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NORRIS HOUSE (NORTH)

1892-1896

PARKTON

PRIVATE

The upper Norris House was probably built between 1892 and 1896 by Miss Lizzie (Elizabeth) Norris in the northern, suburban end of Parkton. John Nicholas Norris inherited the house in 1907. The house is a mirror image of the one to the south. It is frame and clapboard, two stories plus attic, gable roofed, with a full-width front porch, and two-over-two double-hung sash windows fitted up with louvered shutters. The house is rendered L-shaped by a rear wing. Style is vernacular, but the structure is a pleasant addition to the main street.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC NORRIS HOUSE (NORTH)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

18,904 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

___ 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
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Clara A. Norris

Telephone #: 357-8583

STREET & NUMBER

Hunter Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

White Hall

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21161

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: Estate Docket 10
Folio #: 237

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

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

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 Norris House (North) is almost a mirror image of its companion to the South. This house is set but one step higher above the ground than the one to the South. It is a two-story plus attic, frame and clapboard vernacular style structure with double front doors clustered in the center bays. The northern house has front doors with large rectangular panes, set under rectangular transoms with two window lights each. All other positions at both stories are supplied with large, 2-over-2, double-hung sash windows, all supplied with louvered shutters.

A shed-roofed front porch runs across the full width of the house supported by four square posts, supported in turn by stone piers. The space between the piers is filled in with the usual rural latticework panels. The porch railing is of plain square balusters. A section of railing blocks access to the northernmost door. The porch deck is six steps above grade. There is a plain box cornice under the porch roof and recessed posts at the two rear corners of the porch.

The house is L-shaped, its rear wing measuring 14 by 12 in older tax ledgers. The main block is one bay deep and there is only one bay in the rear wing or "L" which runs back as a two-story, gable-roofed extension. In the main block, each gable end has a single window of four large lights.

The rear wing is flush with the north wall of the main block. Most windows along the sides are supplied with louvered shutters.

Roofing material is greenish rubber or asphalt tile. Foundation is stone. There is one central chimney emerging along the ridge line of the main block; there is an inside end-chimney at the far end or gable end of the rear wing.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
—(E)HISTORIC	—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	—COMMUNITY PLANNING	—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	—RELIGION
—1400-1499	—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	—CONSERVATION	—LAW	—SCIENCE
—1500-1599	—AGRICULTURE	—ECONOMICS	—LITERATURE	—SCULPTURE
—1600-1699	XARCHITECTURE	—EDUCATION	—MILITARY	—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
—1700-1799	—ART	—ENGINEERING	—MUSIC	—THEATER
X1800-1899	—COMMERCE	—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	—PHILOSOPHY	—TRANSPORTATION
—1900-	—COMMUNICATIONS	—INDUSTRY	—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	—OTHER (SPECIFY)
		—INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1892-1896 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The north or upper Norris House was probably built between 1892 and 1896, following the sale of two lots, Lots No. 17 and No. 18, by Eudora V. Emack to Elizabeth E. Norris. (1) These lots had been laid out on the Emack family's share of the once spacious Calder-Turner landholdings and the suburban style lots extended from the York Turnpike Road westward a short distance to Calder Avenue, a suburban street laid out in 1877. (2)

Miss Norris had already acquired the street-to-street lots immediately to the south in 1890. (3) The 1896 tax ledger showed:

Norris, Miss Lizzie, Parkton	
2 Lots on West side of Baltimore & York	
Turnpike in Village of Parkton @ \$100 each	\$200
No. 1 Frame Dwelling	600
No. 2 Frame Dwelling	600
	\$1400
	(4)

In her will of 1907, Miss Norris left the uppermost of the lots in the following terms:

I give and bequeathe unto John Nicholas Norris the house and lot in Parkton known as the second lot in fee simple.

The "lower house" went to her sister, Mary M. Norris, and the third "unimproved lot" went to Mrs. Lillie B. Almony. (5)

The 1911 tax ledger valued the J. Nicholas Norris house at \$750. (6) By the time of the 1918 tax ledger, J. Nicholas Norris owned both houses, both valued at \$798, and dimensions were identical, to wit:

Dwelling	12 x 14		
	16 x 24	2 stories	\$798. (7)

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The tax ledger showed that the upper lot adjoined B. H. Almony on the north and Ida Wilson (which would have been across the road) on the east.

On his death in 1940, Mr. Norris' real estate inventory mentioned the "lower house" and \$7000 worth of improvements. (8) This house and its twin remain in the original family, per current tax and probable records. (9)

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, LMB 191:522.
2. B.C. Deeds, JWS 178:518.
3. B.C. Deeds, JWS 178:570.
4. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1896, Entry #445-95.
5. B.C. Wills, WJP 14:418.
6. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 662.
7. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 707.
8. Real Inventories, JPC 4:113. Estate No. 9347.
9. Estate Docket, 10:237.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Baltimore County Deeds, Orphans' Court Records, Tax Ledgers.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 59.5 perches

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Four lots on westside of York Road running 125 feet to Calder Avenue; 33-foot road frontage.

(Map 17, Parcel 264)

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 and Zoning

DATE

May 28, 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

NORRIS HOUSE (NORTH) BA 1991
 U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Quad
 NEW FREEDOM



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy duty	—————	Light-duty
Medium-duty	- - - - -	Unimproved dirt
U. S. Route	□	State Route

NEW FREEDOM, MD

N3937.5—W7637.5

1958
 PHOTOREVISED 197
 AMS 5663 II NW SERIES



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Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, March 1980
Neg. located at MHT
Main (west) facade from east