

Late 1800's

BA 1618
Nellie Diggs' House
411 Green Spring Valley Road
Garrison, Maryland 21055
private-home

This building is a Gothic-revival style house placed in the late nineteenth century. It is a part of the Chattolanee community which is reputed to be one of the oldest Black communities in the county.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Nellie Diggs House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

411 Green Spring Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Garrison

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

MD

COUNTY

Baltimore

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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. Nellie Diggs

Telephone #: 363-0219

STREET & NUMBER

411 Green Spring Valley Road

CITY, TOWN

Garrison

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21055

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: 5314

Folio #: 86

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Ave

CITY, TOWN

Powson

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

DIGGS HOUSE

Description

The DIGGS HOUSE is a two storey frame house dating from the late nineteenth century. With its west facade closely oriented to the road, a steep gable punctuates the roof, accenting the principal entrance centered below in the first storey. Two 2/2 windows are on either side of the entrance and four similar windows are evenly spaced in the second storey. A one-storey hipped-roof porch shelters the principal front. A two storey kitchen wing extends one long bay behind the south end. The gabled roofs rise above wide eave and rake overhangs, the latter with bold eave returns.

The interior of this house was not inspected.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" 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
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Significance

Dating from the late nineteenth century, the DIGGS HOUSE is a traditional house, the steep gable in the front roof slope placing this house in the Gothic-revival style.

Nellie Jones Diggs now has sole possession of the small house although at various times numerous relatives have shared interest in the property. Mrs. Diggs inherited these rights from her father Thomas H. Jones.¹

On April 7, 1911 Stewart H. Brown and wife conveyed the lot with buildings to Mrs. Diggs' parents Thomas H. and Ella B. Jones for \$1650.² Brown, in turn, was deeded this property for \$225 by the Green Spring Methodist Church in 1903.³ The church and its property had been presented to the Black residents by Charles Stewart Morton in 1872.⁴

Nellie Diggs' House Footnotes

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1. Baltimore County Land Records (BCLR), Liber 5314 fol. 86 and Liber 3340 fol. 446, Towson Court House, Towson, Maryland.
2. Ibid., Liber 377, fol. 330.
3. Ibid., Liber WPC 286, fol. 505.
4. J. Thomas Scharf, History of Baltimore City and County, 2 vols. (1881; reprint ed., Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1971), 2:841.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Located on Green Spring Valley Road

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Valleys Planning Council

DATE

7-10-80

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

MD 21204

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
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CHATTOLANEE MAP

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CHATTOLANEE HILL

2728 GSV. RD. BA#1692
 AMANDA MOORE
 2626 GSV. RD. Virginia White -
 BA#1616

ROAD

GREENSPRING VALLEY

BA#1617
 Beverly Compton 2707 GSV. RD.
 Compton's BARN

BA#1618
 - NELLIE Diggs 411 GSV. RD.

Chattolannee School BA#1685

- JAMES Sterrett
 409 GSV. RD.

Thomas Supensky 2702
 BA#1686

- Elizabeth HAMMOND
 (Melvin J. Burnham)
 407 GSV. RD.

Melvin J. Burnham
 2710 →

- Thomas MOORE
 405 GSV. RD.

BA#1691
 Elizabeth Price
 2726 R.R. Ave

Burnham's

HAZEL CHARLES - 2712
 BA#1688
 Alice Smith - 2706
 BLANCHE - 2704
 JONES BA#1689

BA#1620
 Greenspring Methodist Church
 2730

Laurence Tyler -

Railroad Avenue

HOUSE NUMBERS

- Diggs - 411 GSV. RD. ✓
- Sterrett - 409 GSV Rd.
- HAMMOND - 407 GSV Rd.
- MOORE - 405 GSV. Rd.
- G.S. Church - 2730 RR. AVE.
- Price - GARRISON P.D.
- SAUNDERS - 2716 RR. AVE.
- CHARLES - 2712 RR. AVE.
- ✓ Smith - 2706 RR. AVE.
- ✓ JONES - 2704 RR. AVE.
- Tyler - P.O. Box 177
- Supensky - 2702 RR. AVE.
- ① BURNHAM'S HOUSE - 2710 R.R. AVENUE
- ② BURNHAM'S HOUSE - 2708 RAILROAD AVENUE

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 10-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
 10-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid lines shown in blue

HISTORIC DISTRICTS
HISTORIC SITES DEMONSTRATED



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