

DRAYTON MANOR
Worton, Maryland
(1937)

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Drayton Manor was built by Wayne Johnson of New York; it is now owned by the Peninsula Conference of the United Methodist Church and used for conferences.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC DRAYTON MANOR

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER North side Coopers Lane, 1/2 mile from end

1st

CITY, TOWN

Worton

XX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER convention center

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Peninsula Conference of the United Methodist Church

c/o Dr. James R. Morgan

Telephone #: 301-778-2869

STREET & NUMBER

Drayton Manor

CITY, TOWN

Worton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21678

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 19

Folio #: 789

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input 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

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The main house block is 2½ stories tall, 5 bays wide and 9 bays deep. Its hipped roof is finished against a dentil cornice with a composite crownmolding and a deep fascia. In the center of the roof but not visible from the outside is an oval sky light. There is a soldier course belt course and the first floor level is marked by a water table. Window and door openings have jack arches. Large, tall brick chimneys rise from the side walls of the main house block.

The matching hyphens and wings are set forward on the main house block to make the main house seen only two or three bays deep, disguising the enormous size of the building. The wings are 1½ stories tall with hipped roofs pierced by small dormers; hyphens have gable roofs with front gable dormers. The cornice of the wings and hyphens are similiar to that on the main house, but smaller. Brick detailing is identical.

The main entry is sheltered by a pedimented entry porch with a dentil cornice and four round columns. The doorway has an fan-light and side lights and a paneled jamb. The six-panel door has a large brass lock and recessed panels with flattened quarter-round moldings which match those used for the jamb.

Windows have 6 over 6 sash set in window frames with an inside bead. They have plain sills and louvered shutters.

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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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input checked="" 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 1937

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Wayne Johnson

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Drayton Manor is an excellent example of Georgian Revival architecture, and the dining room and stair have very fine woodwork of the late Georgian period. Also interesting is the dairy barn.

A history of the house and an account of its current use is attached.

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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, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION
Kent County Planning Commission

DATE
778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER
Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN
Chestertown, 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.

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The L-shaped central stair is beautifully detailed with paneled wainscoting and three slender balusters per step on an open string with carved step bracketts. A chairrail in the stair hall and on following the rise of the stair is treated with gouge-work carving in of flute and diamond pattern. Newel posts and intermediates are round shafts with an entasis and with veneer work on their base and caps. The oval skylight lights the stair hall.

The interior of the dining room and the stairway was brought from the Waterman House in Warren, Rhode Island. The woodwork is very fine and includes a tabernacle overmantle, chairrail and wainscoting, cornice, and window and door trim. The wallpaper in the dining room consists of scenes on each wall; figures in 18th century dress mingle in gardens filled with ruins and classical statuary. The paper is well preserved and richly colored; woodwork is unpainted. Other rooms have woodwork designed to resemble Georgian details.

In addition to the house, there are outbuildings, a caretaker's house, and a gambrel dairy barn on the property. The barn is similiar to other gambrel-roofed dairy barns built in the 1930's and 1940's. It has a concrete floor and lower wall and windows in each bay. The loft is lit by low shed dormers with pairs of four-light sash.



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RESERVATION

STILLPOND

NECK

Still Pond

Plum Point

Worton Point Orchard

Churn Creek

52 Gallon Water Tank

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Drayton Manor

View to Northwest

Worton

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Drayton Manor Dairy Barn

View to west

Worton

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