

Site M:26/10/12

The House at Wood Lane

108 North Adams Street

Built: c. 1927

Private

The unusual course masonry topped with stucco and paint which envelops this house serves to camouflage the marriage of two disparate halves. The rear ~~two~~ rooms and porch were removed from the adjoining house at 106 North Adams. They bear the window trim and a Victorian balustrade from the earlier house. The front ~~four~~ rooms and porch were built before its 1930 sale. The entire house is now sprayed so no troweling or seams are evident, but the covering is the original, and includes the porch supports and arches. The large, ~~tree~~ lot occupies part of the right of way of (abandoned) Wood Lane and was one of the last of the original 84 lots, platted in 1803, to be developed.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No. 1650282704

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common The House at Wood Lane

2. Location

street & number 108 North Adams Street not for publicationcity, town Rockville vicinity of congressional district 8state Maryland county Montgomery

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"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Steven Van Grack

street & number 109 North Adams Street telephone no.: 424-0880

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Land Records liber 5698

street & number Montgomery County Courthouse folio 445

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register - West Montgomery Avenue Historic District - 1974
Locz

date M-NCPPC - 1976

 federal state county local

pository for survey records City of Rockville

city, town Rockville state Maryland 20850

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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

This two-story, square (3x3 bay) house is located on the west side of North Adams Street near the terminus of Wood Lane; it faces east. It has side gabled roof covered by asphalt shingles and rises from a high foundation of molded cement blocks which are rusticated under both porches and beveled under the remainder of the house. This house is constructed from two different halves; the rear two rooms and back porch are a 19th century block moved from the adjoining Peter/Muth House (#26/10/13) and connected with a new c. 1920s section of equal size. To camouflage this union, the whole house (including porch supports and arches) is covered with an unusually coarse masonry substance that is also stuccoed and then spray painted.

The east (main) facade is three bays wide with full width one-story shed roof porch supported by square, tapered posts with spanning segmental arches of box-like construction. An off-center front door is paneled wood with a two-light transom. The two-over-two windows with louvered shutters have plain trim with wide, almost flat lintels. This window trim is repeated on all windows on the front half of the house (the section constructed in the 1920s).

The west (rear) half of the house shows windows with plain trim corresponding to the trim on the house at 106 North Adams, of which it was once a part. The difference can be seen most clearly on the south facade where the back two windows and the center window on the first floor have one kind of trim and the front half another. The windows on south facade are unshuttered.

The west facade has a one-story porch running 3/4 the width of the house, with the north end enclosed to form an entry vestibule. The balusters are of jigsaw wood in a Victorian mode incompatible with those on the front porch. Since it is known that a porch existed on the section removed from the Peter/Muth house, it is assumed that it is this porch which was reattached to the transplanted section, but oriented to face the opposite direction.

The north elevation has irregular fenestration, with one large window in the center of the wall at the site of interior stairway landing. There is one two-over-two window on each floor at the right side of the wall and a small square window in the lean-to vestibule of the porch. A cinderblock bulkhead is located on this side. An interior brick chimney rises from the northwest corner.

A small wood frame garage with front gable roof is located north and west of the house and occupies part of the abandoned Wood Lane right-of-way. There are many mature trees on this large lot.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates between 1914-1928 Builder/Architect

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.

This building was erected in the 1920s, making it the newest house on this street of 18th and 19th century structures. But the rear half is itself a 19th century part of the adjoining house. It is covered with a coarse masonry and has been renovated since 1981.

Guy and Mary Hurley Carter purchased several parcels of land on the west side of Adams Street in 1930, on parts of lots 62, 63 & 64 of the original Town of Rockville. There were two houses on these lots: the Peter/Muth House (106 North Adams #26/10/13) was by then already 100 years old; the second house had been built before 1928 and was constructed out of part of the older Peter House added to a new front half.¹ The Peters, or their Dawson heirs had removed a late 19th century two-story, two room and porch section from the back of the Peter House, moved it about 20 feet north and constructed the subject house at 108 North Adams Street.² Its specific date is unknown, although it appears on the 1928 Tax Records: "Lavenia Henderson et al, Adams Street @ \$1000 with improvements @ \$2000 ... 27,249 square feet... to Guy L. and M.H. Carter, 1930".

The house is of modest size; another two rooms and full width front porch were connected on the east side to join the two room section moved from the adjoining house, and the whole is covered with a very coarse masonry that appears to have been thrown onto the frame. In 1935 the house was valued at \$2,500 in the tax records.

The Carters made their home on the Hurley Farm west of Rockville (present day Rockshire subdivision) and both 106 and 108 North Adams were rented. The second owner of this house also bought it for investment; Brice Worthington Howard was from Brookeville. He was born and lived at "Locust Grove II", the ancestral home of the Howards (Historic Site 23/61). The deed from Carter to Howard states that the property line ran "Twelve feet south of the southeast corner of the present frame dwelling on said lot".³ (It has always had its stucco covering, according to Mrs. Mary Peter who first saw it in 1929.)

Brice W. Howard died in 1944 and left the Adams Street property to his sisters, Eva and Margaret Howard. It remained in the Howard family until the Eva B. Tanner estate sold it to James F. Morgan in 1977.

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Mr. Morgan immediately resold the property to David E. Salladay and his wife, but the property was foreclosed under their Deed of Trust. The current owner, Stephen Van Grack, purchased the house at Trustees' Sale in 1980, and completely renovated the house.⁴ Mr. Van Grack and partners also purchased the older houses across Adams Street (the Greek Revival house at 107 and the 1892 "Miss Lucy Simpson's House" at 109) which have also been restored and are used as law offices. The subject property is now rented and remains a private residence.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Carter purchases amount^d to more than 1½ acres and included the two houses and other original Town lots that were abandoned and absorbed in the late 19th century Beall's subdivision. Lots 62, 63 & 64 have had their boundaries changed several times, resulting in some minor discrepancies between land and tax records.
2. The age of the west side section of 108 that was removed from Peter/Muth House cannot be determined exactly. An 1890 silhouette drawing of houses from Beall's Subdivision plat shows a large north annex and porch on the Peter House. A smaller north side section appears on the 1879 Hopkins Atlas drawing of the Peter House. The present 108 house has late Victorian sawn balustrade on the porch removed from the Peter House.
3. Land Records, 608/118 (1935).
4. Equity #73006, Land Records 5698/445 (1981).



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EAST/NORTHEAST ELEVATION
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