

SUMMARY

HA-1248

Maurice Horsey House
2934 Bradenbaugh Road
Whitehall, MD 21161

Probably built between 1859 and 1877 by Joseph Molonax, the Maurice Horsey House has remarkable interior ornament. Door panels and transoms, mantelpieces, and window cornices are adorned with a particularly exotic tudor arch motif. Only the nearby "Belle Grade" (HA-1234) and the Turner-Lipscomb House (HA-1246) have ornament of similar quality. The surrounding farm comprises parts of the tracts "Hughes Cabbin," "Browns Choice," and "Tusculum."

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Maurice Horsey House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side of Bradenbaugh Rd., near Shawsville

CITY, TOWN

2934 Bradenbaugh

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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	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

Maurice & ~~Hermione~~ ^{Hermonie} Horsey

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2934 Bradenbaugh Rd.

Maryland 21161

CITY, TOWN

Whitehall

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main St.

Maryland 21014

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

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 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

This two-story frame house covered in tar shingles is located on the north side of Bradenbaugh Road, near Shawsville.

Four bays long on the principal (or south) side and two bays deep, this gable-roofed house has two ca. 1930 one-bay deep additions on the north side--two stories on the east, and one-story on the west. Brick interior chimneys are located in each end; exterior chimneys are west of center in the north side and in the north-east corner of the rear addition. The house is set on a low stone foundation, and the roof has a boxed cornice and gable returns. Except for the rear additions, windows have 6/6 sash (and, apparently, shutters at one time). An opening in the north side reveals that at least the east portion of the house has a hewn frame pegged together; german siding obscures the construction of the west section.

The entrance with a six-light transom is located in the center bay of the south facade. The top two panels of the six-panel door are glass, and the lower panels have a recessed Tudor-arch design.

The interior has a modified center hall plan: the hall has a front and rear foyer, and the staircase in between is the full width of the hall. Ceilings on the first floor are 9'2", and the trim varies from room to room. The west parlor seems to have been the more formal of the two, with wider and more complex molded trim. The hall has plain trim with corner blocks. Doors have raised Tudor arch entablatures as if originally framing a transom, but the enclosed portion of the wall seems to be solid plaster. The Tudor arch motif is continued on the window entablatures and the opening surround of the mantel in the east parlor. (The fireplace in the west parlor has been rebuilt and the mantel replaced.)

The basement--which is only under the north portion of the house--has hand-hewn main beams and posts and machine-sawn joists.

There are four frame outbuildings on the property. Immediately north of the house is a 1 1/2-story frame summer kitchen covered in German siding. Measuring 14'3" by 12'5", it has a shed-roofed porch on the south side, narrow beaded window trim, and a four panel entrance door. On the interior is a winder staircase in the northeast corner, a large stone fireplace with saw-tooth trim and a crane, and a beaded board ceiling and paneling.

The 16' x 22' corn crib, located northeast of the house, is of post-and-beam construction, pegged with trunnels. The average size of each post is 10' x 7'.

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 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

In 1820, Samuel Turner sold Nathan Pearce 94 3/4 acres of two tracts, "Hughes Cabbin" and "Brown's Choice," for \$947.¹ In 1828, James Turner, Administrator of Samuel Turner's estate, acquired Pearce's farm plus 33 acres of "Heidleburgh" and "Tusculum" in a sheriff's sale.²

In 1857, William Lawton purchased the property for \$1150,³ and two years later sold it to Joseph Molonax for \$1500.⁴ The latter, in 1877, traded a 20-acre parcel of "Brown's Choice" or "Hughes Cabin" with Robert J. Kirkwood for \$1600 and a 27-acre parcel of "John's United Fields."⁵ The sum of money associated with the trade suggests there may have been a structure on Molonax's (also spelled "Mullinix") property, although it does not show up on the 1878 Martenet's Map.

In 1881, Robert Jabez Kirkwood and his wife, Caroline Kezia Kirkwood, now of Baltimore County, sold this 20-21 1/2 acre parcel to Benjamin A. Ayres (of Thomas) for \$2300.⁶ In his will dated November 21, 1893,⁷ Benjamin Ayres left his estate to his wife Julie Ayres, who, in 1912, sold two lots to Thomas R. Nelson.⁷ Nelson sold the lots in 1930 to George and Mary Tittle, and it has been in that family since then.⁹

According to one sketch of Benjamin Ayres, he "numbered among the leading agriculturists of Harford County." Born April 7, 1841, we are informed that he became a relatively progressive farmer, for "upon his place are substantial buildings, improved machinery and all the accessories which are in harmony with the progressive spirit of the age." Married to Julia Shrodes, he also was treasurer of the Harford Creamery Company.

The somewhat crude, homemade interior ornament in this otherwise standard house is especially interesting. Not only is the tudor arch motif relatively exotic in the northwest corner of Harford County, but these renditions have a hint of the Middle East in their exaggerated curves and sharp points. Few farmers thought to decorate their door panels, mantelpieces, door transoms, and window frames with the same design. The refreshing quality of the interior ornament is somewhat like the nearby Turner-Lipscomb house (HA-1246).

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| 1. Liber HD 5, Folio 11 | 7. Will Records Liber HTB 14, Folio 272 |
| 2. Liber HD 11, Folio 406 | 8. Liber JAR 139, Folio 162 |
| 3. Liber ALJ 9, Folio 65 | 9. Liber DGW 216, Folio 50 |
| 4. Liber WG 11, Folio 1 | |
| 5. Liber ALJ 36, Folio 101 | |
| 6. Liber ALJ 43, Folio 37 | |

* the lot the house is on

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will & Equity records of Harford County
 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map
 1878 Martenet's Map
Portrait & Biographical Sketches of Harford & Cecil Counties, New York, 1897

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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

Natalie Shivers, Historic Site Surveyor

9/79

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main Street

TELEPHONE

Maryland

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

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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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

MAURICE HORSEY HOUSE

Title Search

HA-1248

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|-----|-------------|-------------------|--|
| 1. | 957/1024 | August 29, 1974 | Grantor: Howard DeMuth, Jr., Guardian for Eva B. Tittle Johnson
Grantee: Hermione R. & Maurice L. Horsey, Jr.
Acreage: 19.98 Acres |
| 1a. | HDC 867/173 | February 11, 1971 | Grantor: George E. Brown, Jr.
Grantee: Howard DeMuth, Jr., Guardian of Eva B. Tittle Johnson
Acreage: 1/2 interest in: GRG 303/302 = 22.9 Acres
GRG 415/521 = 0.563 Acres |
| 1b. | HDC 867/170 | February 11, 1971 | Grantor: Howard DeMuth, Jr., Guardian for Eva B. Tittle Johnson
Grantee: George E. Brown
Acreage: 1.) 22.9 Acres = GRG 303/302
2.) GRG 415/521 = 0.563 Acres |
| 2. | 957/1022 | August 29, 1974 | Grantor: Zero, Inc.
Grantee: Hermione R. & Maurice L. Horsey, Jr.
Acreage: 19.98 Acres |
| 3. | 777/104 | May 11, 1968 | Grantor: Eva B. Tittle Johnson
Grantee: Zero, Inc.
Acreage: 22.9 Acres
0.563 Acres |
| 3a. | 777/106 | May 11, 1968 | Grantor: Zero, Inc.
Grantee: Eva B. Tittle Johnson, Hermione R. Horsey as joint tenants
Acreage: 22.9 Acres
0.563 Acres |
| 4. | GRG 303/302 | March 1, 1947 | Grantor: Mary E. Tittle, widow
Grantee: Eva B. Tittle, unmarried
Acreage: 22.9 Acres |
| 5. | DGW 216/50 | March 20, 1930 | Grantor: Thomas Rush Nelson & wife, Elizabeth Streett Nelson
Grantee: George W. Tittle & wife, Mary E. Tittle
Acreage: 21 Acres & 6 3/4 Acres |
| 6. | JAR 139/162 | December 31, 1912 | Grantor: Julia Ayres
Grantee: Thomas R. Nelson
Acreage: 21 Acres = ALJ 43/37
6 3/4 Acres = ALJ 42/171 |



MADONNA 33 M
PETTYSVILLE 46 M

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32°30"

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INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1975

2 350 000 FEET (PA.)

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NORRISVILLE USGS QUADRANGLE MAP



Maurice Horsey House HA-1248
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Natalie Shivers 8/79
Southeast



Maurice Horsey House HA-1248
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Natalie Shivers 8/79
Northeast