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Webb-Carter House, (Robert G. Carter House)

Architectural Survey File

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Dr. William Jackson House
Vienna
c. 1815-20
Private

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One of the early long-term owners of this Middle Street dwelling was Dr. William Jackson, who acquired this house and lot on what was then called High Street in November 1822, and the deed states that he was already resident on the property. The land transfer including this house and lot also conveyed two back lots across High Street that encompassed an additional acre and a half. Dr. Jackson was a prominent land holder in Vienna during the early to mid nineteenth century for he also held lots twenty two and twenty three, which he acquired from Edward S. Winder in January 1826.

By the time the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas was printed in 1877, the house and lot were occupied by Thomas J. Webb, although he did not acquire outright ownership until three years later when the Jackson estate trustees sold the property. Webb family ownership of the house and lot was maintained until 1962.

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Maryland Inventory of

Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. D-167

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. William Jackson House
other Carter House

2. Location

street and number 120 Middle Street not for publication
city, town Vienna vicinity
county Dorchester

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Bruce E and Lauren M. Turner
street and number 28 Elm Ridge Road telephone
city, town Pennington state NJ zip code 21869

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber MLB 593 folio 311
city, town Cambridge tax map 500 tax parcel 151 tax ID number 0389955

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
☐ district	☐ public	☐ agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
☒ building(s)	☒ private	☐ commerce/trade	1	buildings
☐ structure	☐ both	☐ defense		sites
☐ site		☒ domestic		structures
☐ object		☐ education		objects
		☐ funerary	1	Total
		☐ government		
		☐ health care		
		☐ industry		
		☐ landscape		
		☐ recreation/culture		
		☐ religion		
		☐ social		
		☐ transportation		
		☐ work in progress		
		☐ unknown		
		☐ vacant/not in use		
		☐ other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent	☐ deteriorated
☒ good	☐ ruins
☐ fair	☐ altered

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

DESCRIPTION SUMMARY

Commonly known as the Carter house, this two-story, five-bay, center hall/single-pile frame dwelling, built around 1815-20, stands at 120 Middle Street in the center of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland. The house faces northwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis. Supported on a low brick foundation, the exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding over beaded weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with green asphalt shingles. Attached to the northeast gable end is a hyphen section and story-and-a-half kitchen that dates to the early nineteenth century as well. Extending to the back of the main block is a two-story service wing. The interior retains much of its Federal inspired woodwork.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Located at 120 Middle Street in the center of Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland, the Carter house is a two-story, center hall/single pile plan dwelling dating to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. Supported on a low brick foundation, the two-story, five-bay main block is sheathed with vinyl siding over beaded weatherboards, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The northwest (main) elevation is a slightly uneven five-bay façade with a center entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. The partially glazed front door is framed by five-light sidelights. Sheltering the center three bays is an early twentieth century hip roofed porch supported by Tuscan columns. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice featuring an early nineteenth century scallop edge and drilled decoration in a repeating half circle pattern. A cove bed molding is fixed under the boxing above the drilled decoration. Another scallop style decorative trim has been attached to the boxed cornice beneath a cove cornice.

The southwest gable end is dominated by a center chimney stack laid in five-course common bond with corbelled shoulders and a banded chimney cap. Nine-over-six sash windows flank the stack on the first floor and six-over-six sash windows flank the chimney stack on the second. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with returns at the base of each rake. Small windows light the attic.

The opposite gable end is largely covered by an hyphen and kitchen wing. The hyphen section has been raised to a taller level than original so that access was provided from the second floor of the main block into the kitchen loft. The two-bay by one-room plan kitchen is lighted by six-over-six sash windows, and a shed roofed dormer is centered on the roof. Piercing the gable end is an interior end brick chimney stack. Enclosed within the hyphen section is another brick stack whose upper section rises against the gable end of the main block. The rear (southeast) elevation of the hyphen and kitchen has been modified with the reworking of the roof into a long shed dormer that joins the main block, and a rear porch has been closed with jalousie windows. Exposed within the porch are layers of beaded weatherboards that sheath both sections. Ovolo backband surrounds frame the six-over-six sash window

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and door opening that is fitted with a flat six-panel door. The hyphen wall is pierced by a door opening with a raised six-panel door in its frame, and to the left is a narrow eight-over-eight pane window.

The interior has survived with much of its original early nineteenth century Federal woodwork including a period quarter turn staircase and period mantels. A full inspection was not possible on the initial visit.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
☐ 1600-1699	☐ agriculture	☐ economics	☐ health/medicine	☐ performing arts
☐ 1700-1799	☐ archeology	☐ education	☐ industry	☐ philosophy
☒ 1800-1899	☒ architecture	☐ engineering	☐ invention	☐ politics/government
☐ 1900-1999	☐ art	☐ entertainment/ recreation	☐ landscape architecture	☐ religion
☐ 2000-	☐ commerce	☐ ethnic heritage	☐ law	☐ science
	☐ communications	☐ exploration/ settlement	☐ literature	☐ social history
	☐ community planning		☐ maritime history	☐ transportation
	☐ conservation		☐ military	☐ other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Built on the edge of Middle Street, formerly known as High Street, this two-story, five-bay center hall plan frame dwelling with its attached kitchen is one of the oldest houses remaining in the town of Vienna. Architectural features combined with chain-of-title research place its construction around 1815-20. While now covered vinyl siding, the original outward features include a neoclassically decorated cornice with a repeating drilled circular design and scalloped edge molding, nine-over-six first floor windows, and exterior common bond brick chimney stacks. Surviving on the exterior of the story-and-a-half kitchen is beaded siding and ovolo molded backband surrounds that frame the door and window openings.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

One of the early long term owners of this Middle Street dwelling was Dr William Jackson, who acquired this house and lot on what was known as High Street in November 1822, and deed states that he was already resident on the property.¹ The land transfer including this house and lot also conveyed two back lots across High Street that encompassed an additional acre and a half. Dr. Jackson was a prominent land holder in Vienna during the early to mid nineteenth century for he also held lots twenty two and twenty three, which he acquired from Edward S. Winder in January 1826.²

By the time the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas was printed in 1877, the house and lot were occupied by Thomas J. Webb,³ although he did not acquire outright ownership until three years later when estate trustees sold the property.⁴ Webb family ownership of the house and lot was maintained until 1962.⁵

¹ Dorchester County Land Record, ER 8/489, 5 November 1822, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Md.

² Dorchester County Land Record, ER 10/181, 18 January 1826, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Md.

³ John L. Graham, *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*, Wicomico Bicentennial Committee, 1976. p. 71.

⁴ Dorchester County Land Record, CL 2/183, 10 June 1880, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Md.

⁵ Dorchester County Land Record, 126/490, 18 January 1962, Dorchester County Courthouse, Cambridge, Md.

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120 Middle Street
Vienna, Dorchester County, Maryland

MLB 593/311

Cheryl L. Wilder

to

8.23.2004

Bruce E. Turner and Lauren M. Turner

\$179,900

450/644

Ina M. Lowdermilk

to

5.31.2001

Cheryl L. Wilder

\$70,000

PLC 237/634

Charlotte I. Carter

to

11.15.1985

William F. Lowdermilk and Ina M. Lowdermilk

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126/490	John Webb Insley, et al.
	to
1.18.1962	Robert G. Carter and Charlotte I. Carter (Thomas J. Webb and Maggie A. Webb to John W. T. Webb, 11.24.1894, CL 18/684)
CL 18/684	Thomas J. Webb and Maggie A. Webb
	to
11.24.1894	John W. T. Webb
CL 2/183	James Wallace and Sewell T. Milbourne, Trustees to sell lands of Dr. William S. Jackson
	to
6.10.1880	Thomas J. Webb and John W. T. Webb
	Lot No. 2 \$900 "High Street"
1877	Lot on Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas occupied by "J. T. Webb"

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ER 10/181

Edward S. Winder, Talbot County

to

1.18.1826

Dr. William Jackson, Dorchester County

\$80.00 two lots of ground twenty-two and twenty-three
half an acre

ER 8/489

John Williams

to

11.5.1822

Dr. William Jackson

\$1,100 The improved lot on which the said William Jackson now
resides, beginning for the same at a post standing in the
North east Corner of the said lot and running from the said
Lot until it intersects the lot of Alexander Douglas then
with said lot to High Street thence with said Street across
said lot thence with a straight line to the beginning the said
lot being now enclosed, and also two back lots lying on the
West side of High Street purchased of the State of Maryland
Duvall & Holliday Commissioners containing one acre and
one half of ground more or less

ER 3/552-555

Thomas Lockerman

to

11.1.1815

John Williams

Dr. William Jackson House
Lake, Griffing & Stevenson-1877

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Dorchester County Land Records, various volumes, Dorchester County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 39,970 square feet

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name Mardela Springs, MD

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Chesapeake Country Heritage & Preservation	date	10/11/2010
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

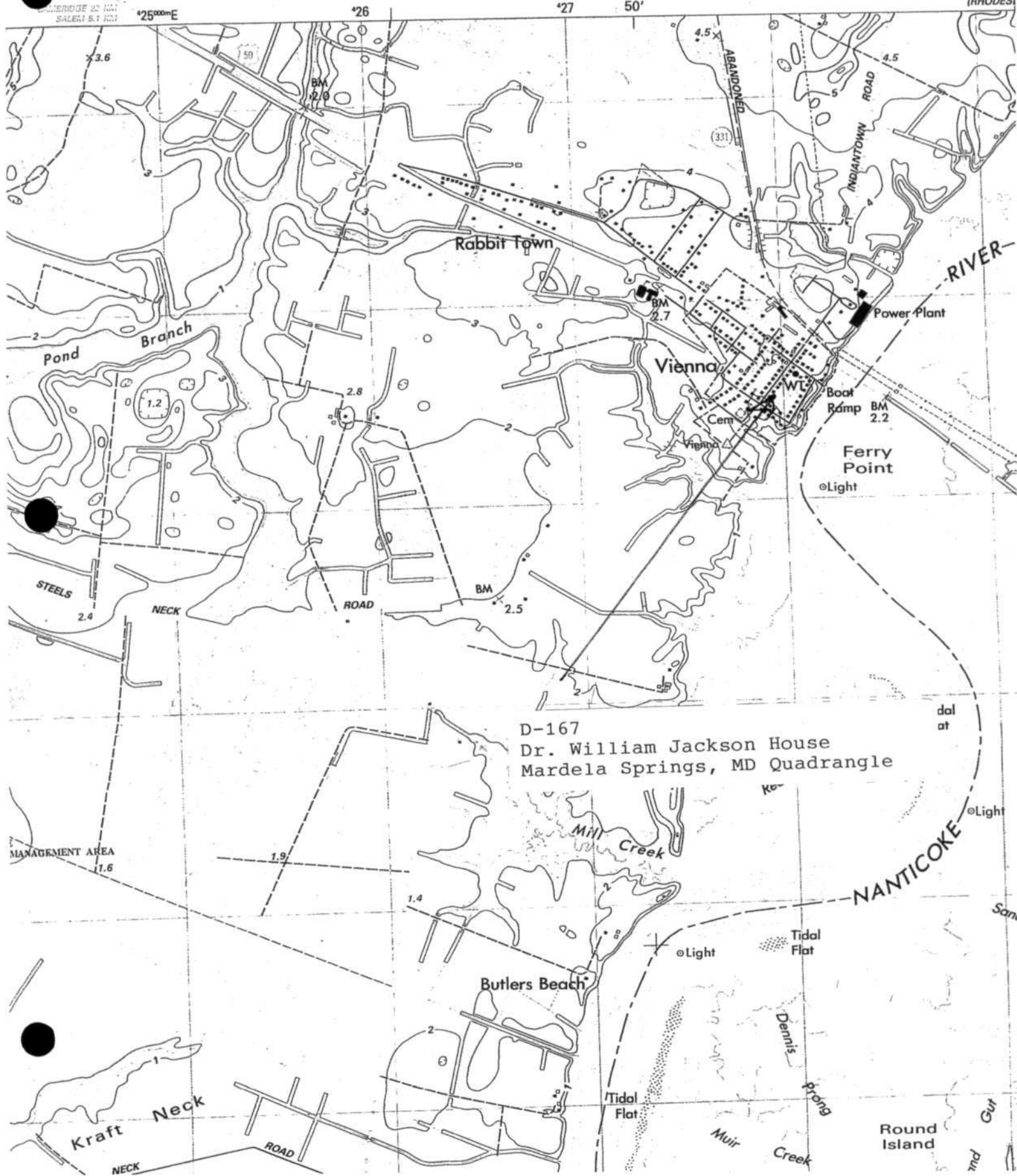
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DR. WILLIAM JACKSON HOUSE
VIENNA, DOULCHETON Co., IND.
NORTHWEST ELEVATION
10. 2010, PAUL B. TOWANT, PHOTO.
WEST. IND. HIST. TRUST

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DR. WILLIAM LARSON HOUSE
VIEWNT DORCHESTER Cr. - MD.
NORTHWEST ELEV - CORNICE

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Dr. William Jackson House
Village, Dorchester Co., Md.

Southeast Elevation

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
Robert G. Carter House					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
Middle Street					
CITY OR TOWN:					
Vienna					
STATE			COUNTY:		
Maryland			Dorchester		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object		☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both		Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☐ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
☐ Agricultural ☐ Commercial ☐ Educational ☐ Entertainment		☐ Government ☐ Industrial ☐ Military ☐ Museum		☐ Park ☒ Private Residence ☐ Religious ☐ Scientific	☐ Transportation ☐ Other (Specify) _____ _____
☐ Comments _____ _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
Robert G. Carter					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
Vienna			Maryland		21869
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Dorchester County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
High Street					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE		
Cambridge			Maryland		21613
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 126/490					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION						
CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☒ Good	☐ Fair	☐ Deteriorated	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	☐ Altered	☒ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
J. T. Webb owned the house in 1877, when Lake Griffing and Stevenson's Atlas was published. From its general plan in the Atlas, it hasn't changed since that date. It is one of the most attractive and well-maintained houses in Vienna. Unlike any of the other dwellings in the town, this house has a hyphen and kitchen on axis with the street and main part of the house. Behind the northern half of the main section is an L. A one-story porch extends across the five-bay facade with its beaded clapboard, central door and handsome, if naive, cornice. The cornice is composed of scollops, punch-work swags, and wave-like scollops. This detail resembles several good examples in Berlin, Worcester County. Like its neighbor, the Percy LeCompte House, this house has two exterior brick chimneys on its gables and one on the outside of the kitchen. An original outbuilding exists behind the house.						

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| ☐ Pre-Columbian | ☐ 16th Century | ☐ 18th Century | ☐ 20th Century |
| ☐ 15th Century | ☐ 17th Century | ☒ 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| ☐ Aboriginal | ☐ Education | ☐ Political | ☐ Urban Planning |
| ☐ Prehistoric | ☐ Engineering | ☐ Religion/Phi- | ☐ Other (Specify) |
| ☐ Historic | ☐ Industry | losophy | _____ |
| ☐ Agriculture | ☐ Invention | ☐ Science | _____ |
| ☒ Architecture | ☐ Landscape | ☐ Sculpture | _____ |
| ☐ Art | ☐ Architecture | ☐ Social/Human- | _____ |
| ☐ Commerce | ☐ Literature | itarian | _____ |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Military | ☐ Theater | _____ |
| ☐ Conservation | ☐ Music | ☐ Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

Summer, 1972

STREET AND NUMBER:

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN:

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

21401

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

1. STATE Maryland
COUNTY Dorchester
TOWN Vienna VICINITY
STREET NO. Middle Street

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE dwelling
PRESENT OWNER
PRESENT USE dwelling
WALL CONSTRUCTION frame
NO. OF STORIES two

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
INVENTORY D-167

2. NAME

DATE OR PERIOD early 19th cent.
STYLE Federal
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC no

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An original outbuilding exists behind the house.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered no Interior Exterior good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

Michael Bourne
Maryland Historical Trust

DATE OF RECORD Summer, 1972

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