

CARR - 684

1050 MEDFORD ROAD

mid-19th century

Westminster vicinity

private

1050 Medford Road is an excellent example of a farmhouse being remodeled to a more fashionable Victorian style. The house was the home of Abram Cassell (shown on both the 1862 and 1877 maps) and it appears the Cassell remodeled the house in the 1870s to its present appearance. The remodeling included ornamentation characteristic of the Italianate style of the Victorian period through its asymmetrical facade with projecting gable section, imitation-stone quoins at the corners of the structure, molded and bracketed window and door lintels, and sawn-wood porch design. The house presents a rare rural interpretation in Carroll County of this popular Victorian style.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street
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WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

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SURVEY NUMBER: CARR-684
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Abraham Cassell House
PRESENT USE: residence
ORIGINAL USE: residence
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent ( ) Good ( )
Fair ( ) Poor ( )
THEME:
STYLE:
DATE BUILT: mid-19th century

COUNTY: CARROLL
TOWN: Medford
LOCATION: 1050 Medford Road
TAX MAP 51 Block 2 P-211
COMMON NAME:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residence
OWNER: Ralph Z. Garber
ADDRESS: 1050 Medford Road
New Windsor Md 21776
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted ( )
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local ( ) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
Structural System
1. Foundation: Stone (x) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
2. Wall Structure
A. Wood: Log ( ) Post and Beam (x) Balloon ( )
B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other
3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard (x) German Siding ( ) Board and Batten ( )
Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( ) Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( )
Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
A. Truss: Wood (x) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle (x) Sheet Metal ( )
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:
Appendages: Porches (x) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( )
Ells ( ) Wings ( ) Other:
Roof Style: Gable (x) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( )
With False Front ( ) Other:
Number of Stories: 2
Number of Bays: 4 x 2
Approximate Dimensions:
Entrance Location: center

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )
Development (x) Deterioration ( )
Alteration ( ) Other:
LOCAL ATTITUDES:
Positive ( ) Negative ( )
Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

late 19th century remodeling in Italianate style - wood imitation quoins, projecting gable front bay

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

one story washhouse - frame and weatherboard

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

excellent rural example of Italianate style of the Victorian period

REFERENCES:

1862 Martenet's Map: Ab Cassell

1877 LG & S Atlas: Abram Cassell

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SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane ( ) Woodland ( ) Scattered Buildings ( )  
Moderately Built Up ( ) Densely-Built Up ( )  
Residential ( ) Commercial ( )  
Agricultural ( ) Industrial (X)  
Roadside Strip Development ( )  
Other: quarry business

RECORDED BY:

Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION:

DATE RECORDED:



U.S.G.S. MAP  
NEW WINDSOR, MD.  
1:24000 SCALE



1. CARR-684 1060 MEDFORD ROAD
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. August 1983
5. Md. Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md.
6. East and north elevations (camera facing southwest)
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