

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 26-10-10
(date entered 5-12-80)

1. Name: Grahame House

MAGI #1650262411

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 26/10/10 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: ^(# assigned 11/86) Map 15
West Montgomery Ave. H.D. F-13

4. Address: 107 North Adams Street, Rockville

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>unoccupied</u>		<u>1974 Rockville Historic District Comm.</u>
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State X County X Local X</u>
Present use	<u>unoccupied</u>		

6. Date: 1846-1847

7. Original Owner: John Brewer

8. Apparent Condition

a. deteriorated b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This square frame house is composed of two rectangular gable roofed sections whose ridgelines run perpendicular to one another. The house is sheathed in wood lap siding painted white.

The original section is now the rear, or east block. It is 2½ stories high with a fieldstone and brick basement. It is two bays by three bays and has brick interior end chimneys on the north and south gable ends and a slightly pitched gable roof. The two 2½ story, four bay by one bay front (west) block also has a gable roof, although it is more steeply pitched. On the front facade is a three bay gable-roofed full height entrance portico with square Roman Doric columns.

10. Significance: This house is believed to be the only Greek Revival style structure in Rockville. The house is located on Lot 80 of the original Town of Rockville, platted in 1803. In 1846 John Brewer purchased Lot 80 and 5 other lots. He built the house and then sold Lot 80 the next year. In 1849 merchant and tavernkeeper John Braddock, Jr. bought it. After his death c. 1856, it changed hands three times before being bought by Mary Dodd in 1884. Mary Dodd already owned considerable real estate in Rockville, including the adjoining house (101 North Adams). She gave the property to her niece Clara, who installed indoor water and plumbing, and added a three sided bay and porch on the south, then renting it out. The house was bought by J. Darby Bowman and his wife in 1923; they lived there until 1954. It was then sold to Arthur Grahame, and after his death in 1977 to the present owners.

11. Researcher and date researched: Anne W. Cissel-9/79 Eileen McGuckian Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: ¼ acre

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 26/10/10
West Montgomery Ave. HD
MAGI #1650262411

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Grahame House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

107 North Adams Street

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

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
- OTHER: unoccupied

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Walker, Walker, and Metro

Telephone #: 770-3880

STREET & NUMBER

121 Congressional Lane

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland, 20852

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 5079

Folio #: 385

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Historical Sites Inventory & Rockville Historic District

DATE

1976

___ FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL 1974

Commission

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE		CHECK ONE	
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This square frame house is believed to be the only Greek Revival style structure in Rockville. It is composed of two rectangular gable roofed sections whose ridgelines run perpendicular to one another. The house is sheathed in wood lap siding painted white.

The original section is now the rear, or east block. It is 2½ stories in height with a fieldstone and brick basement underneath, 2-bays by 3-bays, brick interior end chimneys on the north and south facades, and a gently pitched gable roof. Windows in this block are six-over-six double-hung (the majority with original glass) flanked by narrow trim and green louvered shutters. There is a one-story flat-roofed screened porch on the south facade; this has doors at both the east and west ends. There is a small one-story addition on the northeast corner; it has wide beaded siding and a cinderblock foundation.

The two-and-a-half story, four-bay by one-bay front (west) block also has a gable roof, although it is more steeply pitched and the cornice is returned. The low foundation is of fieldstone and brick, and is parged. The windows on the front are one-over-one double-hung, and the two south bays are accentuated with wainscoting below. The windows in the front block have a wider trim than those in the rear. The north facade has a few small windows asymmetrically placed. There is a one-story flat-roofed mitred bay on the southwest corner which runs into the side porch, both of which were added in the early 1900s.

On the front (west) facade is a three-bay gable-roofed full height entrance portico with square Roman Doric columns. Both the entrance door and the door directly above it to the porch are glass and wood paneled.

The overgrown yard contains mature trees and plantings, a small board and batten garage, deteriorating picket fencing, and a front brick sidewalk at the street.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		local history	

SPECIFIC DATES

1846-7

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is located on Lot 80 of the original Town of Rockville, platted in 1803.¹ This area had been surveyed for Arthur Nelson as "Exchange and New Exchange" in 1719, and subdivided by William Prather Williams as the new town of "Williamsburgh" in 1784.

In 1846 John Brewer purchased Lot 80 and five other lots at a tax sale, paying \$200 for the six lots.² When he sold Lot 80 to James Hawkins the following year, he received \$700 for the property, "with improvements, outbuildings and appurtenances."³ Hawkins sold the property to merchant and tavernkeeper John Braddock, Jr., two years later.⁴

After Braddock's death, the house and Lots 80 and 81 were purchased by the Fisher family.⁵ Cornelia Fisher Bohrer purchased the two lots following her divorce from her husband Alexander,⁶ and lived there until her death in 1874. Cornelia left the property to her sister Anna Fisher Offutt and her husband Hilleary L. Offutt, who lived there until his death in 1879. The property, described as "a comfortable two-story frame dwelling house," was sold to Mary Dodd in 1884.⁷

Mary Dodd already owned considerable real estate in Rockville, including the adjoining house, now 101 N. Adams. She disposed of Lots 80 and 81 in separate transactions. Lot 80 went to her niece Clara Fowler with the proviso that if Clara did not marry or had no children the property would revert to the family.

Clara did not marry until 1897 when she became the second wife of Remus Darby. They had three children of their own, but as mistress of his large farm near Buck Lodge and step-mother to another five children, Clara rented the house. She installed indoor water and plumbing, and added a three-sided bay and porch on the south side of the house. Adams Street was convenient to the courthouse, expanding business district, and to the railroad station. The laying of brick sidewalks in 1888 added to the desirability of this location.

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FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, Liber 188 (1803)
2. Ibid., STS 2/27 (1846)
3. Ibid., ST 2/340 (1847)
4. Ibid., STS 4/178 (1849)
5. Ibid., EBP 1/269 (dated 1856, recorded 1864)
6. Ibid., EBP 1/270 (1864)
7. Ibid., EBP 32/288 (1884)

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Following Clara's death in 1916, the property was described as Land improved by an 8-room frame dwelling and other buildings, ... was a few years ago remodeled to considerable expense, over \$1,700...with modern conveniences such as water bath, etc."⁸

The seller stated that the property was now rented but that repairs and insurance made its income small. The house was sold to Porter Ward at public auction for \$4,050,⁹ and was resold in 1923 to J. Darby Bowman and his wife,¹⁰ The house was occupied by the Bowmans until 1954, when it was sold to Arthur Grahame.¹¹ The present owners purchased the property in 1977 following Grahame's death.

FOOTNOTES:

8. Montgomery County Equity Records, Case #3555, Judgment PBP 22/409.
9. Land Records, op. cit., 288/72 (1919).
10. Ibid., 340/272 (Oct. 28, 1923).
11. Ibid., 1971/537 (Sept. 16, 1954).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Equity Records of Montgomery County, Maryland
Maps: Martenet and Bond (1865); Hopkins Atlas (1879)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY one-quarter acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 80, Original Town of Rockville
(as per Liber 188, Land Records)

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Anne W. Cissel

Eileen McGuckian - Architectural

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

9/79

Description

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Hickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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