

ABSTRACT
(R. Andrews, 7-77)

Oak Hill
821 The Terrace
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

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Renovated circa 1869

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Duhurst Park, Oak Hill Mansion
 AND/OR COMMON Oak Hill

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 821 The Terrace
 CITY, TOWN Hagerstown VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Sixth
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Washington

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 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 Mr. and Mrs. Philo A. Statton (Helen B.) Telephone #:
 STREET & NUMBER 821 The Terrace
 CITY, TOWN Hagerstown VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Courthouse Liber #: 217
 STREET & NUMBER 95 West Washington Street Folio #: 649
 CITY, TOWN Hagerstown STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
 DATE
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

Oak Hill is located at 821 The Terrace in Hagerstown, Washington County, and stands on the west side of the street on the southwest corner of the intersection of Park Lane, about seven blocks north of Public Square. Resting atop a hill with a terraced lawn, the house was the focal point for laying out the surrounding early twentieth century residential neighborhood known as the Oak Hill Addition to Hagerstown.

The building is a painted brick nineteenth century country house which is two and a half stories with high sharply pitched Gothic gables and an Italianate central tower crowned with a metal cresting rail. The house began as an early 1800s Neoclassical brick house, two and a half stories high. About the 1870s this original portion, now the southern section, was extensively renovated and enlarged. Stylistically, the house was given the picturesque qualities associated with post Civil War country estates. As seen from the street, the house is quite tall, an image reinforced by its location on top of a high hill.

A long, low wing terminating with a one and a half story brick structure projects to the north. Most likely former service rooms and buildings, this area probably incorporates the structure referred to as the "converted slave quarters" in an old newspaper article.

The east elevation which faces the street is marked by two sharp gables flanking the tower rising out of the center of the structure. The gables delineate the original building and the additions. The early section has a single window on each floor, the one on the second story probably being original (double-hung, wooden sashes with six-over-six lights). The north gable portion has two two-over-two light windows on the lower floors and two round arch windows in the gables. A one story porch ties these sections together.

The building is structurally sound and fairly intact to the nineteenth century alterations. The roof of the house is covered with slate shingles with decorative bands of imbricated pattern shingles.

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The house as remodeled by Hamilton is illustrated on page 14 of the 1877 Illustrated Atlas of Washington County.

Behind the house, close to the garage is a block embedded into the ground. This block is said to be an "old slave block" from which slaves were sold. It originally stood in front of what is now the Hamilton Hotel on West Washington Street. A bronze plaque mounted on the block commemorates that Andrew Jackson and Henry Clay spoke from the block in Hagerstown in 1830.

NOTE: Some tradition says the original house was designed by Benjamin Latrobe; however, there is no known evidence supporting the theory.

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	Erected early 1800s Renovated circa 1869	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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Unfortunately, little of the early history of the house is known. Information on file at the Washington County Historical Society indicates that the house was built in 1810 possibly for a Leonard Middlekauf. It was eventually acquired by Joseph Ignatius Merrick (1790-1851), a lawyer, and his wife, Sophia Buchanan Merrick. The property was known during Merrick's ownership as Duhurst Park (Huyett, p. 10).

Merrick apparently sold the property about 1848 to a James Grove who sold it in 1868 to William Hamilton (Deed Book McK.K. No. 1, p. 104). The historical society's information indicates that Hamilton did not renovate the house until 1875. After Hamilton's death in 1888, the house was lived in by a daughter, Mrs. Julia Hamilton Briscoe, who sold it in 1922 to a Hagerstown businessman, John Stonebraker (Deed Book 161, p. 572).

The present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Philo A. Statton, purchased the house from Stonebraker in 1942. The Stattons are owners and founders of the Statton Furniture Company in Hagerstown.

A native of Hagerstown, William T. Hamilton was elected to the Maryland House of Delegates in 1846 and served in the United States House of Representatives from 1849 to 1853 and in the United States Senate from 1869 to 1875. In 1880, Hamilton, a Democrat, was elected Governor of Maryland for a four year term under the State Constitution of 1867. (See biography in History of Washington County, I, 399.)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson. Illustrated Atlas of Washington County, Maryland. Philadelphia: Lake, 1877.

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DESCRIPTION

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The property measures approximately 300' x 220'.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Preservation Consultant (mbe)

ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

DATE

July 14, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

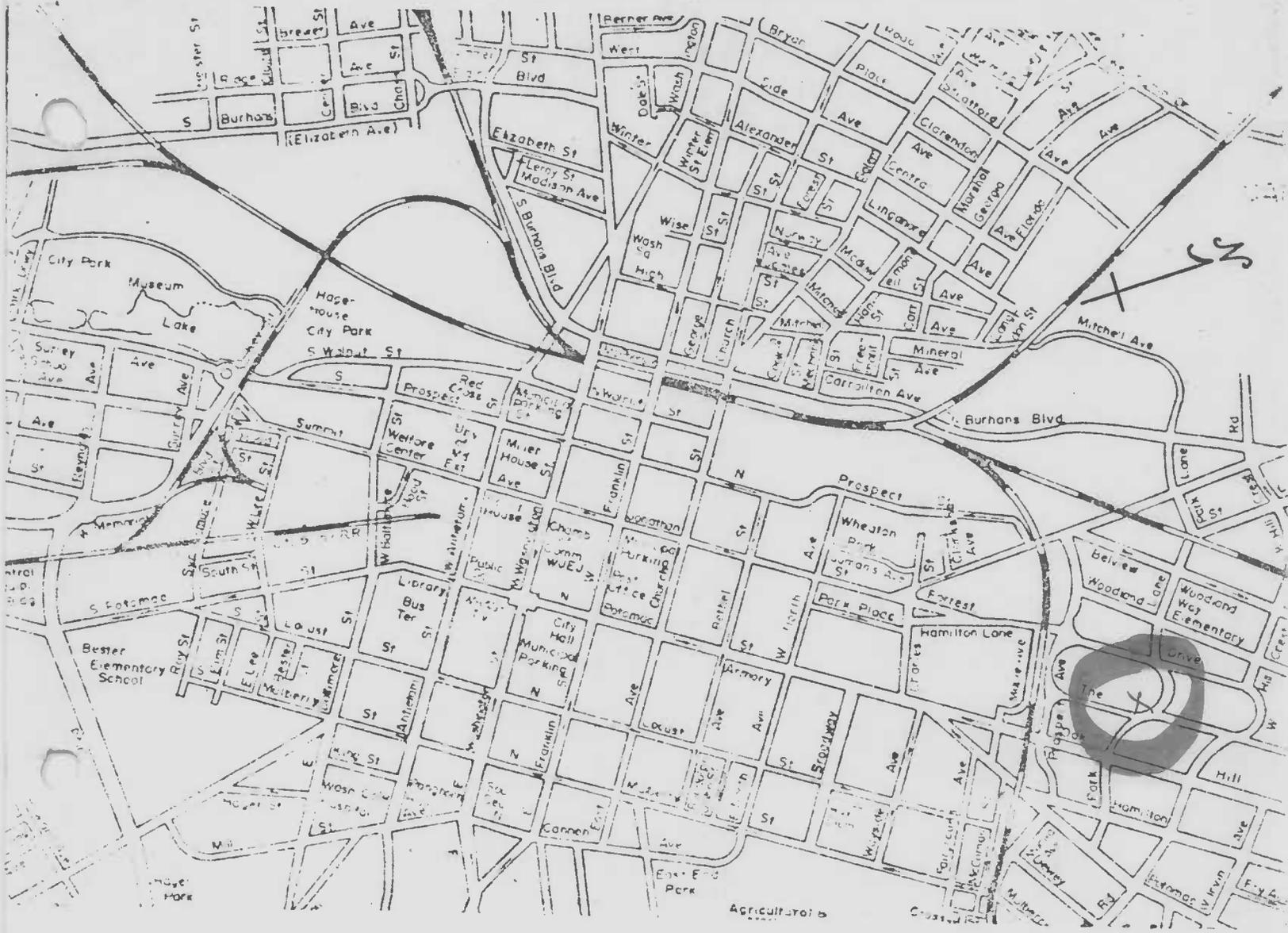
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Maryland 21740

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

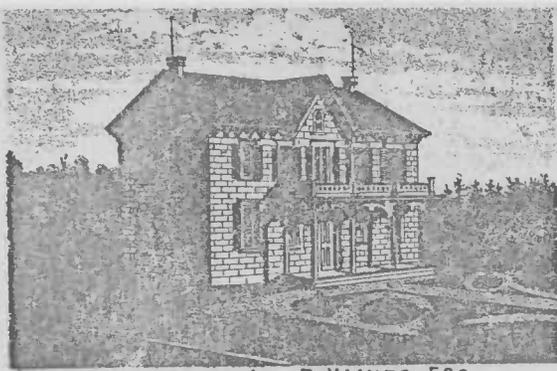
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438



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821 The Terrace
Hagerstown
Washington County, Maryland

map: City of Hagerstown,
Washington County, Md.
City Engineering Dept.
July, 1970
scale 1"=1200'



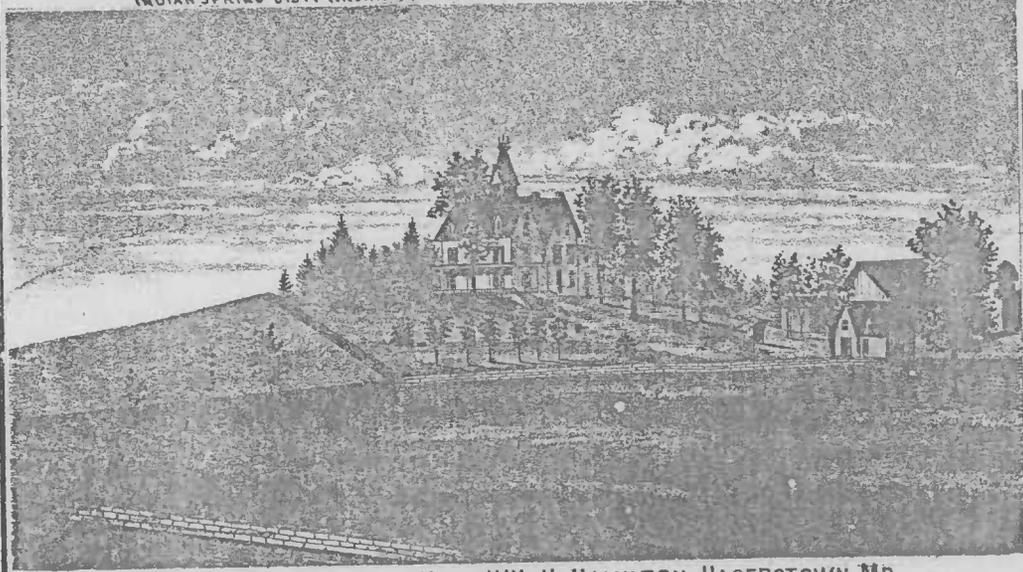
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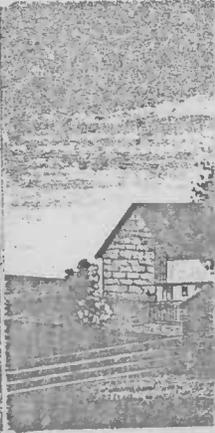
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source: Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson.
Illustrated Atlas of Washington
County, Maryland, 1877, p. 14.

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SE view
April, 1976

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NE view showing appendage
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