

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Mason House Inventory Number: WO562
 Address: 4634 Market Street City: Snow Hill Zip Code: 21863
 County: Worcester USGS Topographic Map: Snow Hill SE
 Owner: Summerfield LLC. Is the property being evaluated a district? Nox yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 67 Tax Map Number: 63 Tax Account ID Number: 020077544634 *1.20Ac.*
 Project: Summerfield Phase I Agency: MHT
 Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Summerfield Phase I (Otter and Levinthal 2006)

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This approximately 150 year old, brick, west facing, 2-story, low pitch, hip roof residence has a rectangular ground plan that has been altered by a conglomeration of numerous exterior additions and interior renovations over approximately the last 150 years.

The main block of this residence features symmetrical fenestration and a single, north roof plane, interior brick chimney. The brick wall foundation encloses a full basement. The exterior brick walls are constructed using 6:1 common bond. The roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and the eaves feature fascia and brackets. Windows are wood sash and metal sash, one over one variety that feature wood lintels and wood slip sills. The original main entry has been obscured by addition construction and numerous metal doors allow entry into the main house block through the additions.

The first addition was likely a 2-story brick addition placed to the rear of the main house block. An observed break in the brick courses leads towards this theory. The sequence of construction could be clarified with further investigation of the interior of this structure. This addition shares the hip roof and window styles with the main house block. A number of recently constructed single-story, additions wrap around the west, south and east elevations. These additions are wood, balloon frame,

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Comments: _____	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>6/12/06</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>6/1/06</u> Date

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sheathed with T-111, rest on brick and concrete block foundations, are covered by shed, hip and gable roofs and feature a variety of window and door styles.

A square, west facing, rockface concrete block shed, well or pumphouse is located approximately 20 feet to the east of the rear addition. The single story, single cell, outbuilding rests on a concrete block foundation. The pyramidal roof is sheathed with wood shingles fastened with wire nails. Box cornices are located in the eaves and symmetrically placed, 6 over 6 light sash windows with wood lug sills illuminate the interior. A single, centrally located, 4-panel wood door permits access to the outbuilding. This door probably dates to the period of the outbuildings construction. It is unclear what the original function of this outbuilding once was but prior to abandonment it served as general storage.

Research has shown that further investigations of the 4634 Market Street would likely not provide significant additional information to the body of knowledge related to the growth of Snow Hill during the Agricultural-Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870), the Industrial/Urban Dominance Period (A.D. 1870-1930) or the Modern Period (A.D. 1930-Present) (Weissman 1986: 254-255).

Additionally, research has shown that 4634 Market Street is recommended to be not eligible for National Register of Historic Places inclusion. This property is recommended to be not eligible under National Register Criterion A because it is not "associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history" (Maryland Historical Trust 2002: 17).

These resources are not associated with persons who are "significant in our past." Hence, this property is recommended to be not eligible for National Register inclusion under Criterion B (Maryland Historical Trust 2002: 17).

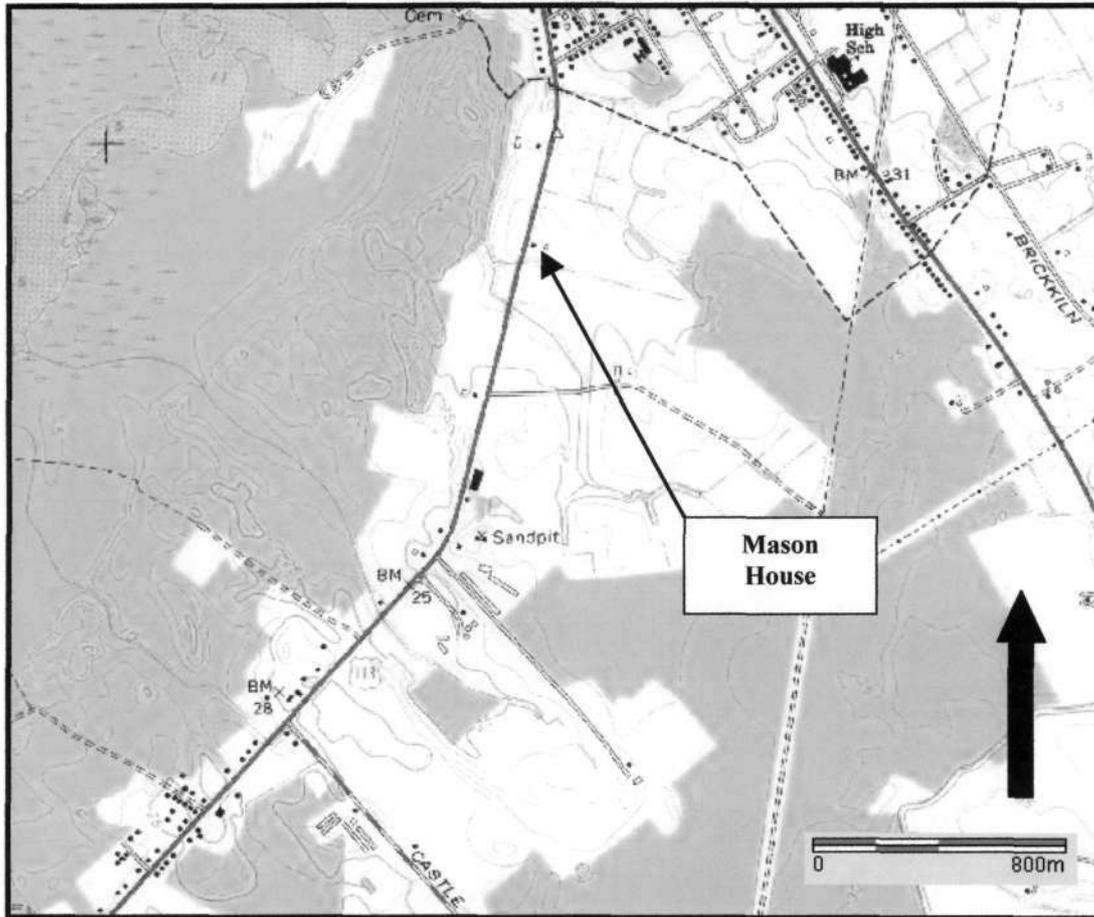
Major improvements and alterations to the property and general poor condition have impacted the integrity and original fabric of the resource over the past 150 years. Also, the resource is not a property that embodies "the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction." Therefore, this property is recommended to be not eligible for National Register inclusion under Criterion C (Maryland Historical Trust 2002: 17).

The property is not a resource that has "yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history." Thus, the property is not eligible for National Register inclusion under Criterion D (Maryland Historical Trust 2002: 17).

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Snow Hill SE Quadrangle Map
Location of Mason House (WO562)

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Mason House. View To East.



Mason House. View To Southeast.

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Mason House. View To West.



Mason House Shed. View To North.

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References

Maryland Historical Trust

2002 General Guidelines for Compliance Generated Determinations of Eligibility (DOEs) with Instructions for Completing the Computer Forms and Entering Sites into the Eligibility Database. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.

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1986 The Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan: Planning the Future of Maryland's Past. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, Maryland.

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View to West.



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View to Southeast



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View to east

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