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HA-1143  
BURNS APARTMENTS  
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1900

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON Burns Apartments

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 618/620 Fountain St.

CITY, TOWN Havre de Grace CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE Md. COUNTY Harford

**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 George Burns Telephone #: 939-3186

STREET & NUMBER 618/620 Fountain St.

CITY, TOWN Havre de Grace STATE, zip code Md., 21078

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County

Liber #: Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER Main St.

CITY, TOWN Bel Air STATE Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

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

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

NA-1193

# 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**

618/620 Fountain St. is a two and a half story four bay wide apartment house with a three bay circular tower at each end. A frame two story wing, covered with shingles, is on the rear. The apartments are one of five such units built by the Burns brothers in the early twentieth century, all of them covered with form stone. This building is in excellent condition on the exterior; the form stone is brownish grey and the trim-perhaps the original colors-is green, red and grey. Four apartments are in the building which faces north on Fountain St. Similar form stone apartments are on the west and Centennial Alley is on the east side.

A curving twelve bay above grade porch extend across the front and around the east and west elevations. It has a slightly sloping tin roof supported by columns which rest on formstone piers, and a balustrade of formstone and post railings.

Windows are arranged evenly on the facade. On the front elevation towers, dormers and throughout the house, they have 1/1 light double hung sash with plain wide stone sills and lintels.

The main entrances are in the center bays; they have recessed triangular openings. The east bay retains its stained glass transom light. The doors are decoratively carved with oval beveled glass in the center. Old screen doors, displaying decorative scroll work, remain in front of both entrance doors. Other entrances are in the rear wings.

The house has a low slate hip roof with conical slate roofs topped by finials on the two front towers. A flat roof dormer containing two windows is between the towers. Brick chimneys are in the center of the roof.

A row of small attached garages is behind the building.

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES *C. 1900*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Burns Apts. is one of five similar formstone apartment units built by the Burns Brothers between 1900-1910. The Burns brothers owned a carriage factory on Green St, and when the factory burned they became land lords constructing and renting apartments or flats as they were known then. This particular building, owned by a member of the Burns family, is in excellent condition. It is a two and a half story four bay wide apartment house with a three bay circular tower at each end. All of the windows and doors retain their original parts, including the original wooden screen doors.

Taking many forms, multiple dwellings in Havre de Grace may be divided into categories. Duplexes were constructed beginning in the 19th century ( see HA-835 for an early example) , and they are in the majority. Flats or apartments began to be constructed in the late 19th century; or as in the case of HA-1110, were converted from an existing structures. The last and most recent category is high rises and garden apartments. St. John's Tower , built by the Episcopal Church in the 1960's is the only high rise and there is a garden apt. across the street from it as well as several on the Chesapeake Bay.

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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

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Md.

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HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.  
SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3930-W7600/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1970  
AMS 5763 II SE SERIES V833

HA-1143

Sand

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Burns Apts HA-1143  
618/620 Fountain St.  
Helen de Grace

N.E. Elev.

Marion Morton  
4/1977