

D-812
Dr. John Mace House
Cambridge
c. 1905-10
Private

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Joseph F. Fowler bequeathed the property to his grand-nephew William P. Asplen, Jr. in 1957, and Asplen retained title to the Glenburn Avenue house until 1964.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. John Mace House
other _____

2. Location

street and number 311 Glenburn Avenue not for publication
city, town Cambridge vicinity
county Dorchester

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

name First Mount Vernon industrial Loan Association
street and number 6019 Tower Court telephone _____
city, town Alexandria state VA zip code 22304-3201

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber 907 folio 536
city, town Cambridge tax map 300 tax parcel 898 tax ID number 117361

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 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 checked="" 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 Dr. John Mace house is located at 311 Glenburn Avenue in the West End residential section of Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, four-bay by four-bay frame house was built around 1905-10 on raised brick foundation, and the exterior is partially clad with vinyl siding while some of the house survives with plain weatherboards exposed. The steeply pitched pyramidal roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is single story nursing home addition.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Dr. John Mace house, located at 311 Glenburn Avenue, is a large two-and-a-half story, four-bay by four-bay frame house supported on a raised brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with a combination of original plain weatherboards or vinyl siding. The steeply pitched pyramidal roof is capped with a flat top that may have had a balustrade originally. Attached to the back of the main block is a single-story frame nursing home addition built during the mid twentieth century. The house faces southeast.

The southeast (main) elevation is a four-bay façade sheltered on the first story by a wraparound porch of Tuscan columns. Supported on brick piers, the porch columns have turned baluster railing in between, and an off-center set of steps that are in line with the off-center double door entrance. A dentiled bed molding enriches the cornice of the porch roof. Sheltered under the porch is the double-door entrance fitted with partially glazed doors and a single-pane transom. To the right of the entrance is a single-pane sash window and to the left is a larger sized single-pane sash window, both of which are flanked by vinyl shutters. The second story is marked by an even fenestration of single-pane sash windows, each enhanced with a lintel cornice molding and vinyl shutters. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice enhanced by a dentiled bed molding. Centered on the roof is a large gable roofed dormer finished with a gable-front pediment and three single-pane sash attic windows.

The northeast side elevation is an asymmetrical façade with the wraparound porch sheltering a side door and uneven spaced single-pane sash windows. The second story is marked by four single-pane sash windows, and each window lintel has a cornice molding. The northeast slope of the pyramidal roof is marked by a large gable roofed dormer finished like the front dormer with a tripartite set of windows and a gable end pediment. Rising through the roof of the dormer is a brick chimney stack finished with a corbelled cap.

The southwest side elevation is defined by a asymmetrical fenestration with three single-pane sash windows on the first floor and four on the second. Each window has the same cornice molding across the top of the lintel, and vinyl shutters to each side. The roof as well is marked by another large gable

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roofed dormer with a tripartite window, pedimented gable and interior brick stack that rises through the roof of the dormer.

The northwest rear elevation is covered on the first floor by a large single-story, ell-shaped nursing home wing sheathed with asbestos shingles and covered by a low pitched gable roof.

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<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 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

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

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¹ *Souvenir and Programme of the Maryland League of American Wheelman* (L.A.W.), 1896, p. 59.

² Ibid.

³ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 27/760, 25 April 1903, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁴ Dorchester County Land Record, RSM 56/210, 22 October 1945, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁵ Dorchester County Will Book, APM 3/551, Written 8 January 1957, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

⁶ Dorchester County Land Record, PLC 138/55, 14 May 1964, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Maryland.

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Cambridge, Dorchester County, Maryland

Map 300, Parcel 898

907/536

Edward S. Cohn, Stephen N. Goldberg, Richard E. Solomon,
Richard J. Rogers, Ronald S. Deutsch, David W. Simpson, Jr.
Substitute Trustees

to

3.23.2009

First Mt. Vernon Industrial Loan Association

Whereas default having occurred under the terms of a certain Deed of
Trust from The Glasgow Nursing Home, Inc., c/o Howard R. Greenhawk,
President dated April 21, 2006, 728/363

836/393

The Glasgow Nursing Home, Inc., c/o Howard R. Greenhawk

to

4.21.2006

Ronald S. Deutsch, Edward S. Cohn, Steven Goldberg, Richard J.
Rogers, and Richard Solomon, Trustees to secure payment of a Deed of
Trust and Note of even date unto the original beneficiary therein, First
Mount Vernon Industrial Loan Association,

PLC 248/209

Norman E. Greenhawk, Aileen S. Greenhawk, Howard R. Greenhawk

to

1.20.1988

The Glasgow Home, Inc.

\$650,000 (formerly 319 Glenburn Avenue, known as the homeplace
of Dr. John Mace)

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PLC 138/55

William P. Asplen, Jr.

to

5.14.1964

Norman E. Greenhawk and Aileen S. Greenhawk

319 Glenburn Avenue

Will Book
APM 3/551

Last Will and Testament of Joseph S. Fowler

Written
1.8.1957

Eighth Item: to William P. Asplen, Jr.

RSM 56/210

John Mace, M.D. Anne B. Mace and C. Burnam Mace and
Dorothy Mace

to

10.22.1945

Joseph S. Fowler and Mary E. Fowler

CL 27/760

Joseph W. Crowell and wife Roberta

to

4.25.1903

John Mace, M.D., and W. Irving Mace

\$2,055 "Glenburn" northeast side of the Sandy Hill Road, near
Cambridge, and lying between Glasgow Farm and what was
formerly the Oakley farm...containing 7 acres

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1896 Publication

Souvenir and Programme of the
Maryland Division L.A.W.
Bicycle Meet, Cambridge, Md.
Baltimore: American Job Printing
Office, p. 59

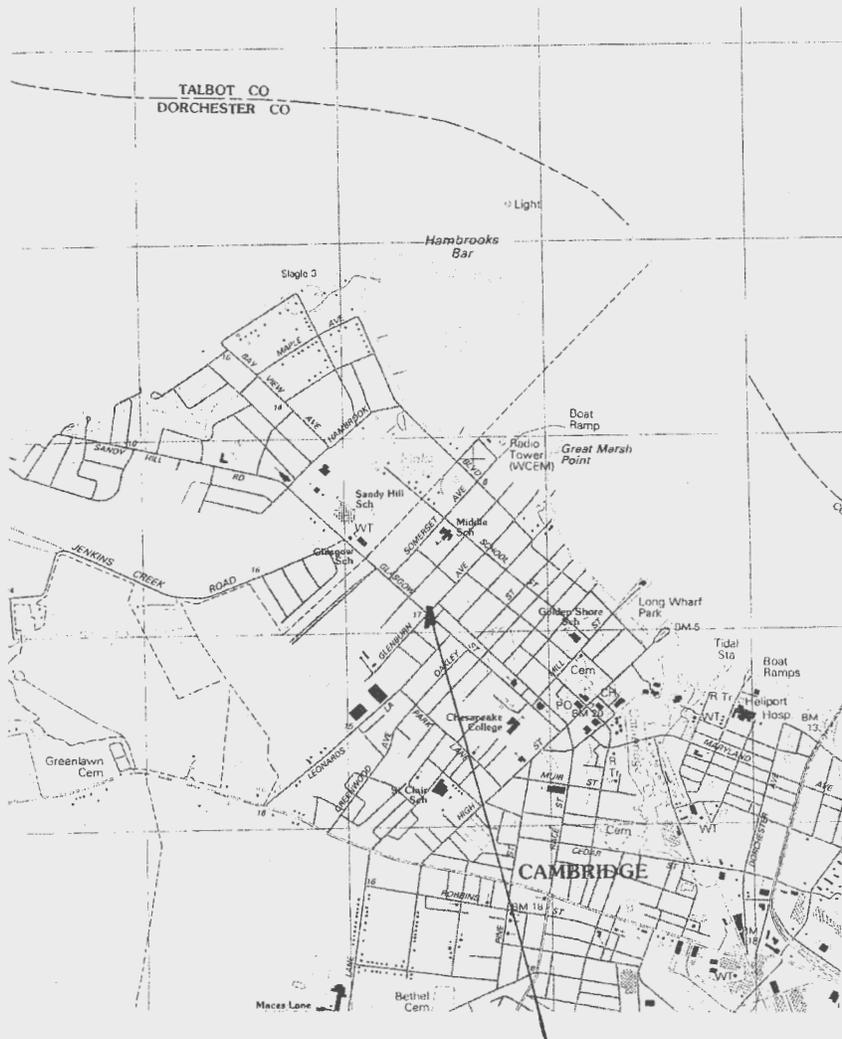
Dr. John Mace—Druggist-Succeeded in the business Dr. Thomas H. Williams, who retired in 18--. Dr. Mace is also a practicing physician. He was educated at Washington College, Chestertown. After finishing his studies there he entered the University of Maryland, Baltimore, where he graduated in medicine with the highest honors in 1887. He practiced for a while in the lower part of the county, and finally located in Cambridge, as stated above. He has been eminently successful as a physician, and the drug store enjoys a very large patronage. He possesses all the ability and energy necessary to make men successful in business, and all those qualifications which make men popular with whom they associate.

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Cambridge, MD Quadrangle



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CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER Co, MA

SOUTHERST ELEVATION

12. 2011, PAUL B. TOUART, PHOTOGRAPHER

NEH/MA HISTORICAL TRUST

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CAMBRIDGE, DORCHESTER CO. MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

12. 2011, PAUL B. TOUAX

NW. MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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