

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Washington D.C. 20240

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—PART 1

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at anytime during the year.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. Name of property: 635 Melvin Drive
Address of property: 635 Melvin Drive
City Baltimore County _____ State Maryland Zip Code 21230
Name of historic district in which property is located: Ridgely's Delight

Check here if request is for:

- certification (structure contributes to significance of the district)
- decertification (structure does not contribute to significance of the district)
- easement qualification (for donation of easement on structure or land for conservation purposes).

2. Description of Physical Appearance:

(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

The house is a two and a half story masonry residence located on the south side of Melvin Drive. The front exterior facade has been painted many times.
(continued)

3. Statement of Significance:

(use reverse side if necessary)

The house derives its significance from its similarity of construction and architecture with other houses on Melvin Drive and in Ridgely's Delight generally. The south side of Melvin Drive is made up of two and a half story houses, except for two houses that are three stories. (continued)

Date of construction (if known) c. 1850 Original site _____ Moved Date of alterations (if known): _____

4. Name and Mailing Address of Owner:

Name Melvin Four Partnership/ c/o The French Company, Inc.
Street Wheaton Plaza Office Building North, Suite 403
City Wheaton State Maryland Zip Code 20902
Telephone number (during day): Area Code 301-946-3760 Wheaton 792-4019 Baltimore

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

Signature Jay P. French Date 4/27/83

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number _____

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of a Registered Historic District and contributes does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36CFR 60.6) and will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36CFR 60.6) and will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and appears does not appear to contribute to the character of said district or will likely will not be recommended for certification as substantially meeting National Register criteria.

Signature [Signature] Date 6-16-83
State Historic Preservation Officer

CONTINUATION SHEET - 635 MELVIN DRIVE

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2. The sills and lintels are wood and the dormer roof has been covered with green shingles. There is a chimney on the west end of the roof. The rear facade has been covered with stucco. Generally, the window sashes, doors and external wall curtains are in gross disrepair.
3. The absence of ornate trim, decorative moldings, and marble sills or steps is characteristic of the type of homes located on this small street behind the more expensive and ornate houses on Washington Boulevard. The alternating pattern of architecture on adjacent streets reflects the historic character and significance of Ridgely's Delight. The Ridgely's Delight neighborhood during the 1840's and 1850's was a socially and economically mixed neighborhood with both blue collar workers, employed on the heavy industrial area nearby, and professionals such as doctors and dentists employed at the University of Maryland Hospital founded in 1812.

SEE PHOTOGRAPH A AND B FOR STREET SCENES.

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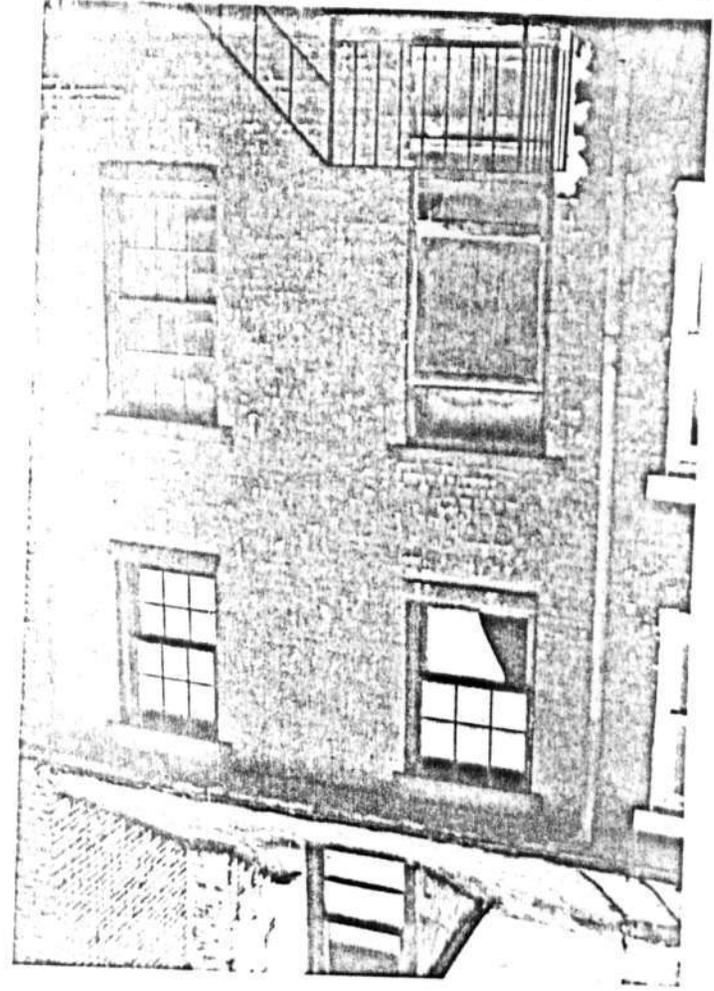


PHOTO A-Historic Preservation Certification Application Part 1 Street Scene-635 Melvin Drive-Looking east.



PHOTO B- Hist.Pres.Cert.Applctn.-Part 1- Street scene- 635 Melvin Drive - Looking west.

635 Melvin Drive-Hist.Pres.Cert.Applctn Part 2-Exterior Facade. PHOTO 1



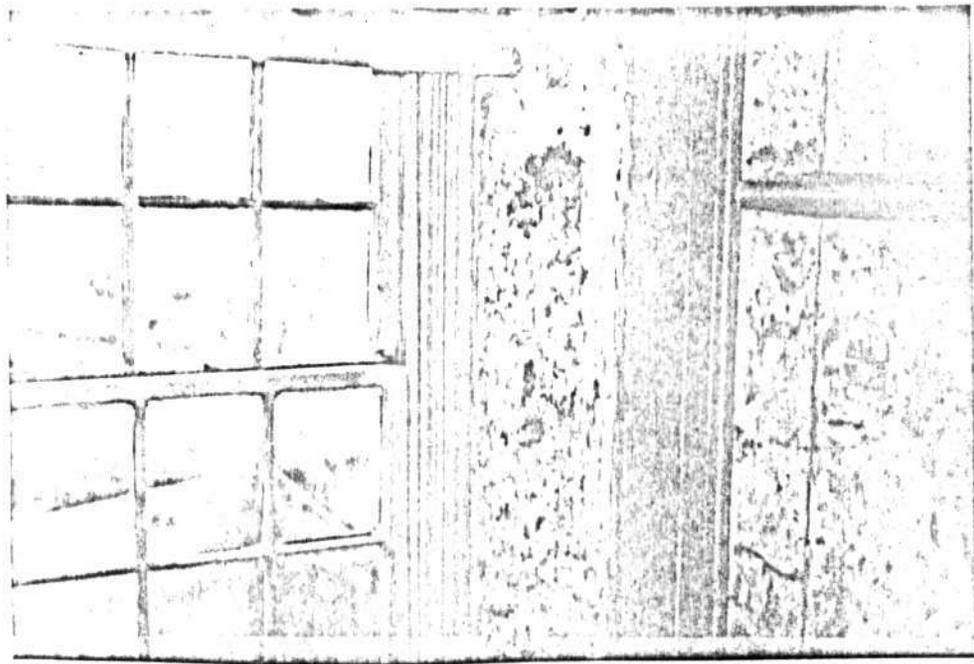


PHOTO 2-635 Melvin Dr. - Hist. Pres. Cert. Applctn. Part 2 - Moldings & casings.

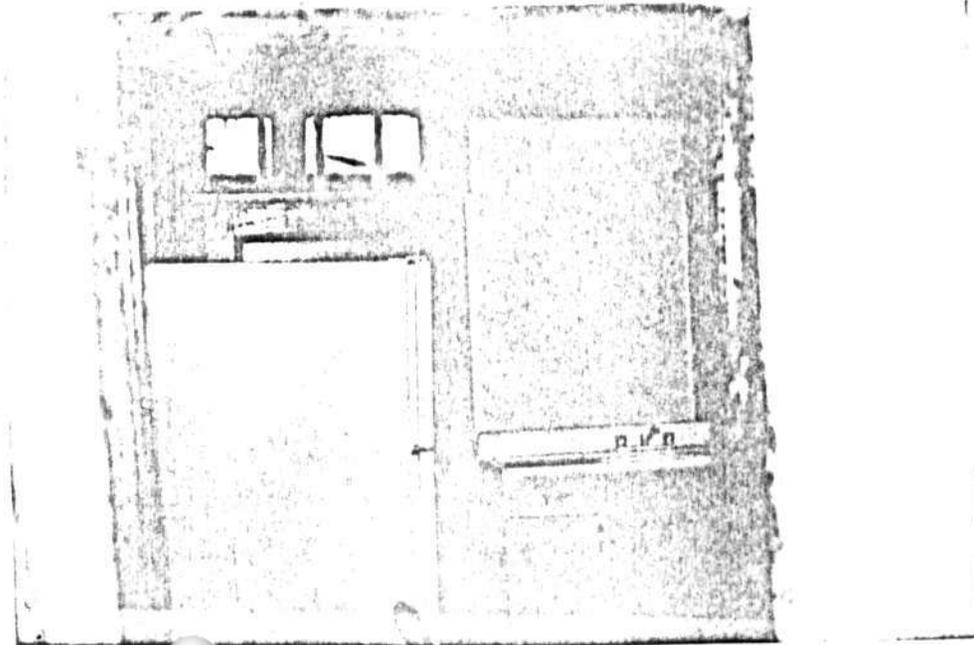


PHOTO 1-A - Hist. Pres. Cert. Applctn. - Part 2 - 635 Melvin Drive - View of kitchen from living room.

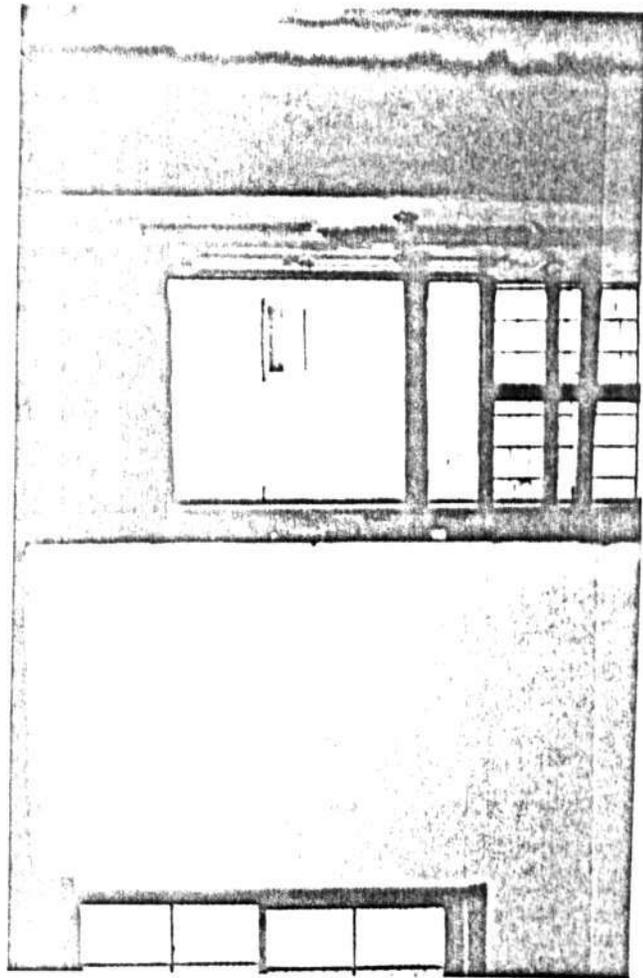


PHOTO 2 A - Natl. Hist. Pres. Cert. Applctn. - Part 2 - 635 Melvin Drive - View out front door.

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