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Mount Hope

Architectural Survey File

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Mount Hope
Buckeystown
Private

C. 1798

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The principal facade is seven bays wide, although the original structure consisted of the three bay wide main center block and two bay wide north kitchen addition.

The brickwork of the main block of the building is of particularly good quality having been laid in Flemish bond with a molded brick water table and twin belt course located between the first and second level.

The two story whitewashed brick south addition laid in stretcher bond is a mid nineteenth century addition to the residence. Originally the rear of the addition accommodated a two story open porch.

The interior of the building although substantially altered from its original floor plan retains the original staircase and railing with simple balustrade, chair railing and baseboards.

In 1978, Ignatius Davis had a resurvey of the land upon which the house sits made containing five hundred and sixty-six acres naming it "Mount Hope." The Federal style mansion was probably built by Ignatius Davis soon after the resurvey was done.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mount Hope

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East Side Route 85

CITY, TOWN

Buckeystown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

E.D. 1 Map 96A

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—COMMERCIAL

—EDUCATIONAL

—ENTERTAINMENT

—GOVERNMENT

—INDUSTRIAL

—MILITARY

—MUSEUM

—PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—RELIGIOUS

—SCIENTIFIC

—TRANSPORTATION

—OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Roy Jorgensen

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 575

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20760

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 560

Folio #: 590

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland 21701

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Mount Hope is a fine two and one-half story whitewashed brick gable roofed Federal residence laid in Flemish and common bond which faces west from the east side of Route 85 in Buckeystown. The architectural detailing of this residence indicates its importance as the house of Ignatius Davis, a prominent landowner of the area.

The principle facade of the building is seven bays wide, although the original structure consisted of the three bay wide main center block and two story two bay wide north kitchen addition.

The main entrance, an original four panel door with three light transom and recessed paneling, is located in the fifth bay from the northwest corner of the building. It is surrounded by a one bay wide flat roofed frame porch with four narrow column supports.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second level of the main block are double hung 6/6 windows with wood lintels with circular corner molding which have been covered by storm windows with louvered shutters.

The brickwork of the main block is of particularly good quality having been laid in Flemish bond with a molded water table and twin belt course located between the first and second level. The rear of the main block has been altered as indicated by the different levels of the windows and changes in brickwork. An original jack arch in the center of the first level indicates the original position of that window. A cellar entrance in the northeast corner has been added. The main block is covered by a replaced black asphalt roof with three stepped brick cornice. White corbeled brick interior chimneys rise from the north and south gables of the main block.

The north two story brick kitchen addition is laid in common bond. The addition is two bays wide and one room deep with double hung 6/6 windows with louvered shutters. The rear of the building which originally accommodated a two story open porch has been enclosed in screens. This addition is covered by a slate roof attached by a plain boxed cornice which may hide an original three stepped brick cornice. A single whitewashed corbeled brick chimney rises from the north gable side of the building.

The two story whitewashed brick south addition laid in stretcher bond is a mid nineteenth century addition to the residence. The addition is two bays wide and one room deep with double hung 2/2 windows occupying each bay. The rear of the building which has been significantly altered by the addition of a one story frame addition covered with aluminum siding. Originally the rear of the addition accommodated a two story open frame porch.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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	
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<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

On March 27, 1731, Meredith Davis Sr., a Quaker from Prince George's County obtained four hundred acres in Frederick County naming it "Good Luck."

In 1798, Ignatius Davis had a resurvey of the land made containing five hundred and sixty-six acres naming it "Mount Hope."¹ The federal style mansion was probably built by Ignatius Davis soon after the resurvey was done.

Ignatius Davis was instrumental in the building of the first Methodist Episcopal Church constructed before 1825 in Buckeystown and was an owner of the Monocacy Mills for a period.

Mount Hope remained in the Davis family for several generations until in 1853, James L. Davis, John Sifford and Davis Richardson, trustees, sold it to David T. Jones. His daughter, Susan Jones, married William G. Baker, Buckeystown entrepreneur.

"In 1870, David and Mary Jones sold the farm to Andrew and Ann McKinney for \$26,827.00.² Twenty-five years later, James Lee and Nannie Simmons bought the mansion from the McKinney's."³

In 1902, William Baker purchased the farm and tenanted it to Mack Ball. The property remained tenanted for the next sixty-five years.⁴

Frederick County Survey Records, Liber THI 1; Folio 152.

Frederick County Land Records, Liber CM 4; Folio 703.

Frederick County Land Records, Liber JLJ 11; Folio 302

Bodmer, BUCKEY'S TOWN A Village Remembered, P. 69.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 201.33 acres

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

clh

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

6/6/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

694-1063

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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DESCRIPTION (con't)

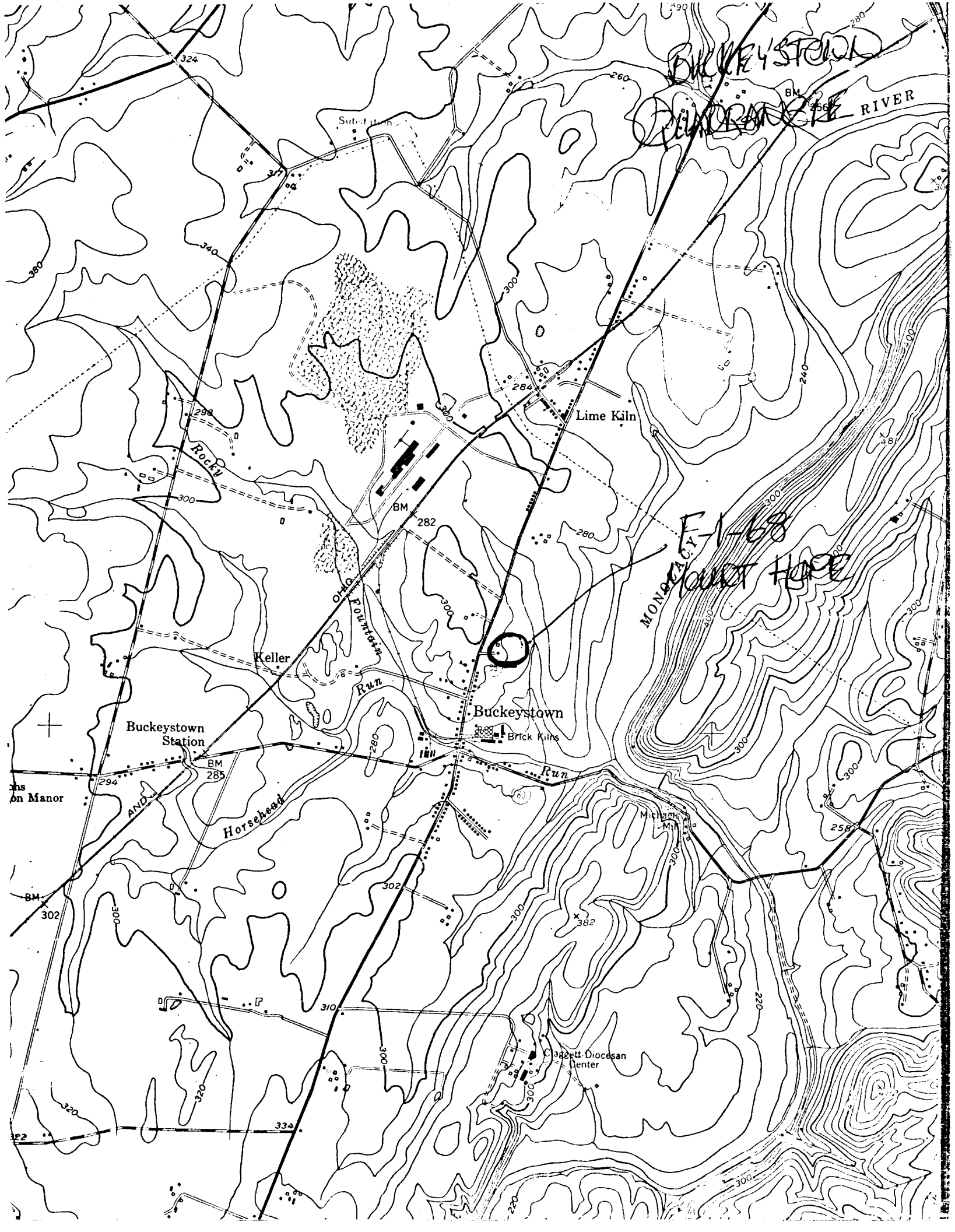
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The addition is covered by a replaced block asphalt roof with plain boxed cornice. A decorative bargeboard extends along the rear of the addition and along the edge of the south gable of the main block.

The interior of the building, although substantially altered from its original floor plan by the numerous additions retains the original staircase and railing with simple balustrades, chairrailing and baseboards.

The north addition of the building retains a tight winder staircase on the south end. Several examples of hardware remain throughout the house.

The entire structure is built on a low random stone foundation. Also located on the premises is a small two story log building with German clapboarding, frame wagon shed, and nineteenth century bank barn, frame tenant house and round board and batten chicken house of typical regional style with octagonal roof and 6/6 windows.





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E/S Rte 85 BUCKENSTOWN
WEST ELEVATION
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E/S Rte 85 BUCKEYSTOWN

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E/S Rte 85 BUCKEYSTOWN
North Clevation
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E/S Rte 85 BUCKEYSTOWN
OUTBUILDING
CEW 7/78



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E/S rte 85

BUCKEYSTOWN
CHICKEN COOP

CEW 7/78