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H. SMITH HOUSE  
Havre de Grace, Md.

mid to late 19th century

A combination of building phases and styles gives this two and a half story five bay frame corner house a curious appearance. The northern three bays, under a dormered gable roof, have Federal style massing and detail, while the two southern bays have a two story bay addition at the end, covered by a flat roof.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

H. Smith House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

303 S. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Howard M Smith Jr.

Telephone #: 939-0679

STREET & NUMBER

303 S. Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21078

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #: 698

Folio #: 195

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**

303 S. Washington St., is a two and a half story, five bay wide frame dwelling which appears to represent two distinct building phases and styles. The northern half consists of a three bay structure topped with pedimented dormers in the style of other early to mid 19th dwelling in the City while the southern side consists of a two bay addition, having a bay window on the south elevation, consistent with architecture dating from the last quarter of the 19th century. The entire house, including the two story wing on the rear, is covered with bricktex. The house faces west on the corner of S. Washington and Fountain Streets.

An above grade eighteen bay veranda extends across the front and wraps around the entire north elevation, including the wing. The porch has a flat roof with an open work spindle frieze supported by bracketed turned posts and a turned post railing.

The first floor windows on the front elevation are irregular; south of the entry door are three contiguous 1/1 light, double hung sash windows while north of it are two tall 1/1 light windows most of the windows have 1/1 light sash but the attic dormers, having arched upper sashes on the front, and a few of the windows in the wing have 6/6 light sash.

The main entrance is in the center bay on the front elevation. A door of three deeply molded panels is framed by three light sidelights and a five light transom. A fairly recent strip of molding further enlarges the entrance.

The house has a asphalt gable flank roof with two pedimented dormers, on the east and west slope, joined on the south by a flat roof, which covers the last two bays including the bay addition on the south. A molded box cornice is present on the entire roof. Two brick interior and chimneys with corbeled caps are on the north end of the roof and a third is in the middle of the south end.

The house has a center hall plan with stairs on the south wall and a room on either side.

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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The H. Smith House, a two and half story five bay wide frame dwelling, appears to be a three bay wide Federal style house that was enlarged by two front bays and a two story bay in the latter part of the 19th century. A veranda with a ball and spindle frieze was probably added at a later date. Alterations including bay additions porches and Italianate, Gothic Revival and Eastlake trim are seen on many Federal style houses in Havre de Grace; see HA-832 and HA-1165 in particular. What makes this house unusual is that the alterations appear side by side on the front elevation; the Federal house with two pedimented dormers on the gable roof, is joined by a lower flat roof with a curved end to accomodate the three sided bay.

All along South Washington Street are well maintained, mid to late 19th century, frame dwellings, relating to each other in size, scale, style and material. Many of them are gabled, Carpenter Gothic cottages on grassy lots that extend to the alleys behind them; built as one and two family dwellings most of them retain that scheme of occupancy. However, because Harford Memorial Hospital is one block west, the neighborhood has become vulnerable to the intrusion of buildings related to the medical profession. Displacing the old houses, these new buildings not only represent architectural intrusions but discourage buyers who are attracted initially to the cozy, homogeneous appearance of this part of Havre de Grace but fear it is changing.

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**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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton-Historic Sites Surveyor

June 13, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

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.

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

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.

SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE

N3930-W7600/7.5

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AMS 5765 II SE-SERIES V833

HA-1133

Sand



AA-1133

303 S. Washington St.

N.W. elevation

Haere de  
grace

H. Smith Hae.

Marion Morton

6/15/77.



HA-1133

303 S. Washington St.

West Elev.

St. Havre de Grace

H. Smith Hse.

Marion Morton 6/77



W-1133

303 S. Washington St.

Home de Grace  
S.W. Elevation

H. Smith Hoe

Marion Norton

6/15/77