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Peacock House Site  
Millington  
4th quarter of 18th Century

On the north side of Cypress Street in Millington there stood a long gambrel roof dwelling that burned in the mid 1980's. From the remains of the burned shell, it was apparent that the house was built in several stages. The eastern section was a plank building and to it a brick wing had been added on the west. It has been suggested that the plank section originally had an A roof and the whole was made a gambrel when the extension was added, similar to the development of Godlington Manor near Chestertown in the 19th Century. Its facade was stuccoed and scored to resemble ashlar masonry.

The interior developed into a central hall with two flanking rooms on each story. Around 1890 a two story frame wing was added onto the rear of the brick section. Interior trim dated from early, middle and late 19th Century. A photographic project undertaken during the original survey in 1977 recorded a c. 1830 mantel from the second floor and the Victorian stair balustrade.

On the 1860 Martinet Map, the house was listed as owned by "T. Walker heirs." Thomas Walker was a Kent County merchant who owned property in Chestertown, as well as Millington. In his will (1854) he bequeathed a lot near Millington to the son of a friend and ordered the rest of his real estate to be distributed between his niece and nephew.<sup>1</sup>

By 1877, the property was owned by C. B. Peacock. It was known as

the Peacock House well into the 20th Century.<sup>2</sup>

1. Wills, Lib. JF 1, fol. 4.
2. Lake, Griffing, Stevenson Atlas, 1877.

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Grumpelt House, Gambrel Roof House

1830 to 1870

Millington

Private

In the first half of the 19th century, a two bay brick house was extended three bays and a gambrel roof built over all. The brick walls were stuccoed and scoured to resemble ashlar masonry. Interior details, including the stair, appear to be later, probably the late 19th century.

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MS # 1922-107

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Grumpelt House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Cyprus Steet, near church

CITY, TOWN

Millington

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

**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	<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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Howard & Lillian Grumpelt

Telephone #: (301) 928-2550

STREET & NUMBER

Cyprus Street

CITY, TOWN

Millington

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: *EHP 58*

Folio #: *374*

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Kent County Survey

DATE

March, 1970

— FEDERAL  STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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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

One of the old houses standing on the north side of Cyprus Street in Millington is a five bay, one and one-half story gambrel roof brick building. It appears to have been built in two stages, with the two eastern most bays being the oldest. The early house has a fireplace and chimney in the west gable, possibly with a stair beside the chimney. Its roof form is unknown. Probably early in the 19th century the remaining three bays were constructed and the gambrel roof built over all. Only fragments of early trim remain inside, the second floor parlor chamber, the western, has a fireplace with early 19th century moldings used on the surround. Similar trim is used on windows and doors in this room and in the other bedroom, almost certainly enlarged and finished when the gambrel roof was built. The stair, main entrance, part or all of the rear wing are certainly even later, probably the end of the 19th century or after. The stair has a heavy turned newel and turned balusters, typical of catalogue stairs of this period. Downstairs, the old mantles and window and door trim may also date from two periods in the 19th century. In the present living room and stair hall trim has broad, flat moldings which seem contemporary with the stair. Mantles and window trim in the present dining room are simple, using a tudor arch motif in the shape of the mantle opening and in the outline of the door and window trim. In summary, three 19th century stylistic periods may be represented in interior trim; c.1830 for upstairs, c. 1850 for dining room, and c. 1870 for living room. (Interior details of the wing are 20th century.)

The gambrel roof of the building is covered with shingles. There are three shed dormers with 2/2 sash windows in the south elevation. The dormer checks are covered with wide diagonal boarding; the trim has a cove backband and bead. Other windows, fairly regularly spaced, have 2/2 sash, flat wooden lintels and projecting wooden sills. Their shutters are three-panel with broad flat moldings shell-type shutter dogs.

The main entrance is centrally located. It has a wooden lintel, low transom light and shaped dentils on the transom bar. Sidelights have two panes each and small panels with bolection moldings. The door itself is modern. A four bay, one story Victorian porch with scroll-type bracketts was removed by the present owners and replaced with a stoop made of antique bricks.

In order to unify the facade brick walls were covered with stucco scoured to resemble ashlar masonry. A common practice in the 19th century, this treatment was also used at White House Farm (K-203). The gable of the house is covered with medium width weatherboard; the gable has a enclosed chimney and is stuccoed and scoured. Both have beaded vergeboards at the roof. The cornice is boxed with a cove bed mold and crown mold.

The rear ell is one and one-half stories tall with a gable roof. The sheathing is both beveled and German shiplap. There are porches along each side; one (on the west) has square chamfered posts and ornate bracketts. The entire house, recently restored, is painted white with red trim.

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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 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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Grumpelt residence is significant as an early dwelling which was modified in the 19th century. Millington architecture in general shows a marked conservatism; forms and techniques prevalent in the second half of the 18th century were carried on for years after they had died out elsewhere. Whatever the reason for this, this house in Millington contributes to the antiquity of the region and is therefore worthy of preservation.

*Destroyed & destroyed in 1921*

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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

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

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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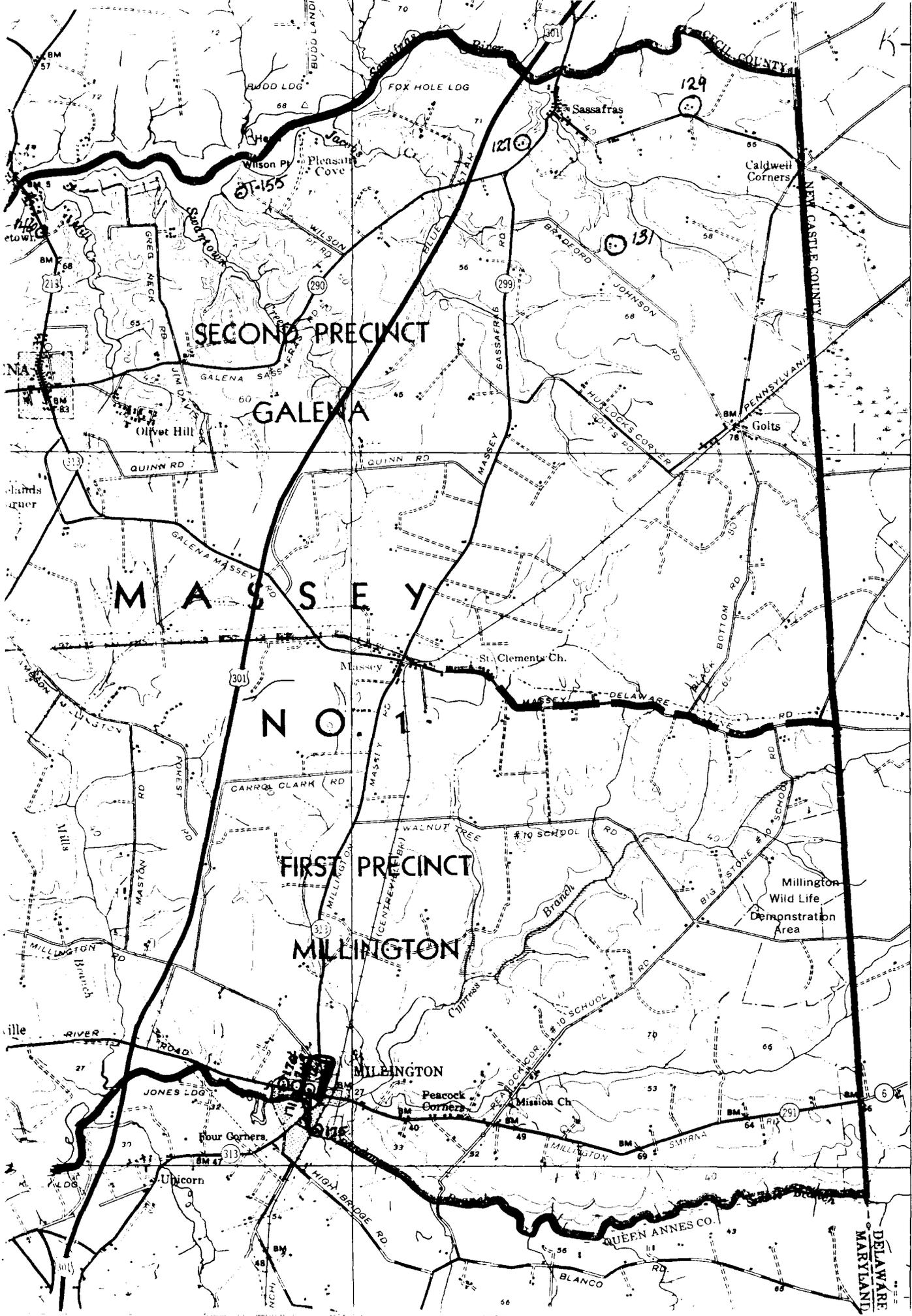
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Grumpelt House  
Gambel Raff House. M.H.T. 172

Millington, Md

Stairway

C. Engstrom, Aug 1944



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Grumpelt House  
Gambrel Roof House - M.H.T. 172

Millington, Md.

Second Floor Mantel

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