

M: 26/16/16

Hodge/Dorsey House

100 North Street, Rockville

Private

Built c. 1924

This may have been the first house constructed on Block 10 of "Beall's Subdivision of Part of Rockville", first platted by Margaret J. Beall in 1893, then abandoned in 1910, and sold off by Miss Beall's heirs to black families and investors in the 1920s. This 2½ story vernacular house demonstrates the survival of traditional 19th century house types and household life into the 20th century. The L-shaped frame house is now covered with stucco and has a rear addition.

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DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

NR eligible:  yes  no  
Contrib. element in H.D.

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hodge/Dorsey House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 100 North Street  not for publication

city, town Rockville  vicinity of congressional district 8th

state Maryland county Montgomery

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Victoria McMullen and Stewart T. Bowman

street & number 100 North Street telephone no.:

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse 4981  
liber

street & number Rockville folio 408

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town Rockville state Maryland

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 2-1/2 story vernacular house demonstrates the survival of traditional house types and household life in the early 20th century. Although it appears to have been built in the 1920s, the house is typical of mid-to-late-19th century L-shaped vernacular houses, consisting of a center-peaked side-gabled three-bay by one-bay rectangular main block with rear kitchen wing. It functioned much as its prototype house did in a semi-rural area without water or sewer until the 1950s. It has been altered by a rear addition, which is compatible with the house, and the exterior has been stuccoed.

The subject house faces north on North Street on a narrow, deep, corner lot landscaped with mature trees, lilac bushes and other perennials, one of a row of single family detached houses with similar moderate setbacks and spacing. Neighboring houses range from similar frame houses to recently constructed brick ranch houses and split levels. A central concrete walkway leads down the slight grade from the street to the porch. A drive and parking area is at the southeast corner of the lot, accessed from Van Buren Street.

The 3-bay by 1-bay side-gable frame vernacular has a steeply-pitched center peak, a full-width front porch, and a recently-constructed re 2-1/2 story kitchen wing with an open two story sleeping and utility porch on the west side of the wing and a tower on the east. The tri-gabled roof is clad with composition shingles and the exterior finish is pebbled stucco. The foundation is beveled concrete block. There is one plain brick interior chimney on the south roof slope. Windows are 1/1 with plain mitred surrounds that have been spaced out with molding strips.

The three-bay north (front) has a central peak attic dormer with a small square four-light window. The second story has one window in each bay, east and west. The first story has windows in the east and west bays and a central solid wood panel door. The full-width porch has a shallow hipped roof supported by four square wooden posts. The porch decking is now a concrete slab. There is a shed-roofed one-story addition on the west facade with a west and south wall extension of vertical siding that screens a hot tub; a stained glass window on the north side.

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# 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)
	<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

local history

Specific dates ca. 1924 Builder/Architect NA

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.

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This may have been the first house constructed on Block 10 of "Beall's Subdivision of Part of Rockville", first platted by Margaret J. Beall in 1893, then abandoned in 1910, and sold off by Margaret Beall's heirs to black families and investors in the 1920s.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA: Attachment 8.2  
 ROCKVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA: Attachment 8.2

### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Cora M. Hodge purchased 13,500 square feet from the three Dawson sisters (heirs to Margaret J. Beall) in 1924. Lots 2 through 10 are 50' wide, but this lot has only 38.18' frontage on North Street; it abuts Van Buren Street. There may have been a house on this parcel before the purchase, for the deed indicates "improvements" and stylistically the dwelling appears to be earlier.1/

The house was definitely in place in 1925 when Cora Hodge was assessed \$125 for the lot and \$800 for improvements. The frame dwelling had two rooms up and two down. 2/

Mrs. Hodge died in Toronto, Canada in 1927 and was buried in Haiti Cemetery; her heirs sold the property to Frank Dorsey for \$400 cash in 1939. 3/ Dorsey owned a number of parcels of land in the area, at least one other house on North Street, and maintained a garden on Washington Street near the present-day northwest corner of Beall Avenue. Frank and Lillian Dorsey mortgaged two of their lots in Beall's Subdivision for \$500 in 1939, perhaps to enlarge or install stucco siding on this house. 4/

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Equity, and Tax Records; Interviews with Rosalie M. Campbell and Ella Smith, 1988.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5036 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references.

A 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

B 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

C 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

D 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

E 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

F 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

G 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

H 

Zone	Easting			Northing			

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Part of Lot #11, block 10, section 2, resubdivision of part of Beall's Subdivision of part of Rockville.

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

state code county code

state code county code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Eileen McGuckian / Judy Christensen	
organization	Peerless Rockville	date May, 1988
street & number	P.O. Box 4262	telephone 762-0096
city or town	Rockville,	state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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Architectural Description (continued):  
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The two-bay east facade has two evenly spaced windows on both the first and second stories.

The one-bay east facade has a small diamond-shaped window in the gable peak and one central window on each story.

The rear addition, designed by Victorian McMullen and Stewart Bowman, owners of the house and a building restoration and renovation business, won a Peerless Rockville award for compatible additions. The addition is clad with a wood-like (masonite) German siding and features a square three-story tower with pyramidal hipped roof and a rear two-story kitchen addition.

The tower has a pair of small 1/1 windows on the third floor of each side of the tower, and a 1/1 window on the first story. The two-story rear kitchen addition incorporates a one-story shed-roofed rear porch. The east facade has a 1/1 window in the north and south bays, second story, and the first story has a wood panel entry door in the extreme north bay, a 1/1 window in the center bay, and a small round leaded glass light in the south bay. The south facade of the wing has a four-light sash in the attic gable, a central window on the second and first stories and a wood panel exterior door at the extreme southeast corner. The west facade has open porches in the south bay, both stories, and a gabled peak in the north bay with a small square gable window above a second story window. There is one window in the center bay, first story.

Statement of Significance/ History (continued):  
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Upon Frank Dorsey's death in 1961, the property devised to Lillian Dorsey, who died six years later. Their son Harold Samuel Dorsey sold the house to James E. Palmer for \$300 in 1972. 5/

The present owners purchased #100 North Street in 1975.

Footnotes:

1. Montgomery County Land Records 352/86 (1924).
2. Montgomery County Assessment Records; Interview with Rosalie M. Campbell, 1988.
3. Land Records, op. cit. 743/138; Equity 6222.
4. Ibid., 743/139; Interview with Ella Smith, 1988.
5. Ibid., 4733/861.

Statement of Significance/ History (continued):  
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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance      A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

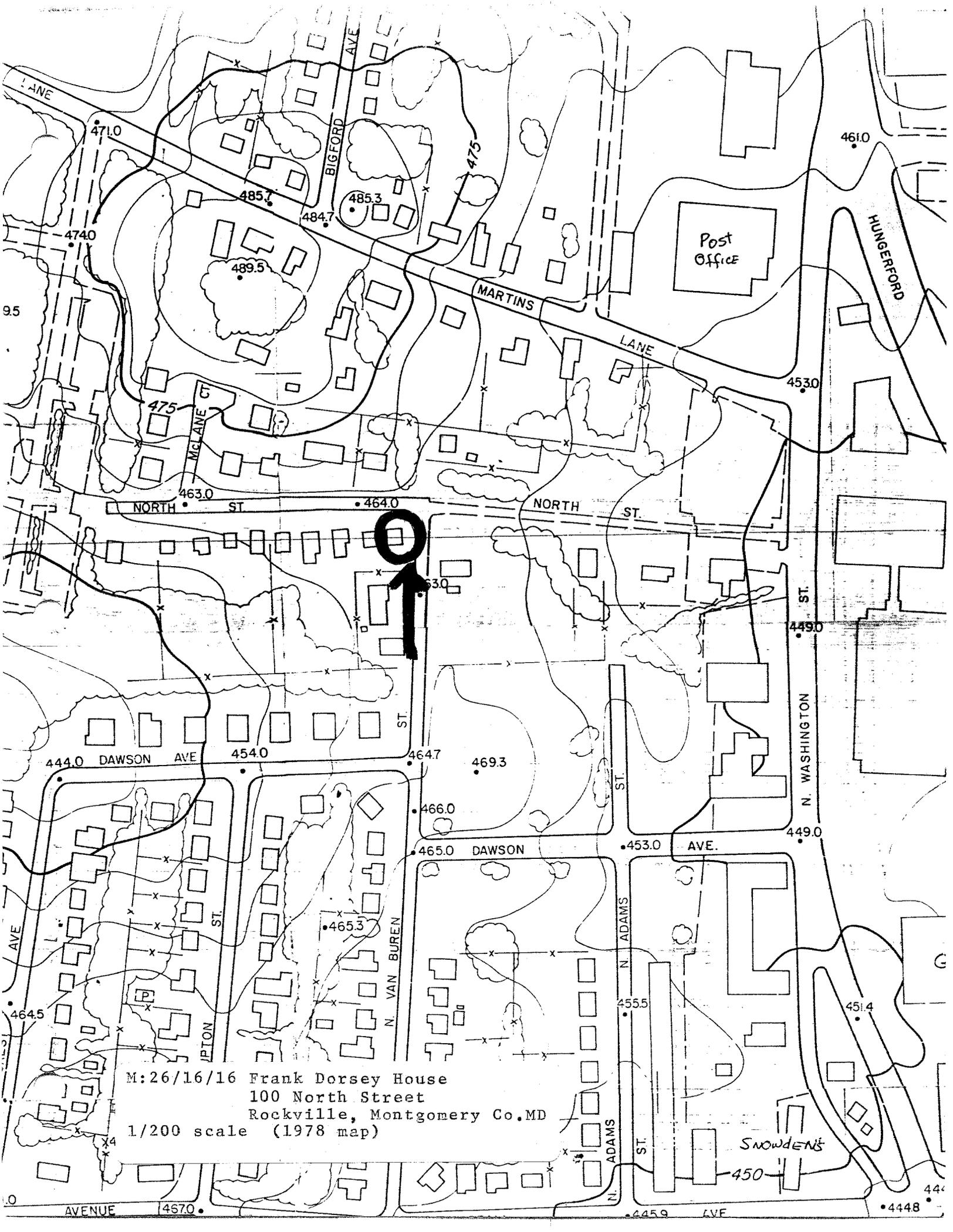
Settlement/Political  
Architecture/Landscape Architecture/Community Planning  
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: Building  
Setting: Urban  
Historic Function(s) or Use(s): Domestic/Single Family/Residence  
Known Design Source: None

ROCKVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA:

1. Geographic Organization: Piedmont, Montgomery County, Rockville
2. Chronological Period(s):  
Maturation and Expansion of the County Seat    A.D.1873-1931
3. Historic Context Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture,  
Community Planning (Black History); Social/Educational/Cultural
4. Resource Type:  
Category : Building  
Setting: Urban  
Historic Function(s) or Use: Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence  
Known Design Source: None



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100 North Street  
Rockville, Montgomery Co. MD  
1/200 scale (1978 map)

Post Office

HUNGERFORD

SNOWDENS

LANE

BIGFORD AVE

MARTINS LANE

MCLANE CT

NORTH ST

NORTH ST

DAWSON AVE

DAWSON AVE

AVE

N VAN BUREN

N ADAMS ST

N WASHINGTON ST

AVE

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AVENUE

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448

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North facade

J Christensen

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