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SAPPINGTON HOUSE
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1838

The Sappington House is one of four other late Federal or Greek Revival brick townhouses built on Union Avenue in the 1830's. The house, having a fully raised basement, is three and a half stories high. It is three bays wide and the facade is laid in all-stretcher bond brick, painted ox-blood red. In the basement is a cooking fireplace with a bake oven beside it.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 1305485404 HA-548

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Sappington House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
212 S. Union Ave.

CITY, TOWN
Havre de Grace ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
6

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER Rental

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. William D. Smith Telephone #:939-4129

STREET & NUMBER
212 S. Union Ave.

CITY, TOWN
Havre de Grace ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Md. 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 625
Folio #: 527

STREET & NUMBER
45 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air, Md.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

212 S. Union Avenue is a detached, brick townhouse, painted ox blood red, presently used for apartments facing east. The twin of this house (HA-1122) is directly across the street at 213 S. Union Avenue; both houses have been significantly altered through the years. The main block, on a fully raised basement of granite and brick, is two-and-a-half stories, three bays by three with a one story, brick addition with a two story porch above it on the rear. Attached to the addition is a one story lean to of wood. The facade is laid in all stretcher bond with flanks and rear in common bond.

On the facade (east elevation) a one story, two bay, Doric portico with a balustrade and slightly hipped roof is entered in the north bay by a flight of stone steps.

A brick bay window containing 6/1 light, French windows with a 12/1 light window in the center has been added to the south side of the first floor facade. The second floor has tall, 6/6 stone sills. The roof has been completely altered by the addition of a flat roofed, shingled, dormer unit containing three, eight-light casement windows. The south and north elevations have an irregular pattern of fenestration, some window openings on the first floor having been reduced in size, leaving brick flat arches a few feet above them and other windows added. All of the windows have 6/6 light, double hung sash with 1/1 light windows in the attic.

The entrance, located in the north bay of the facade, has a door of two vertical glass panels; three-light side lights with molded panels beneath are on the side of the door with a three-light transom above.

The house has a low, asphalt shingled, gable roof with the ridge parallel to the street. Two large brick chimneys, joined at the base, rises from the south wall.

At the basement level, under the porch, is an entrance that is no longer used.

At one time the land belonging to this house covered the area of the whole block, that is five lots. Now the house has a spacious yard on the south and rear and adjoins a neighbors yard on the north.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	X COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANOSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EOUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1838 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Sappington House is one of five brick, Greek Revival town houses built on Union Avenue in the late 1830's; the others are HA-546, HA-548 and HA-1122. Each house has some or all of the following features: stretcher bond facade; entrance portico with classical entablature; side hall plan; and an above grade, lighted basement containing a cooking fireplace. In addition, all of the dwellings reflect the material prosperity which was expected to arise from the canal and railroad and the location of the town as a port of re-shipment. Although the exact date of construction is not known, the Sappington House and the Hoke House - directly across the street - were probably originally planned as identical structures.

Union Avenue runs north to south with the Chesapeake Bay at the southern end. Wide and tree shaded, with many architecturally significant buildings of different styles on it, it is the town's most visually impressive street. The northern end and middle of the avenue are particularly rich in 19th and early 20th century architecture. Whereas at the southern end, particularly in the blocks between the hospital and the bay, most of the houses interspersed with doctor's offices are new.

The architectural richness and integrity of Union Avenue is enhanced by the presence of a series of brick town houses built in the Greek Revival style c. 1838. The importance of the Sappington House is that it is one of this series and that internally the house has a cooking fireplace with a separate bake oven in the wall next to it.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Telephone interview with Mr. & Mrs. G.K. Lyon, November 29, 1976.

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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

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Marion Morton, Architectural Surveyor

DATE
12/1/76

ORGANIZATION
Maryland Historical Trust

TELEPHONE

STREET & NUMBER
21 State Circle

STATE

CITY OR TOWN
Annapolis, Md.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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#7 Description continued: Sappington House

Interior:

The house, broken into apartments, has a side hall plan with stairs (now enclosed) located on the north wall. The basement, however, retains much of its original or early appearance. It has a side hall with two rooms on the south. The front room, having a fireplace also, has recently been paneled. Of particular interest is a large cooking fireplace with a smaller, baking oven in the south wall of the southwest room. This room has an old six-paneled door in the north wall with three-paneled reveals. Lath marks clearly visible on the over head beams, indicate that the ceiling was once plastered.

LAND DEEDS SAPPINGTON HOUSE

GRC 625 527 August 19, 1963
Grantors: Kenneth S. Unruk, Dorothy V. Unruk
Grantees: William D. Smith, Dorothy B. Smith

GRC 576 355 August 1, 1961
Grantors: Murray V. Lawder, R. May Lawder
Grantees: Kenneth S. Unruk, Dorothy V. Unruk

GRC 259 248 March 4, 1940
Grantor: G. Arnold Pfaffenbach
Grantees: Florence S. Silver, W. Scott Silver (deceased)
Grantees: Henry Amos Osborn, Jr. et al
Equity Court Case: March 7, 1917, George Carver- complainant and Margaret Spenser and other - defendants. Property sold at public auction to W. Scott Silver for $3,950.00.

WSF 102 22 January 29, 1901
Grantor: Maria L. Lyon, et al, widow of G.T. Lyon
Grantee: John N. Spenser
$600.00

ALJ 33 49 November 17, 1875
Grantors: Henry W. Archer and Henry A. Farnandis, trustees
Grantee: George Taylor Lyon
Chancery Court: Sept. 10, 1872, Alex Smith - complainant, John Sappington, executor and others-defendants. Property first sold to John Evans for $2550.00; G.T. Lyon substituted as the purchaser. Five lots: 218, 225, 232, 239, 246 in square 263.

ALJ 6 393 November 28, 1855
Grantor: Otho Scott
Grantee: John Sappington
It is mentioned that the dwelling house is now lived in by Dr. John Evans. Lots 218, 225, 232, 239, 246 in square 236

HD 20 214 January 16, 1838
Grantors: Thomas Sadler and Mary Anne, his wife
Grantee: John K. Sappington
$1150.00 five lots-218, 225, 232, 239, 246

HD 16 208 May 25, 1833
Grantor: Platt Whitaker
Grantee: Thomas Sadler
He paid $11,000.00 for eight lots-the five listed above and three others.

Title Search byJames Bosworth

HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.
SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
N3930—W7600/7.5
1953
PHOTOREVISED 1970
AMS 5763 II SE—SERIES V833
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Garrett Island
Perryville
Perryville High Sch
Toll Sta
Gasoline
Quarry
Reservoir
Mt Erin Cem
Toll Bridge
CECIL CO
HARFORD CO
RIVER
Substation
Water
Perry Point
U S VETERANS HOSPITAL
Mill Creek
Mill
POST ROAD
ERIE ST
BM
R R Sta
P O
High Sch
City Hall
BOURBON ST
UNION AVE
MARKET ST
REVOLUTION ST
Memorial Hospital
HAVRE DE GRACE
GILES ST
Concord Pt Lighthouse
Bay Side Park
PENN CENTRAL
OHIO HIGHWAY
SENECA
NATIONAL GUARD RESERVATION
Sand
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SAPPINGTON HOUSE HA-548

212 S. UNION AVE., HAVRE DE GRACE

EAST FRONT

Marion Morton Dec. 1976

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Havre de Grace, MD

picture taken 1922

Gift from: Mrs. Elise B. Deller
1708 Chatham Road
Camp Hill, PA 17011

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