

HA-1097

c. 1840

EMORY CHAPEL (FELMA KELLY HOUSE)  
Havre de Grace, Md.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Emory Chapel (Havre de Grace Methodist Church)

AND/OR COMMON

Zelma Kelly House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

315/317 Stokes Street

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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

Mrs. Zelma Kelly

Telephone #: 939-3582

STREET & NUMBER

317 Stokes Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code 21078

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE Maryland

**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 type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

The Zelma Kelly House is located at 315/317 N. Stokes Street, near the middle of the block, facing west. Built as a Methodist Church in 1840, the structure served as such until 1856. The building, a two-story frame duplex covered with brick asphalt siding over clapboard, is four bays wide, with a random rubble foundation.

A one-story, four-bay porch extends across the first floor facade (west elevation), having a low shed roof with ragged edge board eaves. An old photo (c. 1900) shows the porch to have turned wooden posts with scroll brackets flanking them. The posts have been replaced with metal trellis supports.

Windows on the facade containing 6/6 sash are larger on the first floor than on the second. On the sides and near the windows six-over-six light sash are also contained. The rear gable end has an irregular fenestration pattern with a large window having six-over-six lights, double-hung sash on the north side and a small four-light casement, opening from the top, on the south.

Three paneled doors having glass in the upper panels and surrounded by plain board frames are located in the first and last bays of the facade.

The house has a gable roof with the ridge perpendicular to the street (running north-south), covered with asphalt tiles. Two small brick chimneys are located near the center of the roof ridge. On the rear a double shed roof dormer having six-over-one double hung sash has been added. Across the rear of the building is a one-story lean-to, four bays by one bay, with a stove pipe rising from the north end.

Behind the house is a large backyard with a small grape arbor. The only outbuilding is a vertical board shed covered with brick asphalt siding.

Interior - This information refers to the north house. The house is three rooms deep with enclosed stairs leading to the second floor located on the south wall of the middle room. On the south wall of the front room is a covered fireplace with a small, plain mantle. Both sides of the structure share a common attic.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" 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 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    1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This simple, two-story frame house was built in 1840 as a Methodist Church and given the name "Emory Chapel." It was occupied by the congregation until 1856 when they moved to another location on Stokes Street, where the Pennsylvania Railroad bridge now crosses the street. In 1857 the cornerstone for the new church, now the Borneman apartments (HA-1100) at 109 S. Union Avenue was laid. In 1901 the church moved to its present location in the imposing granite building (HA-        on the corner of S. Union Avenue at Congress Avenue. The Zelma Kelly House is interesting as the first step in tracing the architectural history of the Methodist Church of Havre de Grace. The building is also believed to have served as a hospital during the Civil War.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Historical Notes of the Havre de Grace United Methodist Church 1773-1976.  
 Old photographs in collection of the Susquehanna Museum.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

September, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

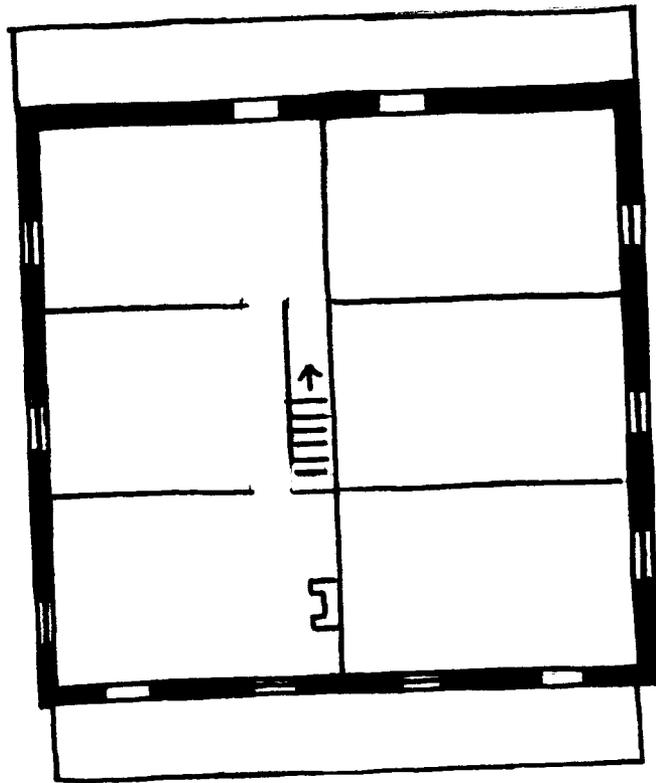
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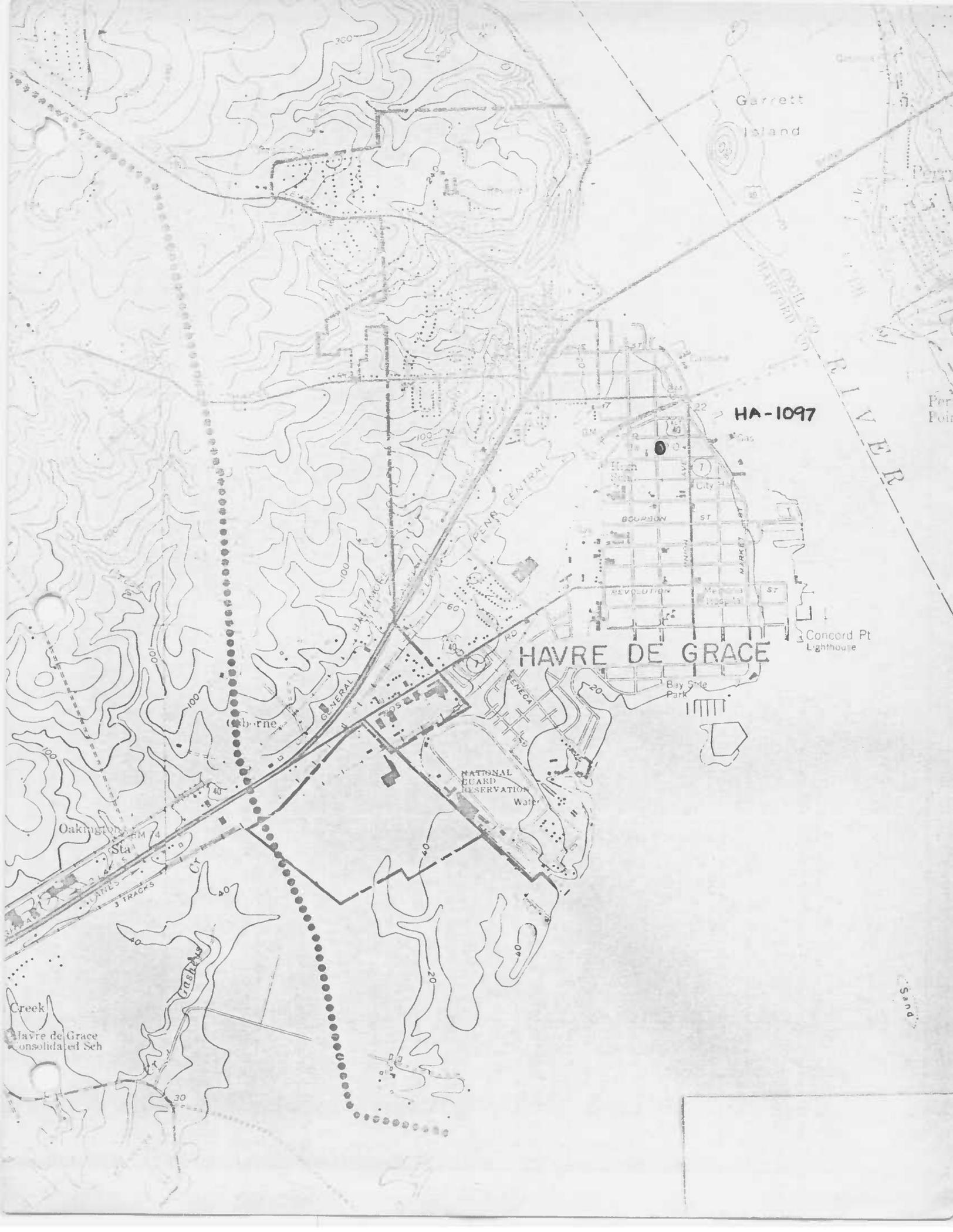
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# ZELMA KELLY HOUSE

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approximate floor plan  
not to scale



Garrett  
Island

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HAVRE DE GRACE

Concord Pt  
Lighthouse

Bay Side  
Park

NATIONAL  
GUARD  
RESERVATION

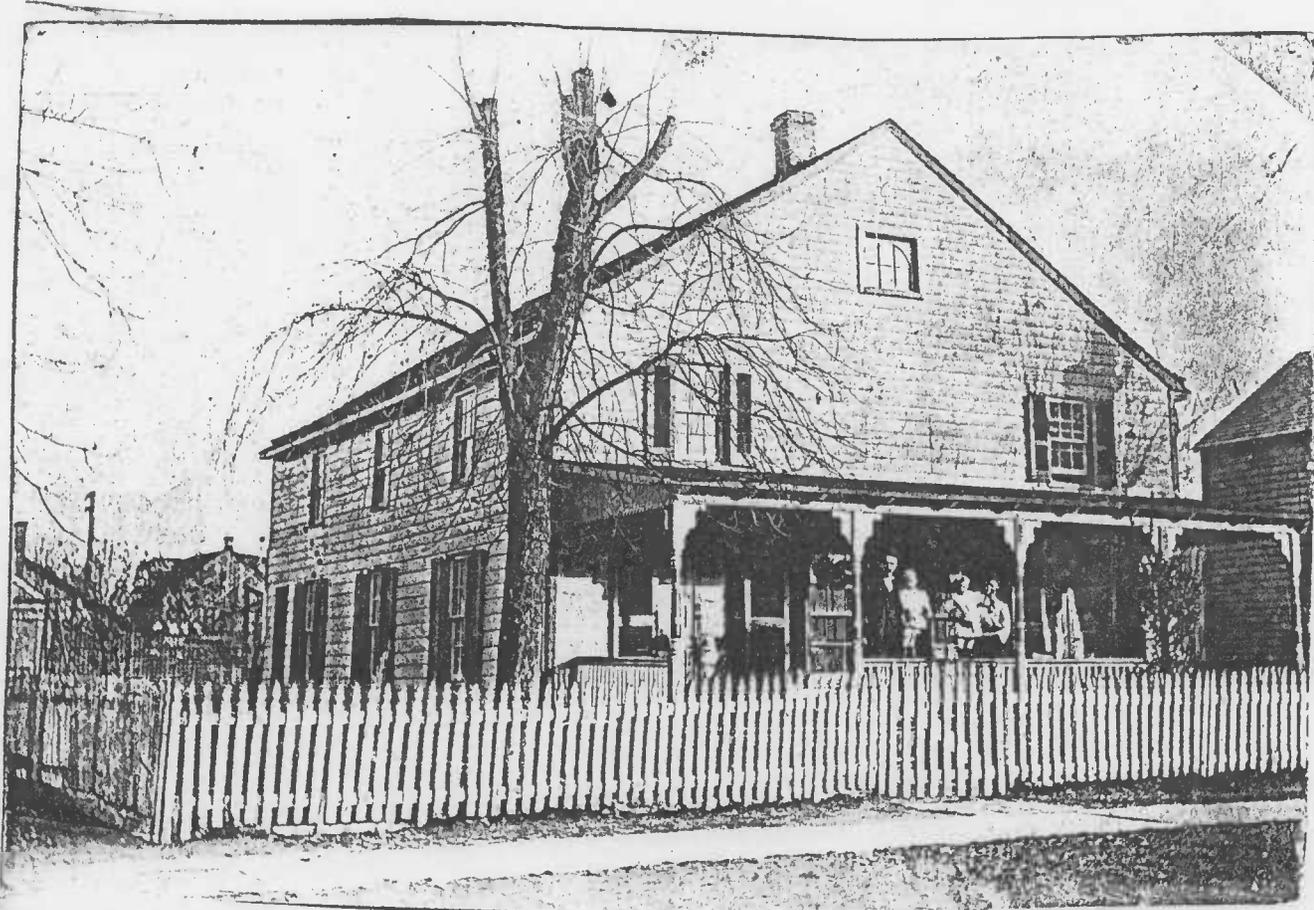
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EMORY CHAPEL HA-1097  
Zelma Kelly House  
315/317 N. Stokes St., Havre de Grace  
Marion Morton July, 1976  
Southwest elevation

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Marion Morton, August, 1976  
northwest elevation

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ZELMA KELLY HOUSE      HA-1097  
315/317 STOKES ST., HAVRE DE GRACE  
NORTHWEST ELEVATION C. 1900  
Marion Morton  
ORIGINAL AT SUSQUEHANNA MUSEUM, H. DEG.

