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YOST HOUSE/ GEMMILL HOUSE

1833-1839

MARYLAND LINE

PRIVATE

The Yost-Gemmill House is a spacious, two-story plus attic, vernacular style house of mid-19th Century origin. The first structures found on this lot occur in the 1841 tax ledger, charged to Jacob Yeost. The Yost house appears on the 1850 map and also in the 1852 tax ledger. There was also a shop mentioned in testimony taken in 1854. Dr. Ephraim Bell bought the house, followed in 1876 by William T. Hendrix, and in 1883 John Gemmill, in 1892, Elizabeth M. Wilson. There have been five or six subsequent owners. The composition shingles were covered with aluminum siding in late 1979. This is a very boxy house, of bare and blank appearance. In 1980, a small, one-story, gable-roofed extension of vertical board was added at the northwest end of the basic historic house.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC YOST HOUSE

AND/OR COMMON
Gemmill House

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER
21,511-21,513 York Road
 CITY, TOWN Maryland Line VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2nd
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore County

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME Ramsey V. Gemmill Telephone #: 357-5297
 STREET & NUMBER --
 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 #: OTG 5113
 STREET & NUMBER 401 Bosley Avenue Folio #: 111
 CITY, TOWN Towson STATE Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE NONE
 DATE _____
 _____ FEDERAL _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

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YOST HOUSE

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" 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 Yost-Gemmill House is a spacious, two-story plus attic vernacular style house of very plain appearance. It has apparently been much refurbished, losing any flavor of its original period in the process. The outer covering was, until recently, composition shingles of a yellowish tone, but in November of 1979, during the survey photography trips, it was undergoing further repairs that covered the shingles with a yellowish aluminum siding.

The main block is five bays across, two bays deep. The layout is apparently side-hall plan, the front door being located in the second bay from the south; if this is a converted duplex house, there was probably no formal plan.

There is a one-story, shed-roofed front porch across the entire main facade, wrapping around the entire south end. The porch is only about a foot above grade, and separated by plain posts. All windows are 1-over-1 double-hung sash types, set in plain frames, replacements of whatever Victorian window frames existed in the past.

The roof is gabled, with slightly overhanging eaves and very short eave returns. At attic level at each end is one gable end, double-hung sash window with 1-over-1 lights. At the southern end of the house, at the apex of the gable, one Victorian scroll bracket survived at the north end. Roofing material is green rubber tile.

A one-story rear wing, one bay deep, extends to the east, flush with the north end facade. Another irregularly shaped one-story projection is attached to that wing. The foundation is barely visible, and has been covered with applied concrete.

This house presents a very bare and blank appearance. It has neither shutters nor decorative elements. This was apparently used as a dual or duplex house, because the county's "house numbers" office shows a house split down the middle, assigned two street numbers, neither of which were posted at the time of the survey.

In 1980, a small frame, gable-roofed extension of vertical board was added at the northwest end of the house, flush with the street facade.

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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/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 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 1833-1839

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Yost House is a plain but typical house of mid-19th Century origin, an example of main street architecture in a small country town. It has to be assumed that no house stood here in 1833 when no town lot owned by a Yost is found in the assessor's field book of Old District 5. (1) However, in March 1840, Charles and Elizabeth Yost sold two lots binding on an alley and on the eastside of the Turnpike to Jacob Yost for \$300. (2) The Yosts had paid \$20 and \$21, for those lots in 1832 and 1834, respectively.

The 1841 Assessor's Field Book showed that Jacob Yeost (sic) had a lot and improvements valued at \$300 in the village of New Market. (3) The 1850 map by J. C. Sidney also showed the Yost house and the 1852 Assessment valued the improvements at \$550. Like many other town residents, Yost kept a cow and two hogs. (4)

On January 30, 1854, Jacob Yost died intestate and his daughter, Mary, was sued by Charles K. Yost to force sale of the estate. Testimony showed that the deceased had "left a house and lot situated in New Market in Baltimore County near the Pennsylvania Line." (5) The trustee advertised the property in the Baltimore County Advocate and Baltimore Clipper prior to a sale made on January 1855 and sold to Dr. Ephraim Bell for \$550. The trustee's ad described it as a "dwelling house and shop" located "between the lots of Dr. Bell and Messrs. Adam Krout and G. W. Yost." There was 7-1/2 perches of road frontage. (6)

The house is an unidentified square north of the Ann Morris house on the 1877 atlas plate of District 7. Dr. Bell's heirs, the Hursts and Defords, sold this property to William T. Hendrix in April of 1876. (7) The 1876 assessment showed Hendrix with two shoats, one buggy, harness, and a silver watch. (8) The Hendrix lot is also shown in an 1880 plat of the town filed in a local proceedings. (9)

Hendrix sold to John Gemmill in 1883. (10) In 1892, Elizabeth Gemmill sold to Elizabeth M. Wilson. (11) The 1896

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tax ledger showed Thomas M. Wilson with an acre and a frame dwelling and frame stable. (12) The 1911 ledger showed Wilson with 3-1/2 acres. (13) T. W. Wilson appeared as a veterinary surgeon in the 1915 State directory. (14) In 1914, Wilson sold to H. Curtis Krout, shown as postmaster and general storekeeper in the same directory. (15) The property was then two lots and changed hands for \$2,000.

The 1918 tax ledger showed Harry C. Krout with:

| | |
|---|-----------|
| 3-1/2 acres on old York rd in New Market adj. | |
| Mrs. King | |
| N. & Wiley Marsteller E. @ \$78 60/100 Per a | \$275 |
| Dwelling | 961 |
| Barn | 953 |
| 2 Outbldgs | 100. (16) |

This property passed through the hands of C. Glen Krout, Helen Gladys Anderson, and Ramsey V. and Jennie B. Gemmill, and Ramsey V. Gemmill, Jr. (17) The house was being covered with aluminum siding in October of 1979 when photographed for the MHT study.

NOTES:

1. Assessor's Field Book, Old District 5, 1833, n.p. (Hall of Records #8244).
2. Baltimore City Deeds, TK 300:392.
3. Assessor's Field Book, District 7, 1841, n.p. (Hall of Records #8266).
4. Assessment, District 7, 1852, n.p. (Hall of Records #8256).
5. Judicial Records, HMF 4:248.
6. Baltimore County Deeds, HMF 16:512. Also, B.C. Advocate, December 15, 1855 (in Equity File #194).
7. B.C. Deeds, JB 107:317.
8. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1876, n.p.
9. Judicial Records, WMI 84:160.
10. B.C. Deeds, WMI 134:72.
11. B.C. Deeds, LMB 195:477.
12. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, entry #630-146.
13. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 762.
14. R. L. Polk, Maryland State Gazette and Business Directory (Baltimore, 1915), p. 1075.
15. B.C. Deeds, WPC 425:536.
16. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 609.
17. B.C. Deeds, OTG 5113:111.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Baltimore County Deeds and Tax Lists.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.55

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

N59E 193 feet
S31-1/4E 110.5 feet
S58-3/4W 224. feet
N20W 125. feet on eastside of York Road

(Map 3, Parcel P90)

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, Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Baltimore County Office of Planning & Zoning

DATE

April 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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
NEW FREEDOM

5663 / SE
STEWARTSTOWN

LE 7.8 MI.
DRY 1.3 MI.

YORK 16 MI

STEWARTSTOWN 4.2 MI.
TOLNA 1-MI.

159 900 000 FEET (MD.)

160

76°37'30"

39°45'





YOST HOUSE BA 1980
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, OCT 1979
Neg. located at MHT
North faCade & west facade fr. NW



YOST HOUSE

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Baltimore County, Maryland

J. McGrain, OCT 1979

Neg. located at MHT

Main (W) & south facades fr. SW