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547 UNIONTOWN ROAD

late 19th century

Westminster vicinity

private

547 Uniontown Road shows a late nineteenth century Victorian style atypical of rural Victorian structures in Carroll County. While many Carroll County buildings of the period use an L-shaped plan with a single projecting gable front section on the main facade, this house has a U-shaped plan with two projecting gable front sections on the main facade. The entrance is located in the recessed bays under a porch. Remodeling has significantly altered the ornamental character of this structure, with the round arch gable windows being the only remaining decorative feature of what was probably a highly decorated structure.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
225. N. Center Street  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

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SURVEY NUMBER: CARR 691

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: late 19th century

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Westminster vic

LOCATION: 547 Uniontown Road

TAX MAP 38 Block 23 P-355

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: residence

OWNER: Melvin E Wantz

ADDRESS: 547 Union Rd  
Westminster 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 (X)
  - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) 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 (X) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
Bonding Pattern: 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 (X) 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: 6

Approximate Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance Location: 3rd bay from east

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

unusual U-shaped plan with two gable end projects on main facade probably had elaborate Victorian-style trim that has been removed during remodeling



RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

none

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

rare example of Victorian-style structure different from many rural Victoria bldgs

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 Getty

ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECORDED:

# WESTMINSTER

DISTRICT NO 7

Scale 2 Inches to the Mile

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Atlas of Carroll County, Maryland  
Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877



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U.S.G.S. MAP  
 NEW WINDSOR, MD.  
 1:24000 SCALE





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547 UNIONTOWN RD

Westminster vicinity

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north elevation

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1. 547 UNIONTOWN RD
2. Carroll Co. Md.
3. Joe Getty
4. 8/83
5. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis Md.
6. west elevation
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