

F-2-81
H.T. Beans Mail-Order House
Brunswick vicinity
Private

1940

The H. T. Beans House is a 1940 frame 1-1/2 story house with three bays and a projecting center entry bay with a steeply pitched gable and an open sun porch. It is a good example of the "mail-order house" for which plans and major materials were supplied by large mail order department stores and building firms to be constructed by local labor. The Beans House was probably a Sears, Roebuck & Co. design featured in the 1932-33 catalogs, "The Maplewood". The Beans House has the chimney, a later addition in a different location than the original model and the sun porch is also a variation on the Maplewood type.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Modern Period: A.D. 1930 - Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Environment: Suburban

Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Known Design Source: Sears, Roebuck and Company "Maplewood"
(variation)

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic H.T. Beans Mail-Order House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1803 Point of Rocks Road not for publication

city, town Brunswick vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name John H. Kelly

street & number 6005 Woodland Lane telephone no.:

city, town Clinton state and zip code Maryland 20735

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 997

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 662

city, town Frederick state Maryland 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-2-81

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The H. T. Beans Mail-Order House is a 1940 frame 1-1/2 story house built according to mail-ordered specifications and design on the northeast side of Point of Rocks Road and Frazer Road just outside the northeastern boundary of the city of Brunswick, Frederick County, Maryland. The main elevation faces northwest. Also on the same property are a non-contributing garage and outbuilding.

The Beans House has a simple four-room plan on the first story with two bedrooms on the second story. The three-bay main elevation has a projecting center bay with an extended, steeply gabled roof containing the entrance. An open first-story porch is located on the west end of the house. An unsheltered rear porch extends across the southeast elevation. The exterior siding is asbestos, covering the probable clapboard or german original siding. The roof is composition and the raised basement is rusticated concrete block painted white. A shed dormer is located on the rear roof slope. The fenestration is 1/1. The only major exterior changes to the house are the modern siding, an exterior brick chimney located on the west sun porch, and a metal awning extending around the cornice above the sun porch. The interior was not accessible for this survey.

8. Significance

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1940 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The H. T. Beans House is a good example of a "mail-order house" built about 1940 with plans, major materials, and details supplied by a mail order house, in this case probably Sears, Roebuck & Co. The model is a variation of "The Maplewood", featured in the 1932-33 catalogs. The major difference between the original Maplewood design is that the chimney was not an original feature in the Beans House, having been added on the west elevation at a later date. The sun porch is also an addition to the original model. The simple plan is a feature of all the mail order house plans, intended to be built with local labor and sometimes with locally provided foundations. It is unknown at this time whether the foundation of the Beans House was of local provenance. Other rusticated concrete block foundations are very common in houses of the 1930's and 1940's in Frederick County and several building stone suppliers were active in the pre-1940 period. The projecting center gable with the steeply pitched and extended gable gives the house a picturesque, cottage-like appearance, which was a characteristic of the smaller designs. "Sears houses" are fairly numerous in Brunswick and its suburb Rosemont, which experienced considerable expansion and growth in the period 1900-1940.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-81

King, Marina. Sears Mail-Order House Survey in Prince George's County, Md.
Land Records of Frederick County Maryland - National Capital
Park and Planning Commission, Spring, 1988.
Land Records of Frederick County

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property less than 1
Quadrangle name Point of Rocks, Md. - Va.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 92, Parcel 154

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date November, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Maryland 21701

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1803 Point of Rocks Rd.

M92 P154 John H. Kelly 6005 Woodland Road

Clinton N.H. 20735

LIBER/VOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
997/662 27 Aug 76	John H. Kelly	Wm. W. Wanner, pers. rep. of estate of Malinda Beans, dec.	P. 1 33,750 sq. ft.		
430/272 30 Sept 40	H. J. Beans & Malinda Beans	Chas. G. Arnold	33,750 sq. ft.		

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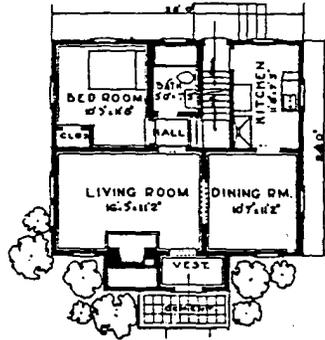
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Probable model in Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalog
from King, Sears Mail-Order House Survey
in Prince George's County, Md., 1988

THE MAPLEWOOD



The Maplewood is a story-and-a-half English type in which the front gable projection and fireplace chimney form an important part. The exterior walls are planned to be covered with gray prestained wood shingles laid with a wide exposure to form a pleasing background for the dark colored shutters, roof and chimney. A batten-type front door with ornamental iron strap hinges and English lantern above add considerably to the front elevation.

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Details and features: Six rooms and one bath. Brick chimney in front; batten shutters; arched front door with strap hinges. Fireplace in living room.

Years and catalog numbers: 1932 (3302); 1933 (3302)

Price: No price given



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Photo: Janet Davis

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Neg. loc. Md. HPO, Crownsville, Md.

North elevation