

HA-1#68

Board Brick House
Federal Hill, Md.

Capsule-Summary

This house is notable for its double front door plan with double parlors, and also because it is of brick. The plan is apparently something that was brought from Pennsylvania, as it is more common there. Also, brick residences in rural settings are not particularly common in Harford County.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Foard Brick House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

#259 Federal Hill Road (street # 4136)

CITY, TOWN

Federal Hill

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert Foard

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

4136 Federal Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Jarrettsville

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland STATE zip code

21154

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 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

NR 1667

CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This residence is located on the west side of MD. Route 165 (Federal Hill Road) at ~~4136~~⁴¹³⁶. The house faces east, is two stories high with a 1 1/2 story ell to the west, and has a slate covered gable end roof. The foundation is of rubblestone, exposed to a height of 1'6"-1'8" around the perimeter. The bricks are laid in American bond in seven stretcher variation. The main block is 4 bays wide by 2 bays deep with double entrances in the second and third bays of the east or principal facade. A one story shed roof porch shelters this elevation across all four bays. There are interior brick end chimneys with corbelled brick caps at the north and south gable ends, and there is an interior chimney at the west gable end of the kitchen ell. Windows are 6/6, except in the second floor of the ell which has 4/2. There is no exterior decoration either in the form of sawn wood or patterned brickwork. Note- there are flat arches (brick) over all the window and door openings.

The interior was examined at first floor level only. (No investigation of the attic or basement. This should be done if possible at a future date to ascertain construction materials and methods.) The floor plan consists of two parlors separated by a lateral wall. Each parlor has its own exterior door, though there are no interior doors to distinguish them inside. The north parlor was apparently the formal parlor, used for more serious family gatherings (holidays, weddings, funerals). The south parlor is connected to the second floor by an enclosed stairway, and to the kitchen, and was the less formal room used for everyday relaxation and social gathering. Both rooms contain very plain mantelpieces, baseboards, and no superfluous decorative trim.

The kitchen has a stove top in the west wall, and access to the second floor via a winding staircase in the northwest corner. There are a number of built in cabinets on the west wall as well as a shelf above the stove top, all of which are probably original to the house. Mrs. Board reported that she used to have a wood fired cook stove in this kitchen. She also reported that the closets of the house used to be "bluewashed" (in lieu of whitewash). Bluewash has been observed in other 19th century structures throughout Harford County.

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ERIOD	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

This house is significant for its plan and also because it is constructed of brick.

The double front door-double parlor plan seems to be a Pennsylvania variant that has crept down into Maryland. It appears in Harford County only in the northern sections close to the Mason-Dixon Line, and is not widely found. There are two other houses in the Federal Hill area with this plan, one of brick, and the other of frame construction. Neither of these has been ~~found~~ surveyed although one (HA-1670, 4208 Federal Hill Road) has been added to the inventory. The other brick house is located on a lane running south off of Mount Moreb Road.

Brick houses are not especially common in the more rural sections of Harford County. It is interesting to speculate on why the builder chose brick over other materials; was it a question of durability, style, or ~~cost~~ cost that was on his mind. In any case, the end result is a sturdy no-frills residence that has an elegance and dignified artistic quality expressed through balance and simplicity of design.

Unfortunately, time did not permit a thorough interview with the residents of the house, who have lived here all their lives. Conversations with these people could not only supply more information about the house, but also how the way rural farm life has changed. A future surveyor would do well to return to the Federal Hill area and this site.

This house apparently appears on the 1858 Jennings and Herrick map and the 1878 Martenet map of Harford County, and both times is identified as "W. Calder". The maps indicate more structures in the area than now exist, and the path of the roadway has also been altered over the years.

NOTE- Title search not done.

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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

Phillip Lord

May 1961

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air, Maryland 21014

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.

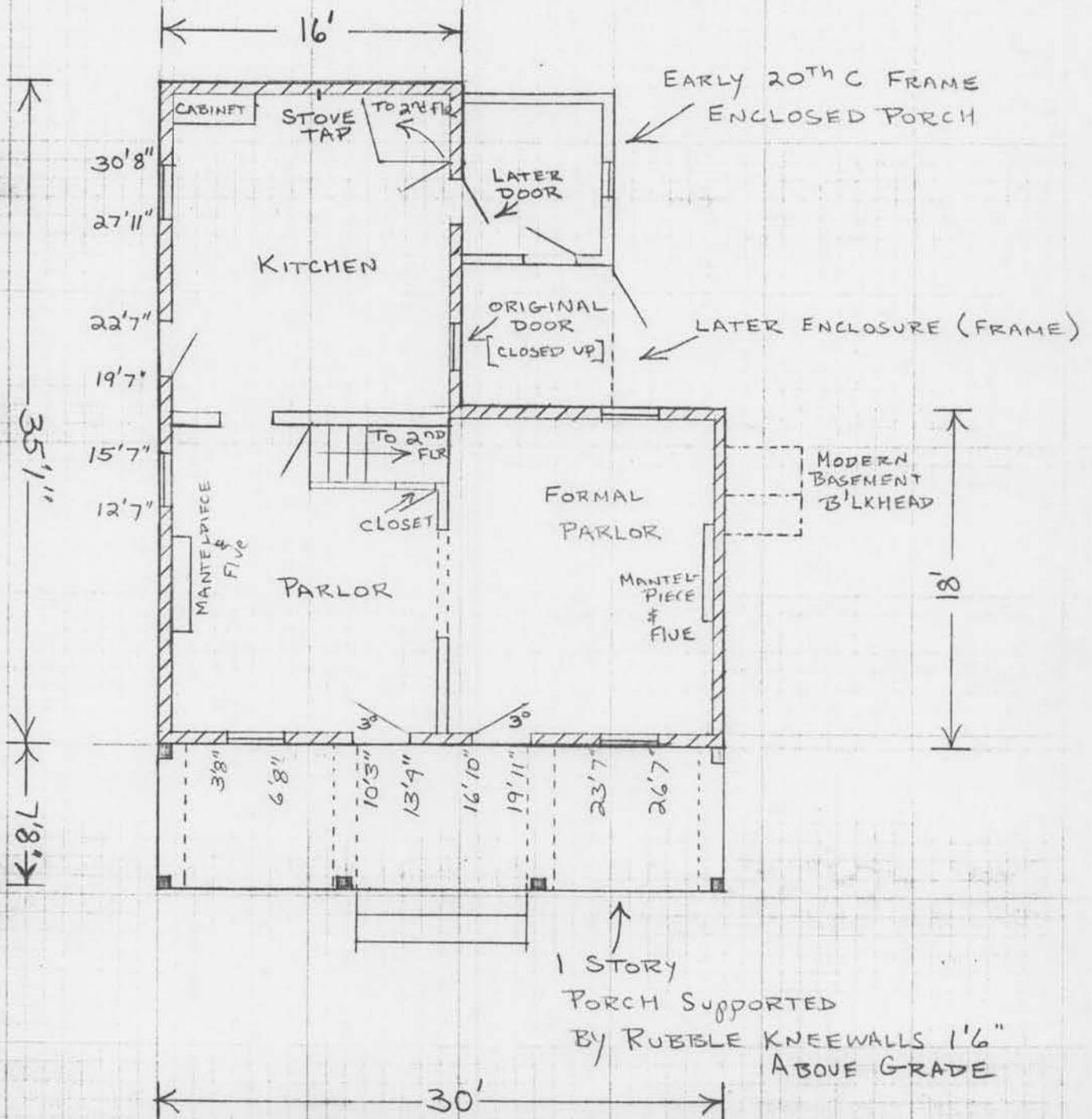
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

BY P. LORD DATE 6/1981
CHKD. BY DATE
SCALE 1/8" = 1'

SUBJECT ROBERT FOARD HSE
#259 RTE 165
FEDERAL HILL, MD.

SHEET NO. OF
JOB NO. NA-1668





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