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Nathan Harris House
Harrisville
Private

C. 1780

The Nathan Harris House is an ell shaped two and one-half story gable roofed common bond brick residence of vernacular Federal style which was built in two sections.

The eighteenth century section is the southern most part of the building which is four bays wide. An eight panel door with six light transom and entablature flanked by columns occupies the second bay. The window in the first bay of the first level appears to have replaced a door as indicated by a distinct change in the quality of the brickwork.

An 1820's addition to the residence extends north to the rear of the original house. This two and a half story common bond brick addition is five bays wide. An unusual stepped brick cornice, which was first used on the eighteenth century part of the building, was continued in the 1820's addition. Its design creates a dentiled frieze effect through consecutive spacing of bricks in a dentil pattern.

The interior of the 1820's addition to the building has been refinished with late nineteenth century Victorian trim, mantelpieces and baseboards with pine floors and interesting rose corner blocks in each corner of the paneled windows and doorways.

The Nathan Harris House is located on the Varle map of 1808. A town, Harrisville, grew from Harris's initial settlement of this area, but today exhibits little of its past activity.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Nathan Harris House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
West side Harrisville School Road

CITY, TOWN _____ VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
ED 18 Map 71 P38

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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Ferdinand A. Heitmuller

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Route #4 box 207

CITY, TOWN _____ VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code
Mount Airy _____ Maryland 21771

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 549
Folio #: 64

STREET & NUMBER
N. Court St.

CITY, TOWN _____ STATE
Frederick Maryland 21701

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Nathan Harris House, an ell shaped two and a half story gable roofed common bond, brick residence faces south from the west side of Harrisville School Road in the settlement of Harrisville.

The main residence was built in two sections. The eighteenth century section is the southern most part of the building which is four bays wide. The main entrance is located in the second bay from the west corner of the house. It is an eight panel door with six light transom, and entablature which is flanked by columns. The remaining bays on both the first and second levels are occupied by 6/6 windows with architrave trim and flat brick arches. The window in the first bay of the first level appears to have replaced a door as indicated by a distinct change in the quality of the brickwork.

The 1820's addition to the residence extends north to the rear of the original house. This two and a half story common bond brick addition is five bays wide. The entrance, a replaced windowed door, inside a recessed paneled entrance with four light transom and side lights, is located in the third bay. A pedimented frame entrance porch encloses the third bay. Occupying the remaining bays are double hung 6/6 windows enclosed by storm windows with flat brick arches. The window in the third bay on the second level is also flanked by narrow 2/2 windows on each side.

The entire structure is built on a low random stone foundation and is covered by a replaced tin roof. An unusual stepped brick cornice which was first used on the eighteenth century part of the building was continued in the 1820's addition. Its design creates a dentiled frieze effect through consecutive spacing of bricks in a dentil pattern.

Three interior brick chimneys rise from the north and west gables and in the center of the south section of the residence.

A small one story shed roofed frame section has been added to the south part of the building.

The interior of the 1820's addition to the building has been finished with late nineteenth century victorian trim, mantel pieces and baseboards with pine floors and interesting rose corner blocks in each corner of the paneled windows and doorways.

A small stone outbuilding is located southwest of the main residence.

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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/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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Nathan Harris House acquires its significance as an historic site from its fine architectural style, located in an area which even today is sparsely populated in Frederick County.

As early as 1808 Nathan Harris had built the existing brick residence and a small town, Harrisville grew out of Harris's initial settlement.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

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ORGANIZATION	DATE
Frederick County Historic Preservation	4/7/78
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
12 East Church St., Winchester Hall	663-8300 ext 266
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Frederick,	Maryland 21701

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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W/3 HARRISVILLE RD
EAST ELEVATION

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SOUTH WEST ELEVATION

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