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George Hosselback House
Buckeystown
Private

C. 1824

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The house was built by George Hosselback soon after he purchased the land from Ignatius Davis in August, 1824.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The George Hosselback House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Intersection of Manor Woods Rd and Rte 85 Sixth E.D. 1

CITY, TOWN Buckeystown VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT Frederick

STATE COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input 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 checked="" 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 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 Howard T. Smith

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 51

CITY, TOWN Buckeystown VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code 21717

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 444
Folio #: 553

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The George Hosselback House, built in the first half of the nineteenth century, is a large ell shaped two and one-half story coursed stone residence which faces west from the southeast intersection of Manor Woods Road and Route 85 in Buckeystown.

The principle facade is three bays wide and two bays deep. The main entrance, a replaced paneled door with three light transom and side lights, is located in the third bay.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second levels are large replaced 2/2 windows with wood lintels. According to an oral history account, the windows were changed at the request of Charles Thomas, who hired the stone mason working on the United Methodist Church to do the work in 1896. Additional windows were also added to the south side of the building. A two story original stone addition, four bays wide, extends to the rear of the main block of the building. The structure is built on a random stone foundation and is covered by a slate flank gable roof with plain boxed cornice. A two story frame second porch extends to the rear of the building in the northeast corner; was added in the 1940's. Original brick chimneys straddle the roof on the north and south ends of the building. A third brick chimney is located on the east gable end of the brick addition.

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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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input 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 c. 1824 BUILDER/ARCHITECT George Hosselback

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The George Hosselback House, one of the oldest residences in Buckeystown and according to Frank Lloyd Wright, a house which had "the most beautiful wall in the United States" was probably built soon after George Hosselback purchased the land from Ignatius Davis for \$320 in 1824.¹

Upon Hosselback's death in the 1860's, his executor Benjamin A. Cunningham sold the property to David Thomas.²

In 1888, Elizabeth Thomas sold the house to Charles Thomas,³ an entrepreneur who owned much of the property in the town during this period.

In 1929, his wife Sarah, sold the property to Annie Nicodemus⁴ who lived in the house until the 1940's when it was sold to the current owners.

1 Frederick County Land Records Liber JS21 Folio 87
 2 " " JWLC 3 " 438
 3 " " Wip 6 " 386
 4 " " 372 " 134

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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	Cheryl Widel, Site Analyst	1978
ORGANIZATION	Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation	DATE 694=1063
STREET & NUMBER	Winchester Hall Frederick Md.	TELEPHONE
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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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#40 George Hossell/Unell House
E/s Rte 85, BUCKEYSTOWN, MD
BUCKEYSTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT
NORTHEAST ELEVATION

CHERILYN WIDELL 2/78
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