

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-946**  
**21414 West Liberty Road**  
**Parkton, Baltimore County**  
**1880-1895**  
**Private**

This vernacular dwelling is located near the historic village of Gorsuch Mills, and near the town of Parkton in the seventh district of Baltimore County. The seventh district was one of the largest and most populated regions of the county in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, which had an area of 59.93 square miles and a population of 3,074 by 1870. Arable fields for plantings of wheat, corn, oats, and fruits supported the district. It was known for its dairy production and the breeding of cattle. In addition, the waterpower of the Gunpowder Falls and its tributaries supported numerous farms and mills throughout the district. Although an exact date of construction for the house has not been determined, historic maps and architectural evidence support a date between 1880 and 1895. The house first appears on the 1915 Bromley Atlas as owned by Jason McCoy.

Facing southwest, this single dwelling is sited on a sloping grassy lot in a rural landscape surrounded by mature and immature trees and shrubs with foundation plantings. A paved driveway leads to the house, which is sited close to the road. This vernacular two-story dwelling stands on a random rubble dry stone foundation. It is wood frame and reclad with vinyl siding. The façade has been altered and the house has been reoriented to the current road. Two 1/1 double-hung vinyl sash windows, and a non-historic bay window on the first story pierce the original façade. The bay contains two 4/4 and one 8/8 double-hung vinyl sash windows. The entrance was removed from the two-bay wide façade. One exterior-end brick stretcher-bond chimney is seen on the exterior-side on the rear of the ell. The chimney shaft has been removed. The house has a cross gable roof covered with standing-seam metal had overhanging eaves. A one-story shed roof addition is located on the rear elevation. It is wood frame with a poured concrete foundation. The current façade has an enclosed shed roof porch, and there is a side and rear deck. No outbuildings are associated with this property.



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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.

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# 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** 1880-1895 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

**Construction dates** 1880-1895

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.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>2.9330 Acres</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>Unknown</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Norrisville</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

This house constructed between 1880 and 1895, is located at 21414 West Liberty Road in Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. It has been historically associated with tax map 4, parcel 19 since its construction.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	R. Weidlich and K. Baynard, Architectural Historians		
organization	EHT Tracerics, Incorporated	date	March 19, 2002
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

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HOUSE, SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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McCoy House, 2144 West Liberty Road

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House, Northwest Elevation

2.64



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HOUSE, NORTH CORNER

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