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MC COMBS HOUSE
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1880's

Built in the late 19th century in the style of a Gothic cottage, the McCombs House also displays Eastlake trim on the porch and entrance. The main section of the house is under a gambreled roof, but a prominent two story gable addition with a bargeboard projects from the center of the front elevation.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

McCombs House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

120 S. Union Ave.

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 checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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

Russell E. Morris, Jr. MD

Telephone #: 939-1244

STREET & NUMBER

120 S. Union Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace,

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 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

7 DESCRIPTION

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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

120 S. ~~Union Avenue~~ is a two story, approximately four bay wide dwelling located on the corner of S. Union Ave. and Bourbon St., facing east. Believed to have been built c. 1880, in the style of a Gothic Revival Cottage the house has Eastlake trim. The main section is under a gambrel roof, but a prominent two and a half story gable addition projects from the center of the front elevation, the focal point of the house. In addition, two wings with second story porches join the gable ends of the main section. The house is owned by a doctor who has his office on the first floor. It is covered with clapboards and painted white with green trim.

The front elevation has a one bay gabled entrance portico, north of the advanced center section, with pairs of bracketed turned posts, similar to those on the front elevation portico. Conforming to the polygonal shape of the wing (now a garage) on the north elevation is a pentagonal second story porch with a scalloped wood shingled roof. The roof is supported by turned posts which are framed by perforated brackets, and a low spindle balustrade. An additional decorative bracket is in the center of each porch bay.

Most of the windows have 2/2 light double-hung sash with recessed lintels, having a bead at the top, and plain wooden sills. A three-part 2/2 light window consisting of one large window flanked by two smaller ones, is on the second story front elevation, center addition. Windows with pointed arches are in all the attic gables, one on the front and two at the sides. Front elevation windows have half panel-half louvered shutters on the first floor and louvered shutters on the second floor.

The main entrance is north of the center of the front elevation. It has a six-panel door with a four light transom above it, the ends of the transom frame being curved. In the center of the southelevation of the wing is a multi-light door with a ten-light transom above it. French doors framed by louvered shutters, are found in the rear of the north wing.

The house is covered by a slate gambrel roof with the ridge running north to south and has a steeply pointed slate gable roof on the advanced center addition; a brick center chimney is found on the gambrel roof.

A polychrome slate tile walk leads to the main entrance, and a patio of the same material is found at the rear. There are no outbuildings of note.

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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)		local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1880's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A.P. Mc Combs, for whom this house was built, was the owner of the Havre de Grace Iron Works, which he bought in 1866, the Havre Republican, established in 1868 and in 1905 he was president of the First National Bank (HA-1113). Believed to have been built in the 1880's, the McCombs House is one of the most substantial yet picturesque frame dwellings in Havre de Grace. The roof line on the main section is particularly unusual in that it combines a gambrel with an advanced gable, having an ornamental bargeboard on it. The house appears to have been altered on the exterior and interior, and the 1899 Sanborn Insurance Map shows it with a veranda across the entire front, now removed. Unlike many of the houses in Havre de Grace used for professional purposes, this house has retained its residential appearance.

Union Ave. runs north to south with the Chesapeake Bay at it's southern end. Wide and tree shaded, the street has many architecturally significant buildings of differnt styles on it; it is the town's most impressive street visually. The northern and middle parts of avenue are particularly rich in 19th and early 20th century architecture. Whereas, at the southern end (between the hospital and the Bay) most of the houses, interspersed with MD's offices are new.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford County Directory- 1953

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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 19, 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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE
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McCormbs House

120 S. Union Ave

Haure de Grace

^{EAST}
~~West~~ facade

Marion Morton 7/77



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Mr Combs House
120 S. Union Ave
Hauke de Grace

S.E. Elev.

Marion Norton
5/1977