

MAGI #1650222604

(Assigned 11/86)

1. Name: Speare house

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 26/10

3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 15

Coordinate F-13

4. Address: 208 West Montgomery Avenue
Rockville, Md.

5. Classification Summary

Category building
 Ownership public
 Public Acquisition N/A
 Status occupied
 Accessible no
 Present use private residence

Previous Survey Recording _____
 Title and Date:
MNCPPC; 1976
Rockville Historic District Commission;
1974
National Register; 1975
Federal x State x County x Local x

6. Date: 1878

7. Original Owner: Hattersley W. Talbott

8. Apparent Condition

a. fair b. unaltered c. original site

9. Description: This 2½ story, three bay by four bay, L-shaped frame house sits close to West Montgomery Avenue facing north. Built on brick foundations, it has olive green novelty siding. There are two-over-two double-hung windows throughout the house. There is a 2 story, 3-sided angle bay window on the west elevation; there are 2 dormer windows on the south and three dormer windows on the north elevation. The roof is mansard in style, surmounted by a low hipped roof. The mansard slope is visible only on the north and south elevations. There is an interior stove chimney centered over the front section and an interior chimney near the south end of the ell.

There are porches at the front and rear of the house. The rear porch is two-stories, with jigsawed palings and two wooden chamfered posts supporting the shed roof.

10. Significance:

The Speare house is significant for its architecture, adding to the representative Victorian styles which may be seen along West Montgomery Avenue. Rockville since its designation as the County seat in 1776 has always been a prime location for those of the legal profession. In 1877 Judge James B. Henderson purchased land on West Montgomery Avenue and sold half of it to his friend Hattersley W. Talbott. Both had fine houses constructed for them the following year; they shared a windmill on Falls Road.

During Talbott's ownership, from 1877 to 1890, he was prominent and active in Democratic Party politics on the local and State levels. Mr. Talbott prospered in the legal profession and was able to construct and move into his new, larger house at 100 Forest Avenue in 1891.

208 West Montgomery Avenue was sold for \$5,000 to the Stephen B. Lyddanes, who owned and operated a butcher shop in town. Mrs. Ethel Speare, the present occupant, is a Lyddane daughter. The City of Rockville purchased the house in 1969.

11. Researcher and date researched: Candy Reed/Architectural Description
Eileen McGuckian Nov. 1978

12. Compiler: Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled: 2/79 14. Designation Approval _____

15. Acreage: 66 square perches

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 26/10-6
 West Mont.
 Ave. H.D.
 MAGI#1650222604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Speare House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 208 West Montgomery Avenue

CITY, TOWN Rockville VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8th

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME City of Rockville Telephone #: 424-8000

STREET & NUMBER Maryland at Vinson

CITY, TOWN Rockville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md. 20850

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3896
 Folio #: 326

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE Rockville Historic District Commission

DATE 1974 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS City of Rockville Planning Department

CITY, TOWN Rockville, STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

CHECK ONE

CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED

DATE _____

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, three bay by four bay, L-shaped frame house, sits close to West Montgomery Avenue facing north.

Built on brick foundations, Speare House has olive green novelty siding. The north (front) porch has a half-hipped roof supported by four wooden chamfered posts. The north (front) door is glass and wooden paneled and is surmounted by a single light transom. There is a two story porch on the east elevation, south (rear) ell. At the first level two wooden chamfered posts support the second level. The second level has jigsawed palings and two wooden chamfered posts which support the shed roof. There are two wooden paneled doors on the east elevation. The northeast corner door, however, has no steps leading up to it.

There are two-over-two double hung windows throughout the house. They are generally flanked by olive green wooden louvered shutters. On the north elevation at the first level, the two windows are longer than usual and extend down to the porch floor. On the west elevation there is a two story, three-sided angle bay window. There are two dormer windows on the south elevation and three dormer windows on the north elevation.

The Speare House has a mansard roof surmounted by a low hipped roof. The mansard slope is visible only on the north and south elevations. There is an interior stove chimney centered over the north (front) section and an interior chimney near the south (end) of the ell.

LOCATION OF NEAREST DISCREETION

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

B/E/F

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1878 BUILDER/ARCHITECT John B. Edmonstone

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Rockville since its designation as Montgomery County's seat of government in 1776 has always been a prime location for those of the legal profession. Judge James B. Henderson of the Montgomery County Circuit Court in 1877 purchased 141 square perches (0.88125 acre) of land on West Montgomery Avenue just inside the City limits for \$400¹ and sold almost half of that to his friend and fellow lawyer Hattersley W. Talbott². Both landowners had fine houses constructed for them the following year³, as well as a windmill they shared. Hattersley and Laura Talbott kept a barn and cows in the field across Falls Road.

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FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, EBP17/251
2. Ibid, EBP17/264
3. Montgomery County Sentinel, 2/1/1878 and 2/15/1878
4. Land Records of Montgomery County, JA23/84
5. Ibid, 3896/326

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland.
Montgomery County Sentinels.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 66 square perches

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Eileen McGuckian	Candy Reed Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	Sugarloaf Regional Trails	DATE 11/28/78
STREET & NUMBER	Box 87	TELEPHONE 926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	Dickerson	STATE Maryland 20753

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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Speare House

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NAME Speare House M:26-10-6

(W. MONTGOMERY HIST. DIST.)
M:26-10

208 W. Montgomery Ave

LOCATION S.W. CORNER, W. MONTGOMERY + FALLS RD., ROCKVILLE,
MD.

FACADE NE

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