

CARR-219
JOHN W. FERGUSON HOUSE
Uniontown

c. 1826

private

CARR-219 John W. Ferguson House
3304 Uniontown Road

3304 Uniontown Road appears to have been built about 1826 and points out a number of interesting features from this period of Uniontown's architecture. By looking at the surface of the walls of this house, you can see the uneven texture of the brick that is typical of early structures where the brick was made on site. This brick is a soft and porous material in sharp contrast to the hard-pressed manufactured brick of the late nineteenth century. This brick relies on its thin, hard exterior surface to protect its soft interior from weather damage. In many cases, these houses were also painted as soon as they were built for the added resistance to the weather. It is easy to see how modern abrasive cleaning techniques, such as sandblasting and waterblasting, can be damaging to these structures. Another interesting characteristic is the wide spacing between the two windows on the second story. This occurs frequently in log construction in order to provide greater stability to the wall by allowing longer timbers to be used with less breaks in the facade. However, this is not always a reliable clue to log construction because in the early twentieth century the second story central window was frequently closed up and covered over to create a private space for a bathroom when plumbing was installed in a house. In this case, it is a log structure encased in brick that was probably constructed by John W. Ferguson soon after he acquired the lot from Issac Bruce in 1826. The property remained in the Ferguson family until 1884.



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WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-219

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: residence

ORIGINAL USE: residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent () Good (X)
Fair () Poor ()

THEME:

STYLE:

DATE BUILT: c. 1826

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Uniontown

LOCATION:
3304 Uniontown Rd.

COMMON NAME: John W. Ferguson House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residence

OWNER: Robt. J. Whitley

ADDRESS: 3304 Uniontown Rd
Uniontown Md 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes () No (X) Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone (X) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood: Log () Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (X) Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
- Wall Covering: Weatherboard () German Siding () Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal ()
Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: stretcher Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal (X)
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds ()
Ells () Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet ()
With False Front () Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 3 X 1

Approximate Dimensions: _____

Entrance Location: center

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads ()
Development () Deterioration ()
Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive (X) Negative ()
Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

see Unimban Md. - A Walking Tour

REFERENCES:

- 1862 Martenet's Map:
- 1877 LG & S Atlas:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane () Woodland () Scattered Buildings ()
- Moderately Built Up () Densely-Built Up ()
- Residential () Commercial ()
- Agricultural () Industrial ()
- Roadside Strip Development ()
- Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Betty

ORGANIZATION:

C.C. Dept. of Planning

DATE RECORDED:

9/84

77°07'30"
39°37'30"

4388000m N.

NEW WINDSOR, MD.

QUADRANGLE

7.5 minute series

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1. CARR-219 John W. Ferguson House
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November, 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
6. South & east elevations (camera facing
northwest)
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