

HA-807
JOSEPH CARVER HOUSE
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1840

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Joseph Carver House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

117 S. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Frank Silver

Telephone #: 939-3102

STREET & NUMBER

177 S. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 21079

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #: 290
Folio #: 238

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

117 S. Washington Street is a two and half story, three bay by two bay (on the S. elev.) detached, brick dwelling on a slightly raised basement. The house faces west on S. Washington Street.

A two story, two bay by two bay wing, having several additions on it, including a brick shed roof addition across the east wall, a two story sleeping porch on the south wall, and a partially enclosed, one story porch on the north wall-joins the main block on the south side, rear elevation. The front elevation of the main block is all stretcher bond while the flanks, rear and wing are common bond.

The present porch covers the entire first floor facade. It is three bays wide with the entrance on the south side. Three wood columns on brick piers with a spindle balustrade between them supports a tin hipped roof. The outline of a one bay entrance portico is visible on the front wall.

Windows on the first floor, front elevation have 2/2 light, double hung sash while on the second floor they have 6/6 lights. Flanked by louvered shutters on the first floor only, the windows have wooden lintels flush with the wall surface with applied bulls eye corner block trim and wooden sills. On the flanks, rear and wing the windows, (most of them containing 6/6 light sash) have brick flat arches above them. Three triangular pedimented dormers are present in the roof: Two on the front and one the north side of the rear; they contain 6/6 light sash.

The main entrance having a one light transom, is recessed in the south bay of the front elevation; a wooden lintel with bull's eye corner blocks is present in the wall above it; the door has eight panels. Other entrances are found in the rear of the structure. The gable roof of the main block is moderately steep with the ridge running north to south.

A box cornice with a narrow fascia board beneath it extends across the front. A brick chimney extends from inside the north end of the east to west and a large brick chimney rising from the east end with a narrow brick step cornice is on the flanks.

The house has side yards and a backyard with a frame stable located on the alley

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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	c. 1840	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of four brick, Greek Revival town houses in Havre de Grace with pressed brick, all stretcher bond facades, the Joseph Carver house is the only one that is not located on Union Ave. The style and detail of the facade, particularly the door and window lintel treatment is similar to the Thomas Hopkins House (HA-547). Unlike the others structures, the Joseph Carver house does not have a fully above grade basement.

The lot of land on which the house is situated has been occupied by members of the same family from as early as 1798 Tax Assesment for Spetsucia Lower Hundred (including Havre de Grace) lists a Henry Carver as the owner of lot 196 on which there was a one and a half story wood dwelling with a one story brick kitchen, a piazza wood meat house, a wood stable and a blacksmith shop (material not specified), valued at 460.00. Henry Carver is one of the few owners whose properties, despite several changes can be carried over from the 1798 to the 1814 Tax List. Although the lot number is not recorded the structures-having survived the burning of the town by the British in May of 1813-were a one story half wood, half brick dwelling house, a brick blacksmith shop and wood stable valued at 500.00. The house as it stands today dates from around 1838, along with most of the other brick dwellings in town and like them combines Federal with predominately Greek Revival features.

The Joseph Carver House provides a note of contrast to 3. Washington Street, the length of which on both sides, is almost entirely frame dwellings dating from the mid to the late 19th century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1798 U.S. Direct Tax Assesment
1814 U.S. Direct Tax Assesment

Hopper, Peter Lesly, Plan of the City of Havre de Grace 1889

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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 Norton-Historic Sites Surveyor

3/30/77

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Annapolis, Maryland

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Joseph Carver House

Gary Pensell

GCB 280 238 October 29, 1934
 Grantor: G. Arnold Pfaffenbach
 Grantee: Frank H. Silver and Marie, his wife
 part of lot 196 square 265

GCB 280 239 October 29, 1943
 Grantor: Katherine M. Leithiser
 Grantee: G.A. Pfaffenbach

WSF 75 223 March 25, 1893
 Grantor: Fred R. Williams, trustee
 Grantee: Joseph H. Chamberlaine
 \$1600.00

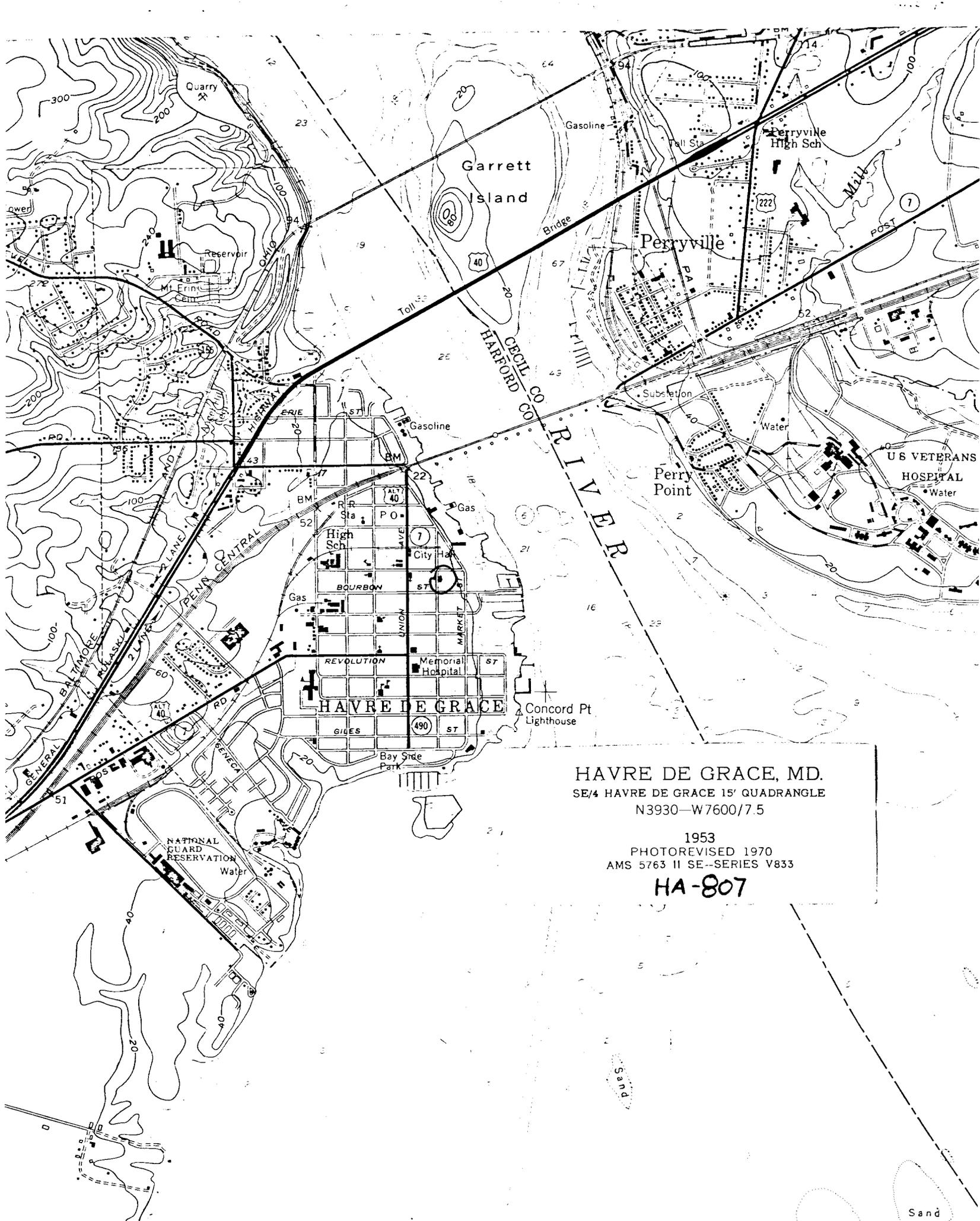
DG 35 456 December 28, 1849
 Grantor: Joseph Carver
 Grantees: Joseph W. and Henry C. Carver

HDG 31 80 May 16, 1845
 Grantors: John H. Carver and Sarah Anne
 Grantee: Joseph C. Carver

HDG 31 77 May 16, 1845
 Grantor: Joseph C. Carver
 Grantee: John H. Carver

HD 21 222 February 1, 1838
 Grantor: William Sappington
 Grantee: Joseph C. Carver

HD 7 342 April 26, 1825
 Grantors: Henry Barnes, George Carver, Eliza and Harriett Carver
 Grantee: William Sappington
 \$40.00 lot 196



HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.
 SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
 N3930-W7600/7.5

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 AMS 5763 II SE--SERIES V833

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Joseph Carver House

117 S. Washington Street
Havre de Grace, Maryland
West Facade

Marion Morton

March 30, 1977

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