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William McDonnell House
Mount Pleasant
Private

Circa 1885

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC William McDonnell House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
W/S Route 26

CITY, TOWN
Mt. Pleasant

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
M 58; P 10

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 checked="" 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 Nicholas P. Zemo

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
Route #1, Box 13

CITY, TOWN
Frederick

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21701

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 498
Folio #: 97

STREET & NUMBER
North Court St.

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

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 William McDonnell House is a two and one-half story Carpenter Gothic cross gable frame residence which faces south from the north side of Route 26 in the town of Mount Pleasant.

The principal facade is five bays wide. The entire building is covered with painted German siding. The main entrance, located in the third bay, is a four panel door with twin upper arched panels flanked by narrow single light side lights with recessed under paneling and a single light transom.

Occupying the remaining bays on the first and second levels are one/one windows with louvered shutters which have been closed shut to cover all the windows on the second level. A small four pane arched window is centered in the front gable.

Extending across the entire front of the building, five bays wide, is a one story frame porch supported by four full and two half boxed wood columns, set in square wood supports, hipped composite roof with plain boxed cornice, scalloped frieze and scrolled brackets. A frame tongue and groove porch is supported by low brick piers.

The main block of the building extends two bays deep with an original two story two bay wide frame addition extending to the rear of the main block.

Located in the first bay on each level on the east and west gable ends of the building are one/one windows without shutters. Two small square four pane windows are located side by side in the top of the gables.

A two story open porch with plain wood columns and railing extends along the east side of the addition. The north end of the porch on the first and second level has been closed in with German siding material to match the remainder of the house in order to accommodate bathrooms.

A four panel door with one light transom is located in the first bay on each level. One/one windows with louvered shutters occupy the remaining bays on both levels.

The entire building is constructed on a low random stone foundation and is covered by a fishscale patterned slate roof with original boxed cornice with return decorated by scalloped dentil work and a small dropped pendant at the top of each gable. Single corbeled brick chimneys straddle the gable on the east, west and north ends.

A tin gable roofed vertical plank wagon shed is located to the rear 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 William McDonnell House is significant to the community of Mount Pleasant as a fine frame Carpenter Gothic residence which has remained relatively unchanged.

In 1867 Ezra Cramer sold to William McDonnell the farm on which the existing house now is located.¹ A house in which Ezra Cramer and McDonnell later resided was located on the lot by 1858 as indicated by the Bond Map.

McDonnell lived in the house until after 1873 as shown by the Titus Atlas of that year. But by the turn of the century had built the existing Carpenter Gothic house.

Upon his death in 1921, the house was sold² and has changed hands six times until the present owners purchased the property.

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¹Frederick County Land Records, Liber DSB 1; Folio 147.

²Ibid., Liber 333; Folio 584.

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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

NAME / TITLE clh
Cherilyn E. Widell, Coordinator

ORGANIZATION	DATE
Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation	7/29/80

STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
12 E. Church St., Winchester Hall	694-1063

CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Frederick	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.

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

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QUADRANGLE

F-8-18

WILLIAM McDONNELL HOUSE

Mt Pleasant

Silver Hill Ch.
Wayman Ch.

619
Chestnut Cr.

Waltersville Reservoir

WATER

Tunnel

373X

WALKERSVILLE



F-8-18 William Mc Donnell
House

N/S Rte 26

MT Pleasant

SE ELEVATION

OPEN 6/80



F-8-18 William McDowell
House

N/3 Rte 26

MT Pleasant

SOUTHWEST FELDEN

ORW 6/80