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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 Colonial Insurance

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 368 Congress Avenue

CITY, TOWN Havre de Grace CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER apts.

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME David L. Malin

Telephone #: 939-3602

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 174

CITY, TOWN Havre de Grace Maryland STATE, zip code 21078

— VICINITY OF 21078

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 873

Folio #: 328

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN STATE

Bel Air Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

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**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**

368 Congress Avenue is a two-story fieldstone dwelling covered with stucco. Situated on the corner of S. Washington Street and Congress Avenue, facing north, it is a two-bay by two-bay structure with a two-story wing on the rear (south) elevation. The wing is frame covered with asbestos shingles. The house shares a common east wall with 366 Congress Avenue.

A two-bay porch with turned posts, scroll saw brackets and a standing seam tin, hip roof covers both bays of the facade (north elevation).

First floor windows have one-over-one light-double-hung sash. On the west elevation, a louvered, rectangular opening is present in the gable wall.

The main entrance is in the west bay, north elevation. The entry door with glass in the upper panels has a plain wood enframement with a four-light transom.

The gable flank roof is asphalt shingled with the ridge running east-west, parallel to the street. The building has a molded box cornice with cornice returns on the west wall. A rectangular brick chimney rises from the roof ridge of the main block at the east end. The wing has a small brick chimney located on the west slope of the roof.

The original stone house appears to have been one room deep with a fireplace on the east wall, first floor. The present mantle and iron front conceal what may have been a larger opening.

Windows in the north and west walls have wide-sills and diagonal reveals recessed 18" into the walls. An enclosed stairway with a door is on the west wall of the east room of the addition. The basement has a 4-foot ceiling and dirt floor. It is only under the front room. The floor beams are hand-hewn logs split in half with modern two-by-eights butted against them. The basement walls change from random rubble into brick at the south wall where the crawl space under the frame addition begins.

The house has a small front lawn with a sidewalk and a small fenced-in back yard.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The architectural significance of 368 Congress Avenue lies chiefly in its building material; it is fieldstone covered with stucco, not brick or frame like most of the other buildings in Havre de Grace. The house appears to have been originally one room deep with the house next door added on as a wing at a slightly later date.

The location of the building on a major street corner marking the beginning of the residential district and the end of the central business district (south-east corner of Congress Avenue and South Washington Street) is important to community planning. The structure, maintained as a business with the minimum of architecturally disturbing signs and advertising, is one of the few in town that has not altered the first floor facade or modernized the interior.

The house is one of the three or four early to mid-nineteenth century structures still standing on the 300 block of Congress Avenue. It is one block from the Susquehanna River in an area of town which was settled early; Robert Young Stokes laid out Havre de Grace in c. 1781. It was on Congress Avenue that sites were chosen in 1809 for the market place and Episcopal Church, whose construction was financed by lottery. The market place is believed to have been on the north side of the 800 block of Congress Avenue. It is also important to community planning that Union Avenue and Congress Avenue are the widest streets in town, being 132' wide while others are 70'.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford County Land Records HD 23 60  
Hauducoeur Map - P. Hauducoeur, Engineer c. 1830  
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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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368 CONGRESS AVE.

LAND DEEDS

HDC 873 328 June 1, 1971  
Grantors: Dorothy K. Spenser, Louise E. Gorsuch, George W. Klair  
by will from Ethel Leckner  
Grantee: David L. Malin  
"part of lot #178"

GCB 293 451 February 19, 1976  
Grantor: Gertrude Rogers  
Grantee: Ethel Leckner

JAR 142 199 August 18, 1913  
Grantor: Caroline Rogers  
Grantee: Gertrude Rogers

WSF 113 321 October 17, 1904  
Grantor: William Rogers  
Grantee: Caroline Rogers

ALJ 65 457 December 10, 1889  
Grantor: Sarah Baldwin  
Grantee: Charles F. Rogers

ALJ 29 116 July 1, 1873  
Grantor: Robert Vandiver  
Grantee: James Baldwin  
\$800.00

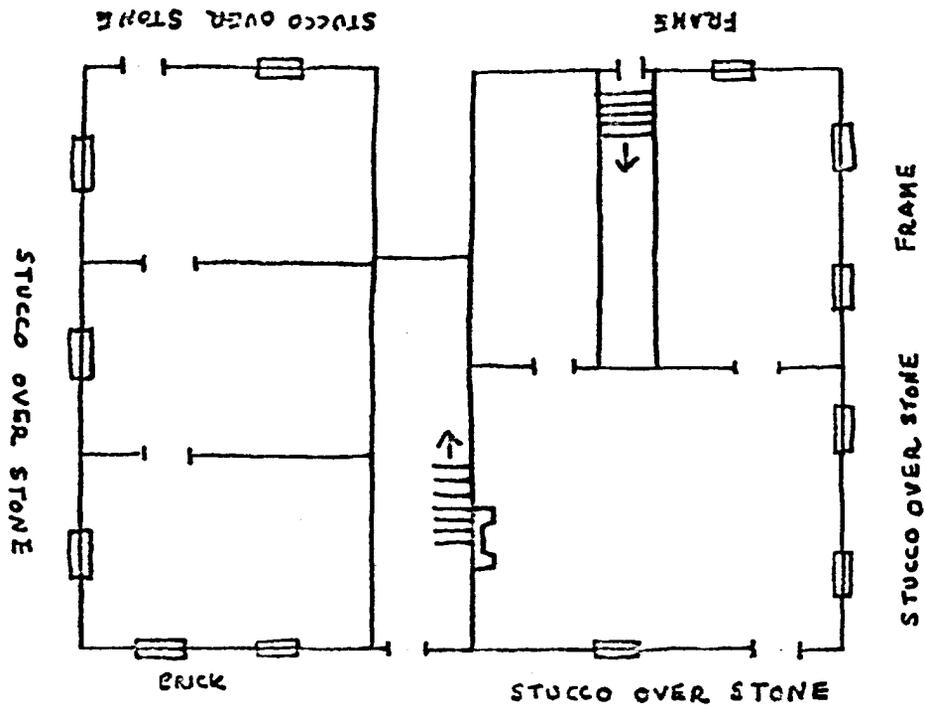
WG 12 104 November 18, 1860  
Grantor: A. Lingan Jarrett, Trustee'  
Grantee: Robert Vandiver  
Equity Case: Jacob Hoke-complainant, Cornelia Forsythe-defendant

ALJ 6 175 October 5, 1852  
Grantor: Hannah Boyce  
Grantee: Cornelia Forsythe  
"all that lot of ground on the house thereon"

HD 28 328 September 8, 1843  
Grantor: Otho Scott, trustee  
Grantee: Hannah Boyce  
Equity Case - Susan Coale, plaintiff; Ellis McCaskey etal., defendants  
\$485.00 The case concerned the hase and lot.

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

Oakington Sta

Havre de Grace Consolidated Sch

SAND



COLONIAL INSURANCE HA-541

368 Congress Ave. Havre de Grace

Marion Morton, Sept. 1976

northwest elevation

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