

Site: M:26/11/9

Anderson House

104 South Washington Street

Built: 1884

Builder: W.R. Pumphrey

Restricted

The Anderson family has occupied the original Lot 5 of the Town of Rockville since 1798. This house was built by two of the Anderson women, Mary Bowie Sprigg Anderson and Julia Anderson. It has been used as a home and/or office by many professional families because of its proximity to the Courthouse and main crossroads of the town.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Anderson House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 104 South Washington Street  not for publication

city, town Rockville  vicinity of congressional district 8

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

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

name Joseph S. McCarthy, et al

street & number 100 South Washington Street telephone no.: 290-8060

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records 5957 liber

street & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse 383 folio

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register of Historic Places (1985)

date City of Rockville Historic District    federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records City of Rockville, Maryland

city, town Rockville, Maryland 20850

state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

The subject house is the second in a row of houses facing west on South Washington Street, south of its intersection with Jefferson Street.

Consistent spacing, uniform setbacks and brick herringbone walkways define the tree-shaded streetscape. Little vegetation surrounds the house; a large oak tree shades the southwest corner.

This 2-1/2 story, gable-front-and-wing house with flat-roofed two-story rear ell was originally in a "Z-shaped" plan, as shown on the 1892 Sanborne map. A one-story rear addition and porch on the inside of the ell created a more rectangular plan. Although the basic form of the clapboard house is relatively unchanged, the Colonial Revival stylistic characteristics date from a major alteration completed in the 1950s that removed the front and front side porches, elaborate Eastlake ornamentation, and cross gable on the wing. The foundation combines brick and fieldstone.

The street facade has a three-bay front gable to the south and a two-bay wing. Two wood paneled doors with glass transoms are located in the first bay of the gable front and in the second, or corner, bay of the wing. The remaining bays have evenly spaced 2-over-2 double sash windows with flanking louvered shutters and Greek Revival lintels. The gable-front door has two unfluted Roman Doric order pilasters supporting a simple entablature; the wing door has a small porch with Greek Revival square columns and door surrounds. The gable attic pediment features a small 2-over-2 attic window with matching Greek Revival surrounds and return gable eaves.

The north facade is three-bays wide with 2-over-2 double sash windows and louvered shutters in each bay. The gabled west bay has large centrally placed windows, a small 2-over-2 attic window in the pediment, and returned eaves.

The south facade has irregularly placed 2-over-2 windows and an exterior brick chimney.

On the southeast corner of the rear facade is a one-story, louver-sided porch addition which is supported by square columns. A rear door allows an exit directly to the porch; another exterior door is located in the rear addition along with irregularly placed windows on the first floor. Above the porch is a rear gable with a fenestration of three 2-over-2 double sash windows. The attic pediment contains a 2-over-2 window similar to the front gable. A narrow exterior brick flue is between the first and second bays.

Major alterations and additions to the exterior contrast to early photographs of the house. (See attached.) The interior, however, has few changes with the original ceiling heights, moldings, and special architectural features retained in excellent condition.

# 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 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**                      1884                      **Builder/Architect**                      W.R. Pumphrey, Builder

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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.

The Anderson House represents the continuity of family generations on one street in Rockville, as well as the continuity of professional use for these lots close to the Courthouse. Two generations of Anderson doctors had their homes and offices on parts of this lot, beginning in 1798. The subject house was built in 1884 by Anderson heirs who resided there until 1939. In the mid-20th century, it was used as both a residence and office by two more doctors, and is now a law office.

History & Support

Parts of original town lots 4 and 5 were owned by Dr. James Anderson and then his son, Dr. John W. Anderson, from 1798 to 1880.1/ Julia Anderson bought out the other heirs to become sole owner of Lot 5, and in 1884 sold one half acre of this land, immediately south of the old family house on the corner of Jefferson and Washington Street, to her sister-in-law Mary B. Anderson.2/

Mary Bowie Sprigg Anderson was left a widow and childless when her husband, James W. Anderson, and her two young sons died between August and October 1881.

Three years later, the Sentinel reported that "Mrs. James A. Anderson is erecting a new house on her lot opposite the Episcopal Church, Washington Street, W.R. Pumphrey contractor." 3/

Although this house was owned by Mrs. Anderson, it was known as the "Julia Anderson House" in contemporary records, as Miss Julia Anderson and a niece, (also named Julia Anderson) shared it with her. The house is shown in a photograph (see attached 8.2) in the 1890 advertising brochure Peerless Rockville used to illustrate the comfortable residences available for those interested in Rockville. The pierced verge board on gables and porch cornice drapery shown in the picture have been removed along with the verandas, and the broad lawn has been narrowed, but the shady trees and quiet streetscape of this neighborhood only one block from the busy business district has not changed.

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Attachment 8.1

Following the deaths of Miss Julia and Mrs. Mary Anderson, the house passed to the niece, Julia Anderson Fearon.<sup>4/</sup> In 1939 it was sold to Dr. William W. Welsh, who made his home and office in the house. Dr. Corinne Cooper (the former Mrs. Welsh) retained the property as her home and office until its sale in 1979 to Joseph McCarthy, et al, the law firm of McCarthy & Wharton.<sup>5/</sup>

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Footnotes:

1. See sites Inventory Form for 100 South Washington Street, Site No. M:26/11/3
2. Montgomery County Land Records, EBP 33/ 431
3. Montgomery County Sentinel, October 3, 1884
4. Land Records 753/ 77 (1939)
5. Ibid. 3194/ 89 (1964) and 5360/523 (1979)



From: Peerless Rockville brochure (1890)





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104 S. Wash. St

NW facade

Richard Andrews

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