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Walker Place  
Monrovia  
Private

C. 1810

The Walker Place is a large two and one-half story random stone residence, five bays wide with a twin four panel door and elliptical transom is located in an arched doorway in the third bay. The flank gable slate roof is finished by a stepped brick cornice, an unusual feature on a stone residence. Wood lintels are located over each window and large stone quoins define the corners of the building. An original one and a half story stone kitchen is located west of the building.

Much of the interior including panelled windowsills, baseboards and chair rails remain intact. The interior of the house has a central floor plan flanked with single rooms.

According to the earliest available deed of the land, 114½ acres of the land tracts "The Meadows" and "The Forest" were sold by Elisha Falconer to Thomas Radcliffe on October 29, 1801 for \$1,145. In 1836, Radcliffe died and the land was sold to Frederick Brown by William Radcliffe, trustee for \$1,600. In 1887, the house was sold at Public Sale being described "a substantially built two story stone house."

A small gazebo and frame nineteenth century barn are also located on the premises.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Walker Place

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side Fingerboard Road

6th ED 9 M88 P25

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Urbana

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Kathleen Litteral et al

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

11215 Oak Leaf Drive

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20901

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 977

Folio #: 862

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court St.

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

| 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 _____      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Walker Place is a large two and one half story random stone residence located on the north side of Route 80 near Monrovia, Maryland. The house which is very similar to the Thomas Maynard House, located on Gas House Pike, is five bays wide. The main entrance door is a twin door with four panels and an elliptical transom is located in an arched doorway in the third bay. A small pedimented entrance porch extends south from the main entrance. Located in the remaining bays on the first and second levels are double hung 6/6 windows with replaced louvered shutters. The flank gable slate roof is finished by a stepped brick cornice, an unusual feature on a stone residence. Wood lintels are located over each window. Large stone quoins define the corners of the building. Two corbelled brick chimneys are located flush with the east and west ends of the building.

An original one and one half story stone addition is located west of the building. It is two bays wide and features a gently sloping slate roof with a kick which finishes a one story front veranda. This structure also features an original stepped brick cornice. A six panel door with three light transom is located in the second bay from the southwest corner. Several different frame and cinder block additions have been added to the north and rear of the house. Much of the interior features including panelled windows sills, baseboard and chairrails are still intact in the house. The interior of the house is a Georgian floor plan with one room flanking each side of a central hall.

Also located on the premises are a small gazebo and a frame nineteenth century barn.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| 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             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Walker Place is a fine stone farmhouse of a simple Georgian style, built in the late eighteenth century or early in the nineteenth century.

According to the earliest available deed of the land, 114½ acres of the land tracts "The Meadows" and "The Forest" were sold by Elisha Falconer to Thomas Radcliffe on October 29, 1801 for \$1,145.<sup>1</sup> No house is mentioned in this transaction.

In 1836, Radcliffe died and the land was sold to Frederick Brown by William Radcliffe, trustee for \$1,600.<sup>2</sup> Once again, no house is mentioned in the transaction although it is most likely that the house was standing at this time.

In 1887, the house and land were described as the following in the Equity Records. A Public Sale was held at "The City Hotel" on August 30, and the property was sold for \$3,873.75,<sup>3</sup> which was considered a very low price.

"The improvements consist of a substantially built two story stone house, bankbarn, nearly new, wangan shed, corn house and other outbuildings.

There is a splendid springing of water near the dwelling and another good spring on higher ground whence the water could be readily conveyed by pipes throughout the dwelling. The land is in a good state of cultivation; some of it now set in clover and some in Timothy. A good portion of it has been recently limed and all is under reasonably good fencing. There are a number of apple, peach and other fruit trees on the premises. The part that is in timber will furnish rails, railroad ties and bark. This is a very desirable property, convenient to markets and towns and has ample railroad facilities."<sup>4</sup>

The land has recently been acquired by developers and is planned for extensive development.

Frederick County Land Records <sup>1</sup>Liber 22 Folio 163 <sup>2</sup>Liber HS3 Folio 433  
<sup>3</sup>Liber WIP4 Folio 489 <sup>4</sup>Liber WIP2 Folio 331

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

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CITY OR TOWN Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
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WALKERSVILLE

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Walker House  
North side Rte. 80, east of  
Price's Distillery Road  
Southwest view

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Walker House  
North side, Rte 80, east  
of Price's Distillery Road  
North View

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Walker House Gazebo  
North side, Rte 80  
West of House

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Walker House, detail  
North side Rte 80, east  
of Price's Distillery Road  
West gable

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