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BEACHLEY HOUSE  
Havre de Grace, Md.

early 19th century

Known as the Beachley House, this small two bay frame dwelling was moved in 1925 from its original location on N. Union Ave. It is one and a half stories on the front and two stories on the rear, not because of a change in grade level, but because of the height and gradual slope of the rear roof. Since the walls of the house are lined with brick (an early building technique used in square frame construction called nogging) an early 19th century date of construction is possible. A brick chimney was removed from the center of the main roof.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Beachley House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

511 Warren St.

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 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. Amos C. Beachley

Telephone #: 939-3473

STREET & NUMBER

511 Warren St.

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 #:

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

RR-63

# 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

511 Warren St. is a three bay wide frame dwelling which is one and a half stories on the front elevation and two stories on the rear. It is believed to have been built in the early to mid-19th century. The house now faces south on Warren St. with commercial buildings on either side of it. Originally, it faced east on N. Union Ave., but it was moved in 1925 to the rear of the lot. When the house was moved, it was discovered that the wall were filled with brick nogging. Presently the house is covered with brown wood shingles.

A three bay above grade Colonial Revival porch shelters the front of the house. It has a low hipped roof with a plain entablature supported by slender columns on a fence rail blaustrade.

Two large 1/1 light windows are on either side of the entrance. Other windows in the house have 6/6 light and 1/1 light sash. All of the windows, with the exception of two on the second floor, west elevation, appear to have been altered.

The house has a moderately steep gable flank roof which becomes less steeply sloped on the back of the house, giving it an unusual appearance when viewed from the side. Two pedimented dormers, having 6/6 light sash, are on the front of the roof. The roof, covered with asphalt shingles, has a molded box cornice which returns slightly at the gable ends and a narrow fascia band beneath it on the side. A multi-flue brick chimney has been removed from the center of the ridge of the roof, leaving a brick chimney at the center of the rear slope.

Interior: The interior has been significantly altered.

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 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 *Early to mid 19th c.*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This little frame house is one of the few in Havre de Grace that were moved from their original location. Originally the house faced east on N. Union Ave. towards the Susquehanna River, but in 1925 the present owner's father had it moved to the back of its lot, thus it now fronts on Warren St. When the house was moved, it was found that the walls contained brick nogging. Since the use of nogging is an early method of construction, it was believed that the house was built in the late 18th or early 19th century, and therefore might have been one of the houses to have escaped the burning of the town by the British in 1813. Structural investigation would have to be done to determine if this is so. The house has been altered considerably, especially on the interior and the rear wing. One major alteration was the removal of a center chimney and its fireplace.

**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

July 26, 1977

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Md.

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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SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3930-W7600/7.5  
1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1970  
AMS 5763 II SE-SERIES V633  
**HA - 1163**



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511 Warren St.  
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