

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. BA 2222

Magi No. 03-2222-55-04

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Peter Meade House

**2. Location**

street & number 11927 Maple Drive  not for publication

city, town Franklinville, Maryland  vicinity of congressional district 11

state Maryland county Baltimore

**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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Peter Meade

street & number 11927 Maple Drive telephone no.:

city, town Franklinville state and zip code Maryland

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Towson New Courts Building Land Records liber 5231

street & number Bosley Avenue folio 298

city, town Towson state Maryland 21204

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title N/A

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today. The Meade house represents a typical "worker's" in the former "company-owned" town of Franklinville. Built for the various workers of the cotton factories under such names as Baltimore Manufacturing Co., Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills sometime around the mid nineteenth century, this housed groups of people, not necessarily families who worked in the mill. Many modern alterations to the floor plan such as removal of stairs and fireplaces and chimneys have all but obliterated the original design of the house. A porch was added in 1948 and the front of the house changed to a center entrance with two windows on either side of the front door.

Facing on the Maple Drive, called the road to Jericho, with about a ten yard set back from the road, this two storey frame residence now covered in asbestos siding has a large chimney exiting the center south ridge of the east west gabled roof. The north or main facade has five bays on the first floor - from east to west bay, bay, door, bay, bay. A shed roof porch covers the whole front. Several of the panes of glass appear to be original. Lattice work obscures the foundation. On the eastern facade there is a bulkhead door with two casement windows venting the basement. The first floor has two evenly spaced windows as does the second floor. The attic is vented by a single six over six sash window. On the south facade, alterations have been made at the first level to create door - bay - door - blank, hence changing the original plan most likely. The second level is two evenly spaced windows. The western facade has casements windows on the bottom level. The second and first levels have been altered with siding and hence have irregular fenestration.

The rear of the lot abuts the ten foot alley mentioned in all the deeds.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**

**Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support. This Franklinville worker's house represents an example of a house found in company owned mill community, planned and owned by the company and arranged so that several groups of of people could live within the house together. The houses were designated as frame "tennements" on the auction records of the foreclosure of the company 1916. The houses and their ownership by the company created a closed, planned community akin to that of a serf-like tenant-landlord relationship, typical of those communities owned by towns in the mid nineteenth century. Operating under various names including, Franklinville, Cotton Mills and the Oak Tire and Rubber Company, a mill had been on the site since the turn of the ninteenth century. While there is no record of the building of the houses, an old newspaper article mentioned a resident there (1945) living in a 109 year old house (1836). A record of a road petition by James Mahool then manager of the mill to the factory "village" in 1833 indicates that there was at least some mill housing there at that time. An 1882 transfer book lists specifically the number and the style of the workers' houses "12 double houses", \$450 each. Those these houses were not mentioned as frame houses, the other identified houses on the list were mentioned as stone or brick thus leaving only those to be frame. The 1857 Taylor map shows shows the houses in Franklinville that were on Woodberry Place but not those on Maple Drive, thus setting the date for Maple Drive somewhere between 1857 and the Hopkins Map date of 1877 where the Maple drive houses do appear.

CHAIN OF TITLE

Grantee - Marian Louise Pace November 3, 1971

Grantor - Peter A. and Eileen W. Meade 5231-298

Grantee - Carl Stephens and wife August 27, 1948

Grantor - Marian L. Pace and husband 1698-66

Grantee - Albert B. Creswell and wife February 8, 1947

Grantor - Carl A. Stephens and wife 1534-337

Grantee - Segar M. Townsend, widow. June 16, 1936

Grantor - Albert B. Creswell 967-406

Grantee - Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills August 27, 1932

Grantor - Segar M. Townsend 896-572

Grantee - Harry Crumrine and wife November 28, 1931

Grantor - Mount Vernon Woodberry 889-252 (Here a change over 863-60 same parties)

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Baltimore County Land Records 5231-298  
" " Transfer Books (Assessments) 1882-1911  
Records of the Commissioners Liber 1 folio 89-90  
Plat Book 9 folio 65  
Grantee-Grantor Index

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name White Marsh

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A          
Zone Easting Northing

B          
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification South side of Maple Drive, east of the intersection of Franklinville Road and Maple Drive sometimes called Jericho Road; one lot west of Balko Manufacturing Co. on the Little Gunpowder Falls in the town of Franklinville. On old plats, known as lots 9 and 11.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

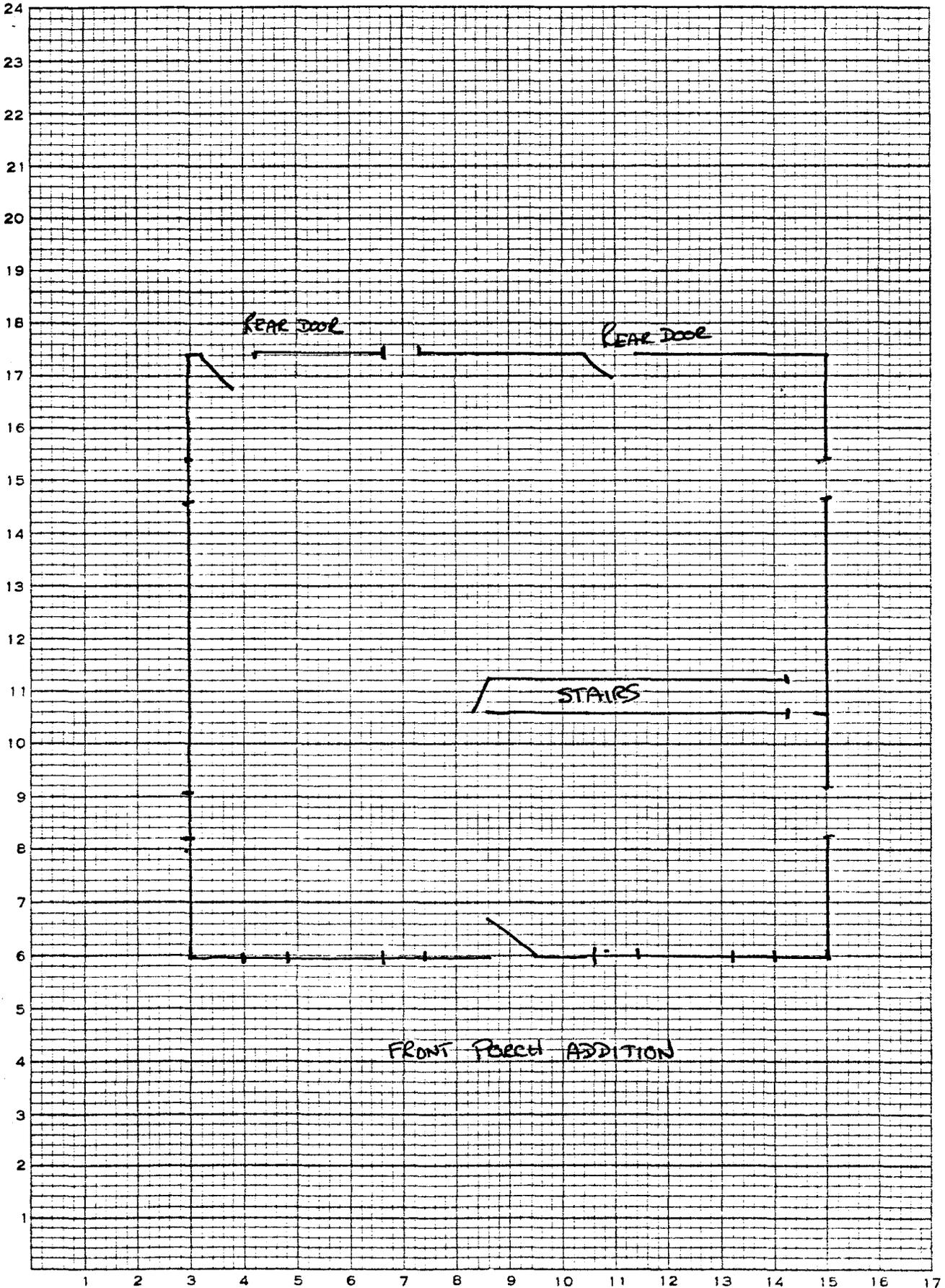
name/title Ruth B. Mascariorganization Goucher Collegedate May 16, 1983street & number Dulaney Valley Roadtelephone 377-6000city or town Towson, Maryland

state \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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Home of Mr and Mrs. Peter Meade NOW COMPLETELY ALTERED TO  
 11927 Maple Drive FRANKLINVILLE ERADICATE ALL SIGNS OF DUPLEX HOUSING

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form Addition to  
Peter Meade House  
11927 Maple Drive  
Franklinville, Maryland

## 7 A DESCRIPTION

CHAIN OF TITLE

Grantee - Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills March 11, 1929  
Grantor -Marvin and Mabel Merryman 808-230

At this point the title goes to a foreclosure with the assignee being J. Cooper Crossan and the property belonging to the Oak Tire and Rubber Co. possibly a subsidiary of Mount Vernon Woodberry Mills, who were auctioned off as mills in 1916, is owned for a time by the Merrymans. Mount Vernon actually received title from Andrew D. Jones and Albert A. Blakeney (a county commissioner) August 24, 1899, 241-43. This ownership went back as far as 1881 in a lease arrangement, with these gentlemen acquiring ownership in 1883-4.