

CUNNINGHAM HOUSE

97 WEST GREEN STREET

The 1865 Cunningham-Hahn house is significant among the buildings of Westminster for a variety of reasons. Architecturally it is an example of what liberties were taken in the late 19th century with the basic Pennsylvania farmhouse, a type of house that ruled building in the City for a century. Here the basic house is intact, but is given a personality and independence by means of fashionable Victorian detail.

As far as relating to other buildings in the City, the house is generally in line with 90% of the structures in town, with the vast majority of the homes which continue to be built in the Pennsylvania farmhouse fashion. However and more specifically the house relates extremely well and interestingly to the Rinehart-Wantz house at 179 West Main Street, only a few hundred yards to the north. That house possesses much of the trend and treatment of this nearly contemporaneous house, the Cunningham-Hahn house. However, interestingly this house on West Green Street might be viewed at a 2/3 version of that house on West Main Street, i.e. it has the same roof line the same window treatment even a three sided porch, but it is two stories tall not three.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC Cunningham House
 AND/OR COMMON Hahn House

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER 97 West Green Street
 CITY, TOWN Westminster VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 7
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Carroll

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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hahn, Jr. Telephone #: 848-7704
 STREET & NUMBER 97 West Green Street
 CITY, TOWN Westminster VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code Maryland 21157

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Carroll County Office Building Liber #: 191
 STREET & NUMBER Center Street Folio #: 342
 CITY, TOWN Westminster STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE None
 DATE _____
 _____ FEDERAL _____ STATE _____ COUNTY _____ LOCAL _____
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS _____
 CITY, TOWN _____ STATE _____

7 DESCRIPTION

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"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cunningham-Hahn House, 97 West Green Street fronts the south side of that street at its intersection with New Windsor Road in Westminster. The large two sectioned house consist of a principal two story five-bay-by-two-bay front section and a two story two-bay-by-two-bay kitchen wing to the rear.

The principal section is five bays long on its main facade. Symmetry rules this facade, a symmetry created by an elaborately surrounded entrance door, a centrally placed 6/6 window on the second floor and a Victorian-Gothic gable with a central rosette in the roof. This motif, based on the gable, is found on all four of the principal section facades. The ground floor is sheltered by a one story simply railed porch which encircles the house on three sides. The entrance door is flanked four matching (two to each side) elongated 6/6 windows. More regularly sized, similarly paned, windows are found regularly spaced and aligned on the second floor.

The west facade again has a strong sense of symmetry, here based on a blank central wall. This solid display of brick is due to the presence of chimneys and flues. However the gable with the rosette motif is repeated here, but made more lively by the existence of two flanking chimneys which pierce the roof a few feet on either side of the gable's peak. There are two widely spaced 6/6 windows on the two floors of this facade. The eastern facade must have originally been similar to this, however a slight alteration has been made in the presence in the manner of the ground story many-paned square addition which provides light for the dining room. The second story of this facade is unchanged and matches the second story of the western facade.

The rear (south) facade continues the axial nature of the other facades. It is especially interesting as it relates to the principal facade; that facade finds it easy to make use of symmetry by means of entrance doors and so on; here, to the rear, the gable in the roof is placed in the same position, however symmetry is created by a centrally placed kitchen wing. This wing extends out directly under the gable and is flanked on the second story by 6/6 windows. Again, the western facade seems the less altered of the two side facades. Here the kitchen wing presents two 6/6 windows on the second floor was a pair of windows close to the main section. on the ground floor, and an entrance door to the south on the ground floor. A one story clapboard extension extends to the south and relates well to the clapboard one story addition built along the ground floor of the kitchen wing's eastern facade. A small corbel capped chimney rises flush with the wall in the interior of the south gable end of the kitchen wing.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being a lot just under 1 acre in size bounded by West Green Street, New Windsor Road, and Cunningham Lane in the City of Westminster.

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

STATE COUNTY

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christopher Weeks, Consultant

January, 1978

ORGANIZATION

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

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CITY OR TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

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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If the house is interesting in form and in placement, in the way the 4 facade gables work together and in the way that the hipped roof of the principal section is interrupted on each of its four sides, the house is no less interesting in detail. The unpainted brick wears a mellow patina that its age deserves, and blends in and is emphasized by the fawn painted trim, especially that of the bracketed and modillioned two part entablature that runs about the entire roof like a crown. The posts and narrow mild brackets of the three sided ground story porch is painted a similar color. The house is rare in a City in that it possesses fair sized garden. Normally, with only one or two exceptions, Westminster houses are located side by side by side. This house, however is well surrounded by gardens of about an acre in size. Among the interesting features of the grounds are the old lamps which were original street gas lamps of the City, lamps which were rescued by the present owner's family.

In plan the house, in the main portion, continues the symmetry which is present on the exterior; there is a central hall double parlor plan (although recent alterations have been made). The ground story is well panelled and possesses several original elaborate ceiling rosettes.

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On November 19, 1879, Mrs. Horne sold the place to Mary L. Horne Cunningham, her daughter and wife of William A. Cunningham; this deed vested title in Mrs. Cunningham for her life and then to her children (52/251). In 1924 various heirs of Mary L. Cunningham sold their interest to John H. Cunningham (144/235). Miss Mary Cunningham, daughter of John Cunningham, and who still lives next door to her old house, remembers a period about this time when the house was called the "Windsor Inn", a Hotel-Inn popular with the faculty of the nearby Western Maryland College.

On August 30, 1946 the Cunninghams sold the house and about an acre of ground to the present owners, Joseph H. Hahn, Jr., and his wife Gertrude, (191/342). Mr. Hahn is a man of no small stature in the business and political life of Westminster. His father founded, in 1919, the Hahn's of Westminster meat plant, an industry which was described in the Library of American Lives as occupying "an important position in the economic life of Western Maryland", (Page 1317). "Hahn's of Westminster, founded in October 1919, by Joseph H. Hahn, Sr., began as a firm making country sausage from small quantities of livestock purchased from the local farmers. They then established a retail meat market in Westminster and sold the sausage to stores in the Baltimore area. In 1939 a larger factory was begun which is the present plant." In 1946 "the cold storage locker plant was built to serve the people of Carroll County and surrounding regions. Hahn's locker service was the first complete service plan in the state of Maryland offering a complete service of vegetable processing costs, custom slaughtering of farm animals, complete meat processing, and storage." (Library of American Lives, Page 1317.) Hahn's of Westminster now maintains an active market in the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan areas. Joseph H. Hahn, Jr. is associated with Hahn's plant but has perhaps been more well known as a politician. He was elected to the House of Delegates for several terms, and was Mayor of Westminster for 9 years from 1964 to 1973. A photostat copy of the history of the Hahn's plant and the life of Joseph H. Hahn, Jr. is attached to this report.

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ceived his B.A. degree in 1953. He is now a second year law student at Washington and Lee law school and is taking advanced R.O.T.C. training. He served as one of the editors of the school paper, *The Ring-tum Phi*, during the years 1952-1954. In the summers beginning in 1944 he was employed by his father. 2. Richard G. Anderson, born on July 3, 1936, at Baltimore. He attended public schools in Anne Arundel County from 1942 to 1949 and then entered McDonogh School, where in the school year 1952-53 he served as managing editor of the school paper and in 1953-1954 he served as editor-in-chief. In the summer of 1952 he was employed in the office of Supervisor of Assessments of Anne Arundel County in Annapolis. In their attainments the two sons give promise of the success achieved by their father.

HAHN'S OF WESTMINSTER

Founded in October, 1919, Hahn's of Westminster has long occupied an important position in the economic life of Western Maryland. The origin of Hahn's of Westminster was the making of country sausage in a small storage room in Westminster from small quantities of livestock purchased from the local farmers with the meager earnings of the late Joseph H. Hahn, Sr. A short time after this was begun, Joseph H. Hahn, Sr., was joined by his brother, Norval E. Hahn, originating the firm and institution known as Hahn's of Westminster.

The next venture was the establishment of a retail meat market in Westminster. Then came the peddling of Carroll County fresh sausage which in those days was carried in a basket to the stores in the area of Baltimore City. As the business progressed, it was necessary to enlarge the location.

The direct-to-the-consumer market remained at 275 E. Main Street in Westminster, and in 1939 land was purchased bordering the Manchester Road and the Western Maryland Railroad for the erection of a wholesale meat plant. This modern meat packing plant was completed about a year later. With the opening of this plant, new territories were added to the business. The result was an operating area consisting of Carroll, Baltimore, Harford, Howard, Prince George's, Montgomery, and Frederick Counties, as well as Baltimore City.

In 1946, a cold storage locker plant was built to serve the people of Carroll County and surrounding regions. Hahn's Locker Service was the first complete service plant in the State of Maryland offering a complete service of vegetable processing, custom slaughtering of farm animals, complete meat processing, and storage.

For the future, Hahn's of Westminster plans to open still more territories in Western Maryland.

The firm employs forty persons in the operation of their plant.

Hahn's of Westminster, by active membership as a firm or through its officers in the National Independent Meat Packers Association, Maryland

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Retail Grocers Association, and National Frozen Food Locker Institute, keeps abreast of all modern innovations in its field, thus assuring its customers the best in service and quality. It is indeed an important and active institution in Western Maryland.

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JOSEPH HAMILTON HAHN, SR. (Deceased)

Founder and president of Hahn's of Westminster from January 1948 to May 1952.

Birthplace: Pleasant Valley.

Birthdate: May 5, 1881.

Married: Clara M. Myers.

Children: William Edward Hahn, Dorothy Elizabeth Hahn, Joseph Hamilton Hahn, Jr.

Served as a member of the Westminster City Council.

OFFICERS OF HAHN'S OF WESTMINSTER

NORVAL EDWARD HAHN

President of Hahn's of Westminster.

Birthplace: Pleasant Valley.

Birthdate: July 21, 1889.

Married: Margaret A. Myers.

Children: Harland Woodrow Hahn; James Carroll Hahn.

Pastmaster of Door to Virtue Lodge No. 46, A. F. & A. M., Past High Priest of Carroll Royal Arch Chapter No. 31, Past Thrice Illustrious Master of Carroll Council No. 7 R. & S. M. Member of Crusade Commandery No. 5 K. T., Baltimore, Maryland. Bourni Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Baltimore, Maryland, and Baltimore Forest No. 45, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Knights of Pythias.

JOSEPH HAMILTON HAHN, JR.

Secretary-Treasurer of Hahn's of Westminster.

Birthplace: Westminster.

Birthdate: July 10, 1918.

Married: Gertrude E. Bullock.

One Child: Trudy Jo Hahn.

Member of the Maryland Legislature, 1942-1958 (present term expires). Additional information may be found in "Who's Who in the East," and "Who's Who in U.S. Politics."

JAMES CARROLL HAHN

Vice-President in charge of Production.

Birthplace: Westminster.

Birthdate: August 27, 1922.

Married: Audra Claire Speicher.

Children: James Carroll Hahn, Jr., Deborah Elaine Hahn.

Active Service World War II, three years. Member of Westminster Rotary Club.

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WILLIAM EDWARD HAHN

Vice-President of Hahn's of Westminster.

Birthplace: Westminster.

Birthdate: April 3, 1905.

Married: Margaret Virginia Fink.

Children: William Edward Hahn, Jr., Carroll MacDonald Hahn.

Professor of Anatomy and Head of the Department, University of Maryland Dental School, Baltimore, Maryland. Degrees: A.B., M.S., D.D.S. Additional information may be found in "American Men of Science," 1949.

HENRY FRANK REDMER, JR.

Vice-President in charge of Sales.

Birthplace: Baltimore.

Birthdate: September 1, 1921.

Married: Madeline Perry.

Children: William Henry Redmer; Bruce Wilson Redmer.

HONORABLE JOSEPH H. HAHN, JR.

Associated his entire working life with that well-known and popular institution, Hahn's of Westminster, Joseph H. Hahn, Jr., is today its secretary-treasurer and general manager. He is widely known not only as a business man and civic leader but as a legislator with the interests of the people his inspiration and working policy. He has been a member of the Maryland Legislature for many years.

Born in Westminster on July 10, 1918, Mr. Hahn is the son of the late Joseph H. and Clara M. (Myers) Hahn. His father, a native of Pleasant Valley, was one of the best known citizens of Western Maryland, the founder of Hahn's of Westminster and president for many years of the firm that operated it, Hahn Brothers, Inc. Joseph H. Hahn, Jr., attended the public schools of Westminster and Peabody Conservatory of Music. Music, for which he has always had considerable talent, has been his lifelong avocational interest and through it he has made almost as much a reputation as through his business, community and political activities. He was formerly the director of the musical organization known as Jack Hahn and His Marylanders.

On October 31, 1936, in Westminster, Mr. Hahn married Gertrude E. Bullock, the daughter of Granville W. and Bessie M. Bullock. They have one daughter, Trudy Jo, and make their home at 97 West Green Street, Westminster. They worship in St. Paul's Church of Westminster. At his home Mr. Hahn indulges another of his hobbies, gardening.

It can be truthfully said that Joseph H. Hahn, Jr., has been associated with Hahn's of Westminster all his life, for he became acquainted with the business in childhood, and he has participated through the years in its development. The story of the firm is told separately in another section of this history. Founded in 1919, Hahn's of Westminster was fifteen years old when the son

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of its founder became assistant manager of the retail grocery store which was part of the business in 1934. In 1939, he was made foreman of Hahn's wholesale meat packing plant and in 1943 was promoted to general manager of Hahn's retail store, wholesale meat packing plant and locker plant. In 1949, the title of secretary-treasurer was added to that of general manager. He has been on the board of directors since 1947.

A Republican, Mr. Hahn has been active in political affairs since virtually the day he reached his majority. In 1942, when he was only twenty-four, he was elected to the House of Delegates. He has been repeatedly re-elected and at this writing he is serving a term which expires in 1958. He has made the kind of record as a legislator which explains the numerous re-elections and the likelihood that he will be returned to Annapolis by the voters after 1958 if he chooses to run again. His service as a business man and a leader in community life has added to his reputation as a citizen.

FRED LESTER SIMON

In Baltimore's Mercantile Trust Building is the office of a man who has made an extraordinary contribution to maritime and industrial developments and is recognized as an outstanding consulting engineer in his field. This man, Fred Lester Simon, has made his reputation not only through his consulting practice but also through his writings and through service on public and quasi-public bodies and activities in professional organizations.

Mr. Simon was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 4, 1889, the son of Frederick C. and Mary Bowen (Potts) Simon. His father, also a native of Philadelphia, was a prominent attorney who was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Law with the Class of 1881. Graduated from the Central High School of Philadelphia in 1907, Fred Lester Simon won a scholarship to his father's Alma Mater. In 1911, the University awarded him the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and, in 1920, the full degree of Civil Engineer. In his undergraduate days there, he was a member of the class crew and the cricket team and of Sigma Nu and Sigma Xi Fraternities.

After taking his Bachelor's degree in 1911, he became active in the engineering world. Until 1937, he was associated with several contracting and engineering firms. Among the events of 1920, aside from the University's action in conferring the full degree upon him, was the publication of his book, "Dredging Engineering," by the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company of New York City. In 1937, Mr. Simon opened his office as consulting engineer and since then he has specialized in harbor works, foundations and industrial layouts.

On October 18, 1916, in Baltimore, he married Vera Dorothea Heckman, daughter of Charles F. and Laura D. Heckman. Mrs. Simon has become known in the community through her activities in religious and hospital work. She

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