

HA-1161 and HA-1162  
KLAIR HOUSE AND SHEAFFER HOUSE  
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1890

The Klair and Sheaffer houses are the best examples (although in very poor condition) of the late Carpenter Gothic style as it was expressed in modest dwellings in Havre de Grace. The houses display most of the decorative features, that are seen on larger dwellings of the same era. The houses, having such features as stained glass window transoms, Eastlake porches and on the Sheaffer house only, a patterned slate roof, are two and a half stories high and two bays wide with a center gable rising from a flat front.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Sheaffer House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

613 Franklin Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

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 rental

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Edna E. Sheaffer

Telephone #: 939-1438

STREET & NUMBER

613 Franklin Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21078

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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**

613 Franklin Street is a two and a half story, two bay frame dwelling with a gable flank roof, having a center gable on the front. The house, sided with aluminum, is painted white with blue trim and rests on a low brick foundation. A two story ell joins the house on the rear; behind the ell is a one story shed addition. The structure faces south on Franklin Street with an almost identical dwelling on the east and another dwelling on the west.

Extending across the front is a two bay Eastlake style porch with a hipped slate roof supported by turned posts framed by fan shaped brackets. The porch, having a railing of turned posts, is entered from the east side. A two story porch is on the east elevation of the ell. The center gable has a 2/2 light pointed arch window in it.

A large rectangular 1/1 light double hung sash window with a stained glass transom is in the west bay, south elevation. On the second floor, the windows contain 2/2 light double hung sash with wide board enframements, consistent on all elevations.

The main entrance is in the west bay of the front elevation. A four paneled door with glass in the upper panel is topped with a one light transom.

The house has a gable flank roof which is covered with slate shingles. The center gable has a bargeboard with a perforated Eastlake design in it. The roof has a plain box cornice with pendants on the gable ends. The two story ell has a lower pitched gable roof with a brick chimney located near the end of the rear.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 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 Klair House (HA-1161) and the Sheaffer House (HA-1162) are almost identical late Carpenter Gothic cottages standing next to each other. Despite their shabby and neglected appearance, it is obvious that they are the most complete examples of small sized late Carpenter Gothic cottage architecture with Eastlake ornamentation in Havre de Grace. Between them, the two houses display most of the decorative features that are seen on larger dwellings of the same era. Two and a half stories high and two bays wide, both houses have flat fronts with center gables rising from them; the front gable on the Sheaffer House retains its bargeboard with an Eastlake incised in it. Both houses have a large rectangular window on the front of the first floor containing a stained glass transom-an unusual feature for modest cottages such as these. In addition, both dwellings have Eastlake style porches with turned posts, ornamental friezes and brackets, and the Sheaffer house has kept its patterned slate roof.

The blocks of Franklin St. between N. Union Ave. and N. Adams St. are one of the most architecturally rich, interesting and neglected areas of Havre de Grace. This area provides a quick lesson in the history of 19th century architecture containing as it does a brick Federal style townhouse (HA-1105), a frame Greek Revival Church with a Gothic Revival porch (HA-1109), a livery stable (HA-1104), several notable examples of Gothic Revival architecture (HA-1158, 1161, 1162, ), an early twentieth century commercial building with a tin front (HA-1159), a dwelling built in the Second Empire style (HA-1160) and a house with Italianate influence which is joined by a corner store (HA-1174).

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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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June 7, 1977

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DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

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

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PHOTOREVISED 1970  
AMS 5763 II SE-SERIES V833

HA-1162

Sand

Sand



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Sheaffer House  
613 Franklin St  
Haute de Grace

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marion Morton  
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