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George F. Smith House
Woodsboro
Private

1921

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC George F. Smith House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East Side Route 194

CITY, TOWN

Woodsboro

___ 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	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 Albert and Alice Eaton, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4 North Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Woodsboro

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21798

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 331

Folio #: 469

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The George F. Smith House is a two and one-half story hip roofed brick Colonial Revival residence which faces west from the east side of Main Street (Rte. 194) in Woodsboro. The building is characterized by numerous dormers, bay windows and porches on each side of the building.

The principal facade is six bays wide. The main entrance is an impressive stained glass door with side and transom lights. The transom is decorated with stained glass, flowers, squares and the original owner's name "G. F. Smith." The transom light is set into an arched opening with header brick arches decorated by a wood roundel over the center of the door.

Occupying the first and second bays are twin 1/1 windows with wide header arch over both decorated in the center by a roundel. Occupying the remaining bays is a brick bay window three bays wide with 1/1 windows with double header brick arches. The second level is identical to the first except that a 1/1 window occupies the second bay.

Extending from the roof is a three bay wide hip roofed dormer with 1/1 windows occupying each bay. Slate covers each side of the dormer which is decorated by a plain boxed cornice with plain frieze.

The house is six bays deep on the south side and nine bays wide on the north side. 1/1 windows with twin header arches occupy each bay on both the north and south side except for a rear entrance located in the fourth bay from the northwest corner and triple windows located in an extension in the third bay on the north side.

A large one story brick and frame porch extends across the main facade and half way across the north and south sides of the house. The porch is dominated and supported by twelve fluted columns of the Ionic order with scrolls constructed of terra cotta painted white to match the wood bases. Each column is supported by a square brick foundation. Running in between each column foundation is an ornate railing with turned balusters. Wood trellis work decorates the foundation area between the supports and below the frame tongue and groove floor. Covering the porch is a standing seam tin hipped roof with balustrated railing.

The rear (east) side of the building is five bays wide; a simple two story open porch extends across the rear of the house.

The house is constructed on a low random stone foundation covered by a multi-dormed tile hipped roof. Three bay wide dormers extend from the roof on the north, south, east and west sides. The roof is supported by a plain boxed cornice with flat brackets. Four tall single brick chimneys rise from the building on the north and south front of the building and two are located in the kitchen area in the northeast area of the house.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1921 BUILDER/ARCHITECT George F. Smith

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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As a registered pharmacist, George Smith ran a drug and proprietary medicine business in Woodsboro. At customer's requests he formulated a universal salve which could be used for minor skin irritations which he named "Smith's Balsam of Rose Buds" and later became known as "Smith's Rosebud Salve." Smith started a countrywide advertising campaign through tabloids and organized a large mail order business. He outgrew his original drugstore and purchased the Smith Hotel located immediately north of his house. Still a family business, six different products are sold out of the hotel building to salesmen across the country.¹

Smith became a major figure in the history of Woodsboro and Frederick County serving as mayor for nineteen years, and as a Charter member of the Woodsboro Savings Bank. His passion was collecting cars and attending the Miss America Pageants.²

George Smith purchased lot number thirty from William and Maggie Lee Kable for \$75.00 in 1920.³

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¹Woodsboro Remembers, p. 63.
²Frederick County Land Records, Liber 331; Folio 469.
³Ibid.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Smith, Frances Meehan, Woodsboro Remembers, Woods Mill Farm, Woodsboro, Md. 1976.

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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
Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE
6/19/80

STREET & NUMBER
Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church St.

TELEPHONE
694-1063

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

7. DESCRIPTION

George F. Smith House (Continued)

The interior of the building exhibits fine Colonial Revival woodwork and detailing. No changes have taken place on the interior since the house was built in 1921. Only one layer of paint remains on most of the woodwork in the building and much of the original wallpaper with border remains intact.

All floors are hardwood with geometric design borders in the living room, dining room and parlor on the first floor. Massive marble fireplace mantels stand in the living room and parlor. Local tradition states that they were from a hotel in Baltimore.

Dominating the first floor is a large entranceway between the living room and parlor which is supported by short Ionic columns set on built-in bookcases with leaded glass doors in a mission modern style.

The dining room is decorated with walnut wainscoating on each wall with built-in shelving covered by leaded glass doors with rosebud designs. Stained glass windows are located throughout the house including one of a landscape scene near the maid entrance, two swans in the second floor rear bathroom and rosebud floral designs in numerous locations.



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Woodstock, VA

Woodstock

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8148

Rocky Hill Cha

Centerville

CENTRAL

Creek

Mt Hope Cem

Israel

32°30'

32°27'

32°24'

32°21'



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G. F. Smith House

E/s Woodboro Pike

Woodboro

CW 5/80

Southwest

Crawford



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G.F. Smith House

C/3 Woodobero Pile

Woodobero

CRW 5/80

North east elevation



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G.F. Smith House

13 Woodboro Pike

Woodboro

CRN 5/80

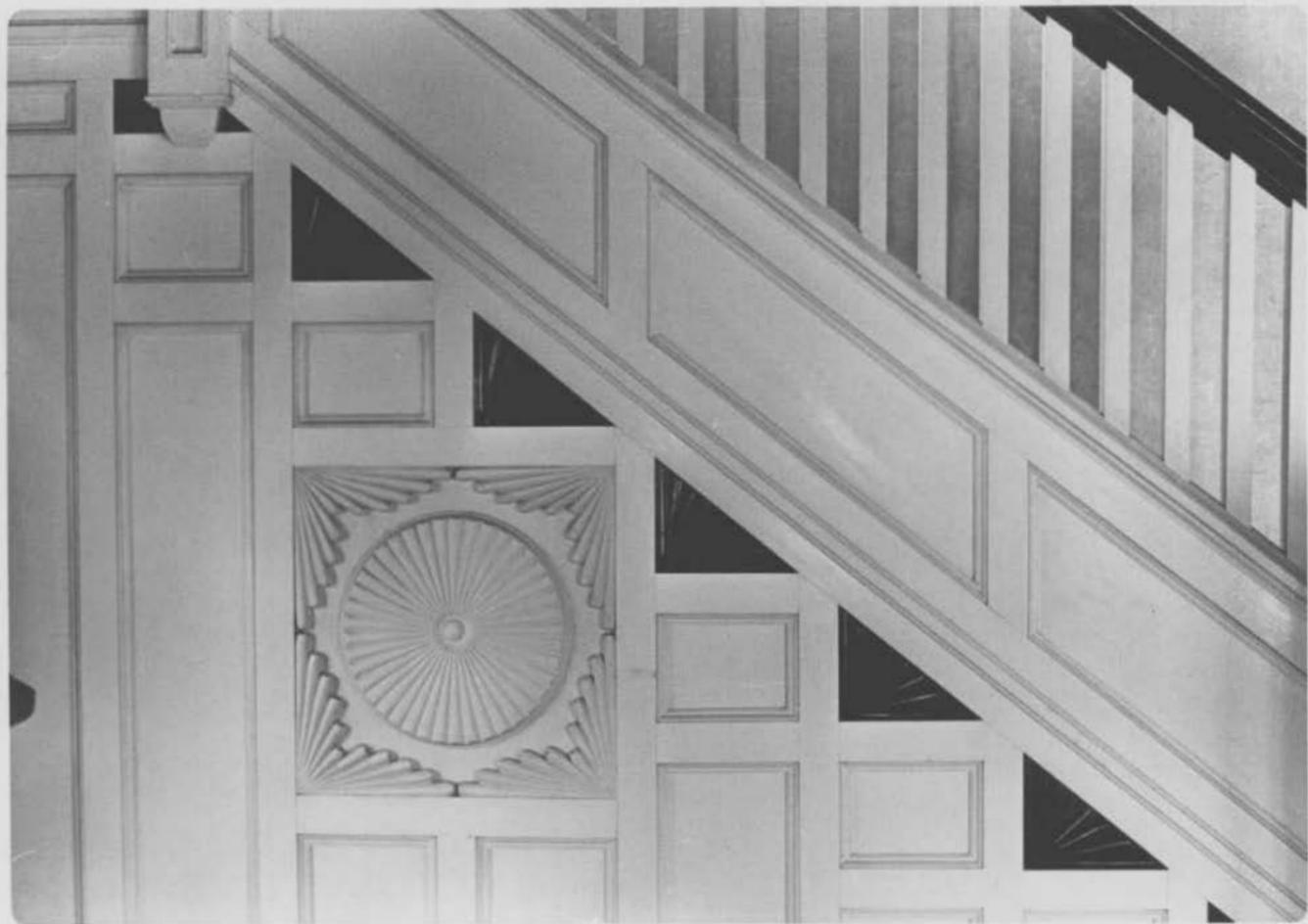
First floor interior



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G.F. Smith House
E/3 Woodboro
Pike
Woodboro

ChW 5/80

Rear Entrance
Stained glass detail



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G.F. Smith House

E/S Woodborough Pike

Woodsboro

CRW 5/80

Interior - Stair Paneling