

HA-1165  
LAWDER APARTMENTS  
Havre de Grace, Md.

c. 1850's

The Lawder Apartments is a good example of what happened to a basically Federal style frame dwelling of three bays and two and a half stories when it was updated c. 1870's to fit changing standards of taste. It appears that when a long vernacular Italianate style wing was added, the gables on the main section were clipped to conform to the new addition.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**Lawder Apartments**

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

**568 Congress Avenue**

CITY, TOWN

**Havre de Grace**

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

**Murray B. Lawder**

Telephone #: **939-2579**

STREET & NUMBER

**512 Green Street**

CITY, TOWN

**Havre de Grace**

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

**Belair**

STATE

**MD**

**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

568 Congress Avenue, is a two and a half story, three bay wide frame dwelling with a long two story addition on the rear. The building, now divided into apartments and in very poor condition, is located on the corner of Congress Avenue. It appears that the main section, a Federal style townhouse, believed to be built in the 1850's was updated with a clipped gable roof, when the wing with its two story bay addition was added along S. Stokes St. in the last quarter of the 19th century. The S. Stokes Street elevation has clipped gables on either end, a three sided bay addition in the center and a general symmetry which gives little indication of the Federal house in disguise which is the principal facade. Brictex asbestos shingles cover the whole structure, and a one story board and batten outbuilding is attached to the rear wing by a flat roofed addition.

A three bay porch with a hipped roof, shingled with wood, extends across the front elevation. It is supported by scroll bracketed chamfered posts. On the west elevation a two bay porch with a flat roof supported by turned posts shelters the door in the south side of the bay addition and the window south of it. In addition, a two bay porch with a flat roof supported by turned posts is on the east elevation of the wing.

Windows are spaced evenly on the front elevation. They contain 6/6 light double hung pegged sash on the front and flanks of the main section; the exception is the four light window in the attic gable east elevation. Windows in the wing contain 1/1, 2/2, and 2/1 light sash, the center bay having 1/1 light sash.

The main entrance is located in the east bay, north elevation. A door containing deeply molded pentagonal and rectangular panels is formed by a three light transom and two sidelights. Both transom and sidelights are divided into diamond shaped sections by metal strips or wood muntins. The door in the south side of the bay addition west elevation, has glass in the upper half.

The main section has a clipped or jerkin head gable flank roof. It is joined on the west elevation to the clipped gable wing roof by a low gable roof, the ridge of which runs north to south. All of the roof is asphalt shingled. The roof has a molded bracketed box cornice which returns slightly at the gable ends on the main section. Chimneys are present on the west end of the main section roof, and a smaller brick chimney is in the center of the wing roof. A pair of triangular pedimented dormers are on the front of the roof; they have 6/6 light sash, framed by plain pilasters.

**Interior:** The main section has a side hall with two rooms opening off it. Closed string stairs, having a hardwood newel post, are situated on the east wall of the hall. A fireplace is on the west wall of the front room. The mantle has fluted pilasters framing a rectangular opening (now sealed with brick) and a plain mantle shelf. Window and door enframements have architrave molding and square molded corner blocks. A fireplace with a slate mantle is on the south wall of the room behind the entrance in the north side of the bay addition, west elevation.

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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	
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<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 c. 1850's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Lawder Apartments appear to be a good example of a basically Federal style dwelling updated in the late 19th century to fit the changing standards of architectural taste. The house is frame, two and a half stories high, and it is three bays wide under a dormered gabled roof on the Congress Avenue elevation. A long vernacular Italianate wing was added to the rear, running north to south along South Stokes Street; it has a two story bay addition in the center. Windows on the front of the house have 6/6 light sash while those on the South Stokes Street elevation have 2/2 light sash beginning at the point where the wing joins the main section. All of the gables on the house are clipped. Perhaps the gables on the front were clipped and brackets added to the cornice when the wing was added. Additional evidence of two or more buildings phases in this house is provided by the woodwork and mantel in the front of the house, which are earlier than those in the rear. Other clear examples of Federal style dwellings which were modernized in the late 19th century are HA-832, and HA-1133, which are also corner houses.

**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

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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May 1977

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historic Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

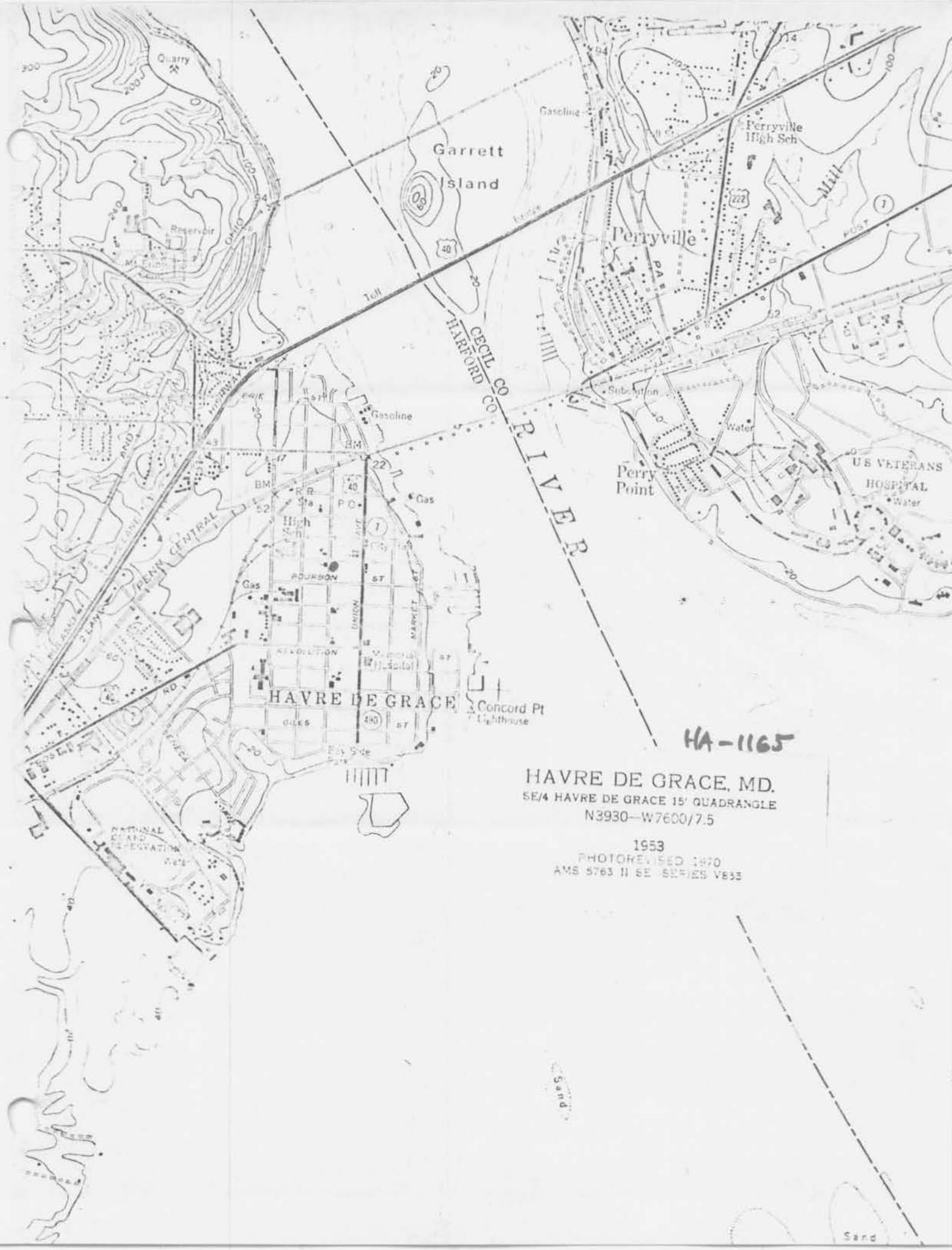
STATE

Maryland

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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 V853

Sand

Sand



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Lawden Apts  
568 Congress Ave  
Havre de Grace

N. Facade

Marion Morton  
6/1977



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Lawder Apts  
568 Congress Ave  
Haute de Grace

W. Elew.

Mesion Morton  
6/1977