

Mont.: 16-12-9

Hood-Herbert House  
Martinsburg, Maryland  
Private

1904

This two story frame house strongly resembles the other houses of Black landowners of rural Maryland of the turn of the 19th century. It has a balanced facade of three bays, a cross gable pediment accenting the roofline, and in plan consists of two rooms down and two up with a central hallway. The original occupant/owner was a farm laborer and truck farmer, his wife a school teacher and their daughter, who continues to live here, followed in her mother's footsteps and taught school in Martinsburg and at Sellman.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **Hood-Herbert House**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**E. side of Elmer School Road**

CITY, TOWN

**Martinsburg**

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

**8**

STATE

**Martinsburg**

COUNTY

**Montgomery**

**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"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME **Evelyn Hood Herbert**

Telephone #: **301-349-5815**

STREET & NUMBER

**18401 Elmer School Road**

CITY, TOWN

**Dickerson**

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**Maryland 20753**

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Montgomery Co. Courthouse**

Liber #: **1576**

Folio #: **308**

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

**Rockville**

STATE

**Maryland**

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

**None**

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 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

This handsome two story frame house stands on the east side of Elmer School Road. It stands just a short distance from the road, and is shaded by a large oak in front. A wire fence, a well-kept lawn, flowering shrubs, a dogwood tree, and beds of flowers complete the scenery around the house.

The facade is three bays in length, with a door centrally located, flanked by two windows. Above these three openings are windows in the upstairs. All of the windows have double hung sashes with large two over two panes. The facade is sheltered by a shed porch supported by large circular columns that have been shaped to resemble Ionic columns of the Greek Revival.

The frame is sheathed with overlapping weatherboards that have been painted white. The roof line is accented by a cross gable pediment containing a rectangular window with single sash. The roof is covered with tin. Brick stove flues ascend the inside wall of each gable end.

The back length (east) contains a door and window openings that match the ones in the front length. Interestingly, the lower half of the back length has been painted red, while-the rest of the house remains white. There are no windows in either gable end. The corners are accented by trim boards, which are painted gree, as are the boxed cornices, verge boards, and returns on the gable ends.

In plan the house contains two rooms down and two up with a central stairway. All in all, this house is almost identical (except in size) to that of the principal block of the Graham house, the Fairfax house, and the Dorsey-Scott House in Martinsburg.

**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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Black history Local history

SPECIFIC DATES 1904

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

George C. Hood

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The deed for this property shows that George C. Hood, (father of the present occupant/owner, Evelyn Hood Herbert) purchased this land from Charles W. Thompson in 1902 (L/F: T.D. 19/270). According to Mrs. Herbert, her father had this house built two years later in 1904. He hired a white carpenter, she said, and paid him \$60 to build the house. He assisted in the construction, a common practice in the time, as my research in southern Maryland has found (Ben's Creek houses, Calvert County).

George Hood was a farm laborer on neighboring farms in addition to truck farming his own property. His wife was a school teacher at the Martinsburg School nearby. Evelyn Herbert followed in her mother's footsteps and taught school for many years at Martinsburg and Sellman, among others. She has now retired. She is a fine oral informant with a clear, sharp mind, and is a fine craftswoman too, crocheting and knitting lovely afghans, sweaters, and shawls. She knows the history of the community, the location and dates of old houses and other community places, and is not shy about telling you what she thinks. As an experienced teacher, she would be a valuable informant for a history of education in Montgomery County.

To personalize the history of this house, some of her family pictures were copied as part of this survey. See photographs.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
 Deeds: 1576/308; TD 19/270.  
 Hopkins' 1879, Atlas of Montgomery County.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.75 ac.

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

George W.M. McDaniel

6/72

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 87 Stronghold

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson, Maryland

STATE

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~~The Shaw House, 21 State Circle~~  
~~Annapolis, Maryland 21401~~  
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 Dickerson, Md. 20753  
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The family photographs of Evelyn Hood Herbert are identified as follows:

- 1) George Columbus Hood: father of Evelyn Hood Herbert; born in 1875 according to the Hood family Bible. Family tradition is that he was born at Mt. Ephraim, a tradition supported by the fact that Hopkins' Atlas of 1879 shows an "Aug. Hood", as living north of Harris Road. Most likely, this is the father of George Columbus Hood, *Augustus Hood*.
- 2) Florence Rebecca Johnson: mother of Evelyn Hood Herbert; born in 1874 in Washington, D.C. She graduated from the "M Street" School in Washington, which later became the Dunbar High School, one of the most highly respected high schools in America for Negroes. It produced a number of leaders. Florence Johnson then came out to Montgomery County to teach, where she met and married George Hood. She taught at the Martinsburg School and at the Sugarland School, where one of her students was Tilghman Lee, the knowledgeable oral informant for the history of that community.
- 3) Dorsey-Ann Lugardas Brown: wife of James Johnson, and maternal grandmother to Evelyn Herbert. Born near Chaptico, St. Mary's County, Maryland in c. 1850.
- 4) Evelyn Hood Herbert: born in 1905.
  - a) As a young girl at age of three.
  - b) William Herbert and Evelyn Herbert in front of Martinsburg School.
  - c) Evelyn Herbert with her students in front of the Sellman School in c. 1943.
- 5) Susan Thomson: no picture has survived, but she is important in family history because her first husband was Augustus Hood and her second husband was John Peters, the blacksmith of Martinsburg and the maternal grandfather of Lemuel Graham, the other informant for this survey of Martinsburg.
- 6) George Kenneth Hood and unidentified girl: brother of Evelyn Hood Herbert.

13401 Emer, Sch. Road  
Dickerson, Md. 20753  
Aug. 9, 1978

Mr. George McDaniel  
Stronghold  
Dickerson, Md. 20753

Dear Mr. McDaniel:

Please make the following corrections

1. The house has asbestos shingles on three sides
2. The white boards on back are the weather boards like the ones under the shingles  
The bottom boards <sup>on back</sup> are redwood which I stain occasionally.
3. My father George C. Hood was a watchman at the quarry in Dickerson. He was a rotten farmer
4. I taught at four schools
  1. Ikeaton, Md
  2. Metropolitan Grove, Md
  3. Martinsburg, Md
  4. Sellman

1016-27  
Where is the Dorsey Scott house  
in Martinsburg?

yours truly,

Evelyn H. Herbert.

P.S.

I have been invited to the festival.  
I think you have done very well with  
this survey.

I was at church Sunday and the report  
had already been seen (read)

Thanks for the copy of the survey.



Hood - Herbert House

North gable end

M- 76-12-9

Martinsburg, Md.

6/78 bhm

2-19533 # 21a



Hood - Herbert House

East length : Rear

M-16-12-9

Martinsburg, Md.

6/78 GWM

2-19533 # 230



William Herbert + Evelyn Herbert

in front of Marlborough School

M-16-12-9

Marlborough Md.

6/78

Sum

Roll-1#14



Evelyn Hood Herbert at age 3, 1905-

6/28

Gum

m-16-12-9

Martinsburg, Md.

Roll 1 # 12



Louise Rebecca Johnson Hood  
mother of Evelyn Hood Herbert

born 1874 in Washington, D.C.

M-16-12-9

Martinsburg Md.

to LHM 6/78

R.H.1 #20



Dorsey - Ann Lugardas Brown

born c. 1950 <sup>grandmother</sup>

maternal granddaughter of

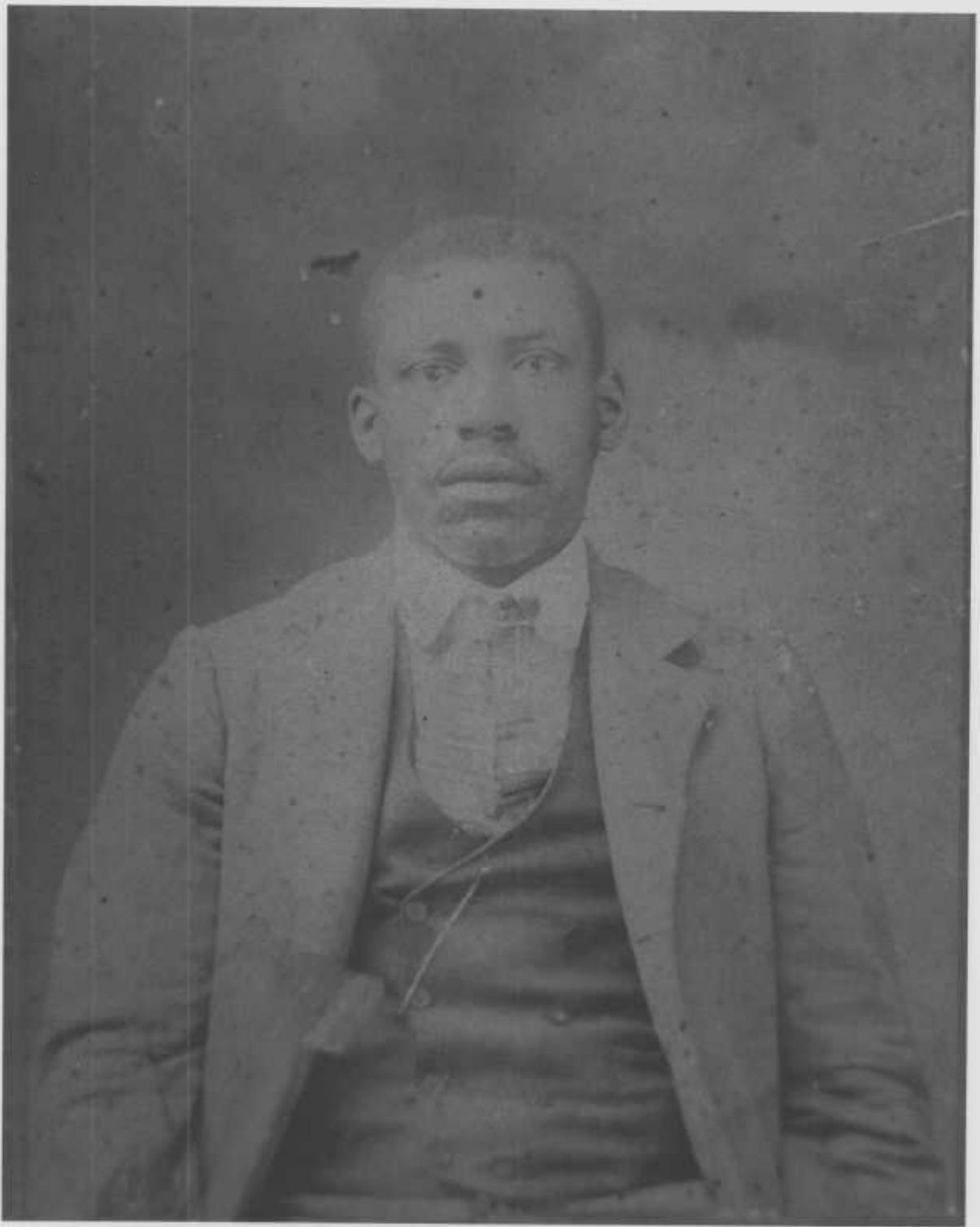
Evelyn Herbert

Martinsburg Md.

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George Columbus Hood

Martinsburg Md.

M - 16 - 12 - 9

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father of Evelyn Herbert Hood

Roll - 1 # 5



George Kenneth Hood & unidentified  
girl :

brother of Evelyn Hood Herbert

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R. 41 - # 17