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FULTON-KURTZ HOUSE/ McDONALD HOUSE

c1883

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

This is a late Victorian cross-gabled structure of 2-½ storeys, three bays wide; the full width front porch has turned posts decorated with an overhead latticework of small spokes forming an abacus pattern. Outer covering is white composition shingle. The house was presumably built for Mrs. Emily Fulton, who bought the lot in 1883. The builder was probably her son-in-law William Kurtz, local carpenter and undertaker. The house lot passed to Mary E. Kurtz in 1884, and subsequent owners were Ferdinand Briggs and wife, Norman Robert Briggs, and J. Nelson McDonald, Bessie J. Koller, and finally Clark K. and Mary C. McDonald. This is a well designed, well kept house that complements the exuberant general store structure which adjoins it on the north.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAMEHISTORIC *FULTON-KURTZ HOUSE*

AND/OR COMMON

*McDonald House***2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

21,512 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2nd

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

*Baltimore County***3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
 PRIVATE RESIDENCE
 RELIGIOUS
 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
 OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

*Clark K. and Mary C. McDonald*Telephone #: *357-8986*

STREET & NUMBER

21,512 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Maryland Line

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

*Maryland 21105***5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.*County Courts Building*Liber #: *WJR 3511*Folio #: *142*

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

*Maryland 21204***6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

The Fulton-Kurtz House or McDonald House is a late Victorian cross-gabled structure with some good design elements. It is a spacious, 2½-story, frame dwelling, three bays wide, with a fairly low, full-width porch. The porch deck is three steps above grade, with white porch railing and balusters. Four porch posts support the roof. These posts are square at the top and bottom, but in between are elegantly machine-turned to a circular cross-section, very slim in diameter in places. A latticework runs from the house wall to each corner porch post and runs between the four posts on the street side of the porch. This decorative element is composed of slender spokes or miniature balusters, some with round protuberances, forming a sort of abacus pattern.

Three bays open onto the porch. The door in the center bay provides a center hall plan. The southern bay (left end) takes the form of a bay window with three distinct sash windows, 1-over-1 in format. The front door has one large rectangular pane of glass and is protected by a storm door. To the north (or right) of the entrance is a single double-hung sash window of 1-over-1 format, flanked by wooden shutters.

At second-story level, there are three 2-over-2 double-hung sash windows, flanked by shutters. In the cross-gable, there is a large lancet window of four panes, the lower part being a moveable sash. The peak and side corners of the cross-gable are decorated with wooden scroll-sawn pendants in a fleur-de-lis pattern.

The main roof is gabled, with scroll-sawn pendants at each end on the street facade. The eaves overhang both front and ends of the house. Two inside end chimneys with plain caps rise through the ridge line. The main block is two bays deep, with two 1-over-1 windows at first-story level, a single window at second-story level, which probably lights a rear room. At attic level, there are two large, double-hung sash windows in the gable ends.

At the northwest corner of the house, there is an extension formed by a three-sided bay, with 1-over-1 double-hung sash windows at both first and second-floor levels. The top of the bay is flat-roofed, with an architrave and cornice.

Wall covering is white composition shingle. Foundation is stone, very little of it visible from the street.

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PERIOD ___PREHISTORIC ___1400-1499 ___1500-1599 ___1600-1699 ___1700-1799 <u>X</u> 1800-1899 ___1900-	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW ___ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC ___ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC ___AGRICULTURE <u>X</u> ARCHITECTURE ___ART ___COMMERCE ___COMMUNICATIONS ___COMMUNITY PLANNING ___CONSERVATION ___ECONOMICS ___EDUCATION ___ENGINEERING ___EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT ___INDUSTRY ___INVENTION ___LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE ___LAW ___LITERATURE ___MILITARY ___MUSIC ___PHILOSOPHY ___POLITICS/GOVERNMENT ___RELIGION ___SCIENCE ___SCULPTURE ___SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN ___THEATER ___TRANSPORTATION ___OTHER (SPECIFY)
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SPECIFIC DATES *c. 1883*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This large, cross-gabled house immediately south of the present post office at Maryland Line stands on a parcel that has been a consistent 79 square perches since 1883, when Thomas G. Rutledge and wife conveyed the ground to (Mrs.) Emily Fulton for \$100. (1) The ground was part of the road frontage that had been south of the Maryland Line Hotel, and presumably the lot was unimproved, selling as it did for \$100.

Mrs. Fulton was a widow, with three children who were of age, if not much older. She died in mid-1884, leaving various household objects. Administration Accounts show that her coffin was made by William Kurtz, a neighbor, and as demonstrated by other records, her son-in-law. (2) The heirs were Thomas C. Fulton, William A. Fulton, and Mary E. Kurtz. The lot in New Market was sold to Mary E. Kurtz for \$5 by her brothers in settling the estate. (3) The 1878 state directory shows that William Kurtz was one of the town's two carpenter-undertakers. (4)

Mrs. Kurtz was a widow in 1886 when she mortgaged the 79-square-perch tract for \$300, which would most likely prove the existence of a house. (5) She paid off the debt in 1901. Her house is shown on both the 1898 and 1915 Bromley atlases. However, she had sold out in 1908 to Ferdinand Briggs and wife for \$800. (6)

Briggs is found as owner in both 1911 and 1918 tax ledgers; in 1918, his neighbor on the north was Harry C. Krout (keeper of the ornate general store that still serves as post office); in 1918, dimensions were:

Dwelling	6 x 28	1 story	
	16 x 28	2 stories	\$661
3 Outbldgs.			313. (7)

Briggs put the place in his wife's name in 1937; on her death, it passed to Norman Robert Briggs; then J. Nelson and Minnie L. McDonald took title in 1937, followed in 1947

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by Bessie J. Koller, who lived until 1957. In 1959, the present owners took possession. (8) This is a large, well-kept structure of the late Victorian period and an important part of the streetscape near the present post office and former hotel.

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, WMI 138:325.
2. Administration Accounts, TP 11:99, Inventories, TP 19:392.
3. B.C. Deeds, JWS 150:135.
4. J. Frank Lewis & Co., Maryland Directory (Baltimore 1878), p. 532.
5. B.C. Mortgage Records, JWS 124:232. Released in Mortgage Records, NBM 219:580.
6. B.C. Deeds WPC 336:328.
7. Tax Ledgers, District 7; 1911, f. 442; 1918, f. 434.
8. B.C. Deeds, WJR 3511:142.

UPDATE:

In 1980, the postoffice was moved from the old store that adjoins the Fulton-Kurtz house.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Baltimore County Deeds, Tax Ledgers, Orphans Court Records, Mortgages, Directories.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.49

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Town lot on westside of York Road
S20E 3.15 perches along York Road to alley
S69W 22.5 perches along alley
N20W 3.9 perches
N72E 22.5 perches (Map 3, Parcel P26)

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

STATE *NONE* COUNTY *NONE*

STATE *NONE* COUNTY *NONE*

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John W. McGrain

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE

May 15, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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.

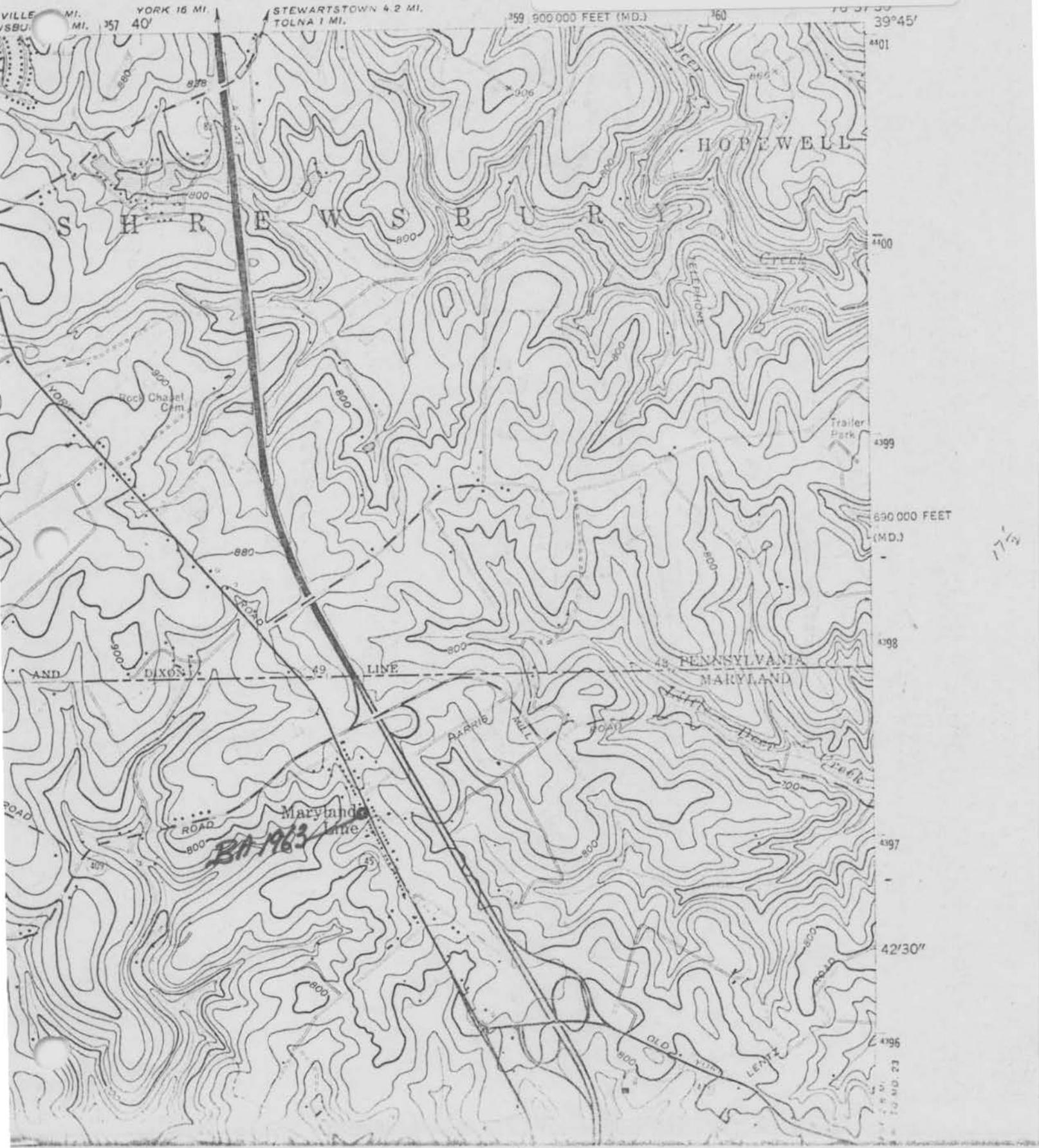
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FULTON-KURTZ HOUSE BA 1963
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, Oct 1979
Neg. located at MHT
Main (E) and north facades fr. NE