

## SUMMARY

HA-1301

Donald Johnson House  
1514 Carsins Run Road  
Aberdeen, MD 21014

Probably built by John Hopper at the end of the 19th century, the Donald Johnson House is typical of the modest frame farmhouses built in the mid-to-late 19th century in this area: two stories on a low stone foundation, three bays wide and one room deep with a gable roof with center front gable. Only the ubiquitous front porch is missing. The lot was referred to as part of the "Dismal Forrist" tract until 1874, when it was christened with the less derogatory "Montreal."

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Donald Johnson House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

1514 Carsins Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Donald Johnson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1514 Carsins Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21001

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South 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

54. 173

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

This two-story frame house with a gable roof and center front gable is located on the west side of Carsins Run Road.

Set on a low stone foundation, the house is three bays wide and one room deep with two brick chimneys with corbelled caps flanking the center gable. Windows have 2/2 sash and beaded trim, and the structure is covered in aluminum siding.

The principal or east facade has a central entrance with windows arranged symmetrically around it. The entrance has a two-light transom.

The south end has a single gable window. The west side has a door and window in the first story center and south bays, respectively, and three windows in the second story.

There appears to have been a fire in this house, leaving little interior detail.

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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 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

A list of Edward Griffith's real estate sales at a public sale in Perrymansville, dated November 20, 1867, records that Lot#2 was sold to J.O. Patterson for \$18 per acre. He purchased 176 acres of what was probably referred to as "Dismal Forrist" in the inventory of Griffith's real estate, dated August 5, 1867. Edward Griffith was an extremely rich man with his real estate in Harford County alone worth \$97,826.00 at his death. This lot seems to have been his least valuable: his other seven properties were worth from \$40 to \$65 per acre. It also seems to have been unimproved, since dwellings are listed on various other lots.<sup>1</sup>

In 1874, James O. Patterson of Carroll County surrendered his Harford County property to Harrison Hopper of Baltimore City: 176 acres of what was by this time deemed "Montreal" for \$880.<sup>2</sup>

In 1882, Harrison Hopper sold 11 3/4 acres of "Montreal" to Stephen & Sarah Hopper, and John Hopper for \$165.<sup>3</sup> In 1923, Eliza A. Hooper purchased the lot for \$500.<sup>4</sup> The house, presumably, had been constructed before this last transaction; it does not appear on the 1878 Martenet's Map, and stylistically dates from the late 19th or early 20th century. Eliza Hooper defaulted on her mortgage in 1929, and John and Eva Dross paid \$850 for the 11 3/4 acre lot.<sup>5</sup> They then sold it to Nelson and Ethel Christy in 1941,<sup>6</sup> and in 1979, Donald Johnson purchased the house on a two-acre lot.<sup>7</sup>

1. Estate account #3454
2. Liber ALJ 30, Folio 72
3. Liber ALJ 45, Folio 136
4. Liber DGW 183, Folio 323
5. Liber DGW 211, Folio 313
6. Liber GLB 265, Folio 350
7. Liber 1093, Folio 162

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will & equity records of Harford County

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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

Natalie Shivers, Historic Site Surveyor

10/79

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

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

## DONALD JOHNSON HOUSE

## Title Search

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1. 1093/162 May 11, 1979 Grantor: Annie C. Addison, Rep. of estate of Ethel R. Christy (d. Oct. 19, 1976 - Will 37/468)  
Grantee: Donald L. & Julia A. Johnson  
Sum: \$12,000  
Acreage: 1.827 Acres
2. GCB 265/350 May 9, 1941 Grantor: John & Ludwicka Krass  
Eva Krass  
Grantee: Nelson & Ethel Christy  
Acreage: "Montreal" = 11 3/4 Acres
3. DGW 211/313 February 11, 1929 Grantor: J. Wilmer Cronin, Assignee  
(Mort. from Eliza A. Hooper → Annie A. Amos - DGW 184/395)  
Grantee: John Krass, Eva Krass  
Sum: \$850  
Acreage: "Montreal" = 11 3/4 Acres
4. DGW 183/323 August 24, 1923 Grantor: Jacob A. Doxen, Assignee  
Grantee: Eliza A. Hooper  
Sum: \$500  
Acreage: "Montreal" = 11 3/4 Acres  
(Mort. John W. Hooper - J. Edwin Webster WSF 99/38)
5. ALJ 45/136 March 3, 1882 Grantor: Harrison Hopper  
Grantee: Stephen & Sarah Hopper  
John W. Hopper  
Sum: \$165  
Acreage: "Montreal" = 11 3/4 Acres
6. ALJ 30/72 April 10, 1874 Grantor: Herman Stump, Jr., Trustee  
Grantee: Harrison Hopper of Baltimore City  
Sum: \$880  
Acreage: "Montreal" = 176 Acres
7. Equity Records  
ALJ 39/388 1881 Harrison Hopper vs. J. Orville Patterson, et al  
Grantor: Herman Stump, Jr., Trustee for J. Orville Patterson  
Grantee: Harrison Hopper  
Sum: \$30.50/Acre; 66 A., 3 R., 24 P  
Deed of Trust - September 11, 1871  
Grantor: James O. Patterson of Carroll Co.  
Grantee: Herman Stump, Jr.  
for purpose of paying all debts incl.  
126 Acres of "Montreal"
8. Estate Accts. of Edw. Griffith; #3454. List of real estate sales at public sale at Perrymanville, November 20, 1867.

No. 2 176 A. 10 P. @ \$18 per acre - Jo. Patterson = \$3169.12





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Southeast