

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:18-41
(date entered 5-13-80)

1. Name Wade House

Planning Area/Site Number Area 18/41 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 6

4. Address ^{20501 51st Rd (M17)} Not on Atlas
Bucklodge Road, Boyds, Md.

E-13

5. Classification Summary

Category buildings
 Ownership private
 Public Acquisition N.A.
 Status occupied
 Accessible no
 Present use private
 Previous Survey Recording - none Federal State County Local

6. Date 1903

7. Original Owner Marcellus E. Wade

8. Apparent Condition

a. goodc. original siteb. altered

9. Description: The 2½ story frame house has 6 bays and a wide veranda on the south and east facades. The foundation is rubblestone. The roof is modified hip style with 2 gabled dormers, and is decorated with ironwork at the ridge. An unused roadbed leads north from the circular driveway. Old oak trees shade the lawn. About 100 feet from the house is a smaller, 1½ story frame, 2 bay house, with stone foundation, and 2 exterior chimneys, one stone end and one brick center chimney. This house has a sculpture of a child about 6 inches high in the mortar of the foundation.

10. Significance: At the turn of the century, a comfortable fortune could be made by the owner of a general store in rural Montgomery County. Marcellus E. Wade and his uncle, Robert N. Grant, operated a store handling a wide variety of goods from Peruvian guano to chamber pots and beans. Grant died intestate and Wade bought the property. He married Zourie Young, from the neighboring farm. The Wades built a commodious house and raised 6 children. A railroad station was located a few feet from the store, and a blacksmith shop was on the Wade home property, which was adjacent to Wade's store. The smaller tenant house has a sculpture of a black child in the foundation.

11. Date researched and researcher 12/12/78 Margaret Coleman

12. Compiler M. Coleman

13. Date Compiled 12/12/78 14. Designation Approval _____

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Marcellus E. Wade House and Tenant House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Buck Lodge Road

CITY, TOWN

Boyd's

VICINITY OF

Buck Lodge

8

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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

Rockville Crushed Stone

(local office)

Telephone #: 762-9307

STREET & NUMBER

8427 Pulaski Highway; P.O. Box 9606

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21237

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3882

Folio #: 897

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

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 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

This two-and-a-half story frame house has bevel siding and faces northwest. It has two sections. The front (northwest) part is four bays by four bays with a wide porch curving around the entire northwest and southwest sides supported by ten wooden posts. Six of these are original Roman Doric pillars; four are square replacements. There is one empty capital with no post.

A three bay window extends onto the porch on the southwest. A wooden paneled door is at the side of the bay facing southeast. A matching door is at right angles to this door, at the end of the porch. Each door has a fixed rectangular transom.

The foundation is coursed rubble, of red sandstone color.

Windows are mostly double hung, two-over-two or one-over-one, flanked with wood louvered shutters. On the side front (southwest) are two matching square windows, one on the first floor, the other on the second, of stained glass, using 14 square panels around the edge of a central square.

The front part of the house, facing northwest, has a central brick chimney rising from a flat roof at the peak of the hip roof. This roof is about four feet by four feet. The hip roof appears covered by slate shingles although this material was not confirmed. There are three dormers, one on the northwest, northeast and southwest hips of this part of the house roof. The dormers appear to have slate shingled siding. Each dormer has a metal roof crest. There are no shutters on these windows which are double hung, single panes, one pair of windows at each dormer. Decorative metal snow stoppers dot the roof.

The smaller section of the house is two bays by two bays, two story. It has two interior brick chimneys, one at each end of this part.

The cellar is of stone with a dirt floor. There are two exterior entrances with wooden, double doors, opening outward and upward.

The front (northwest) "frontispiece" entrance has a wooden paneled door framed with sidelights. A fixed 3 light transom is above the door and sidelights. Round posts, matching the original pillars scaled appropriately to balance the door, outline the door.

The interior has original wooden floors, five large rooms downstairs and six on the second floor. The third floor is a complete apartment of five rooms.

A grassy yard extends about 40 feet from the porch on the southwest. A concrete embankment of about three feet high drops to the wide circular driveway. Huge trees shade the grounds.

The house is freshly painted white with black shutters and doors. The ceiling of the porch is pale blue.

Outbuildings include a small frame building, one bay by one bay with stove and electricity, two pig pens with pigs and two sheds, and a frame, two bay by two bay house behind the main house on the northwest of the main house. This house has a very clear sculpture of a black child in the mortar of the foundation, which is of coursed rubblestone. It has one-and-a-half stories and five rooms with crawl space, and bevel siding. The tin, gable roof runs northwest-southeast. The northwest side has a wooden porch approximately four feet by four feet with no roof. Below and to the southeast of this porch is the sculpture. A massive, stone exterior chimney is

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Marcellus E. Wade House and Tenant House

on the southeast. A second exterior, brick chimney on the southwest tilts inward slightly. Windows on the southeast are six-over-six, double hung on the lower level, three-over-three on the upper level except for one entire window which has been replaced by a single pane. All these windows have black wooden louvered shutters. On the northeast is one window on the lower level, six-over-six double-hung, no shutters. On the northwest is one window, two-over-two casement on the upper level, one six-over-six on the lower level; no shutters are on this side. On the southwest are two, six-over-six double-hung windows with shutters, one on each level. There is also a panel door and a stone entrance on the ground level. This house is also freshly painted white with black doors and shutters.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

At the turn of the century (and before income taxes) the owner of an independent grocery store was able to accumulate the wealth needed to build a commodious house and invest in land speculation, especially when sited at a train station. This main house is an example of a complex of buildings constructed at the turn of the century enabling the owner to achieve prosperity in such a way.

In the foundation of the small tenant house is a sculptured face, carefully worked in mortar.

Unfortunately no information has been found to reveal the origin of the sculpture in the foundation of the small house.

Numerous Indian relics indicate that this area had been inhabited before the owners were required to record land transactions at the courthouse. An adjacent tract is called "Indian Fields".¹ Furthermore the name, Buck Lodge, is based on a legendary Indian tale.²

By 1865, a grist and saw mill was nearby.³ A school was nearby, called by two names, Buck Lodge or Walnut De l.⁴

In 1890 Marcellus Eugene Wade was granted land for his general store at Buck Lodge by his two uncles and his mother.⁵ Competition was fierce. At the time there was competition from two general stores at Boyds Station, two miles east and one at White's Store Road, one-half mile west.

Fortunately for Wade, in 1869 the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O had purchased nine acres of land from Wade's uncles and mother, laid track and built a two-room station composed of a waiting room and a baggage/storage room.⁶ A small town developed, using the rails to receive merchandise including fertilizer for agricultural use.⁷

Wade married Zourie P. Young from the neighboring farm on present Old Buck Lodge Lane. They had four sons and one daughter. He delved into land speculation, purchasing nine plots of land amounting to about 175 acres in addition to the store lot and acreage he had received from his uncles and mother.⁸

Wade hired local blacks to help run the store. Addison Eugene Duffin worked for him, and Duffin's daughter, Katie, kept his accounts. Addison was paid a wage of 50¢ a day in 1903 and obtained needed household goods from Wade and was paid a cash monthly salary, amounting to \$3.04 in February, 1903. The purchase of a pig cost him \$2.00; ½ barrel of corn was \$.75; 5 pounds of sugar were \$.28, and a pound of coffee was \$.13.⁹ Wade also ran a blacksmith shop on the property, and his wife kept the horses of local train passengers. He served as the local postmaster, too.¹⁰

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Marcellus' widow, Zourie, left the house and outbuildings to her sons, Finley V. and Marcellus Eugene.¹¹

The Wades sold the property out of the family in 1947.¹² This property consisted of 12.371 acres at this time. The parcel subsequently passed through four more private owners until 1969 when it was sold to the present owners who rent it to a tenant. The store/post office building is gone, as is the stable. The train station has been razed, too, but passengers may board at Buck Lodge by flagging on two trains to Washington and return daily, Monday through Friday.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., TD 19/447; March 25, 1902.
2. James Darby of Buck Lodge told the following tale to his grandson, Riggs Darby.

Several Indians were hunting, and saw a very large buck. They chased the deer until dark, then camped at the stream near the present Horine's Feed Store on Bucklodge Road (where Riggs Darby stood, recalling the story). The next morning they prepared to resume the hunt, and saw the buck, lodged in a tree. Apparently he had been frightened and weary, jumped into a tree and hung himself. Hence, the name, "Buck Lodge".

3. Martinet and Bond Map of 1865.
4. E. Guy Jewell, From One Room to Open Space; Montgomery County Public Schools, Rockville, Maryland, 1976.
5. Land Records, op. cit., JA 38/160, July 22, 1890.
6. Ibid., EBP 31/436, June 11, 1869.
7. Equity #1866. Mentions several tons of fertilizer.
8. Land Records, op. cit., TD 19/447, March 25, 1907; TD 22/409, August 8, 1902.
9. Katie Duffin, Day Book, 1903.
10. Mrs. Anna Headley and Mrs. Rebecca Chinn, Washington Toers, Gaithersburg, Maryland, "Buck Lodge circa 1913." Original in the files of the Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Maryland.
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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attachment Sheet B

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 12.371 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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STATE

Maryland 20753

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