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c. 1840

MALIN APARTMENTS AND COLONIAL INSURANCE

Havre de Grace, Md.

In a town where brick and frame structures predominate, this building is unusual. Colonial Insurance is a two story, two bay, rubble stone dwelling covered with stucco. Adjoining it on the east is the Malin Apartments, which has a common bond brick facade and stucco over rubble stone flanks and rear. The structure was probably one room deep originally, with the east half added as a wing at a later date. The west front room, possibly the original structure, has windows with wide sills and diagonal reveals recessed a foot and a half into the wall.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Malin Apartments

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

366 Congress Avenue

CITY, TOW'N

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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER apt.

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

David L. Malin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 174

CITY, TOW'N

Havre de Grace

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 937

Folio #: 581

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**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

366 Congress Avenue is a two-story, three-bay rectangular dwelling adjoining 368 Congress Avenue. Although the houses share a common wall, they are treated as separate units. The facade (north elevation) is brick, laid up in common bond; the east and south elevations are stucco over field stone. The foundation appears to be random rubble.

A modern, two-story stucco addition containing a garage and an apartment has been joined to the building at the south end, east elevation.

On the facade is a one-bay Classical Revival porch with a plain full entablature cornice and a flat roof supported by square posts with chamfered corners. The porch rests on a platform of cement and brick.

Most of the windows have six-over-six light, double-hung, pegged sash with brick flat arches over those on the facade. Although the shutters are missing, cast iron shutter fasteners in the shape of shells remain in the front wall. The east elevation windows are surrounded by stucco, but it appears they might have stone or wood lintels over them. The attic gable window is a six-light casement. The window openings on the rear (south) elevation are recessed about 18" from the face of the wall and have casement windows in them.

The entry door, located in the west bay of the facade, has a plain enframement with a four light transom; the door itself has glass in the upper panels. In the masonry above the doorway a wide stone lintel extends about 6" on either side of the transom below it, making it appear that the doorway has been reduced in size.

The ridge of the gable flank roof runs east-west (parallel to the street) with a long slope to the rear and is covered with asphalt shingles. On the facade the cornice with narrow fascia board beneath does not meet the east wall.

The house has a side hall plan; it is now divided into apartments. All the windows on the east wall first floor have wide sills and diagonal reveals recessed about 18" into the wall. An open string stairway rises from the hall on the west wall. On the west wall near the stairs is the outline of what appears to have been a door.

The house has a front lawn and small back yard.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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			

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SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

366 Congress Avenue is architecturally significant because it is the only known building in Havre de Grace which has the unusual combination of east flank and rear of fieldstone covered with stucco and a facade of brick laid in common bond. The building adjoins a fieldstone dwelling (368 Congress Avenue) covered with stucco for which it was probably built as an addition.

The brick does not appear to be a veneer over fieldstone because the front wall of the house is only 10" thick while the rear and east flank wall are both approximately 18" thick. The land records show that by 1873, lot 178 had two different owners, so perhaps significant alternations were made to the buildings at that time to make them look like two separate dwellings.

The visual and historical significance of Congress Avenue to Havre de Grace make any building located on it important for community planning. Congress Avenue and Union Avenue are the widest streets in town, being 132' wide while the others are 70'. This house is one of three or four early to mid-19th century structures still standing in the 300 block of Congress Avenue. Robert Young Stokes laid out Havre de Grace in c. 1781. It was on Congress Avenue that sites were chosen in 1806 for the market and Episcopal Church, whose construction was financed by lottery. The north side of the 300 block of Congress Avenue is believed to be the site of the old market.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Land Records HD 23 60  
Hauducoeur Map - C.P. Hauducoeur, Engineer; 1799  
A proposed plan of the town of Havre de Grace  
Meigs, Cornelia - A History of St. Johns Church, 1809-1959  
The Democratic Ledger, 1959

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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

Marion Morton - Architectural Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

September, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

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.

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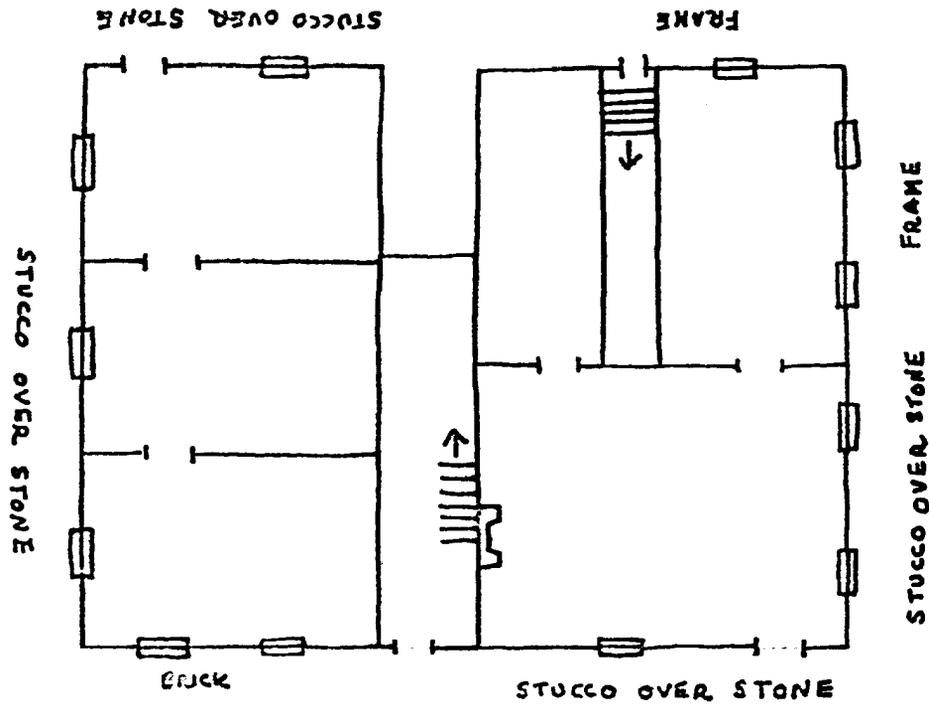
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-540 Malin Apartments DEED RECORDS (366 Congress Avenue)

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1. HDC 937 581 September 24, 1973  
Grantors: Ellsworth Shank and Madelyn, his wife  
Grantee: David L. Malin  
"part of lot #178"
2. HDC 875 789 June 29, 1971  
Grantor: Frank Maslin  
Grantee: Ellsworth Shank
3. GRG 403 20 October 8, 1953  
Grantor: Arthur Cloak by will from George Cloak  
Grantee: Frank Maslin
4. JAR 164 400 August 20, 1919  
Grantor: Annie Vandiver  
Grantee: George Cloak
5. WG 12 104 November 15, 1860  
Grantor: A. Lincoln Garrett, trustee  
Grantee: Robert Vandiver  
Equity Case: Jacob Hoke, complainant; Cornelia Forsythe, defendant
6. ALG 6 175 October 5, 1852  
Grantor: Hannah Boyce  
Grantee: Cornelia Forsythe  
\$600.00 "all that lot of ground with the house thereon"
7. HD 28 328 September 8, 1843  
Grantor: Otho Scott, trustee  
Grantee: Hannah Boyce  
Equity Case: Susan Coale, plaintiff; Ellis McCaskey et.al., defendants  
\$485.00
8. HD 7 162 October 4, 1823  
Grantor: Sarah Hall  
Grantee: Mary Anne McCaskey  
\$40.00

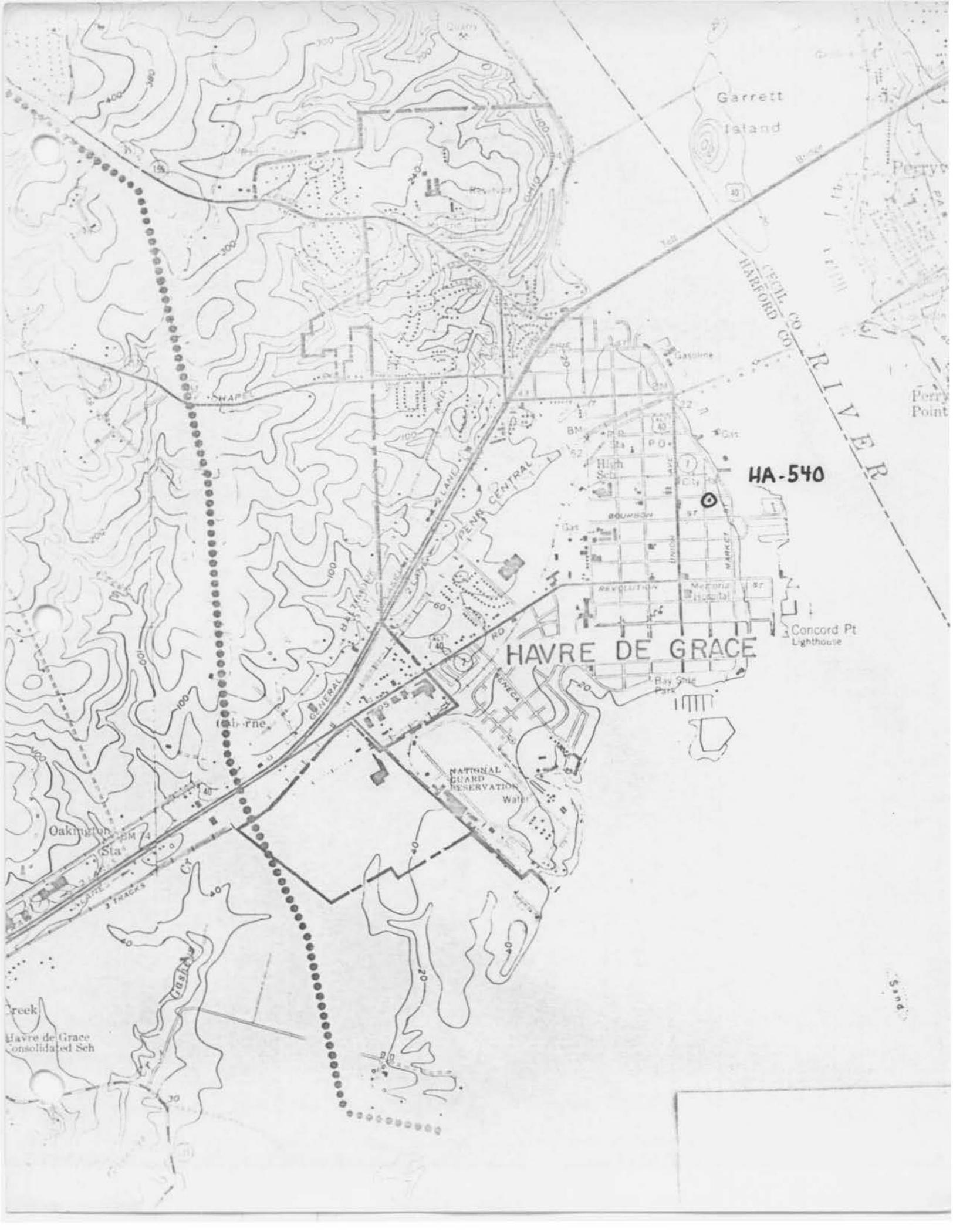
366/368 Congress Avenue



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approximate 1st floor plan  
not to scale



Garrett Island

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HAVRE DE GRACE

Concord Pt Lighthouse

NATIONAL GUARD RESERVATION

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Havre de Grace Consolidated Sch

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