

HA-1158
THE MENTZER APARTMENTS
Havre de Grace, Md.

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c. 1880

This two and a half story frame dwelling, although altered, is an example of Carpenter Gothic architecture at its best. Three bay wide the Mentzer Apartments is a double gabled flat front cottage with tall windows on the ground floor front elevation, and two Gothic arched windows in the attic, all elevations.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Mentzer Apartments

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

515 Franklin Street

CITY, TOWN

Hayre 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 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	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER rental

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Ralph Mentzer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

553 Giles Street

CITY, TOWN

Hayre de Grace

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air, Md.

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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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 checked="" 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

515 Franklin Street is a two and a half story three bay by two bay frame dwelling with a gable roof having two center gables. The house on a low stone foundation was recently sided with aluminum and painted blue with white trim. It faces south on Franklin Street with Freedom Alley and the Presbyterian Church on the west side, and another frame dwelling on the east. A two story wing joins the rear, giving the entire building a T-shape.

Windows are arranged evenly on the front elevation although at each story they are a different size and shape. First story windows have tall 2/4 light sash that begin at floor level and the second stories on all elevation have 2/2 light sash while the attic windows (front, rear and side elevation) have 2/2 light sash within pointed arches. All the windows are framed with aluminum.

The main entrance is in the center bay, front elevation. The door has four deeply molded panels, the top panels shaped like round arches. Above the door is a three light transom.

The house is covered by a steep gable flank roof, shingled with asphalt and having two center gables; the roof on the wing is perpendicular to it, a small brick chimney is on the west end, a simple cornice boxes the eaves.

The house has a low hedge separating the lot from the street with a fairly large yard on the rear and sides.

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 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 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 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. 1880's BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two and a half story three bay by two bay flat front cottage with double gables on the front is shown on the 1885 Sanborn Insurance Map of Havre de Grace, standing as it does today with Freedom Alley between it and the Presbyterian Church. The fenestration on the dwelling is symmetrically arranged; the first floor has tall windows containing 2/4 light sash while the second floor has 2/2 light sash and the attic gables, front rear and sides, contain Gothic arched windows with 2/2 light sash. Aluminium siding and a lack of corner boards cannot hide the spare and pleasing lines of this Carpenter Gothic cottage. Architecturally the neighborhood is rich, varied and shabby containing a brick Federal townhouse (HA-1105), a Greek Revival frame church with a Gothic Revival porch (HA-1109), a tin front commercial building -c. 1900 (HA-1159) And a late Second Empire house (HA-1160), all on the same street.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1885 Sanborn Insurance Map- Havre de Grace

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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 21, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

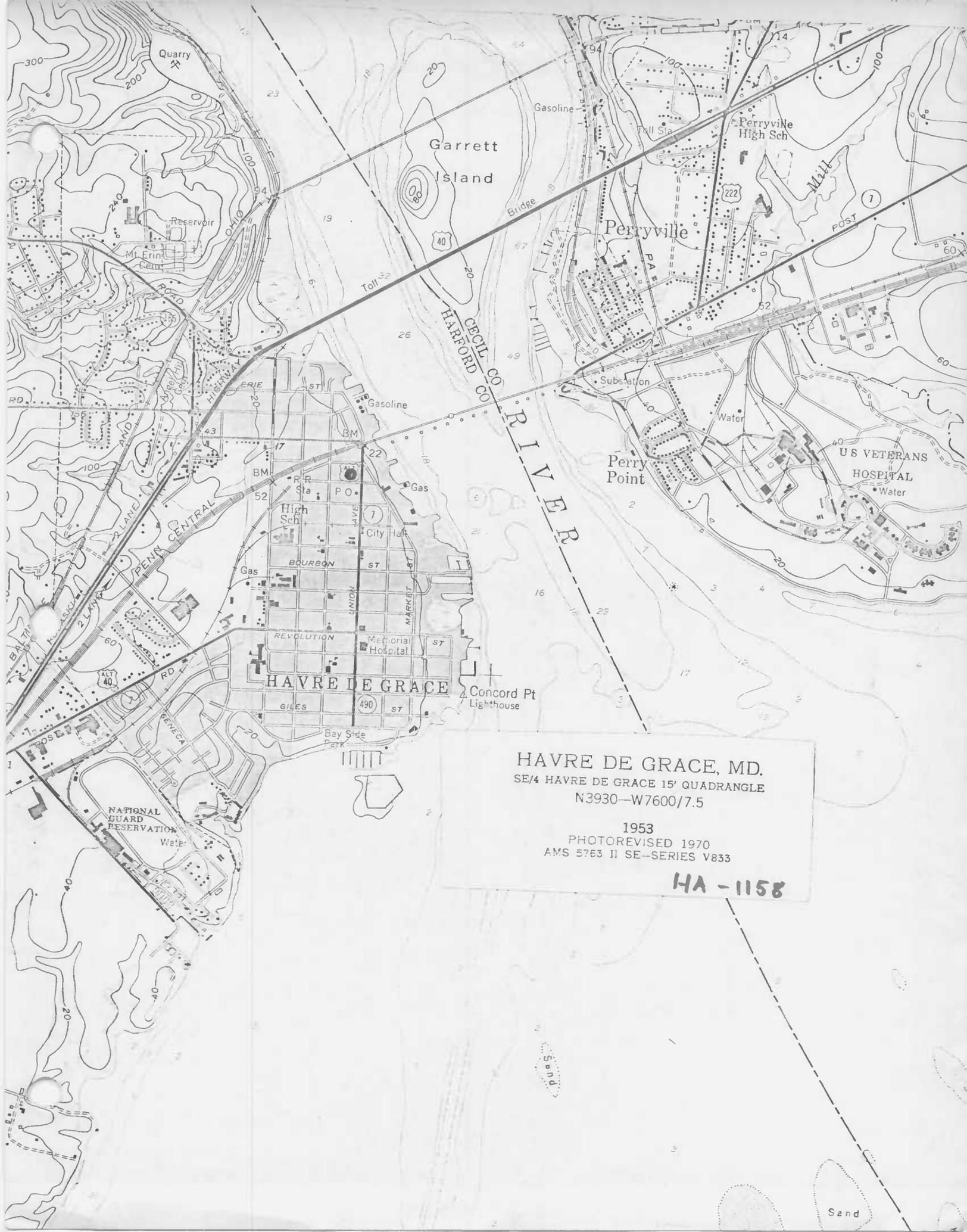
Annapolis, Maryland

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SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
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515 Franklin St
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