

ABSTRACT

WA-I-310

19th Century

Kreigh-Firey-Chambers House
Fairview Vicinity
private

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Kreigh-Firey-Chambers House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Fairview Road, Maryland route 494

CITY, TOWN

Fairview

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

 VICINITY OF about four miles northwest of Hagerstown

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

John F. Chambers

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1, Box 277

CITY, TOWN

Clear Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21722

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 574

Folio #: 710

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 4050

DATE

Summer 1967

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED > 50%

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located south and west of Fairview Road, Maryland route 494 at a point where it bends sharply to the west at its junction with the Welsh Run Road just south of the Pennsylvania line at Fairview in Washington County. It is situated on high ground and faces south, overlooking the village of Fairview.

The structure is a large two story, three bay stone dwelling, three bays wide with a two story three bay wing also three bays wide, extending to the rear or north. The house has been extensively remodeled at the exterior and interior. The exterior walls are constructed of roughly coursed local limestones and display modern raised pointing. Some windows are topped with rough keystones flanked by larger flattened stones.

Windows and doors appear to be aligned with each other in the walls with first story windows in the south and east elevations appearing larger than those at the second story level. All windows have wide frames with mitered corner joints finished with a bead at the inside edge. Modern six over six pane sashes are replacements.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the front elevation. The door is trimmed similarly to the windows and is hung beneath a four light transom. The entrance bay is sheltered by a modern flat roofed porch with a balustrade around the top. Another major entrance is located in the east elevation of the wing in the first bay north of the front section. This entrance is elaborate, having a wide transom and side lights. It has a porch like that used at the front elevation.

The roof structure is new and is sheathed with modern asphalt shingles. Brick chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside the end walls. A pair of chimneys extends from the north end wall of the ell.

The house appears to be in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 1.91 acres. According to local tradition it served for many years as an inn or tavern.

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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 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 checked="" 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

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This house was in the Fiery (also spelled Fiery) family through the second half of the 19th century and the 20th century until 1967 (73/622, 84/356, 114/40, 125/507, 269/63, 450/665). In an equity case dating from 1875, this property was described as having a large two story stone house and a frame stabling for 10-12 head of stock, a stone spring house, two wells and a young orchard. It then contained 145 acres. The farm included parts of the land grants "Kreigh's Establishment," "Resurvey on Three Friends" and "Three Cousins." It was presumably owned by the Kreigh family through the early 19th century. The exterior appearance of the house would suggest a building date during the early 19th century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.91 acres

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

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

July 1977

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

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.

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