

Newport Hall
CH-218
Newport
Private

1907

Constructed in 1907, Newport Hall is an ornate example of Gothic-inspired Victorian architecture that stands prominently in the center of the crossroads village of Newport. The dwelling is two stories in height and five bays in width at the principal elevation. Steeply pitched decorative cross gables project from the three most prominent elevations. Ornamental features include lancet windows, scrollsawm porch balusters, pressed tin gable ornaments and turned wooden finials. The dwelling is closely associated with the nearby Newport Store (CH-726) which was owned and operated by the original owner of Newport Hall, Leonard S. Herbert.

7. Description

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Condition

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| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> altered |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed in 1907, Newport Hall is a relatively rare example of Gothic-inspired Victorian architecture in Charles County. The house stands near the road in the crossroads village of Newport, facing east. It consists of a 2-story center-passage frame structure with a rear service wing forming an overall L-plan. The site is distinguished by steeply pitched cross gables on the front and side elevations adorned with lancet attic story windows. The gables are accentuated with pressed tin scroll ornamentation and wooden finials. At the principal elevation, the dwelling is five bays in length. The entranceway is protected by a full-width-hipped roof porch with a complimentary decorative center gable. Additional adornment includes scrollsawn brackets and balustrade. The dwelling is covered in asphalt shingle siding and an original pressed tin roof. The cornice is boxed and inverted following the angle of the rafters. Window have pedimented wood lintels.

The front elevation includes five windows on the second story. Two single 2/2 windows on either end and a pair of 2/2 windows in the center bay above the entrance. The first floor is symmetrical and the door is a framed with sidelights and 3-light transom. The secondary elevation is the south elevation fronting Stine's Store Road and visible from the intersection with Newport Church Road. This elevation includes three bays of 2/2 windows on the first and second story. The offset center bay falls in line with the decorative center gable adorned with a finial and gable ornament. Under the gable is a single lancet window. The opposite elevation of the main block includes two first floor and two second story windows below a centered lancet window under the gable.

The service wing includes a modestly scaled two story single-pile structure which originally housed the kitchen. Beyond this is a one-story dairy which has been incorporated into the service wing by the construction of a new kitchen.

The interior includes an irregular plan. The center hall is adorned with a large Victorian newel, turned balusters and beadboard wainscoting. From entering the center passage there is a large parlor to the north and a small office or study to the south. Beyond the study is a larger dining room that includes the remaining area of the main block. Beyond this is the kitchen within the service wing.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philospohy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	1907	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	1907		

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Newport Hall is significant as a rare example of Gothic-inspired Victorian architecture in Charles County and one of the few sites associated with the crossroads village of Newport to remain standing. The site is closely associated historically and architecturally with Newport Store (CH-726) which was operated by the builder of Newport Hall, Leonard S. Herbert.

Although there is scant visual evidence to reveal Newport's earliest history, the village was one of the first crossroads communities in Charles County. The village is identified in Griffith's map of 1794 (1) and Martinet's earliest maps of Maryland published in 1865 (2) According to a Baltimore Directory, by 1880, Newport supported a population of 60, four public schools, two physicians, two mills, and two general stores, one also serving as post office, and one hotel.(3)

The Gothic Revival style emerged nationally between 1840-1880, although its influence is not viisible in local architectural styles of Charles County until the turn of the 20th century. Typical features found on this example include a steeply pitched roof with steep cross gables, finials, and lancet windows.

Endnotes

(1) Griffith, Dennis. Map of the State of Maryland Laid down from an actual Survey of all the Principal Waters, public Roads, and Divisions of the Counties therein....Philadelphia, PA: J. Tallance, Engraver, June 6, 1795.

(2) Martenet, Simon J. Martenet's Map of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Baltimore, MD:
 Simon J. Martenet, C.E., 1865.

(3) The Maryland Directory. 1880. Published by Frank Lewis & Co., Baltimore.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 4.23

Acreage of historical setting 18

Quadrangle name Popes Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Newport Hall is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 74 parcel 82.

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Chain of Title:

- 1986 Re-Survey 4.23 acres
1.** part of lands conveyed by M. Naomi Yeates et al in 1959 146/270
2. All lands conveyed by George R. Jenkins in 1973. [storehouse at nw corner of
Stines Store Road and Newport Church Road.] 277/122
PB 35/139
- 1959 M. Naomi Yates, widow Ruth Herbert (Sister Maria Gloria), Dorothy H. Herbert,
widow, Eloise S. Maynard and Louis J. Maynard, hus. William L. Yates and H.
Ann Yates, wife to Vincent C. Warring. 18.52 acres in two parcels.
146/271
- 1952 John A. Herbert, et al to heirs. All following lands acquired by Leonard S. Herbert
1- In 1906 from Edward A. Lancaster and wife to Leonard S. Herbert
FDM 17/649
2 - In 1902 from Robert S. Corry BGS 13/104
3 - In 1922 from Mary Herbert WMA 45/66
4 - In 1926 from Chloe Wathan WMA 45/66
104/320

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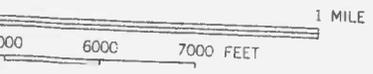
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Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klaphor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland.
LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.



CH-218 Charles County, MD
 Name: NEWPORT HALL
 Location: NEWPORT
 Quad: POPES CREEK



Heavy-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Light-duty
 Medium-duty 4 LANE 16 LANE Improved dirt

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