant-landlord relationship, typical of those communities owned by towns in the mid nineteenth century. Operating under various names including, Franklinville, Cotton Mills and the Oak Tire and Rubber Company, a mill had been on the site since the turn of the nineteenth century. While there is no record of the building of the houses, an old newspaper article mentioned a resident there (1945) living in a 109 year old house (1836). A record of a road petition by James Mahool then manager of the mill to the factory "village" in 1833 indicates that there was at least some mill housing there at that time. An 1882 transfer book lists specifically the number and the style of the workers' houses "12 double houses", \$450 each. Those these houses were not mentioned as frame houses, the other identified houses on the list were mentioned as stone or brick thus leaving only those to be frame. The 1857 Taylor map shows shows the houses in Franklinville that were on Woodberry Place but not those on Maple Drive, thus setting the date for Maple Drive somewhere between 1857 and the Hopkins Map date of 1877 where the Maple drive houses do appear.

CHAIN OF TITLE

Grantee - Marian Louise Pace November 3, 1971

Grantor - Peter A. and Eileen W. Meade 5231-298

Grantee - Carl Stephens and wife August 27, 1948

Grantor - Marian L. Pace and husband 1698-66

Grantee - Albert B. Creswell and wife February 8, 1947

Grantor - Carl A. Stephens and wife 1534-337

Grantee - Segar M. Townsend, widow. June 16, 1936

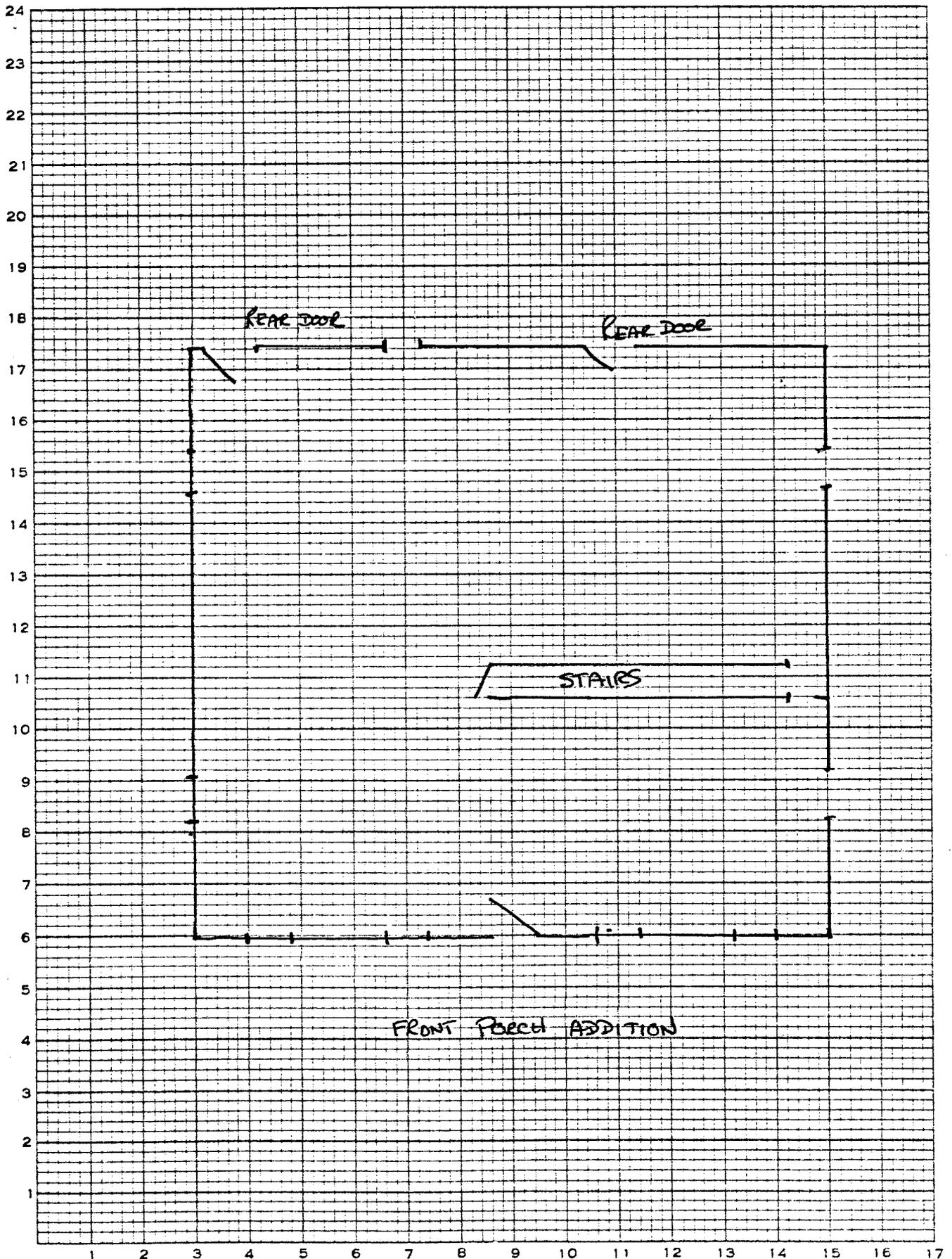
Grantor - Albert B. Creswell 967-406

Grantee - Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills August 27, 1932

Grantor - Segar M. Townsend 896-572

Grantee - Harry Crumrine and wife November 28, 1931

Grantor - Mount Vernon Woodberry 889-252 (Here a change over 863-60 same parties)



Home of Miss Mrs. Peter Meade now completely altered to
11927 Maple Drive FRANKLINVILLE ERADICATE all signs of DUPLEX housing

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form Addition to
Peter Meade House
11927 Maple Drive
Franklinville, Maryland

7 A DESCRIPTION

CHAIN OF TITLE

Grantee - Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills March 11, 1929
Grantor -Marvin and Mabel Merryman 808-230

At this point the title goes to a foreclosure with the assignee being J. Cooper Crossan and the property belonging to the Oak Tire and Rubber Co. possibly a subsidiary of Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills, who were auctioned off as mills in 1916, is owned for a time by the Merrymans. Mount Vernon actually received title from Andrew D. Jones and Albert A. Blakeney (a county commissioner) August 24, 1899, 241-43. This ownership went back as far as 1881 in a lease arrangement, with these gentlemen acquiring ownership in 1883-4.