

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

17 W. Second Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

**PRESENT USE**

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

COMMENTS: Victorian/Flemish

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

**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**

#17 is a two story brick mansion, detached except for a low office extension. It is three bays wide and three in depth with a two story, brick "L" shaped wing, three bays long and two bays wide with a small side balcony. On the left (W) side is a one story, brick office extension, three small bays wide. The front facade is faced with a light red pressed brick, and all is in common bond. There are star brace terminals in the right wall. The unusually high front entranceway dominates the front of the house from the left bay. It is of Victorian styling and in three parts with double, three panel doors fronted by tall, louvered shutters. There are narrow sidelights of leaded stained glass in a pattern of intersecting ovals and a tall, three part transom also of leaded, stained glass in a geometric design. The whole is framed by a richly moulded architrave. This is headed by a tall cornice section composed of a flat, moulded entablature crowned by a Flemish style pediment reaching to the second story windows. Leading to the doorway is a four step, brick, double-ended porch with a wrought iron railing. The narrow office doorway is also very ornate with tall, louvered shutters protecting the door. Above this is a three sectioned transom area, one above the other with a round arched panel incised in a sunburst design over a plain, square, recessed panel over a square section of small paned colored glass. This entire office facade is generally in a Palladian arrangement with the central, round arched doorway towered above narrow, flat arched windows on each side, all framed by brick Doric pilasters. These window sections are of 4/1 sash with square, small paned, stained glass transoms in line with that above the door. These windows are corbelled out beneath the sills. Crowning this office facade are heavily moulded, Flemish stepped cornice sections in line with the main house entablature. The steps from this office have been removed leaving only a granite sill. Front windows are of 9/1 sash with flat brick arches of shaped voussoirs and marble sills as on the office extension, but with louvered shutters. First floor windows are protected by wrought iron boxed grills. Wing windows are of 6/6 sash with wood lintels and sills. The front section roof slopes gently to the rear, and the wing has a shed roof. The front facade is capped by a moulded boxed cornice on a parapet and a broad frieze with a projecting pediment over the two right bays. It is decorated by an incised sunburst design over shingles in the tympanium. The house sets on a high brick and granite faced foundation, probably of fieldstone, and is fronted by a herring-bone patterned brick pavement. To the rear is a spacious brick patio area with brick paths leading through lawn areas and boxwood edged beds of Spring bulbs and seasonal flowers. There are also large trees, various evergreens, and a serpentine brick wall. The whole is edged by a brick wall and an old cast iron fence.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

# 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 checked="" 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)
C1890-95-Brinkman Survey				
C1880-C.F. Bowers Date Survey/1875-per Mrs. Etchison/VICTORIAN-FLEMISH				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This stately, Victorian mansion adds to the variety of Greek Revival and plainer, old Federal townhouses in this area, making for an interesting streetscape.

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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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STREET & NUMBER	<i>CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701</i>	TELEPHONE
CITY OR TOWN		STATE

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