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Moffett House
Cypress Street, Millington
1830

On the 1860 Martinet Map the brick duplex on Cypress Street, Millington, appears to be in the ownership of J. M. Carrew. In 1868, Richard and Emily Millington owned the entire property but deeded it to two different women in separate deeds. Annie Blackiston who purchased the western half of the house from the Millingtons appears as the sole owner on the Lake Griffing Stevenson Atlas (1877).

The duplex was constructed in 1830. The date is painted on a recess near the apex of the east gable. Although it is a duplex, it possesses many features in common with the Logan House, across the street and slightly to the east. Both have uniformly laid Flemish bond brick with narrow joints and neither has belt course nor watertable. Wooden lintels with bulls-eye corner blocks are found above the openings of both facades. The facade of the Moffett House is symmetrically arranged with two doors in the center of the four bays. Both gables are identical, except for the date, and have three windows per floor and one in the attic. The central window in both was originally a door. Patches in the raised seam tin roof indicate the position of former chimneys, two of which rose from each gable. Behind the building there is a 1 1/2 story semi-detached kitchen wing, also built of brick.

The interior plan of each half of the house is identical, with two rooms separated by an enclosed stair. Originally there were exterior doors at the bottom of each stair. These have since been filled in. The kitchen wing is also divided down the middle, although modern kitchens are in the

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Fine window and door trim exist throughout, with gothic like moldings and corner blocks typical of the 1830 period. The doors, shutters and mantels all have a series of recessed panels, the doors having vertical battens inside, like many 18th century doors.

Late in the 19th Century, two dormers were added to both slopes of the roof, about the same time as the installation of the wide overhang of the eaves. The existing porch is the product of late 20th Century up-date.

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Millington
Private

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On Cyprus Street in Millington is an unusual double house of brick with the date 1830 in the gable. A double brick kitchen with an enormous fireplace at the rear of the house was originally detached from it. Two rooms deep and two and one-half stories tall, the house has a pair of stairs enclosed between the rooms. Massive paneled and battened doors are used at the main entrance.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Moffet House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Millington

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

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
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ray Steen (Mr. & Mrs.)

Telephone #: (301) 928-3098

STREET & NUMBER

Cyprus Street

CITY, TOWN

Millington

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21651

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: EHP 64

Folio #: 509

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

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	little	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Moffet House is a four bay wide, two and one-half story double house of brick. It is two rooms deep with a pair of enclosed corner stairs between the rooms. The large building has a metal covered gable roof with ridge parallel to the street; there are two gable dormers with 6/6 sash windows in each slope. The roof is finished with an overhanging cornice and return. In the east gable near the peak is a dating stone with the date 1830. Behind the double house is a double kitchen building also of brick; originally detached from the main house, it is covered with a gable roof and has a wide chimney which accomodates two side by side fireplaces, partially outside the gable end. The kitchens are connected to the main house with modern hyphens that contain the present kitchens. A modern one story porch has been constructed across the front of the house.

Brick of the main facade is laid in Flemish bond with smooth bricks and narrow mortar joints. Elsewhere common bond is used. There are no belt courses and no water table. Chimneys with simple caps are enclosed in gable ends. The building stands on a high basement. Former side entrances, opposite the stairs, have been closed.

Fenestration is evenly spaced with 6/6 sash used on both floors. One of the outstanding architectural features of the building is its interior and exterior wooden detailing. Paneled window shutters on the first floor have three tiers of panels, or rather a series of square, flat panels, one inside the other. The main entrance doors are similar with two "panel-series", beaded and battened on the interior.

Interior detailing is stylistically similar to exterior trim. Window and door trim is beaded with a flattened quarter-round back-band. Mantles in major rooms have paneled frieze and frieze blocks; around the rectangular fireplace opening is a molded surround with corner blocks. Mantles in both front parlors are similar. In the dining rooms, the one original mantle is similar, but simpler. There is a cupboard with paneled door.

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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	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Moffet House is architecturally significant because it is a dated house which may serve as a reliable historical document of buildings of its period. The form, main house with detached kitchen, is somewhat unusual as are double houses in a rural area. The trim, largely original, is very handsome and beautifully made.

Moffet is the name of a recent owner. Deeds in the possession of the owner show that the building historically was often owned by two different people; in 1868 Richard and Emily Millington sold the west half of the house to Annie Blackiston (6/622) and east half including a poultry and a meat house to Mary A. Foras (6/624) for \$2400.

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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

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On the gable of the 2½ story double house in Millington is the date 1830 painted in a square area which was probably meant to have a date plaque. The building is four bays long and two bays deep; the two entrances are located in the center bays and have three-pane transoms, the center pane having radiating muntins. Above all windows are wood lintels with corner blocks. A modern one story porch extends the length of the facade. Originally there were two chimneys in each gable but all have been taken down ~~below~~ above the roof-line. There are two dormers on the south facade of the "A" roof which is covered with tin painted aluminum. The brick has been painted red. To the north is a small detached 1½ story brick kitchen with one flat-headed dormer on each side of the "A" roof, extending from the ridge pole.



MOFFET HOUSE

CYPRUS STREET

MILLINGTON, MD.

ORIGINAL OUTSIDE, SEPARATE KITCHEN
FROM NORTH-EAST

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Cypress St Millington

Outside of Front Door

C. Engstrom

Aug 1947



MOFFET HOUSE
CYPRUS STREET
MILLINGTON, MD.

FRONT FROM SOUTH

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