

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-195

Magi No. 2401955304

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Millicent Cantwell House

2. Location

street & number 206 South Main Street not for publicationcity, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Worcester

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 checked="" 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"/> not applicable | <input type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Millicent Cantwell

street & number 206 South Main Street telephone no.: 301-641-0266

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

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 type="checkbox"/> original site | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved | date of move | <u>unknown</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair | <input type="checkbox"/> unexposed | | | | |

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Cantwell house is situated on the west side of S. Main St. in the heart of Berlin's historic district. The 2½ story hip-roofed frame dwelling, consisting of two sections built on an ashlar block foundation, presents the appearance of a "4-square" house with large, rectangular, back wing. Closer attention to the structure, however, reveals a Federal house sandwiched between early 20th century foundation and roof.

The front section, 3 bays across by 4 deep, is a side hall plan, the entrance being in the first bay on the left. The door surround is notably Federal with a pediment, truncated at the top, reeded pilasters and a segmented fanlight. First floor windows throughout are 9/6 with the second floor windows being 6/6.

The simpler rear section, narrower in width, evidences 20th century enclosed porches and additions, however it contains many 6/6 windows identical to those of the front section.

The interior of the house reveals clearly its Federal birth, and its link with many of Berlin's early houses. A tightly compacted stair in the corner of the entrance hall to the right of the door features a continuous ramped hand rail, with winding treads and raised paneling under the stairs. Evidence suggests the hall continued the length of the house, there being an impressive arch with carved and fluted keystone, fluted pilasters and paneled soffit and jambs which is concealed from the entrance by an intervening wall, probably part of the early 20th c. alterations. The location, to the left of the hall, of two large rooms with back to back interior wall fireplaces is a further link to Berlin's side hall plan Federal houses, although most have exterior wall chimneys. The fireplaces each feature mantels with notable Federal details. This section of the Cantwell house also contains three paneled doors with raised paneling on both sides as well as raised panels below the windows of the front parlor.

Alterations to the original floor plan, such as the wall constructed across the hall, and walls moved in the rear parlor, feature woodwork trim that is fluted, with corner blocks and seen in a number of c. 1910 Berlin houses. The original door and window surround is discernable by heavier fluting and molding and more deeply defined corner blocks.

Examination of the attic reveals a wide random-width pine floor from the original house topped by a completely new (c. 1910) roof structure.

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/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Cantwell house is in one building a statement of the two major building periods in Berlin's history, specifically the early nineteenth century with well-defined Federal design and the early 20th century four-square design which was so popular during the rebuilding period following the Berlin fire of 1904. Older Berlin residents remember the house being moved to the site, probably in the 1920's, but disagreement exists as to the location of the original site. One possible original site is the Ettinger property further north on Main Street, another being on West Street. This property merits further study.

206 South Main St.

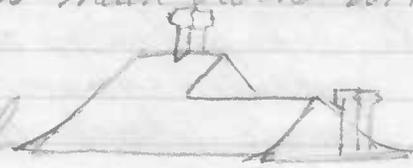
Cantwell p. 1

2½ story frame house, built in 2 sections,
vinyl siding.
Hip roof with centrally placed hip dormer in
front facade.

Hip roof with centrally placed corbeled chimney
over front section of house - 3 x 3 bays.

Back section 3 x 2 bays also has hip roof with
chimney on end - joins main block with a
lower ridge line.

Both sections have flared
eaves, deep overhang



Ashlar-faced block foundation

Concrete block & slab front porch

Front elevation - East

Windows: 1st floor:

9 over 6

Second floor:

6 over 6

Porch: metal columns
All surfaces completely
covered with vinyl
siding.

Slab & block base



Entrance

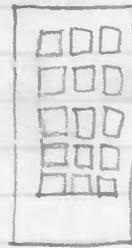
Pediment with horizontal top, shingled diagonal surfaces extending $3\frac{1}{2}$ " to 4" from wall.



Fanlight with wooden muntins

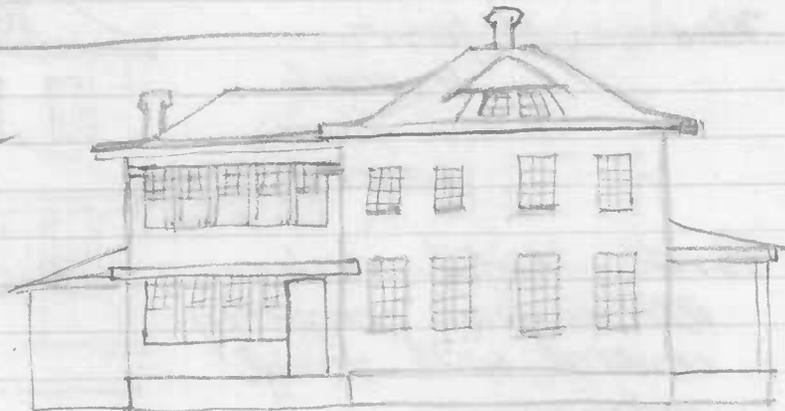
Receded pilasters surmounted by indented squares with elliptical corners. Simple block base

Door: Square panes with thick muntins



Federal details of entrance and exterior windows corroborated by interior details.

South facade



Front section continues lower to window panes on second floor, 9 over 6 on first floor.

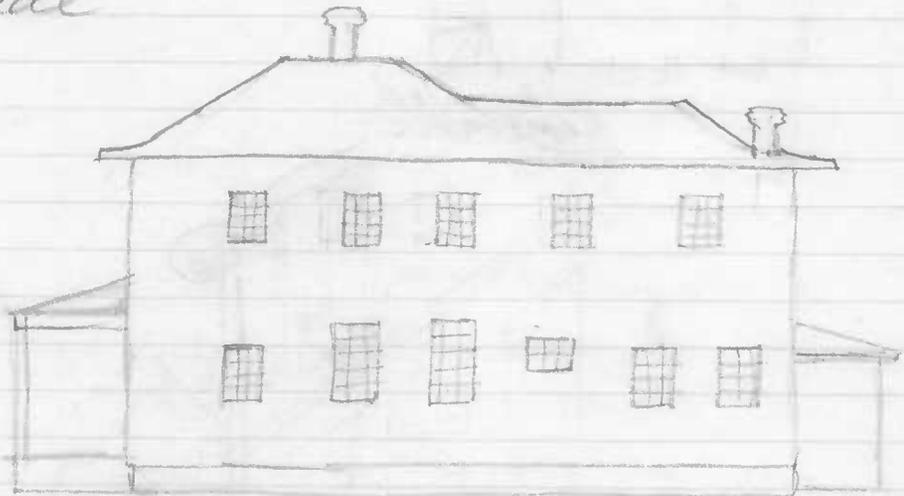
Rear section has two story shed roof extension on south further extended by 1st floor porch.

West facade

Rear hip roof extension
probably enclosed
porch with
1 over 1 windows

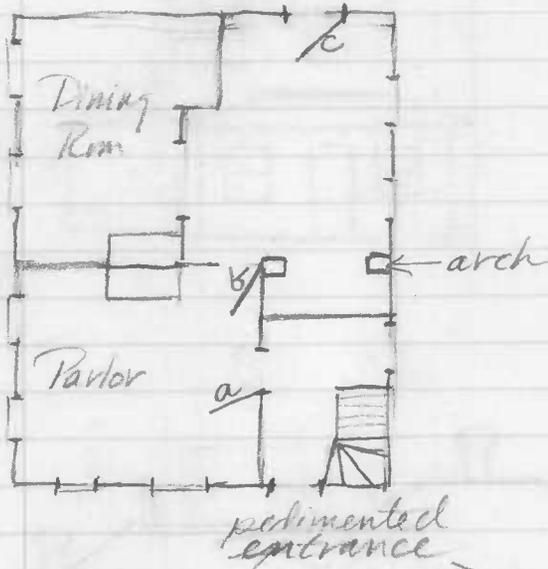


North facade

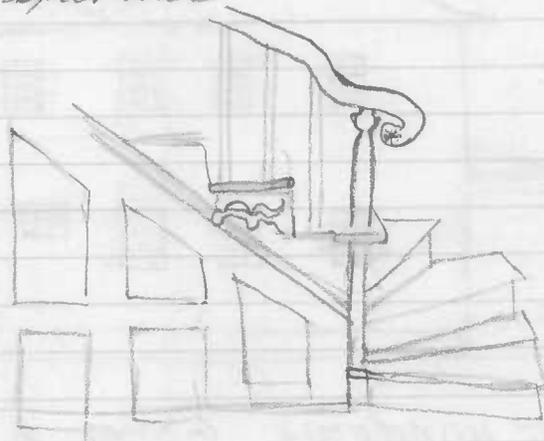


Second floor windows 6 over 6 - uniform in appearance

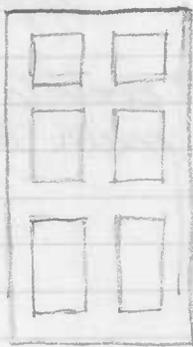
First floor: large windows 9 over 6 as in other 1st floor main block windows



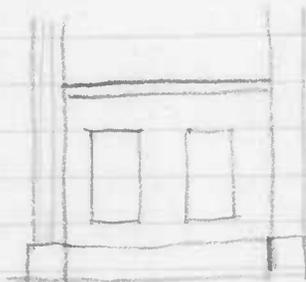
Floor plan front section containing late Federal woodwork typical of other Berlin Houses of the era, with alterations c. 1900 dressed by woodwork typical of Berlin houses c. 1900.



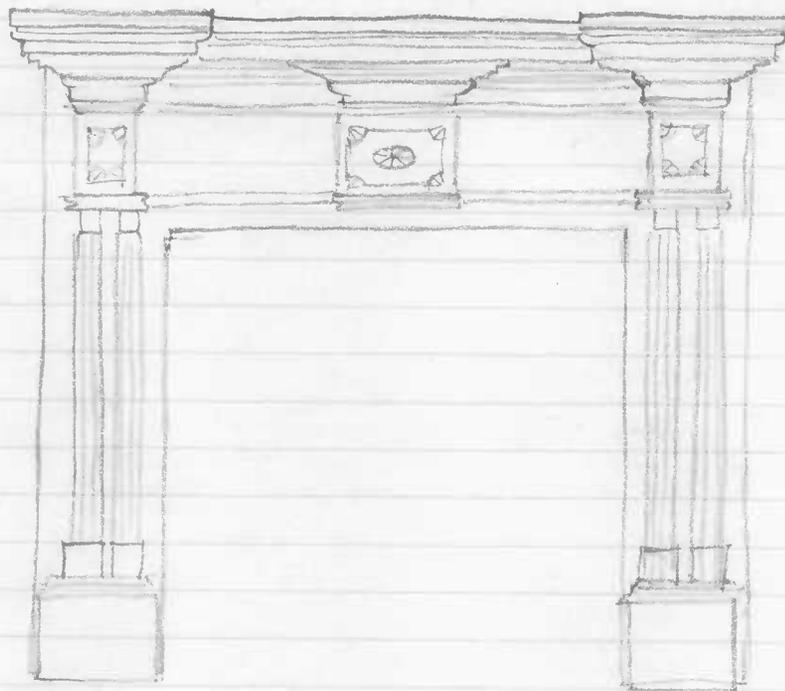
Raised paneling under stairs - Vase-shape at top of newell. Serpentine hand rail (ramped, continuous)



Raised panel (both sides) mortise & tenon door at a, b, c above



Raised panels below windows in parlor



Parlor mantel with engaged fluted columns, carved and applied medallions and corner fans molded shelf bevel forward



Section of arch with carved fan in ^{fluted} keystone block Pilasters heavily fluted, with paneled soffit & jambs.