

BA 2011

TUCKER-HESS HOUSE/ HESS GROCERY STORE

1898-1910

PARKTON

PRIVATE

The present grocery and deli operates in an adapted dwelling that is shown as standing in photos taken in or about 1910. No structure stood here when a plat was drawn in 1892. Frances Tucker was charged with a house here in the 1911 tax ledger. The 1918 ledger charged her with a "store house and hall, 20 x 40, 2 stories." In 1969, the present storekeeper Lester W. Hess took title and has spent much money on renovation and repairs after floods. This is a two-story frame house with aluminum siding, a domestic style building of mixed gable and gambrel roofing, its living quarters on the second story. The house faces the by-passed turnpike road, and its south end adjoins the abandoned Northern Central tracks. The rear faces the Gunpowder Falls.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC *TUCKER-HESS HOUSE*

AND/OR COMMON

Hess Grocery Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

18,852 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

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

Lester W. Hess and wife

Telephone #: *357-5500*

STREET & NUMBER

18,852 York Road

CITY, TOWN

Parkton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21120

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: *OTG 4967*

Folio #: *322*

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

7 DESCRIPTION

TUCKER-HESS 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"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Hess Grocery or Tucker-Hess House is an L-shaped frame structure of mixed gambrel and gable roofing, developed from a vernacular house of c. 1900. The main block is the gable-roofed portion, two stories high, two bays wide by three bays deep. It is rectangular in plan, with a one-story full-width store front facing the street. The roof of this grocery store entrance forms the deck for a second-story porch that serves the residential quarters; the deck is railed with redwood plank; there is no shelter or roofing.

The grocery store door is wood with four window lights, flanked by plate glass windows of moderate size, set in plain frames; these windows are more for lighting than display of merchandise. The two bays opening on the second-story deck contain: (1) a large double-hung sash window of 2-over-2 format, fitted with louvered shutters; (2) the south (or right-hand) bay contains a door with four window lights. A triangular louvered ventilator is set in the gable peak. Eaves overhang both ends of the house and the sidewalls as well.

The south wall of the house (parallel to the now-defunct railroad) has only one window in the first story, located in the center bay, sheltered by an awning; it is an original window of 2-over-2 format similar to others in this house.

A one-story, flat-roofed protuberance attached toward the rear (SE corner) of the house is apparently a former kennel.

At second-story level, the center bay of the south wall contains a contemporary triple plate glass window in a plain frame; the other two bays on either side contain two original windows of the 2-over-2 format. The window farthest from the street has louvered shutters.

The rear of the main block contains two windows, both at second-story level: one a very small window, the other a double-hung sash window similar to other original windows, shaded by an aluminum awning.

At ground level, a prefabricated one-story, shed-roofed cabana is tacked onto the rear wall; the concrete swimming pool is located diagonally opposite the southeast corner of the main block. This block is the only part found in the 1918 tax ledger, then measuring 20 by 40 feet.

The delicatessen wing of this building is the 1½-story gambrel-roofed section, two bays wide with a separate entrance

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(continued)

in the bay nearest to the old main block. This wing is not found in the 1961 aerial photogrammetric maps, and is pleasant-looking, but would be too recent to list by itself.

The newer wing has a second-story, rear, shed-roofed porch, supported on tall posts, reached by a steel side entrance.

The original portion has a stone foundation. The entire structure is covered with yellow aluminum siding.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

TUCKER-HESS HOUSE

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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 1898-1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present Hess grocery, deli, and dwelling house is in the south end of Parkton shown as entirely undeveloped in the 1892 plat of the Martha Turner estate. (1) This property passed to Sarah Frances (Price) Tucker, in the disposition of the Martha Turner property. (2) Martha T. Turner, who became Martha T. T. Turner, inherited this property as remainderman. (3)

The dwelling was apparently only the Tucker home at first, and it can be found in photos of c. 1910 in possession of the present storekeeper. The 1911 tax ledger showed Frances Tucker with:

Lot & Dwelling on e. of York road at Parkton	\$1,000
2/2 interest in 97/100 acres on w. of York road	75
2 acres n. of Turner Ave.	200
	(4) \$1,275

The 1918 ledger showed Frances Tucker with the following:

Lot e. of York road at Parkton adj. Annie R. Fishel	
N. @	110
Store House & Hall 20 x 40 2 stories	990
	(5)

Martha T. and Robert N. Turner conveyed in 1946 to James L. Street and Alice G. Street. (6) In 1954, Street conveyed to George A. Roche, Mary F. Roche and George R. Roche. (7) The co-owners sold in 1965 to Joseph C. Staniewski, Sr., and four years later, Staniewski and wife sold to the present owners, Lester W. Hess and wife. (8)

Mr. Hess stated in 1980 that he had put \$60,000 into repairs and improvements of the frame structure, where there is a deli counter, grocery store section, and upstairs living area. There is also a swimming pool on the southside of the house. The south end of Parkton has been subjected to a

number of floods, and Maryland Department of Transportation has a plan to remove the plate-girder and concrete bridge near the Hess store to prevent debris from collecting there and forming an impromptu dam during high water conditions. This is the only grocery outlet in town still functioning, and is much frequented by road crews and construction workers for lunch—in spite of its location on a dead-end road segment.

NOTES:

1. Plat Books, JWS 1:79A.
2. B.C. Deeds, LMB 194:355.
3. B.C. Deeds, NBM 236:579.
4. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1911, f. 737.
5. Tax Ledger, District 7, 1918, f. 807.
6. B.C. Deeds, RJS 1517:509.
7. B.C. Deeds, GLB 2491:150.
8. B.C. Deeds, RRG 4446:281 and OTG 4967:322.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

TUCKER-HESS HOUSE

Baltimore County Deeds, Tax Ledgers.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.40**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Metes and bounds not specified in deed, but described as Lot 7 on Plat JWS 1:79A (1892). Lot fronts about 100 feet on former York Turnpike (Now MD 463), which forms a NE to SW boundary. The NW to SE boundary is formed by former Northern Central Railroad, approximately 200 feet to riverbank. A SW to NE boundary is formed by Gunpowder Falls for about 150 feet. (Map 19, Parcel P231).

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 20, 1980

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

TELEPHONE

494-3495

CITY OR TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

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

TUCKER HESS HOUSE

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



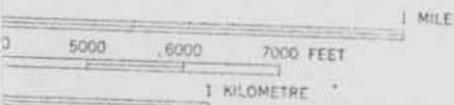
BA 2011

40' HEREFORD 2.6 MI.
BALTIMORE (NORTH AVE.) 22 MI.

2 310 000 FEET (PA.)

359000' E.

WHITE HALL 0.3 MI. 76°37'3"



FEET
MAY 1929



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

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

NEW FREEDOM, MD.—PA.

N3937.5—W7637.5/7.5

1958
PHOTOREVISED 1974
AMS 5663 II NW—SERIES V833

Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological Survey from aerial photographs taken 1974. This information not field checked.

ACCURACY STANDARDS
RESTON, VIRGINIA 22092
DETAILS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



TUCKER-HESS HOUSE BA 2011
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, March 1980
Neg. located at MHT
West (main) & south facades



TUCKER-HESS HOUSE BA 2011
Baltimore County, Maryland
J. McGrain, March 1980
Neg. located at MHT
South and east facades from S.