HA-1146 c. 1890
WHYTE HOUSE
Havre de Grace, Md.

The Whyte House is another late 19th century frame house built in a vernacular Queen Anne style. Located ona corner, the house is two and a half stories high and four bays wide including the pentagonal wing on the west side. An eight bay veranda extends across the front and around the side of the house.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST HA-1146

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Whyte House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
617 Fountain Street

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
X 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
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER rental

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mrs. Edna C. Whyte

Telephone #: 939-3788

STREET & NUMBER
617 Fountain Street

CITY, TOWN
Havre de Grace ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:
Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

NR-1146

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	__ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

617 Fountain Street is a two a half story four bay frame dwelling on a granite ashlar foundation. Built in c. 1890, in a vernacular Queen Anne style, the house faces south on Fountain Street, at the corner of Centennial Alley; a frame dwelling is west of it. The structure has a two story octagonal wing on the west side which joins the main section and forms a fourth bay on the front elevation, the last three bays being advanced. A one and a half story addition joins the rear of the main section. Pale green asbestos shingles cover the whole structure including the attic gables. The owner lives on the first floor and rents out apartments in it.

A five bay above grade Eastlake porch extends across the entire front of the house. The porch has a bracketed shed roof with an openwork spindle frieze supported by bracketed turned posts on a spindle work railing; decorative brackets also mark the center of each bay.

Windows are spaced evenly on the front elevation with the exception of a small square containing one light between the west bay and the front door. Throughout the house most of the windows contain 1/1 light sash with the upper sashes bordered by small panes of stained glass. The fenestration on the west elevation is rather unusual. The west wing itself is pentagonal in shape and the west elevation wall has small multi-light stained glass windows in the upper corners of the first floor which wrap around it. On the second floor the pentagonal shape is more pronounced, and there are 1/1 light windows on the northwest and southwest sides. Thus the center expanse of the west elevation is actually windowless. The front and rear attic gables have a pair of rectangular 1/1 windows and there is a small pointed gable piercing the main roof over the west bay, second floor. Louvered shutters are present on the front and east elevations, main section and multi-light sash are found in some of the windows on the rear wing.

The main entrance is in the second bay on the front elevation. It contains double doors with vertical panes of glass in the top half and molded panels in the lower. A scalloped band of molding, having a jeweled stained glass transom over it is above the doors.

A slate cross gable roof covers the main section on the east side while the west end has a gable roof with a curved end on the west. The house has a molded box cornice with a side molded fascia board beneath. The central chimney has been removed and a brick exterior and chimney added to the east elevation, main section. The rear wing has a slate gable roof with an end chimney on the south wall.

A small picket fence surrounds the yard which has an old fashioned garden in the rear.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	X COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
__1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1890 c. 1890 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of several Queen Anne style houses in Havre de Grace, 617 Fountain St., is believed to have been built for a superintendant of the Havre de Grace Shoe Factory c. 1890. The shoe factory building stands today, two block from the Whyte House. The factory was built by the City of Havre de Grace for John Faust and Sons, shoes manufacturers. Directly behind the house is 618 Bourbon Street, (HA-1145), another Queen Anne Style house almost identical to this one. The Bourbon St. house and 212 S. Stokes (HA-1147) are thought to have been constructed for management level employees at the factory also. The original brick double houses, (HA-1148-1149) which were built for the factory workers are standing also.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Minutes of Havre de Grace Commissioners Meetings

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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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 15, 1977
ORGANIZATION DATE
Maryland Historical Trust
STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE
21 State Circle
CITY OR TOWN STATE
Annapolis, Maryland

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617 Fountain St.
Havre de Grace

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