

F-1-183
Sidney R. Hickman House
Point of Rocks
Private

1912

The Sidney R. Hickman House was built in 1912 by the proprietor of a lunch room which served passengers on the B&O Railroad at the Point of Rocks Station, located across the street from the house. The house is a basically vernacular plan, L-shaped house with a main section facing south bracketed by polygonal end bays with slate turret roofs and a two-story rear wing with the traditional two-level open porch. A wide veranda extends onto three elevations of the main section and the segmental arched windows and main doorway have molded infill above the door and window frames. A Palladian-inspired three-part window is located in the central gable and a dentil molding at the cornice line extends around the house. The roof is patterned slate. The house combines elements of both the Queen Anne and the Classical Revival in its exterior and interior decoration, over the traditional vernacular plan. Most of the interior hardware and fixtures, such as hinges, doorknobs, drawer pulls, beveled overmantel mirrors, porcelain bathroom fixtures, and stairway trim are original. Where the exterior has mostly Queen Anne influences, the interior is principally Classical Revival in ornamentation. The architecture of the house and its high level of integrity, as well as its association with the period of expansion in Point of Rocks local history, are the areas of principal significance.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function & Use

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/other out-buildings

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form****1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Sidney R. Hickman House

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 3820 Clay Street not for publicationcity, town Point of Rocks vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

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 David A. Hickman, Jr.

street & number 816 East E Street telephone no.:

city, town Brunswick, state and zip code Md. 21716

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1387

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 788

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-183

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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Sidney R. Hickman House is a two-story brick house built in 1912 with elements of the Queen Anne style and the Classical Revival, located on the north side of Clay Street near the B&O Railroad Station (F-1-129) in Point of Rocks, Frederick County, Maryland. The dwelling stands on a small hill facing south toward the present parking lot of the railroad station. Its principal characteristics are polygonal end bays with turret roofs, segmental arched window and door openings, a Palladian-inspired window in the central cross gable, a patterned slate roof, and a wide veranda extending across the south, west, and east elevations. The date of the house is based on land records and a personal interview with Miss Cornelia Hickman, the daughter of Sidney R. Hickman, who still occupies the house.

The house has an L-shaped plan, similar to that of traditional vernacular houses in Frederick County from the 18th century to about the 1920's. A two-story rear wing with a two-story open porch extends from the northwest corner of the main section. The main section has five bays on the principal south elevation, including the two polygonal bays on the southeast and southwest corners. The patterned slate roof on the turrets terminates in finials. The main roof is hipped, with two central chimneys with corbelled caps. At the north end of the rear wing is a third chimney with a plain top. The brick walls are laid in 7:1 American bond with a dentil cornice molding. The one-story porch on the main section has Tuscan column and a plain balustrade. The porch roof projects in a shallow pediment above the concrete steps to the veranda. On the side abutments flanking the concrete steps are two World War I shell casings, permanently attached as ornamental bollards. Miss Hickman recalls that her father acquired these shortly after World War I, possibly from an acquaintance, as Mr. Hickman was not in the armed services during the war. The windows are 1/1 with louvred shutters and a bull's eye infill at the segmental arched tops. The center doorway has a segmental arched transom with sidelights. The Palladian-influenced window in the central gable has a round-arched central window, with flat arches on the side windows. The rear wing porch has a scroll-sawn balustrade.

The interior of the house has a high degree of integrity, similar to the exterior, where little alteration is apparent. Simple dark-stained pine trim frames the doors and windows. The staircase in the central hall has a paneled closer and a square newel post with Classical Revival egg-and-dart molding trim. The two main rooms in the front section flank the central stair hall and were used as the formal parlor on the east side and the family living room on the west side. The dining room adjoins the living room through pocket doors. In both the living and dining rooms, diagonally set fireplaces are located at the inner corners. These have glazed tile surrounds and hearths, with Classical Revival columned mantelpieces with overmantels centered with beveled edge mirrors. Floors throughout the house are the original hardwood, except in the kitchen, which has a newly installed vinyl tile floor. In the dining room are two built-in, glass-doored cupboards. A door at the top of a short set of stairs leads to the back staircase; a corresponding door on the other side of the wall gives access from the stairs to the kitchen. In th

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates C. 1903 - 1908 **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.

The Sidney R. Hickman House is moderately significant for its architectural style and craftsmanship, which shows how the basic vernacular house which developed in Frederick County since the mid-18th century was adapted to the early 20th century with the addition of elements of the Queen Anne style and the Classical Revival style, both of which were currently popular in 1912, the date of its construction. The high level of integrity of the house provides a clear illustration of the original central hall plan with flanking parlors and the rear wing, the same as that found in many mid and late 19th century houses. The "modern" features which place the house in a higher artistic and technological plane are the prominent polygonal end bays with turret roofs, the encircling veranda, and the elaborate use of anufactured decorative trim on the interior staircase and mantelpieces. The exterior resembles several of the elaborate houses of Buckeystown and Adamstown built about the same period, and, according to Miss Cornelia Hickman, the house was built by a Buckeystown contractor named Keller. Sidney Hickman, her father, operated a lunchroom which catered to B&O Railroad passengers at the nearby Point of Rocks Station. Miss Hickman, born in 1901, remembers the building of the house and that the neighboring property on the east, already extant in 1912, was later given a remodeling by her uncle, Harry Hickman, which made it a virtual twin of the Sidney Hickman House. The Harry Hickman house has in recent years been much remodeled and now has a parged and painted exterior, while retaining the distinctive corner turrets found on the Sidney Hickman House in their original form.

Both the Hickman houses reflect the period of expansion which the town of Point of Rocks experienced from about 1870 to 1920. The picturesque B&O Railroad station, built in the 1870's, kicked off a long period of modest growth, during which the town suffered a damaging flood in 1889 and began to expand on the higher ground north of the original Clay and Commerce Streets which paralleled the C&O Canal and the railroad tracks. The Sidney Hickman House was built at the same time as Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (F-1-8), a brick chapel located on the elevated ground which replaced an earlier building severely damaged in the 1889 flood.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-1-183

Hickman, Cornelia W., personal interview, June 21, 1993
Land Records of Frederick County
Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910. Reprinted
Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, 1099.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2 acresQuadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 108A, Parcel identified "David A. Hickman, Jr., 1387/788, 2 a."

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June 1993street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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.

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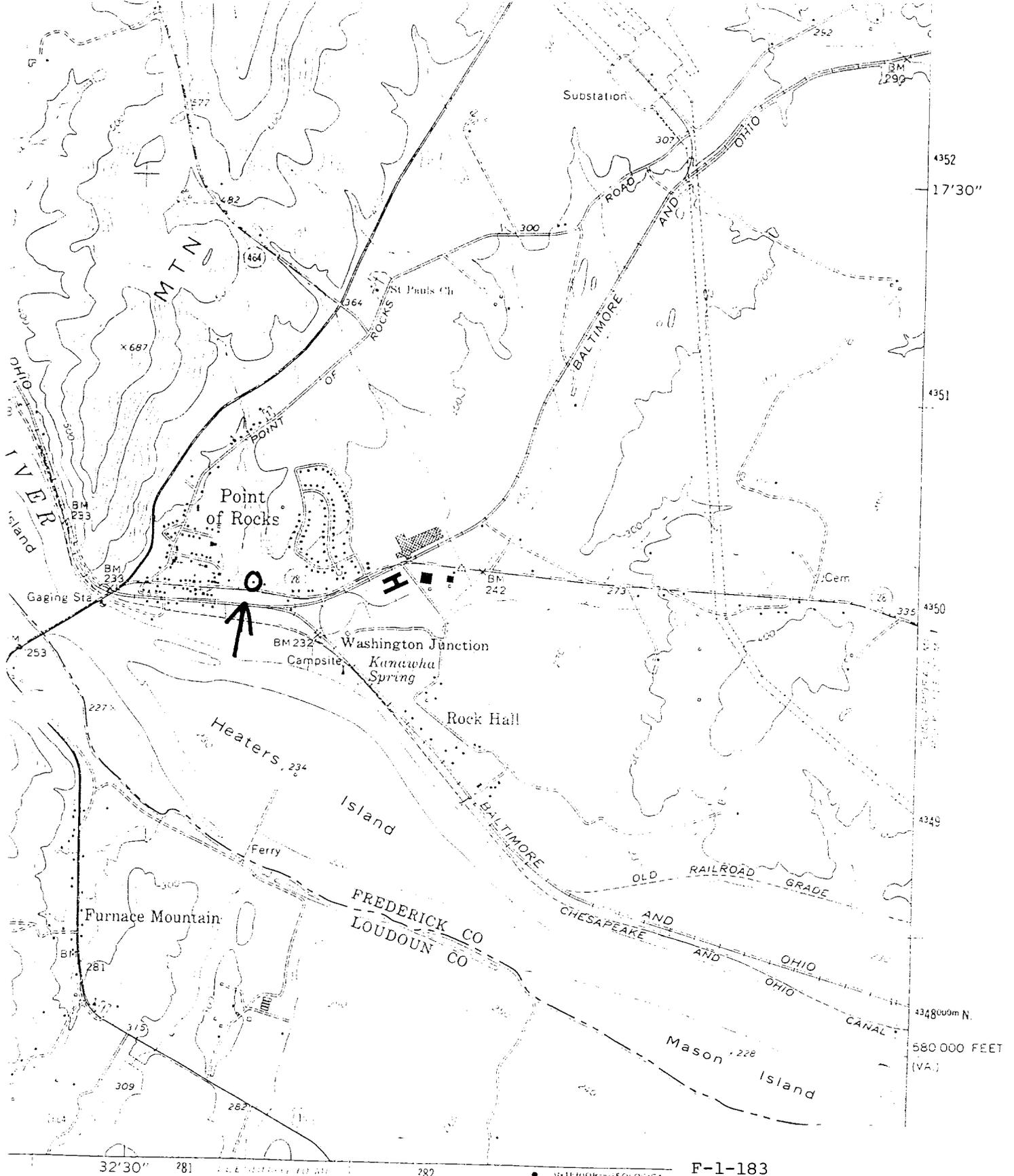
7.1 Description (Continued)

kitchen and in much of the family areas of the house, a tongue-and-groove wainscot lines the walls. The hardware throughout the house appears to be original, including elaborately designed cast hinges, doorknobs, drawer pulls, and radiators. On the second floor of the wing, the bathroom has its original porcelain pedestal lavatory and claw-foot tub. The attic of the wing contains a wooden stave water tank to which water from the well was pumped to supply the bathroom by a gravity system. The pump house is one of two remaining outbuildings with the house. The condition of the house is generally good, although some damage to the lath and plaster walls from leaks is visible, especially on the second floor.

Outbuildings: The frame pump house, built at the same time as the house, is a small squarish building located in the angle formed by the two sections of the house, in the usual location occupied by a smokehouse in 19th and early 20th century domestic groupings. It has german siding and a composition gable roof, with a tongue-and-groove door on the south elevation. The only other remaining outbuilding is a deteriorated frame chicken house located north of the rear wing. Other domestic outbuildings were gradually demolished over several years.

Hickman House

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
1387/788 22 Dec 86	David C. Hick- man, jr.	Cornelia W. Hickman	Lots 13-17 as designated upon a plat filed in Equity 7439, Edw. 3		
STH 265/73 17 Oct			Each lot 4 sq. p or 1/4 A.		
946/195 1 June 74	Cornelia W. Hickman	Sidney L. Hick- man, jr.			
STH 265/73 17 Oct 03	Sidney L. Hickman	J. Roger McSherry & Charles C. Waters, trustees in Equity 7439			
Equity Record STH 2/380 27 Nov 1901					



- INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL
2 280 000 FEET (V)
- ROAD CLASSIFICATION
- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Interstate Route

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 Frederick County
 USGS Point of Rocks, Md.-Va.
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Photo: Janet Davis

June 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. = 4180, Crownsville, Md.

Southwest corner view

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June 1973

Neg. loc.: Md. State, Crownsville, Md

South elevation detail of entry

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Sidney R Hickman House

Point of Rocks, Frederick County

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June 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

East elevation

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Point of Rocks, Frederick County

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June 1993

Neg. loc. in Md. S.H.O. Crownsville, Md

North east corner view with pump house

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