

CAPSULE SUMMARY
FOR
CHARLES HIGDON HOUSE

15501 DARNESTOWN ROAD, DARNESTOWN

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-24/7

Approximate Building Date: c1866-1878

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Darnestown

Access: Private

The Charles Higdon House is late-nineteenth century rural vernacular dwelling with Italianate style influence. It is representative of an architectural type which was once common in Montgomery County but which has become increasingly rare as farmland is acquired for residential development.

The frame residence was built sometime between 1866 and 1878 by Charles L. Higdon, a carpenter. Higdon lived here with his wife, Susanna, until 1878 when they sold the house to Benjamin F. Coomes for \$1,000. Based on assessment records, Coomes is probably the person responsible for constructing the rear addition about 1882. There are no historic outbuildings extant.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles Higdon House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 15501 Darnestown Road not for publication

city, town Darnestown vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious |
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| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Marcia R.G. Diaz c/o Sister Grace R. Diaz

street & number 606 Morris St. telephone no.:

city, town Albany state and zip code NY 12208

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4322

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 772

city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

7. Description

Survey No. M: 24-7

Condition
 excellent
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Charles Higdon House is a late-nineteenth century rural vernacular dwelling with Italianate style influences. It is representative of an architectural type which was once common in Montgomery County but which has become increasingly rare as farmland is acquired for residential development.

The Charles Higdon House is a two and one half story, three bay, I house which was built c. 1866-78. The dwelling exhibits Italianate influences in its molded window surrounds, arched gable windows, and bracketed cornices and Federal influences in its general form. Located on a hill, the house faces southwest toward Darnestown Road (Route 28), east of its intersection with Darnestown-Germantown Road (Route 118). The setting of the house has changed dramatically in recent years when the roadbed for Route 28 was widened and leveled so that the house is now set on a plane approximately ten feet above the road.¹

Although the Higdon House is at the intersection of two busy roads, to the north and east there are still views of open fields and woods.

The main, side gable block is covered with vinyl siding, yet it retains its original patterned sheetmetal roof. An interior ridge chimney is located between second and third bays. The denticulated molded cornice, which returns at gable ends, is punctuated by small, scrolled end brackets.

The entire front (south) facade is obscured by a dense screen of conifers. The one story, full width porch is now enclosed with plywood which contains in its center bay a large, three-part window a 16-light center section which is flanked by four over four sash windows on each side. The porch has retained its bracketed cornice.

At the west gable end of the main block, windows on the first and second levels have molded Italianate style window surrounds. On the first level, windows are four over four sash, and two over two sash at the second level. In the gable is a small round-headed case-

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ment window with four lights. The east gable end has only a small round-headed window which is partially boarded and contains replacement sash.

The two story, two bay, rear wing, built c1882, is also vinyl-sided and has a patterned metal roof and a chimney located on the roof ridge which is perpendicular to the main block roof. A one-story, shed-roof addition on the east elevation which fills in the ell at that corner was probably originally a porch which has been enclosed. Entrance is from a recessed entranceway with two paneled doors in the south-most bay of the addition.

Behind the rear wing is a one and a half story, concrete block garage with roof ridge parallel to the main block. Two automobile bay openings are found on the east side. The garage, which contains vinyl siding at the gable ends, is attached to the rear wing by a one story hyphen enclosed with clapboard siding and French doors. The garage, hyphen and shed-roof addition have composition roofing.

To the rear (north) of the house are several non-contributing sheds.

8. Significance

Survey No.

M:24-7

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

Specific dates c.1866-1878 **Builder/Architect** Unknown (possibly Charles Higdon)

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary:

The Charles Higdon House contains some fine architectural details for so modest a house. Unfortunately, the resource's integrity has been greatly compromised with significant rear additions, vinyl siding, enclosed front porch, dense vegetation, and altered topography.

The Charles Higdon House was built sometime between 1866 and 1878 by Charles L. Higdon, a carpenter. Higdon purchased the property in 1866 from John and Lucinda Lewis for \$100. Charles lived here with his wife, Susanna, until 1878 when he sold the house to Benjamin F. Coomes for \$1,000.²

Based on assessment records, Coomes is probably the one responsible for constructing the rear addition about 1882. He and his wife, Alice, were forced to sell the property in 1894 after defaulting on their mortgage. At that time, the 3 3/4 acre parcel was described as being improved by a six room frame dwelling, six horse stable, carriage house and other outbuildings. None of those original outbuildings now remain.³

Since its sale in 1894, the property has passed through a succession of owners. The Diaz family has owned this resource since 1966.⁴

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Attached Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.05A

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Clare Lise Cavicchi

organization M-NCPPC date May, 1994

street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone (301) 495-4570

city or town Silver Spring state MD

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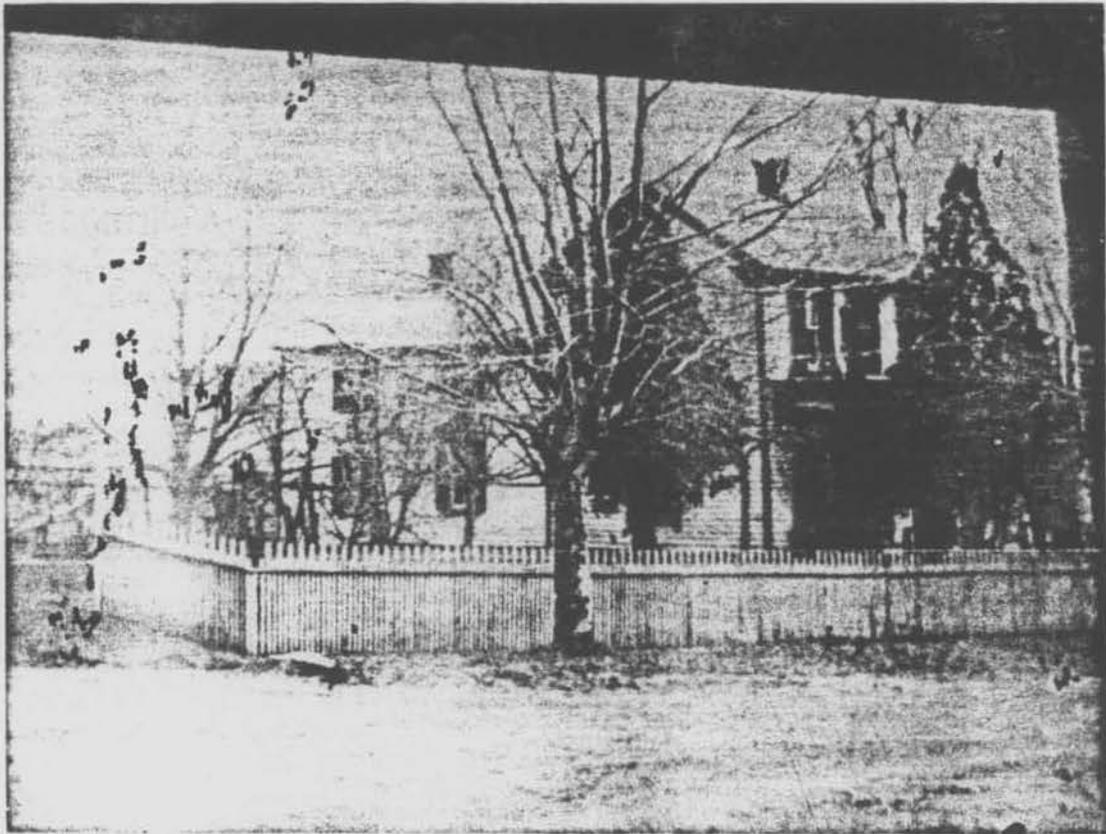
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- a. Geographic Organization: Piedmont
- b. Chronological/Developmental Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A.D. 1815-1870
- c. Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
- d. Resource Type:
Category: Building
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function: House
Use: Residential

Endnotes

- 1 Historic photo, n.d., collection of Nancy Houston.
- 2 Deed reference from Catherine Crawford, MHT form, 1983: EBP 3:114. The house is not found on Martenet and Bond 1865 map but is cited on Hopkins 1879 map.
- 3 Crawford: Tax Assessment Books, 1879-1930. Deeds EBP 17:418; 3557:539; 4322:772. Equity #1230.
- 4 Ibid.

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Historic view of Charles Higdon House
15501 Darnestown Road
Date unknown
South elevation (right), west elevation (left)
Source: Nancy Houston private collection

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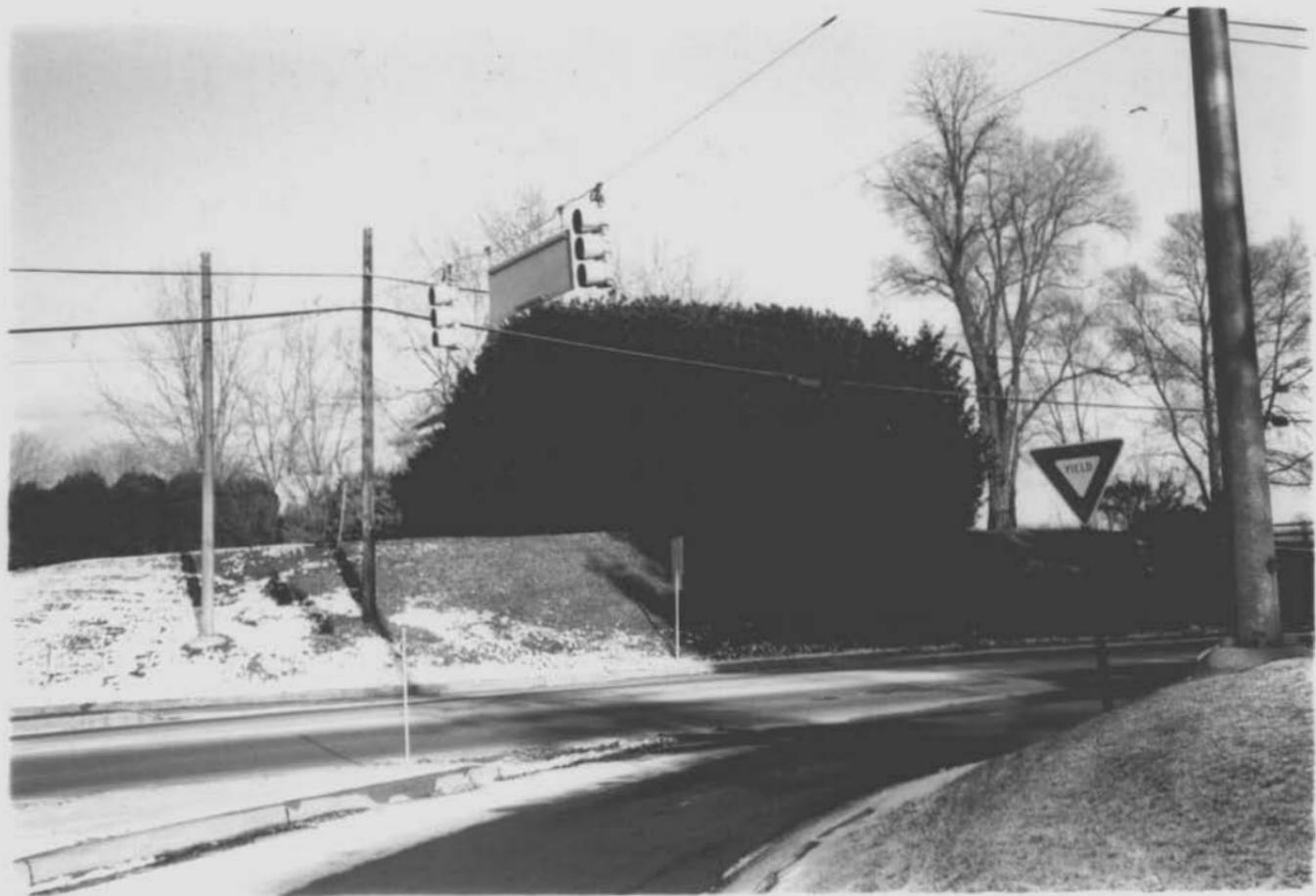
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM
LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO. *M* 24/7
 PROPERTY NAME: Higdon House
 TOWN: Darnestown, MD
 COUNTY: MONTGOMERY
 QUADRANGLE: Seneca, MD-VA



Charles Hegson House

M24/7

15501 Darnestown Rd

Darnestown, Md 20874 (Mont. Cly)

L. Snyderman

1/94

South (view of obscured main facade
from across Darnestown Rd)

NEG: MD SHPs

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Charles Hydon House

M 24/7

15501 Darnestown Rd.

~~Darnestown~~ MD 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

West

NEG: MDSHP0

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Charles Higdon House

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15501 Darnestown Rd

Darnestown
~~Germantown~~ MD 20874 (West
City)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

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NEG: MD SHPo

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Charles Hegdon House

M-24/7

15501 Darnestown Rd

~~Cermantown~~ ^{Darnestown} MD 20844 (mont.
city)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

East NEG: MD SHPO

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Charles Higdon House

M-24/7

15501 Darnestown Rd

Darnestown, Md 20874 (Mont. Cty.)

L. Snyderman

1/94

East

NEG:MD MPO

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Charles Hugdon-House

M24/7

15501 Darnestown Rd

~~German town~~ Darnestown MD 20844 (West. City)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

East

NEG: MD SHPO

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Charles Heydon House

M-24/7

15501 Darnestown Rd

~~German town~~ Darnestown MD 20874 (Mont. Cty)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

East

7 of 8

NE6:MD SHPO

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Charles Hydon House (Outbuilding)

M-24/7

15501 Darnestown Rd

~~German town~~ MD 20874 (Mont Cty)

Lois Snyderman

11/93

North

NEG: MD SHPO

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles Higdon House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Rt. 28 & Rt. 118 not for publication

city, town Darnestown vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Maria R.G. Diaz %Lydia D. Jasso

street & number 11921 Rockville Pike telephone no.:

city, town Rockville, Md. state and zip code 20852

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4322

street & number folio 772

city, town Rockville state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Md.

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an attractive, small, two-story frame house that faces south on Rte. 28. The main (south) facade has three bays, and there is an open, one-story porch across the front here. The porch roof has a bracketed cornice. The house has a central stove-chimney, and the roof is covered with patterned tin. The molded cornice features dentils and small, scrolled brackets, and is returned at the gable ends. The gable-end windows are round-headed. The upper-level windows are tall, 2/2 sashes, with molded architraves and bracketed sills. Siding is German. A lower, two-story wing of similar styling extends to the NW rear.

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B. Significance

Survey No. .

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Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Charles Higdon house is a simple but attractive circa. 1870 vernacular frame dwelling. Despite the enclosure of the front porch and the application of aluminum siding (which does not cover the window details) the house remains to a large degree, late nineteenth century in appearance.

The house was built sometime between 1866 and 1878 by Charles L. Higdon on 3 3/4 acres which he purchased in 1866 from John and Lucinda Lewis for \$100.¹ Charles, a carpenter, lived here with his wife, Susanna, until 1878 when he sold the house to Benjamin F. Coomes for \$1,000.² It was probably Coomes who had the rear wing added about 1882.³ The property was sold in 1894 after Benjamin and his wife, Alice defaulted on their mortgage. The property was at that time described as 3 3/4 acres improved by a six room frame dwelling, stable for six horses, carriage house and other outbuildings.⁴ The house has passed through a succession of owners since its sale in 1894. It is now the property of the Diaz family who purchased it in 1966.⁵

¹ Deed EBP 3/114, Montgomery County Land Records.

² Deed EBP 17/418, " "

³ Montgomery County Commissioners Tax Assesment Books, 1879-1930.

⁴ Equity #1230, Montgomery County Judgement Records.

⁵ Deed 3557/539 & 4322/772, Montgomery County Land Records.

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Montgomery County Judgement Records
Montgomery County ommissioners Tax Assesment Books

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 3.05 acres

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Quadrangle scale _____

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Preservation Comm. date 8/83

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Rockville state Maryland

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Charles Higdon House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Rte. 28 & Rte. 118

CITY, TOWN

Darnestown

VICINITY OF

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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

M:24-7

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an attractive, small, two-story frame house that faces south on Rte. 28. The main (south) facade has three bays, and there is an open, one-story porch across the front here. The porch roof has a bracketed cornice. The house has a central stove-chimney, and the roof is covered with patterned tin. The molded cornice features dentils and small, scrolled brackets, and is returned at the gable ends. The gable-end windows are round-headed. The upper-level windows are tall, 2/2 sashes, with molded architraves and bracketed sills. Siding is German. A lower, two-story wing of similar styling extends to the NW rear.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was apparently the home of Charles Higdon during the late-19th Century. (See references on next page.)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) PORTRAIT & BIOGRAPHICAL RECORDS, (1898.)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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