

HA-343

Murphy House
1240 Boyd Road
Scarboro vicinity
Private

ca. 1865

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Murphy House

AND/OR COMMON

Morning Star Nursery

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1240 Boyd Road

CITY, TOWN

Scarboro

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

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	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Andrew Schmidt

Telephone #: 836-1650

STREET & NUMBER

1240 Boyd Road

CITY, TOWN

Street

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21154

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 915

Folio #: 307

STREET & NUMBER

20 West Courtland 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

7 DESCRIPTION

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

The Murphy House is a two-story frame house with a partially enclosed shed porch, built about 1865 and located on the north side of Boyd Road about 1/4 mile west of the intersection of Scarboro Road near Scarboro, Harford County, Maryland. The main elevation faces southeast. The house is set back from the road at a distance of about 200 yards.

The main elevation has three bays with a center gable emphasized by a round-arched window. The entrance is in the center bay. The shed porch has been partially enclosed on the east end with a pair of modern 6/6 windows on the southeast. The porch section remaining open has scroll-sawn brackets. The present owner believes that a similar scroll-sawn ornament once decorated the central gable eaves. The porch has a standing seam metal roof. Most windows in the main section are 2/2.

On the east gable end of the house is a small shed addition which has an entrance on the southeast. A modern 1/1 window flanks the door.

Interior end chimneys are located at each gable end of the main section. The foundation is stone and the original siding, probably clapboard, has been replaced with asbestos shingles. The roof is slate.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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
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<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 ca. 1865

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The house is shown on Martenet's 1878 map as that of "Mrs. Murphy".

Note: Survey number HA-343 was originally assigned to Indian Springs Historical Marker. This object has been deleted from the inventory.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

5/15/83

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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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ORGANIZATION

Harford County Dept. of Planning & Zoning

DATE

June 1983

STREET & NUMBER

45 So. Main St.

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

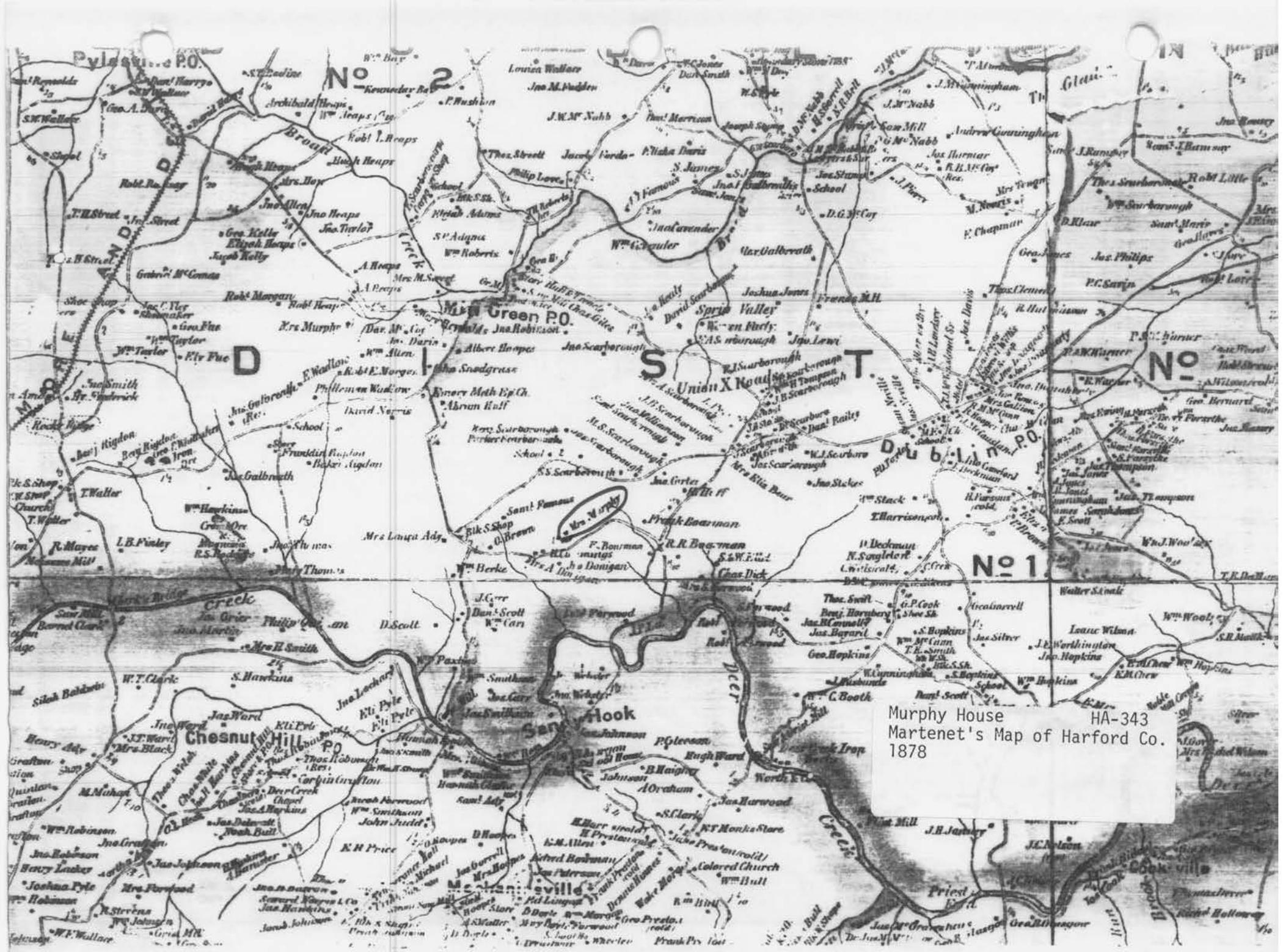
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MD 21014

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



Murphy House
Martenet's Map of Harford Co.
1878

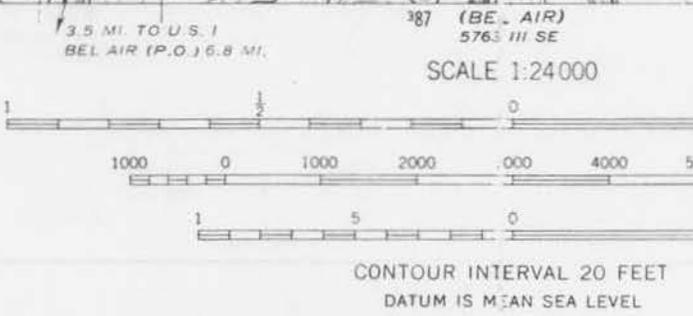
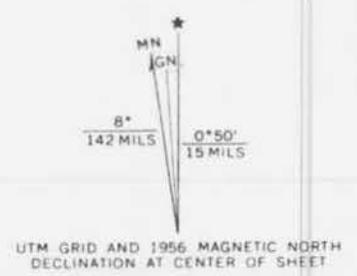
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the Geological Survey

Multiple methods
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GIBSON 2.7 MI.
 BEL AIR (P.O.) 7.4 MI.

Murphy House
 Harford County
 USGS 7.5 minute series
 Delta, Md.-Pa. Quadrangle
 Scale: 1:24000

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THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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 A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

MARYLAND
 QUADRANGLE 1



Murphy House
Harford County
Photo: Janet Davis
June 1983
South elevation
1/1

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