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c. 1800

NICHOLAS AND GABRIEL SUTOR HOUSE

Havre de Grace, Md.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Nicholas and Gabriel Sutor House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

121 South Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

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

Ellsworth B. Shank

Telephone #: 939-3947

STREET & NUMBER

121 South Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Havre de Grace

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21078

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County

Liber #: 336

Folio #: 70

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

KA-803

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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

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

121 South Washington Street is a two and half story, three bay wide, detached frame dwelling with a gable roof and a two story ell on the north side of the rear elevation. Believed to be a late 18th or early 19th century structure, the house faces west on South Washington Street. It is covered with light green asbestos shingles and has a stone foundation, covered with stucco.

A front stoop with iron side rails is in front of the north bay, front elevation. A one story, enclosed porch with a shed roof is connected to the south wall of the ell, entered by wooden stairs on the east end.

The unity of the facade fenestration is broken by a small second floor bathroom window over the front door. Most of the windows have 1/1 light, double hung sash; exceptions are the 6/6 light gable windows and the large one light window in the rear dormer recently added to the south side of the east slope of the roof.

The main entrance, in the north bay of the front elevation, has a Colonial reproduction door way and a door with a six lights in the upper panel.

The main block has a gable flank roof with a moderately steep pitch, covered with asphalt shingles, the ridge being parallel to the street. A very large rectangular brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises from the west slope, inside the south wall of the house, where, covered with stucco, it is partially exposed below the third floor. The ell also has gable roof with the ridge running east to west.

The house has a spacious yard in the rear including several modern outbuildings.

Interior: The house has a side hall plan with stairs located on the north wall. The first floor is two rooms deep with the kitchen in the ell. On the south wall of the front room is a fireplace with a large rectangular opening. The chimney breast has two cupboards in the west side fitted with on panel doors.

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 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	c-1800	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two and half story frame dwelling is of architectural interest for it's large brick chimney, partially exposed on the south wall.

The appearance of the foundations and structural members in the basement appear to be of sufficient age to support an early 19th century date of construction. Further investigation would be necessary to assign a specific date.

This house is believed to be one<sup>of</sup> the oldest in Havre de Grace and one of the few frame structures which escaped destruction by the British when they burned the town in May, 1813.

Nicholas Sutor (or Suder), an early member of St. John's Church, had property in Havre de Grace listed on the 1798 and 1814 **Tax Assesments**. According to the 1798 Tax List Nicholas Sudor owned lot 206 on which there was a one story frame dwelling, 12' X 20'-that lot is located directly behind lot 205. The 1814 Tax Assesment lists Sutor as the owner of a one story frame building of 26' X 20'-and one out house assesed at \$200.00. No lot number is given.

The measurements of the main block of the present house are approximately the same.

The Nicholas and Gabriel Sutor House is one of the older structures on South Washington Street. The length of the street on both sides is almost entirely frame dwellings, dating from the mid to late 19th century.

**MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Meigs, Cornilia  
A History of St. John's Church  
1809-1959  
Democratic Ledger  
Havre de Grace, Maryland

1798 U.S. Tax Assesment  
1814 U.S. Tax Assesment

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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-Historic Sites Surveyor

4/4/77

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

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.

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

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Ellsworth Shank house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 121 South Washington St East side, between

CITY OR TOWN: Harre de Grace Compass et Bourbon St

STATE: Md CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Public Acquisition:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Yes:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> No:	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Ellsworth B. Shank

STREET AND NUMBER: 121 S. Washington St

CITY OR TOWN: Harre de Grace STATE: Md CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN S

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE:

ACREAGE APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:  
COUNTY:  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE  
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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story frame house, 3 bays by 2, was covered with clapboard, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> covered again by green asphalt shingles. An exposed brick chimney on the south wall rises from a fireplace that may have had an oven. The <sup>peak</sup> roof/ridgeline runs north-south, the house faces west.

Altered windows upset the balance of the house, and a pseudo colonial doorway mars the facade, but the house is well maintained, nevertheless.

6. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian       16th Century       18th Century       20th Century   
 15th Century       17th Century       19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		
Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

A hard-colored wrapping of asphalt shingles and  
 plucky colonial doorway fail to disguise a  
 pleasant old house.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National  State  Local

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Keeper of The National Register*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Land Records

GRG 536 70 September 23, 1959  
 Grantors: R. Madison Mitchell and Shirley, his wife  
 Grantees: Ellsworth B. Shank and Madelyn M., his wife  
 part of lot 205

GRG 342 502 May 16, 1950  
 Grantor: G. Arnold Pfaffenbach  
 Grantees: R. Madison Mitchell and Helen M. Mitchell

GRG 342 497 May 15, 1950  
 Grantor: R. Madison Mitchell-executor for E. Lillie Mitchell,  
 deceased  
 Grantee: R. Madison Mitchell

JAR 176 153 October 24, 1921  
 Grantors: Charles B. Burns and Helen, his wife  
 Grantees: Robert H. Mitchell and E. Lilly Mitchell, his wife  
 62' on Washington St. 200' back to alley

JAR 176 33 September 19, 1921  
 Grantors: Millard E. Tydings and W. Worthington Hopkins, trustees  
 Grantee: Charles B. Burns

WSF 120 424 April 5, 1907  
 Grantors: M. Barrett Walker and Henry Carver, trustees  
 Grantees: W. Coleman Bailey, Helen B. Green and Olivier T.  
 Bailey

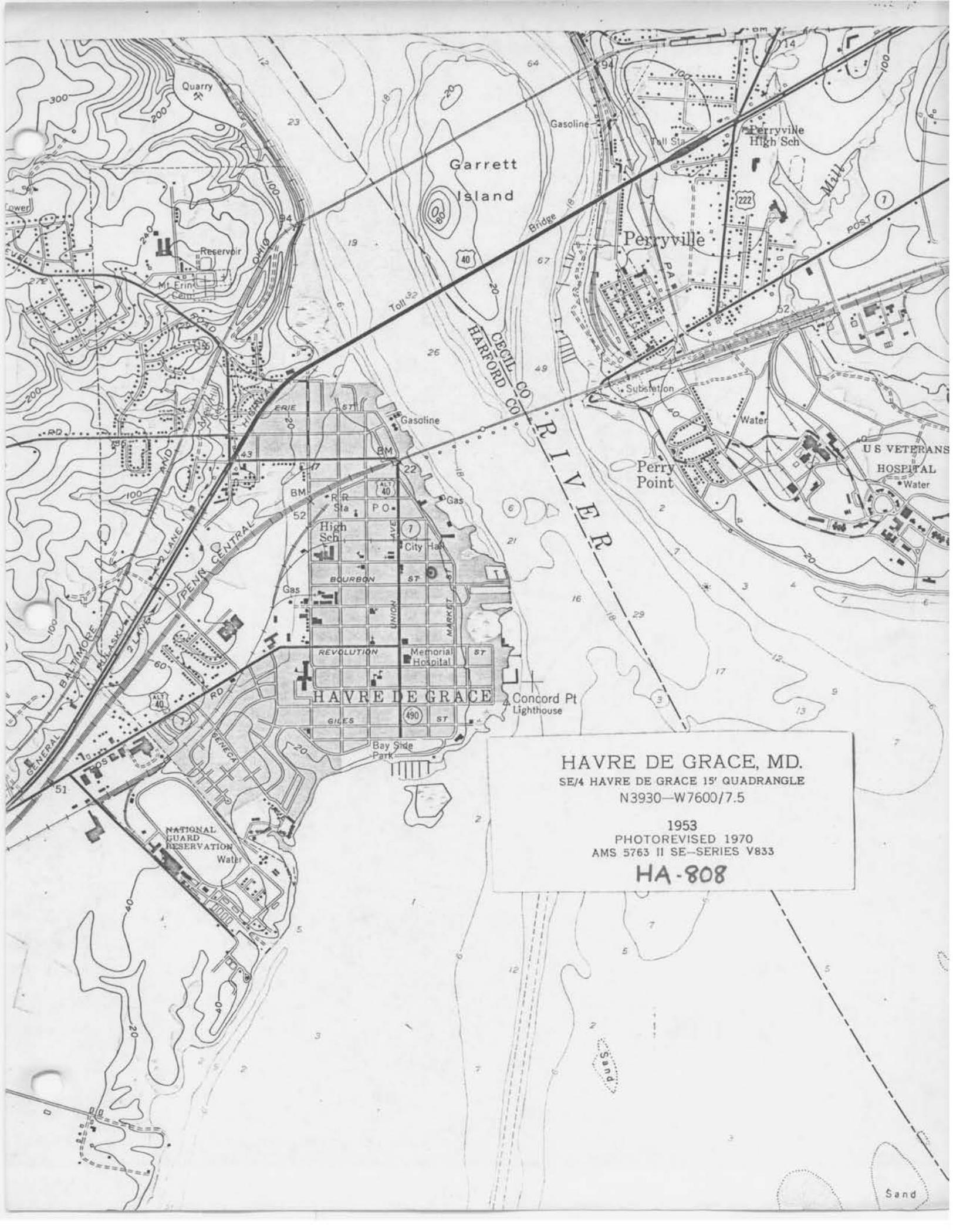
WG 12 11 July 31, 1860  
 Grantors: Henry W. Archer, trustee  
 Grantee: William A. Bailey  
 Described as same lot in a lease from Robert Y. Stokes to  
 John Sinclair - JLG E 243 April 2, 1782  
 \$535.00

HD 7 214 February 4, 1824  
 Grantor: Nicholas Suder  
 Grantee: Gabriel Suder  
 \$300.00

JLG L 433 January 29, 1794  
 Grantor: John Sinclair  
 Grantee: Nicholas Suder  
 30 pounds lot 205 with improvements there on

JLG E 243 April 2, 1782  
 Grantor: Robert Young Stokes  
 Grantee: John Sinclair

Elizabeth Lewis



HAVRE DE GRACE, MD.  
SE/4 HAVRE DE GRACE 15' QUADRANGLE  
N3930-W7600/7.5

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Nicholas and Gabriel Sutor House  
121 S. Washington Street  
Havre de Grace, Md. 21078  
Northwest Elevation

Marion Morton

4/4/77

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