

F-8-16  
The Pearl House  
Mount Pleasant  
Private

C. 1885  
Built by Calvin Thomas

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Pearl House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South Side Route 26

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Pleasant

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 Howard Pearl

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Mt. Pleasant

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 460

Folio #: 431

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Pearl House is an exceptionally fine multigabled Carpenter Gothic two and one-half story frame residence which faces north from the south side of Route 26 in Mt. Pleasant.

The principal facade is five bays wide. The main entrance is located in the third bay. The original doors are twin arched paneled doors with upper glass lights set into a plain recessed paneled entrance with arched one light transom.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second levels are original tall arched 1/1 windows with half round molding.

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A pedimented entrance porch extends forward of the verandah and is decorated in an identical fashion with two small quatrefoil frame pieces flanking an inset circular decoration with spindles.

The center of the residence is further emphasized on the second and third level by a second story balcony and third story pediment. The second story balcony is supported by four turned wood columns identical to those on the first level with ball and spindle decoration bordering a semicircular opening.

A concave slate roof with architraved boxed cornice supported by simple brackets and plain frieze extends below a third floor pediment covered by a slate roof, covered on the front with jigsaw shingling and a semicircular window divided in the center and segmented into ten panes.

Flanking the pediment and extending from the roofline are two slate hip roofed dormer windows with architrave cornice, double hung 1/1 windows with decorative Queen Anne style upper panes and sided on either side with fishscale shingling.

Aside from the principal elevation of the building the house is assymmetrical in design.

A two story original frame addition with slate gable roof, three bays wide, extends to the rear of the main block of the house. A two story open porch extends along the entire east side of this rear addition. Semiarched 1/1 double hung windows occupy each bay in the rear except for the second bay from the southeast corner which accommodates and upper lighted panel door rear entrance.

**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
<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
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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                      C. 1885                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT                      Calvin Thomas

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pearl House was probably constructed by the Mount Pleasant merchant, Calvin Thomas, after he purchased the property in 1881 from Eliza and John W. Ogborn.<sup>1</sup>

The parcel included five acres and twenty-four perches and would be the site of three buildings actively involved in the development of the community of Mount Pleasant, the Thomas House, Store, and Union Hall.

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<sup>1</sup>Frederick County Land Records, Liber AF 3; Folio 144.

**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**

NAME / TITLE

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Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

8/7/80

STREET &amp; NUMBER

12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## 7. DESCRIPTION

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The Pearl House (continued)

A false gable is centered over the porch in the rear and covered with jigsaw wood shingling.

A projecting two story bay, four bays wide, extends to the east side of the house. Double hung semiarched 1/1 windows identical to those on the remainder of the house are located on the diagonals of the bay. Twin double hung narrow 1/1 windows are located in the center of the bay on both levels on the east side.

Two three bay wide windows extend from each level on the west side of the house. The first level bay window is frame with recessed paneled aprons under each semiarched 1/1 window. Each window is separated by a small compound column.

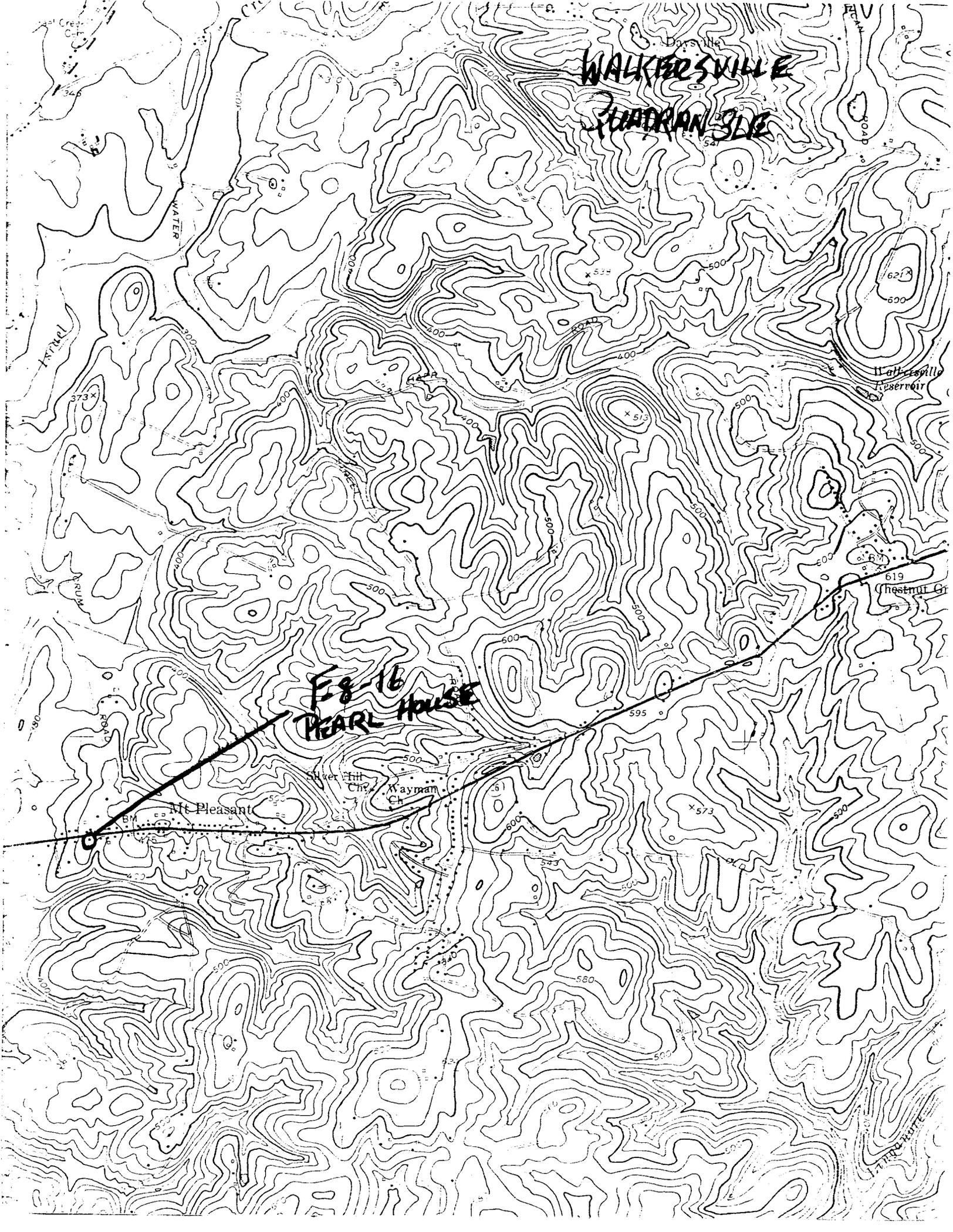
A flat tin roof covers the bay window and is supported by paired scrolled brackets, a boxed cornice and dentiled frieze.

The second level bay window is identical to the first bay but is more diminutive in size with simpler scrolled bracket architrave frieze which matches that on the remainder of the house.

The gable over the bay windows is decorated with jigsaw wood shingling and small 1/1 Gothic window.

The entire structure is constructed on a low coursed random stone foundation and is covered by an original patterned slate roof with plain cornice, curved brackets, and plain frieze. Three original interior brick chimneys rise from the east and west center of the main block and south gable end.

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WALKERSVILLE  
PLANTATION

F-8-16  
PEARL HOUSE

Mt Pleasant

Silver Hill Ch.  
Wayman Ch.

Halt Reservoir

619  
Chestnut Cr.



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3/3 Rte 26  
Mt Pleasant  
North elevation  
Crown 6/80



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N/S Rte 26

MOUNT PLEASANT

NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA

CREW 6/80