

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-2201**  
**Rice House**  
**18918 Calder Avenue**  
**Parkton, Baltimore County**  
**Ca. 1890**  
**Private**

The Rice House is located at 18918 Calder Avenue in Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. Although the exact date of construction for the dwelling is unknown, a circa 1890 date of construction is supported by its representation of the Queen Anne style of architecture. In America, the style was greatly popularized after the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia. Craftsmen expressed a wide range of creativity through decorative woodworking exploration. Elements of the Queen Anne style are evident in the projecting canted bay, turned porch posts, and scroll-sawn brackets.

Rising two-and-a-half stories in height, the wood frame dwelling was re clad with asphalt shingle siding that resembles brick veneer and it is set on a parged stone foundation. Constructed in the Queen Anne style of architecture, the circa 1890 dwelling has a three-bay wide façade, or south elevation, with a projecting gable bay on which is a two-story, three-sided canted bay projection. The central portion of the canted bay features 2/2 windows, while the sides are pierced by 1/1 windows, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. Above this canted bay rests a round-arched 2/2 window. On the side gable section of the house, there is a one-story, two-bay wide porch with a half-hipped roof, turned wood posts, and scroll-sawn brackets. Behind the porch is a panel-and-light single-leaf wood door that is framed by three-light sidelights with a paneled dado beneath and a three-light transom. To the west of the entry is a 2/2 window. The window and door opening of the first story are mimicked on the second story by two 2/2 window openings. The house is capped by a cross gable roof with standing seam metal, above which rise two interior brick chimneys, one of which was rebuilt. On the rear of the dwelling, there is a two-story wood frame addition with a one-story extension. Both the one- and two-story additions have shed roofs and asphalt shingle cladding.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2201

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Rice House

## 2. Location

street and number 18918 Calder Avenue not for publication

city, town Parkton vicinity

county Baltimore County

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Patrick D. Meadowcroft and Ayda Swartz

street and number 200 Kauffman Road telephone Not Available

city, town Parkton state MD zip code 21120

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 11907 folio 673

city, town Towson tax map 17 tax parcel 225 tax ID number 0718035290

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
				1	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Rice House is located at the termination of Calder Avenue near Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. Rising two-and-a-half stories in height, the wood frame dwelling was reclad with asphalt shingle siding that resembles brick veneer and it is set on a parged stone foundation. Constructed in the Queen Anne style of architecture, the circa 1890 dwelling has a three-bay wide façade, or south elevation, with a projecting gable bay on which is a two-story, three-sided canted bay projection. The central portion of the canted bay features 2/2 windows, while the sides are pierced by 1/1 windows, all of which have square-edged wood surrounds and sills. Above this canted bay rests a round-arched 2/2 window. On the side gable section of the house, there is a one-story, two-bay wide porch with a half-hipped roof, turned wood posts, and scroll-sawn brackets. Behind the porch is a panel-and-light single-leaf wood door that is framed by three-light sidelights with a paneled dado beneath and a three-light transom. To the west of the entry is a 2/2 window. The window and door opening of the first story are mimicked on the second story by two 2/2 window openings. The house is capped by a cross gable roof with standing seam metal, above which rise two interior brick chimneys, one of which was rebuilt. On the rear of the dwelling, there is a two-story wood frame addition with a one-story extension. Both the one- and two-story additions have shed roofs and asphalt shingle cladding.

Additionally, there is a late 20<sup>th</sup> century carport on the property. The front gable roof with asphalt shingles is supported by square wood posts.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** 1890 ca. **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1890 ca.

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Rice House is located at 18918 Calder Avenue in Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. Although the exact date of construction for the dwelling is unknown, a circa 1890 date of construction is supported by its representation of the Queen Anne style of architecture. The Queen Anne style originated in England with the Scottish architect Richard Norman Shaw (1831-1912). The eclectic movement focused on the free form, melding elements of the Classical, Tudor, and Flemish styles of architecture.<sup>1</sup> Although high style buildings featured a variety of roof forms, projecting oriel bays, colored glass windows and turrets, the style also featured detailed porches, cut-out brackets designs, patterned shingles and spindles<sup>2</sup>. In America, the style was greatly popularized after the 1876 Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia. Craftsmen expressed a wide range of creativity through decorative woodworking exploration. Elements of the Queen Anne style are evident in the projecting canted bay, turned porch posts, and scroll-sawn brackets.

The dwelling is located in the seventh district, which was the largest and most populated region of the county in latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The area historically consisted of rolling hills, traversed by major transportation corridors. It was supported by the cultivation of wheat, corn, oats, fruit, dairy, and the breeding of cattle. The house is situated in the town Parkton, a major railroad stop for the Northern Central Railway. Located just about twenty-five miles north of Baltimore City, the community was home to about fifty people in 1881. Parkton quickly became one of the principal shipping points between Baltimore and the Pennsylvania line. Surrounded by rural agricultural farms devoted primarily to dairy production, the small village was bisected by the York Turnpike. The intersection of this major transportation route with that of the railroad rendered the small town as the center of trade for a ten-mile radius.

<sup>1</sup> Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. (New York, NY: Holt and Co., Inc, 1994). pp. 154-155.

<sup>2</sup> McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Architecture*. (New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1988), pp. 263-214.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property Less than one acre  
Acreage of historical setting Unknown  
Quadrangle name New Freedom Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The Rice House is located at 18918 Calder Avenue in Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with its location on Tax Map 17, Parcel 225 since its construction circa 1890.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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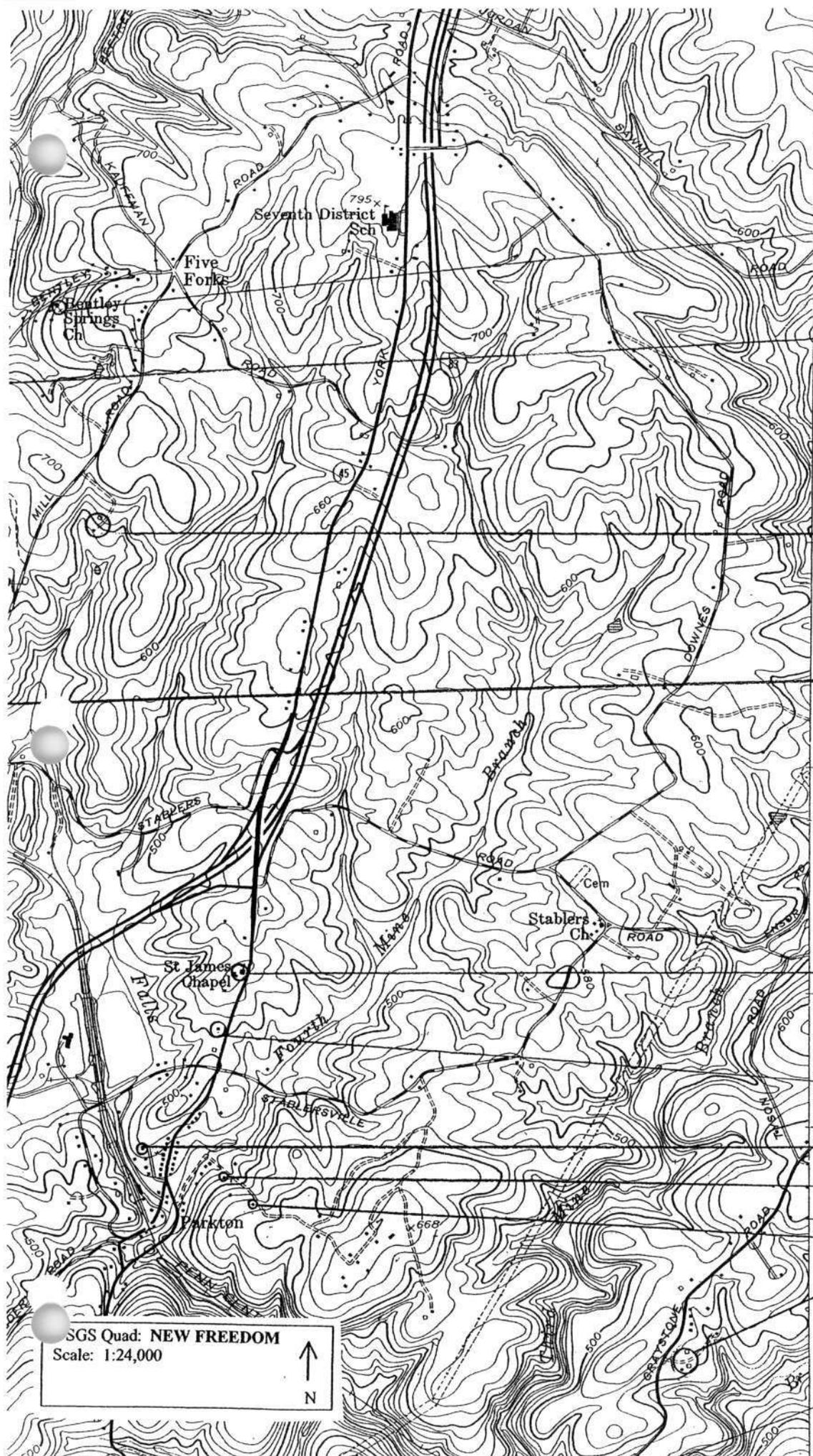
name/title	A. McDonald, R. Weidlich and A. Didden, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	May 10, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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- BA-2896  
DUNCAN HOUSE  
542 BENTLEY ROAD  
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BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2898  
TRACEY HOUSE  
19919 CAMERON MILL ROAD  
PARKTON  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0403  
WITHERS-MORRIS HOUSE  
19635 EAGLE MILL ROAD  
PARKTON  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-0998  
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
19200 YORK ROAD  
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BALTIMORE COUNTY
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CASTLE CALDER  
19112 YORK ROAD
- BA-2201  
18918 CALDER AVENUE
- BA-2193  
707 MILLER ROAD
- BA-2194  
725 MILLER ROAD
- BA-2897  
BURNS-BOND HOUSE  
18619 GRAYSTONE ROAD  
WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY
- BA-2740  
BURNS HOUSE  
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WHITE HALL  
BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Scale: 1:24,000

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18918 CALDER AVENUE  
PARKTON  
BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD  
TRACERIES

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NW CORNER

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**RICE HOUSE - 18\_\_\_ - 18918 Calder Avenue, Parkton.**  
This brick house is at the top of the hill beyond the  
end of Calder Avenue, the property of H. Rice.