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Front Street Row

c. 1912

Chestertown

private

The Front Street Row consists of two pairs of late 19th century style townhouse complexes, significant as an expression of their period's taste in moderate cost row house dwellings. The entire group was built for Wilbur H. Hubbard on "the Jodie" "edue property" replacing a 1½-story white washed brick cottage allegedly built in 1708. → [see K-503]

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Front Street Row

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

103-105-107-109 Front Street

First

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

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"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

103: Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Z. Gibson/105: Bertha Newcomb
NAME 107: Allan S. Harte/109: Sara H. Skipper

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

same as location of property

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21620

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Office of the County Clerk, ~~xxxxxx~~.

Liber # 103: EHP 39/141
105: RAS 33/197
Folio # 107: EHP 28/405
109: EHP 43/756

STREET & NUMBER

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Kent County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

D.D.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

no surveys

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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

This is a row-house complex of two very similar pairs of frame houses on the southeast (river) side of Front Street, in Chestertown, which--with the Custom House ~~which~~ which it abuts--occupies the entire block from Cannon Street to High Street. All but one of the individual houses are now covered with asbestos shingles (109 retains its original clapboard). All have 2 1/2 storeys, 2/2 windows, green mansard roofs with a sheet tin imitation of imbricated shingles, dormers, green louvered shutters, and flat roofed single storey porches. The continuous cornice is bracketed.

The northeast pair of houses, 103 and 105 Front, are three bays wide with their front entrances in the outside bays. Both 103 and 105 have single shed dormers with three windows in them, at both the front and rear. Their wooden porches have three Tuscan columns supporting plain cornices. They have brick steps. 103 has a railing. Both porches are screened.

The southwest pair of houses, 105 and 107 Front, are four bays wide with their front entrances occupying the second bay from their common wall. Each has a pair of gabled dormers: the top window ^{SASH} in the gables ~~have~~ ^{have} ~~segmental~~ ^{segmental} arches. The dormers have barge board trim. The porch roofs on 105 and 107 are supported by three columns with are a variation on the Greek Doric, the fluting only running about 2/3 of the way down from the top. Both porches have square balustered ^{of} ~~and~~ ^{railings} and have wooden steps. 109 is in noticeably better condition than the others, especially its porch.

All four houses have interior chimneys and an assortment of fairly recent shed porch additions in the rear.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

Built: 1910-1911

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

not known

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of this four-house complex lies in its being an attractive (especially if 103, 105, and 107 were restored to their original clapboard) example of early twentieth century taste in modest residential town house dwellings. It would appear that they were built in pairs and the pairs within a year or two of each other; there has been an obvious attempt to relate the two pairs to one another, but also sufficient confidence in taste to allow for some variation between them. ~~They represent a handsome standard for row house complexes of their period.~~ They represent a handsome standard for row house complexes of their period.

The entire complex was built for Wilbur H. Hubbard on property he bought from several previous owners in 1908-1910. The property was traditionally known as "The Josie Redue Property" and had on it two buildings, one of which was Miss Redue's home, a three-bay, 1½ storey white-washed brick cottage, allegedly built in 1708. (Picture in Fred G. Usilton, The History of Kent County, 1916.)

Among the owners of the houses have been Elizabeth Wescott, in the late teens and 1920's--107; and Rita and Bartus Trew, 1932-1972--109.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 103: 0.05 acres/ 105: 0.05 acres/ 107: 0.06 acres/
109: 0.06 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

103: Beginning at a point on the southeast side of Front Street at the concrete pavement where the east corner of the lot adjoins on Front Street the west line of the Custom House and running then in a southeasterly direction to a point which is on the line with the rear wall of the Custom House, a distance of 96 feet, it being 21 feet from said concrete pavement to the front line of the building and 75 feet from there to the rear wall of the Custom House and the rear line of the lot of land, (continued on sheet #2)

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Robert Neill Site Surveyor	DATE March, 1976
ORGANIZATION Town of Chestertown/Maryland Historical Trust	DATE
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE 778-0500
CITY OR TOWN Chestertown	STATE md.

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Continuation of Verbal Boundary Descriptions of K-78.

103 (cont.) thence in a southwesterly direction 21 feet, thence in a northwesterly direction 96 feet to the concrete pavement on Front Street, thence by and with said concrete pavement a distance of 21 feet to the point of beginning.

105: Beginning on the southeast side of Front Street at the concrete pavement on the north corner of the lot adjoining on Front Street the line of property of Daniel Z. Gibson and running thence in a southeasterly direction to a point which is on a line with the rear wall of the Custom House, a distance of 96 feet, it being 21 feet from said concrete pavement to the front line of the Custom House and the front line of the building and 75 feet from there to the point on a line with the rear wall of the Custom House and the rear line of the lot of land, thence in a southwesterly direction 21 feet to the line of the property owned by Allan S. Harte, thence in a northwesterly direction 96 feet to the concrete pavement on Front Street, a distance of 21 feet to the point of beginning.

107: Beginning at a point on the southeast side of Front Street where the southwest corner of the lot intersects with the northeast corner of the lands now owned by Sarah Skipper and running thence in a southeasterly direction with the Skipper lands to a point which is on a line with the rear wall of the Custom House, which line of said rear wall shall be extended in a southwesterly direction to intersect the southwest line of the lot, running from said point on the southeast side of Front Street in a southeasterly direction to meet said extended line; said southwest line of said lot it is believed measures fifty-five feet and five inches but under no circumstances shall it extend towards the river a distance beyond the said rear line of the Custom House extended southwesterly as above described; the southwest line of the lot abuts and adjoins its entire length on the lands now owned by Sarah Skipper; running thence in a northeasterly direction with the extended line of the rear wall of the Custom House a distance of 26 feet and 10 inches, more or less, in a straight line towards Front Street, parallel with the first line 99 feet and 5 inches to the southeast side of Front Street; there in a straight line in a southwesterly direction by and with the southeast side of Front Street 26 feet and 10 inches, more or less, to the place of beginning.

109: Beginning at a point on the southeast side of Front Street where the west corner of the lot adjoins on Front Street the north line of the lands of the Visitors and Governors of Washington College and running thence in a southeast direction to a point which is on a line with the rear wall of the Custom House, which line shall be extended in a southwesterly direction to intersect the southwest line of the lot, running from the point on the southeast side of Front Street, in a southeast direction to meet said extended line, said southwest line, the line measuring, it is believed, 99 feet, 5 inches, but under no circumstances shall it extend towards the river a distance beyond the rear line of the Custom House extended southwest as above described, the southwest line of the lot abuts and adjoins its entire length on the lands of the Visitors and Governors of Washington College and running thence in a northeast direction with the extended line of the rear wall of the Custom House, a distance of 26 feet, 10 inches, more or less, thence in a straight line towards Front Street, to and through the center of the partition wall which divides the building on the lot from the adjoining building on the lot belonging to Allan S. Harte, 99 feet, 5 inches, more or less, to the southeast side of Front Street, thence in a straight line in a southwest direction by and with the southeast side of Front Street, 26 feet, 10 inches, more or less, to the place of beginning.

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CEMETERY

VITA FOODS

FOODS (NEW) FARM

COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

KENT

LYNCHBURG

POPLAR RD.

STREET

PROSPECT ST.

WASHINGTON AVENUE

AVENUE

MORGNEC

STREET

ELM STREET

GREENWOOD VALLEY STREET

COLLEGE

COLLEGE

PINE

VALLEY

SCHOOL

CAMPUS

MT. VERNON

WASHINGTON

U.S. 213

BROWN VIEW RD.

STREET

SCHOOL AVENUE

STREET

KENT

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STREET

CALVERT

STREET

TERRACE

BYFORD DRIVE

WALDO DRIVE

DAVID DRIVE

BARROLL DRIVE

MILL

SPRING ST.

PHILOSOPHERS

KENT

SCHOOL STREET

CROSS

ROW

STREET

PARK COURT ST.

CHURCH ST.

AVENUE

STREET

BYFORD

COURT

TWILLEY LANE QUEEN

WATER CANNON

HIGH

STREET

MAPLE

RIVERSIDE TERRACE

MORRIS

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103-109 Water St.
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