

D-192
Ross-Harrington House
Cambridge
c. 1847-48, 1911-12
Private

Occupying a prominent corner at the intersection of High and Commerce streets, the Lewis Ross house, also known as the Winder F. Harrington house, or the Ross-Harrington house, is hybrid brick and frame dwelling dating from the early to mid nineteenth century as well as the early twentieth century. At its core is a two-story, side hall/double-pile, common bond brick dwelling dating to the late 1840s when the property was owned by prominent Cambridge resident and land owner Captain Lewis Ross (1793-1878) Also dating to Ross's ownership is the two-story brick wing that extends from the northeast corner of a rear shed roofed section. A rear single-story frame wing, with an exposed brick firewall, dates to the early nineteenth century and predates the ownership of Captain Ross. In 1911-12, the Ross house was radically altered under the tenure of Winder F. Harrington, the senior partner in the dry goods firm of Harrington & Bayly. The mid nineteenth century Greek Revival house was enlarged by Harrington with an addition to the south, and a new pyramidal roof was built across the enlarged structure. Each slope of the pyramidal roof is marked by a large gable or hip roofed dormer that lights the spacious attic. The Victorian asymmetry of the new massing of the house was unified with the construction of a wraparound Colonial Revival porch of Tuscan columns.

One of the wealthiest men in Dorchester County during the mid nineteenth century, Captain Lewis Ross resided on this corner property bounded by High and Commerce Street, an association that began with the purchase of several parcels in one

transfer in April 1847. The Greek Revival features of the northern section of the main block point to its construction after the 1847 transfer. Captain Ross also owned other properties in Cambridge and Dorchester County, and by the time the Lake, Griffing & Stevenson Atlas was printed in 1877 he was listed in the patron list with ownership of 5000 acres. One of the town properties he held for a period was a wind mill at the east end of Cedar Street near its terminus at Cambridge Creek. The town house property on High Street bordered Commerce and extended down to the shore of the inner harbor. Ownership of the house and sizable lot remained in Ross family hands well after Captain Ross's death in 1878; it was not sold until Lydia Ross Hughlett transferred the property to Winder F. Harrington in July 1911. The sale had not even been recorded in the courthouse .when the *Democrat & News* announced on June 30:

Mr. Winder F. Harrington has begun extensive improvements to the property on High street, which was recently purchased of Mrs. Nannie Hughlett. The frame structure which adjoined the brick portion of the house has been moved back, and will be replaced with a brick addition. Mr. Harrington will also make many other improvements.

When the October 1911 issue of the Sanborn Insurance maps were issued, the old Ross house was being transformed with its asymmetrical Victorian, two-story, bay windowed wing. In fact, the words, "Being Built" are written in small block letters across the new wing as delineated on the map.

While Winder F. Harrington died intestate in 1936, the High Street residence remained under his wife's and daughter's ownership for the following twenty-six years. His wife, Olivia Harrington, retained residency until her death in 1949. Then years following, Hilda Harrington Bryan conveyed her interest in the property to her sister Mary. Mary E. Harrington sold the property to Beatrice Brohawn Murphy in December

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Lewis Ross House Ross-Harrington House
other Winder F. Harrington House Cambridge House Bed and Breakfast

2. Location

street and number 112 High Street ___ not for publication
city, town Cambridge x vicinity
county Dorchester

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

name James H. Benson and Marianne A. Benson
street and number 112 High Street telephone
city, town Cambridge state MD zip code 21613

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 1036 folio 120
city, town Cambridge tax map 301 tax parcel 54 tax ID number 168233

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

The Lewis Ross house, remodeled and restyled during the early twentieth century, stands at 112 High Street on the southwest corner of the intersection of High and Commerce streets in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The expansive two-and-a-half story brick and frame structure was erected in several phases, beginning during the early to mid nineteenth century with modifications in 1911-12 when the older main block was substantially enlarged and transformed into Victorian dwelling. The northeastern three bays of the main block, a side hall/double pile common bond brick structure, was erected around 1847-48 and survives with some mid nineteenth century finishes. Supported on a stone foundation, the common bond brick dwelling survives with a Greek Revival style entrance surround featuring narrow sidelights and a distinctive multi-pane transom. In 1911-12, the mid nineteenth century brick house was enlarged with a Victorian styled addition to the southwest. The original gable roof was torn away and a massive pyramidal style roof was built to cover the enlarged structure. A projecting Victorian bay was added to the southwest corner and large hip roofed dormers were introduced to light the large attic. Stretching around two sides of the enlarged structure is a Tuscan columned porch. Attached to the back of the house are additional remnants surviving from the early to mid nineteenth century, a two-story one-room plan common bond brick wing and a single-story gable roofed frame kitchen distinctive for its exposed brick firewall.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Lewis Ross house, also known during the early twentieth century as the Winder F. Harrington house, is located at 112 High Street in Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. Located at the corner of High and Commerce streets, the two-and-a-half story hybrid house was assembled in several periods of construction. The house faces northwest. The main block is an expansive brick structure that has at its core a late second quarter of the nineteenth century side hall/double-pile dwelling dating from the ownership of Lewis Ross. Supported on a stone foundation, the common bond brick structure retains an elaborate Greek Revival entrance surround with pilasters supporting a entablature, all of which frame narrow sidelights and a multi-pane transom. On the northeast side of the mid century structure a pair of interior end brick chimneys rise through the five-course common bond brick wall. Attached to the back of the house are two additional nineteenth century sections, a two-story, one-room plan brick wing and a single-story one-room plan frame kitchen that retains its early nineteenth century expose brick firewall.

The northwest (main) elevation is an asymmetrical façade with the centrally located entrance framed by the elaborate Greek Revival entrance surround. The adjacent windows to the north (left) are single pane sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. To the south (right) is a projecting two-story pavilion capped by a gable roof. Stretching across the first floor front and turning the corner on the southwest side is a wraparound Tuscan columned porch featuring a projecting front entrance bay accented with a neoclassical pediment. The tympanum is enhanced with a carved fan decoration. The expansive

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pyramidal roof that covers the main block is sheathed with pattern slate. Off center on the northwest roof slope is a large hip roofed dormer fitted with a tripartite series of windows.

The southwest side elevation is an asymmetrical early twentieth century façade that is partially covered by the Tuscan columned porch. The fenestration is asymmetrical and each floor is lighted by six-over-one sash windows. Fixed atop the slate roof is a large gable roofed dormer pierced by two windows surrounded by a field of slate sheathing.

The northeast side elevation is laid in five course common bond atop a stone foundation wall. The window openings have brick jack arches and half-round profiles to the surround. Fixed between the two interior end brick chimney stacks is large, early twentieth century hip roofed dormer.

The rear elevation of the main block is covered by a partially open and partially enclosed two-story shed roofed porch. Extending from the northeast side of the enclosed section is a two-story, six-course common bond, gable-roofed brick wing dating to the mid nineteenth century. The brick wing has single six-over-one sash windows on each side, and the openings are spanned by jack arches. The edge of the gable roof is finished in corbelled brickwork typical of the mid nineteenth century. Extending from the southeast side of house is a single-story, two-bay by one room plan frame kitchen sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising through the gable end is a single-flue brick chimney stack. The base of the stack has an exposed brick firewall. Flanking the chimney stack are narrow four-over-four sash windows, and the edge of the roof is finished flush with a simple bargeboard trim.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" 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 c. 1847-48, 1911-12

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

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.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

One of the wealthiest men in Dorchester County during the mid nineteenth century, Captain Lewis Ross (1793-1878) resided on the corner property bounded on High and Commerce streets, beginning with his purchase of several adjacent lots combined in one transfer from Josiah Bayly, Jr. in April 1847.² The Greek Revival features of the northern section of the main block point to its construction after the 1847 transfer. Captain Ross also owned other property in Cambridge and Dorchester County, and by the time of the printing of the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas in 1877 he is listed with a prodigious 5000 acres.³ One of his town properties was a wind mill at the east end of Cedar Street near its terminus at

¹ Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1920, Population Schedule for Dorchester County, ancestry.com

² Dorchester County Land Record, WJ 3/326, 15 April 1847, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

³ John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 85.

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Cambridge Creek.⁴ The town house property on High Street bordered Commerce and extended down to the shoreline of the inner harbor. Ownership of the house and sizable lot remained in Ross family hands well after Captain Ross's death in 1878; it was not sold until Lydia Ross Hughlett transferred the property to Winder F. Harrington in July 1911.⁵ The sale had not even been recorded in the courthouse when the *Democrat & News* announced on June 30:

*Mr. Winder F. Harrington has begun extensive improvements to the property on High street, which recently purchased of Mrs. Nannie Hughlett. The frame structure which adjoined the brick portion of the house has been moved back, and will be replaced with a brick addition. Mr. Harrington will also make many other improvements.*⁶

When the October 1911 issue of the Sanborn Insurance maps were issued, the old Ross house was being transformed with an asymmetrical Victorian two-story bay windowed wing. In fact the words "Being Built" are written in small block letters across the new wing as delineated on the map.⁷ In the process of expanding the house, Harrington financed the construction of an entirely new, steeply pitched pyramidal type roof lighted by large hip roofed dormers. Winder F. Harrington was a principal partner in the clothing and dry goods merchant firm of Harrington & Bayly, which occupied a large commercial block on Race Street. (See D-385)

While Winder F. Harrington died intestate in 1936, his High Street residence remained under his wife and daughter's ownership for the following twenty-six years.⁸ Olivia Harrington retained residency until her death in 1949. Ten years later, Hilda Harrington Bryan conveyed her interest in the property to her sister Mary.⁹ Mary E. Harrington sold the property to Beatrice Brohawn Murphy in December 1962.¹⁰ In more recent years the house has been used as bed & breakfast known as the "Cambridge House."

⁴ Dorchester County Land Record, FJH 3/9, 17 October 1854, Josiah Bayly, Jr. to Lewis Ross, Sr. "all that lot or parcel of land and premises including the wind mill thereon, in the town of Cambridge...binding on Cedar Street at the eastern extremity thereof on the South and Cambridge Creek on the east side." Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁵ Dorchester County Land Record, WLR 3/630, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁶ *Democrat & News*, 30 June 1911, Dorchester County Library Microfilm Collection, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁷ Sanborn Insurance Map, October 1911, Library of Congress.

⁸ Dorchester County Land Record, 130/394, 4 December 1962, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁹ Dorchester County Land Record, PLC 116/597, 23 October 1959, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

¹⁰ Dorchester County Land Record, PLC 177/526, 17 November 1962, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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112 High Street
Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 301, Parcel 54

1036/120	Luciano J. Zarbano and Dana J. Zarbano
	to
5.17.2011	James H. Benson and Marianne A. Benson
MLB 696/412	Richard L. Beam and Barbara A. Beam
	to
11.18.2005	Luciano J. Zarbano and Dana J. Zarbano
532/29	Thomas R. Rolston and Stuart D. Scheffers
	to
6.27.2003	Richard L. Beam and Barbara A. Beam

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341/655

Patricia Murphy Jones, Successor Trustee under the
Crawford O'Neill Murphy Jr. Living Trust

to

8.1.1996

Thomas R. Rolston and Stuart D. Scheffers

PLC 263/501

Crawford O'Neill Murphy Jr., Baxar County, Texas

to

8.22.1990

Crawford O'Neill Murphy, Jr. Living Trust

(formerly known as 16 High Street)

PLC 177/526

Beatrice Brohawn Murphy, widow

to

11.17.1972

Crawford O'Neill Murphy, Jr.

(property formerly 16 High Street now known as 112 High Street)

PLC 130/394

Mary E. Harrington

to

12.4.1962

Beatrice Brohawn Murphy

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PLC 116/597

Hilda Harrington Bryan and Guy L. Bryan, Jr.

to

10.23.1959

Mary E. Harrington

\$5,000

(Winder Harrington died intestate @ 11.2.1936)

Democrat & News

6.30.1911

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Sanborn Insurance Map
October 1911

House is indicated at corner of Commerce and High and the south end addition is labeled "Being Built."

WLR 3/630

Lydia R. Hughlett, widow

to

7.17.1911

Winder F. Harrington

CL 13/479

L. Eugene Ross and Thomas C. Ross, trustees

to

2.24.1890

Thomas Hughlett and Lydia R. Hughlett, granddaughter of Lewis Ross

\$6,000 Estate of Lewis Ross

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1877

Lake, Griffing & Stevenson Atlas

“Captain Lewis Ross” Retired, native of Caroline County, born in 1802, listed in patron list as owning 5000 acres

FJH 3/9

Josiah Bayly

to

10.17.1854

Lewis Ross, Sr.

\$400 All that lot or parcel of land and premises including the wind mill thereon, in the town of Cambridge...binding on Cedar Street at the eastern extremity thereof on the South and Cambridge Creek on the east side until it intersects with the lot of Doctor Joseph, conveyed by Thomas Dail Sr. to Josiah Bayly... in the year eighteen hundred and fifty one...

WJ 3/326

Josiah Bayly, Jr.

to

4.15.1847

Lewis Ross

\$3,000

...all and singular that lot of ground or parcel of land situate & being on the Eastern side of High Street in the town of Cambridge, which was purchased of William Vans Murray and Ann G. Murray his wife, all of which will appear by referring to the deed of conveyance from them to the said Josiah Bayly, Jr.; also one other lot of ground, or parcel of land, adjoining the same, and adjoining the

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residence of the late Henry Page, which said lot of ground or parcel of land was heretofore purchased by said Josiah Bayly, Jr. of Vans Murray Robertson, as by reference to the said conveyance from the the said Vans Murray Robertson to the said Josiah Bayly, Jr. will more more fully appear; also the lots of ground or parcels of land situate on High & Commerce Street in the Town of Cambridge which was purchased by the said Josiah Bayly, Junior from Shadrach Mitchell & his wife, all of which will fully appear by referring to the deeds from the said Shadrach Mitchell to said Josiah Bayly, Junior, one of which deeds was dated on the fourteenth day of February eighteen-hundred and thirty four, one other on the twentieth day of February eighteen-hundred and thirty four, and the third and last dated the ninth day of June eighteen-hundred and forty-three...

WJ 1/402

Shadrach Mitchell

to

6.6.1843

Josiah Bayly, Junior

\$100 beginning on the eastern side of High Street...to the boundary stone on the second course or line of Commerce Street ... which designates the divisional line between the lots of said Shadrach Mitchell and Josiah Bayly, Junior.

ER 14/15

Shadrach Mitchell

to

2.20.1834

Josiah Bayly, Junior

\$100 all that part of a lot of Ground or parcel of land in the town of Cambridge on the Eastern side of high street contained within the following metes and bounds, courses and distances to wit: Beginning at the end or termination of the first lines or courses

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of the lot of Ground heretofore sold and conveyed by the said Shadrach Mitchell and Mary his wife to the Josiah Bayly, Jr.... and thence running North forty five degrees and forty five minutes East towards the river and binding with High Street, fifty feet thence ...to intersect Commerce Street and thence running and binding with Commerce Street to the said lot of Ground to be sold and conveyed as aforesaid....

ER 14/2

Shadrach Mitchell

to

2.15.1834

Josiah Bayly, Jr.

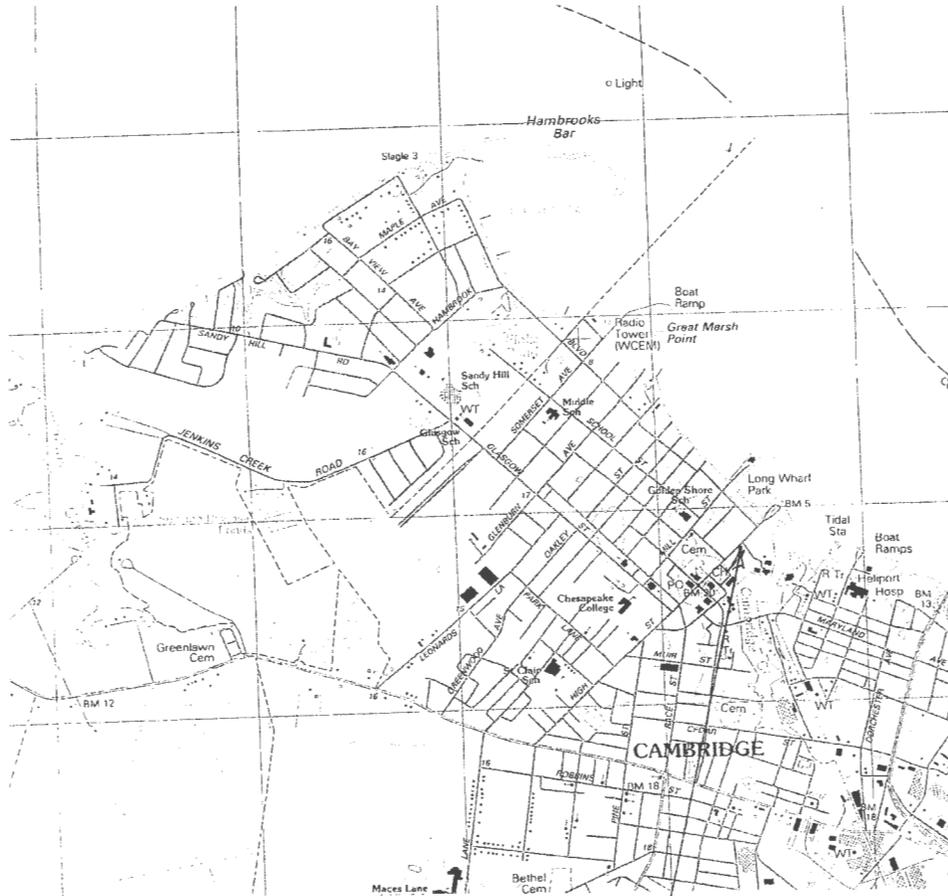
\$200 all that part or parcel of the lot of ground or part of Land in the town of Cambridge heretofore sold and conveyed by James B. Steele to the said Shadrach Mitchell and his brother Solomon H. Mitchell contained within the following metes and bounds... Beginning at the northern corner of Commerce Street on the Eastern side of High Street and its intersection therewith thence north forty five degrees and forty five minutes East towards the river and binding on High Street one hundred and ten feet and thence running south thirty eight degrees East and parallel with the first course a line of Commerce Street until it intersects with the second course...

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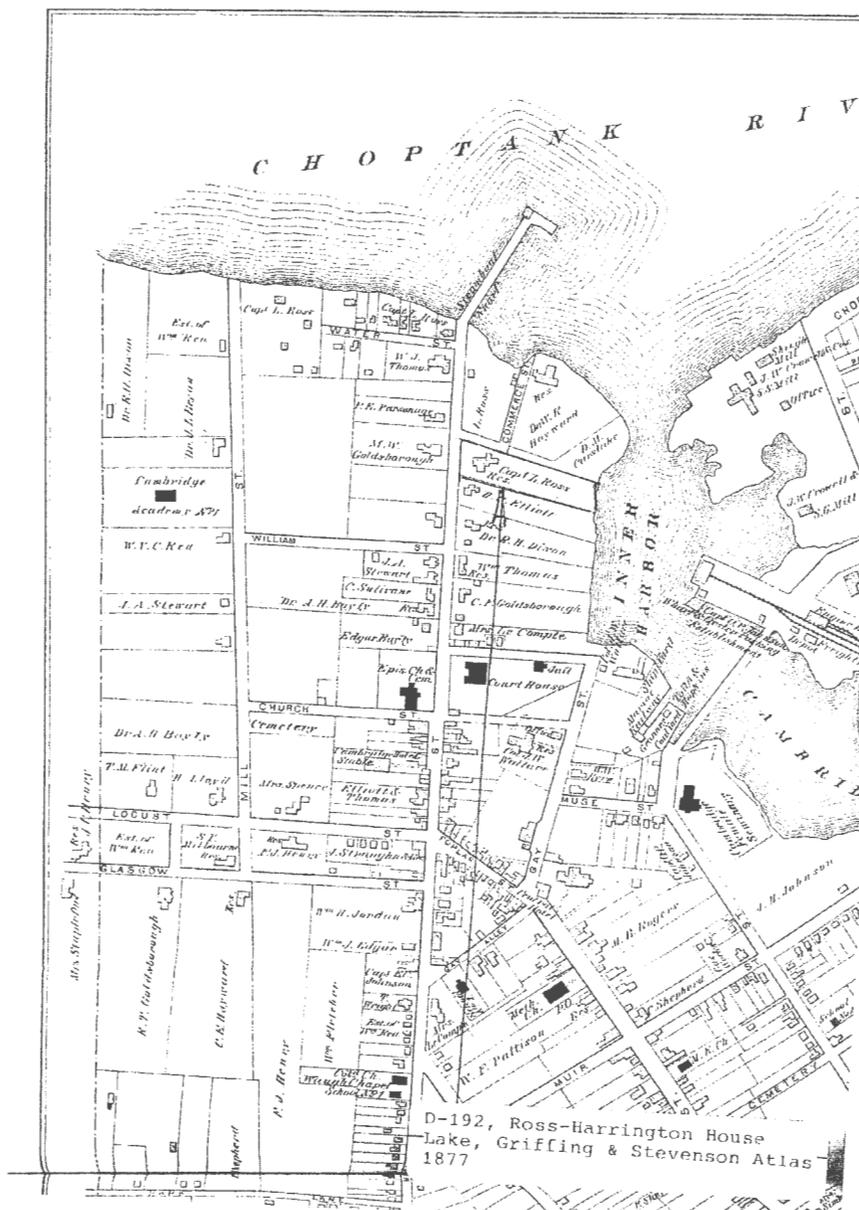
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Cambridge, Maryland Quadrangle

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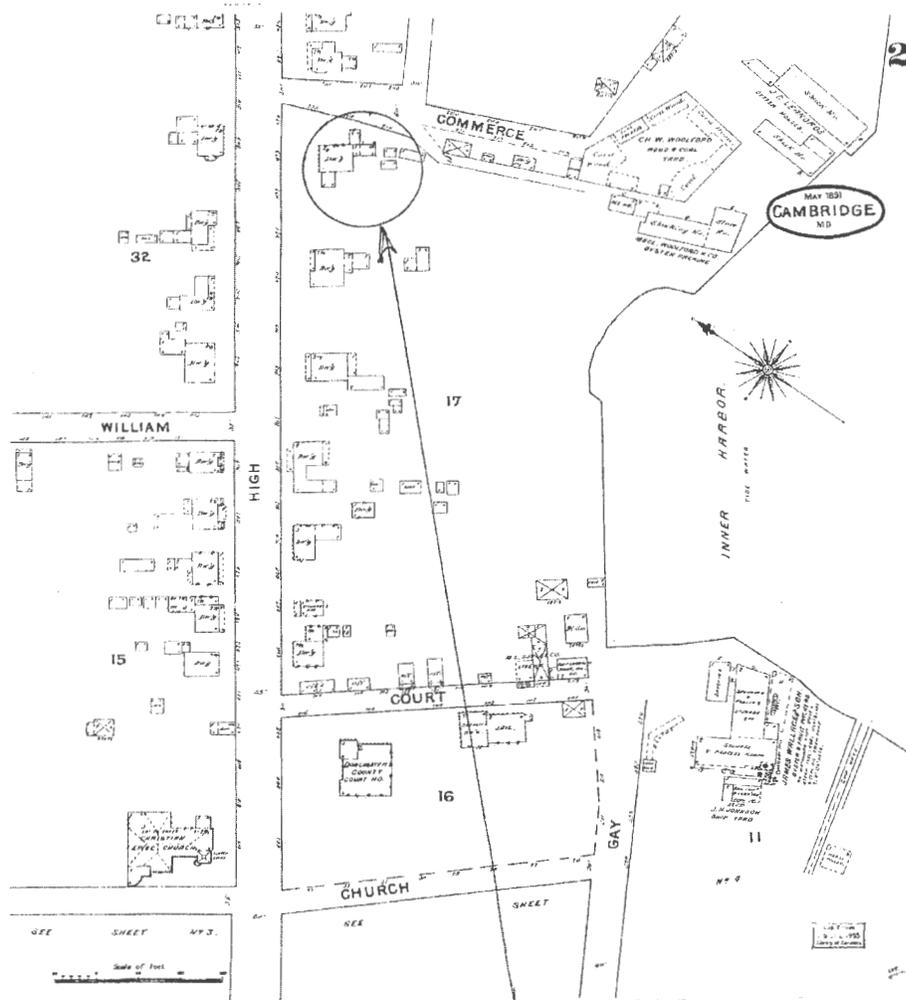


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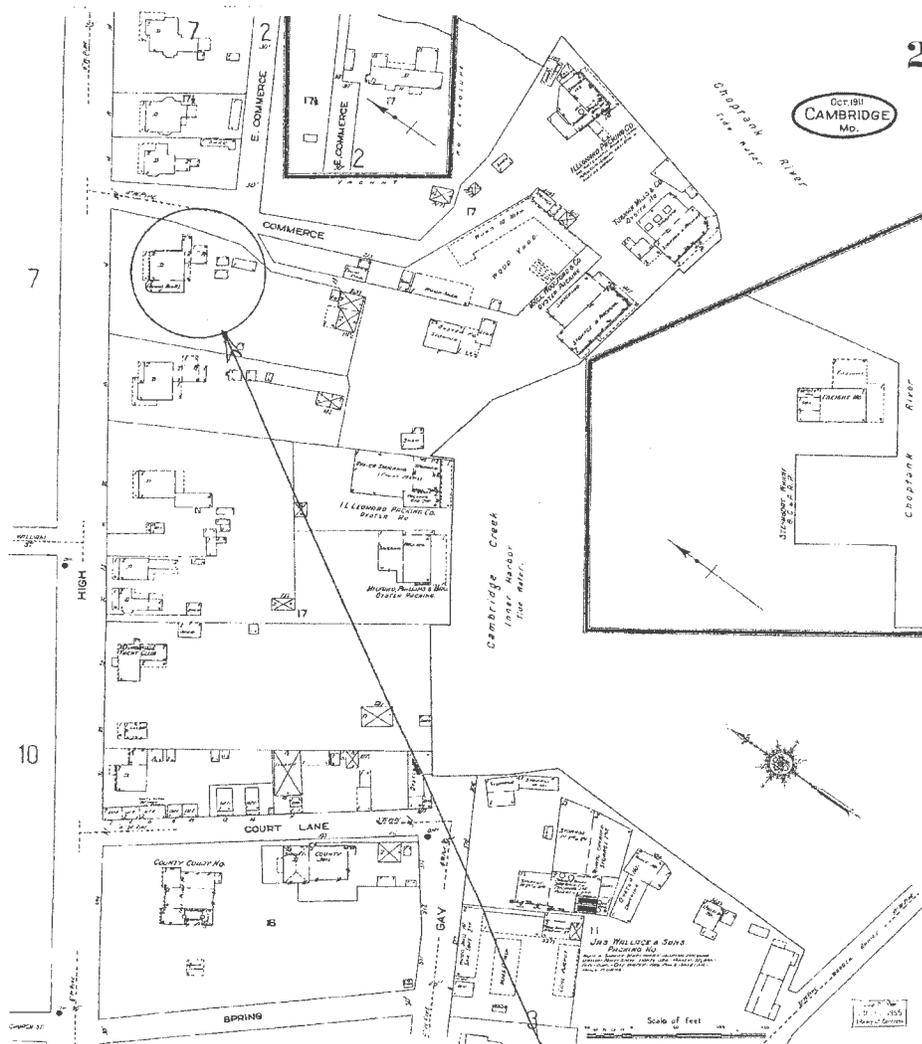
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- Sanborn Insurance Map, May 1891 -

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Sanborn Insurance Map, Oct. 1911



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Russ. Harrington House

CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER Co., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

12.2.11, Paul B. Towant, PHOTO.

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ROSS-HARRINGTON HOUSE

CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER Co., MD.
SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

12. 2011, PAUL B. TOWANT, PHOTO.

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME

COMMON:

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
112 High Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Cambridge

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Dorchester

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Crawford O'Neill Murphy, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
110 High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Dorchester County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
206 High Street

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE: Maryland 21613

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #) Liber 177, Folio 526

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This large rambling brick house has undergone several changes during the course of its existence. Now a two and one half story house with a hip roof, The oldest portion of the house is the three bays to the north which were built around the mid 19th century. This portion of the house was probably originally a townhouse covered by a gable roof. Formerly attached to this on the south, was an old frame wing, which was built as a cottage by Josiah Bayly, sometime after 1830. The frame wing was removed and replaced by the present brick addition, sometime around the turn of the 20th century. The new addition, which runs the depth of the house, has a polygonal bay window on the front, under a gable. Across the front of the house is a one story porch supported by Doric columns, with a plain ballustrade, that was probably added sometime around the same time the addition on the south was made. In front of the door is a gabled pediment with ornamentation. The small gabled brick wing toward the rear on the northeast corner, was added sometime after the Civil War. At right angles to this, is a small early frame wing with an exposed brick chimney on the gable wall.</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 18th c., 1830, 1847

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History:

In March 1719, Thomas Taylor sold this lot to John Orrell for \$30. The price indicates that there was no house on the property at that time. In September 1760, the eldest son of John Orrell, John Orrell, Jr., sold the property to Charles Goldsborough for the same price. Charles Goldsborough divided the property to Robert Goldsborough and he to Richard Goldsborough. A brick house was built on the property by one of the three Goldsboroughs, and was next purchased by William Vans Murray. The house burned down in 1798 or 1799. At his death in 1802, William Vans Murray left the lot to his wife Charlotte. In December 1803, she sold the property to Dr. John Murray. At his death, it was inherited by William Vans Murray, Jr. who in 1830 sold it to Josiah Bayly, Jr. Mr. Bayly built near the center of the lot a frame cottage. In April 1847, Bayly sold the property to Captain Lewis Ross who moved the cottage about its own length further up the lot and added to it the hall and brick mansion on the north. The brick wing at the left rear of the building was added sometime after the Civil War. Captain Ross died in 1878, leaving the property to his grandchildren. In the ultimate division of his property, this lot passed by Trustees deed to Mr. Thomas Hughlett and his wife Lydia, granddaughter of Lewis Ross, in February 1890. The house was further renovated either by them or subsequent owners.

Significance:

This house, which has undergone several ^{no} renovations by various owners, now has the appearance of a Queen Anne style dwelling, although it lacks the ornamentation usually associated with this style. It is part of a group of large houses on the north end of High Street which are architecturally significant.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Colonel Clement Sullivane, article reprinted in the Daily Banner, April 16, 1925

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Catherine L. Moore

ORGANIZATION _____ DATE 11/10/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 3, Box 32

CITY OR TOWN: Cambridge STATE Maryland 21613

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature _____

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In my research I have discovered nothing that would confirm or deny the statements made by Cathe Moore taken from Suilvane concerning the age of this house. One correction is in order, however. William Vans Murray sold the lot to Josiah Bayly in 1834, not 1830.

Sources:

Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland
Land REcords.
Will Records.

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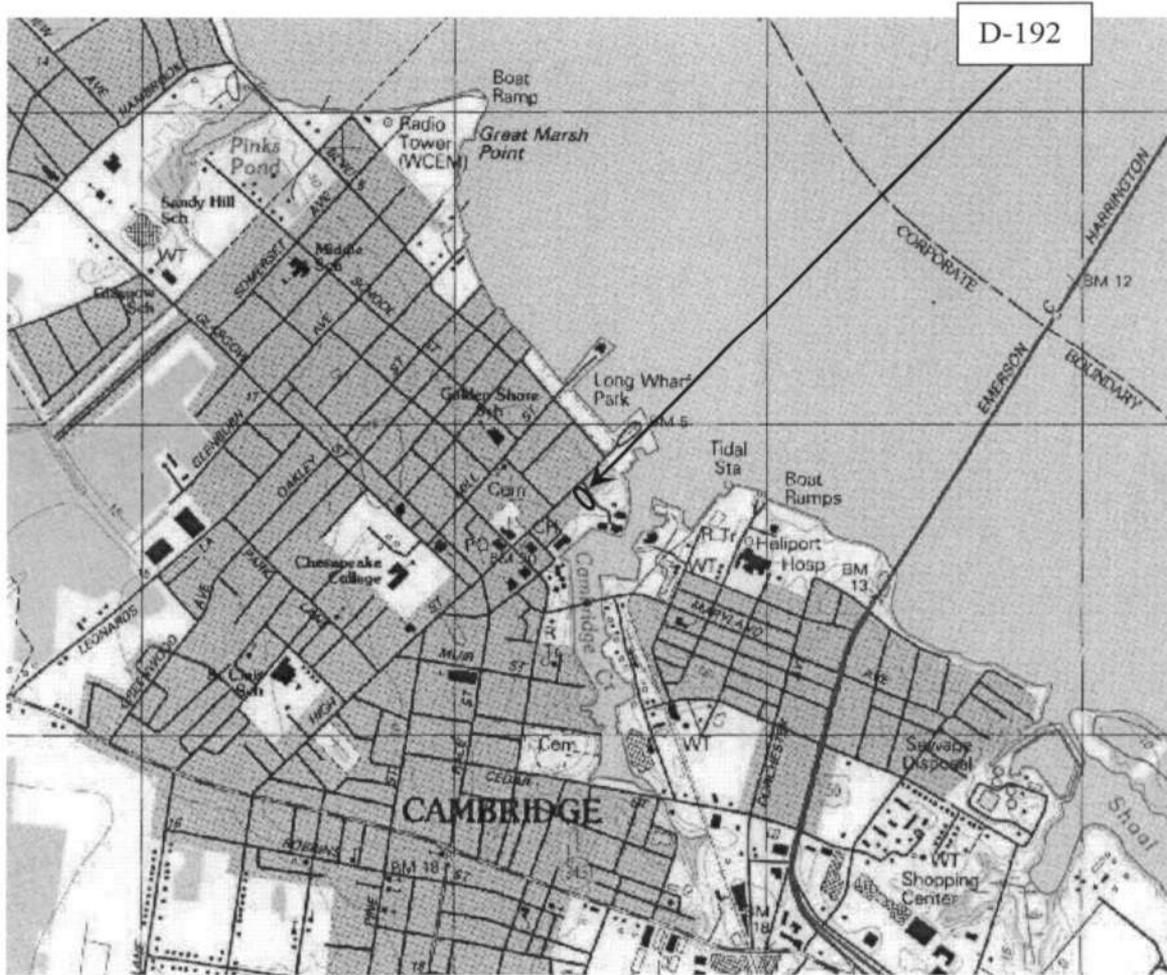
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