

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Hezekiah Mason House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(MD Route 231) Hallowing Point Road

CITY, TOWN

PRINCE FREDERICK

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- 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

Edward Hackett

Telephone #: 535-1362

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: GWD 6/46

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

On the south side of Route 231, west of Masons Road, is a tract of land which has been owned by members of the Mason family for almost a hundred years. Through subdivision by heirs etc, a sizable black community has grown up there which still contains members of the family and at least two early houses.

According to SS1/345 on May 1, 1800, Charles S. Parran sold Augustus Mason 198 acres containing "a dwelling house" for \$800. It is not certain if the ruins of the log cabin, which is on the property, is t at dwelling house. The absence of a hearth indicates that it is a Late 19th Century structure, and family tradition holds that the cabin is "Hezekiah Mason's house," the son of Augustus.

GWD 6/46, shows that the land was subdivided by the heirs of Augustus Mason on October 21, 1905. Hezekiah got 30 acres on the "public road leading from Albert F. Bowen's store to Prince Frederick opposite a large oak tree" and Augustus received 28 acres. Richard W. Mason got 29 acres. All of the others received slightly less land.

William Mason-20 acres
Joseph Mason-17 acres
John T. Mason-20 acres
Elias R. Mason-20 acres
David Mason-21 Acres

If the log cabin was Hezekiah Mason's house, it did not remain so, for he built a nice frame house on his lot near the road to Prince Frederick. His daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hackett, live there now. At the time of this writing the house was being covered with yellow aluminum siding which hides the fact that it is a grey clapboard structure.

The house is three bays wide and one deep with a wing on the rear (South). The plan provides for an entrance hall on the east side of the building allowing for a parlor and kitchen downstairs and three bedrooms upstairs.

Although the gable-end of the roof does not have a central gable barge-board shingles etc. that other houses in the area have, there is a full porch which does speak of the Victorian period. It is complete with spindles and scrollwork.

The interior received a simple trim although there is a rather elegant dented-and-reed mantle for the flu stove in the parlor which contains a large mirror in its upper portion. A matched set of marble topped furniture of the Eastlake mode fills the entrance hall, part of the parlor and one bedroom.

Sedwick Bowen is C. 75 years old, and he remembers Hezekiah Mason. He also remembers riding past this house in a horse-and-buggy on his way to high school C. 1916-17.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 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 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	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built probably in the first decade of this century, this farmhouse is not only an example of the domestic architecture common to that period, but it is part of the evolution which saw a large farm owned by a Negro in 1880 which through his decendants became an entire community of blacks. The architecture of the community evolved as well from log structures to frame Victorian structures to modern ranch houses. The same buildings appear to document varying degrees of prosperity as well.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Winter 76-77
DATE

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586-2050

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CITY OR TOWN

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.

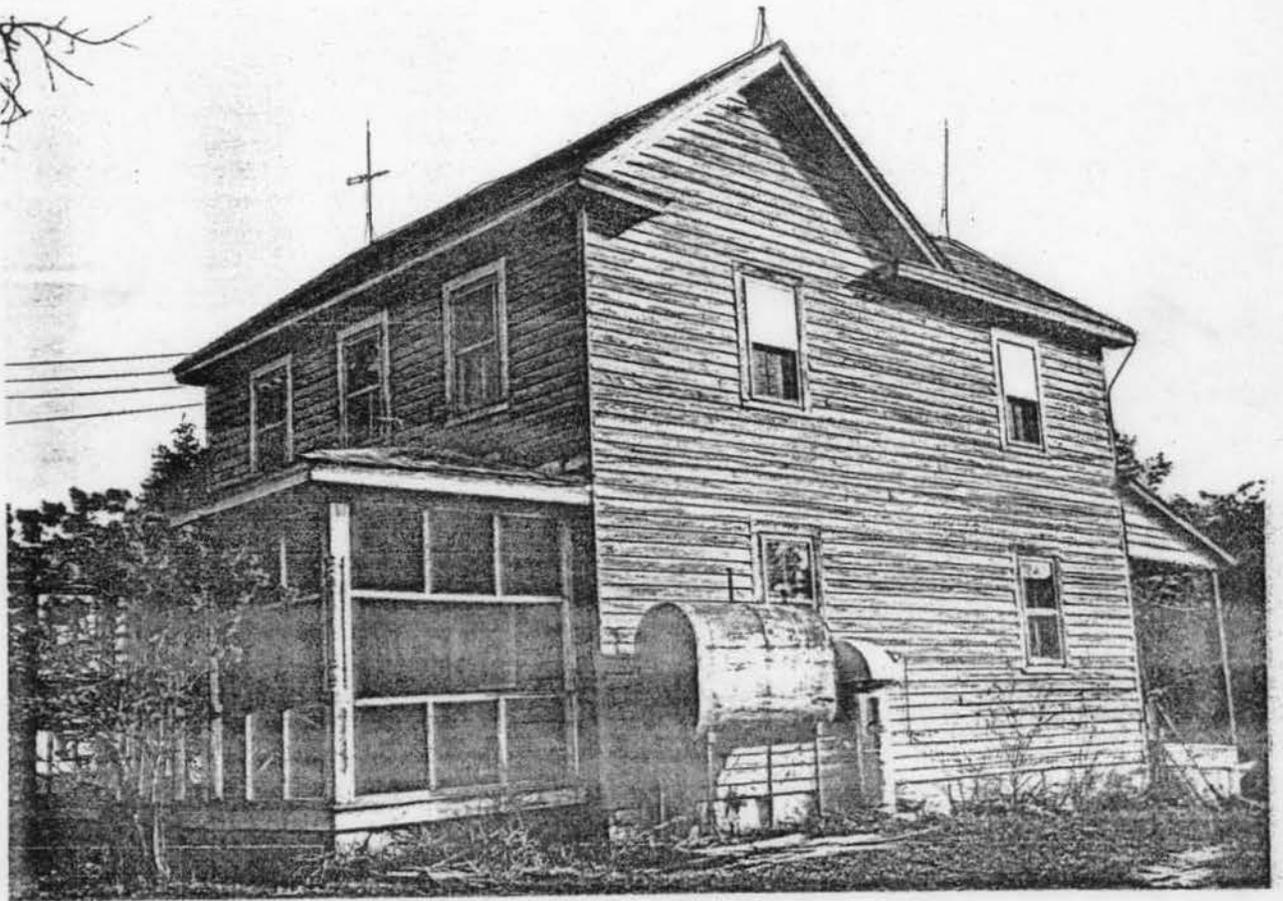
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