Dr. Arthur's House
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Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name  
(indicate preferred name) 

2. Location  
street & number 1641 Main Street  
city, town Cardiff 
state Maryland  

3. Classification  
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4. Owner of Property  
(give names and mailing addresses of all owners) 
name Withers G., III and Joanne Horner  
street & number same  
city, town Cardiff  
state and zip code MD, 21024  

5. Location of Legal Description  
courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse 
liber CGH 1346  
street & number 20 W. Courtland Pl.  
folio 260  
city, town Bel Air  
state MD  

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys  
title None  
date  

Repository for survey records  
city, town  
state
This beautiful Eastlake-stylized, two story frame house is located on the east side of Main Street in the Village of Cardiff, Maryland. The irregularly massed house is a large three bays by two with an overhanging second story on the main, west facade, providing a roof for the porch at the north and middle bays and a finish for a three-sided bay window in the south bay of the first-story. The steep slate gable roof with a north-south ridge is interrupted by a projecting gable capping the asymmetric south bay of the main facade, with a single dormer establishing visual balance to the north. Two internal chimneys rise from the roof peak at the north and south endwalls, a third external flue is located near the west edge of the south endwall. Of interest is a narrow one-story office which has been built to the north of the house and is attached to the house by a shed-roof appendage at the building's rear. A small airspace between the house and office maintains the integrity of the main house.

Located at the middle bay of main facade, the entrance is a four-paneled double door with double outer doors and an eight-light transom. A long window is located in the north bay and the three-sided bay window has the building's 1/1 sash windows in each panel, a wide one in the middle panel. Two standard windows are in the upper north and middle bays with a double window in the south bay, centered on the gable. The dormer contains a small double window. A single window is located at the center of the gable.

The south endwall has a two story, three-sided bay window in the east upper and lower bays with windows in each panel. Single upper and lower windows articulate the west bays and two windows flank the internal chimney at the wide gable. The north endwall contains two single windows in the upper story and, again, two flanking the chimney at the gable. The north office blocks the lower story. The rear of the building has three windows delineating the upper bays. A rear entrance with a transom is located at the south bay of the rear, east side from the open shed-roof porch.

Access to the office space from the house is achieved by a shed-roof enclosure at the north bay of the east side which carries out the roofline of the open porch. An innocuous addition, the office is a narrow two bays with a window and door in the north and south bays, respectively. A simple western false-front actually lends to the camouflaging of the office between the close adjacent houses.

The unusual massing, the inset porch, and the projecting gable, dormer, and bay windows all lend to the embellishment of this complicated structure. The house is adorned with peaked lintels with cut-out scroll-work, decorative lightning rods, fish-scale siding at the gables, cut-out brackets with a celestial motif at the main facade first-story bay window, and spindle frieze, turned posts and spindle balustrade at the porch. China blue siding, cream trim, and burgundy detailing further enhances the appeal of this house.
8. Significance

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Originally owned by Thomas Hawkins (farmer) in a patented land grant known as "Hawkins Chance", this land was part of the tract sold by the Hawkins family to Rowland Parry, a Welsh quarry owner who operated one of the first prominent commercial quarries in the area. It was Parry who exhibited Peach Bottom slate in the London Crystal Palace exposition in 1850, winning it international recognition as the world's finest slate. "Hawkins Chance" was divided and sold in pieces, passing through the hands of Parry's relatives and countrymen. This parcel was part of the acquired lands of Humphrey R. Lloyd's, a Welsh quarry operator and landowner who was heavily involved with the development of north Cardiff in late 1800's. No plat of this lot and surrounding context was found.
10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property: 0.22 acres

Quadrangle name: Delta

Quadrangle scale: 24000

UTM References: do NOT complete UTM references

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 200 on tax map 5, as provided by accompanying map

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title: Dianne H. Klair

organization: Harford County Planning and Zoning

date: September 1995

street & number: 220 S. Main Street
telephone: (410) 638-3103

city or town: Bel Air

state: MD

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-1134
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Conversation with Mrs. Darcy Lloyd, April 11, 1995.

Conversations with Mrs. Marion Scaborough, June 20, June 22, July 25, and August 1, 1995 regarding Parry family history.

Harford County Historical Society Archives.

Various conversations with area residents for a contextual history of the inventory structures.
HA 1906
Dr. Arthur Hower
Harford County, Maryland
Diane Klein
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Maryland State
Chris Weeks, Harford County Dept. of Planning & Zoning
View northeast from Main St. at Arthur Street
HA 19-04
Dr. Arthur's House
Harford County, Maryland
Dianne Klar
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Chris Weeks, Harford County Dept of Planning & Zoning
View northeast from Arthur Street

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View East from Main St. of the Attached Office
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