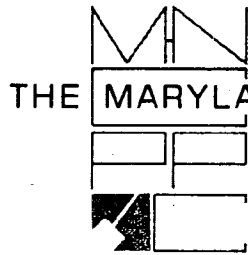


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SA 8-86



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

June 14, 1996

Virginia D. Humphreys  
10401 Fawcett Street  
Kensington, MD 20895

Dear Ms. Humphreys,

I received your letter of June 10, 1996 regarding the color of the Kensington Station. ✓  
Thank you for bringing the information to our attention and for letting us know about the article in the Maryland News, May 17, 1997.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Denis R. Cournoyer, Manager, Facilities Engineering at MTA (Mass Transit Administration). The Maryland MTA were responsible for the recent renovation and should be made aware of the allusion in the article to "a little red landmark".

The Historic Preservation Commission is grateful when attention is paid to important historic details that can make all the difference in a successful restoration. Thank you for taking time to contact us.

Sincerely,

Perry Kephart  
Historic Preservation Planner

cc: Denis R. Cournoyer, MTA

10401 Fawcett Street  
Kensington, MD. 20895  
June 10, 1996

TOWN OF KENSINGTON  
✓MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMM.  
KENSINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I applaud your decision to renovate the Kensington station, but I feel that a grievous error was made in the color. I knew that as far back as I could remember (seventy or seventy-five years) the station was red, and a recent discovery confirms that, at least to my satisfaction.

A good many years ago, Dr. Katherine Chapman donated her file of the Maryland News to the Kensington Historical Society. I was asked to go through them and pick out the sections that pertained to Kensington. As I did this, I copied into a notebook articles that were of particular interest to me, including one about the station. Two weeks ago I came across the notebook in a drawer of Kensington Memorabilia. Unfortunately the notebook was discarded with my newspapers.

If the Historical Society still has the file, you can find <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>article</sup> ~~artical~~ in the May 17, 1947 issue. The Montgomery Co. Historical Society may also have a file.

*Virginia D. Humphreys*  
Virginia D. Humphreys

SUMMARY OF ARTICLE IN THE MARYLAND NEWS, MAY 17, 1947

Re Painting of the railroad station

The article said that the Kensington station like all the stations on this line had been a little red landmark from its beginning. Since the railroad company had revoked its rule that all the stations on this line be red, the Kensington station had been painted light tan with brown trim, and all the other stations either had already been painted or would soon receive the same paint.

(I am not sure that the color was called "tan". V.H.)

Mr. William Matthews, who had been the stationmaster for many years, said that the "little red stations" had rivalled the "little red schoolhouses" and had outlived them by fifty years.



# Historic Preservation Commission

100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850  
279-1327

## APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

TAX ACCOUNT # 1020047

NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER Virginia D. Humphreys TELEPHONE NO. 301-949-0322  
 (Contract/Purchaser) 10401 Fawcett St. 1 (Include Area Code)  
 ADDRESS Kensington, Md STATE 20895  
 CONTRACTOR D & M Enterprises TELEPHONE NO. 301-299-5866 ZIP  
 CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 PLANS PREPARED BY \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Include Area Code)  
 REGISTRATION NUMBER MHC 3452

### LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE

House Number 10401 Street Fawcett St.  
 Town/City Kensington, Md 20895 Election District 13  
 Nearest Cross Street Mitchell  
 Lot 5 Block 19 Subdivision Wood and Paul  
 Liber 0 Folio 0 Parcel \_\_\_\_\_

1A. TYPE OF PERMIT ACTION: (circle one)  
 Construct Extend/Add Alter/Renovate Repair  
 Wreck/Raze Move Install Revocable Revision  
 Circle One: A/C Slab Room Addition  
 Porch Deck Fireplace Shed Solar Woodburning Stove  
 Fence/Wall (complete Section 4) Other Porch Roof and gutters (All gutters)

1B. CONSTRUCTION COSTS ESTIMATE \$ \$ 2217.00

1C. IF THIS IS A REVISION OF A PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIVE PERMIT SEE PERMIT # \_\_\_\_\_

1D. INDICATE NAME OF ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANY Peppo

1E. IS THIS PROPERTY A HISTORICAL SITE? \_\_\_\_\_

### PART TWO: COMPLETE FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXTEND/ADDITIONS

2A. TYPE OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL  
 01 ( ) WSSC 02 ( ) Septic  
 03 ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

2B. TYPE OF WATER SUPPLY  
 01 ( ) WSSC 02 ( ) Well  
 03 ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

### PART THREE: COMPLETE ONLY FOR FENCE/RETAINING WALL

4A. HEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches

4B. Indicate whether the fence or retaining wall is to be constructed on one of the following locations:  
 1. On party line/Property line \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Entirely on land of owner \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. On public right of way/easement \_\_\_\_\_ (Revocable Letter Required).

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Virginia D. Humphreys

January 29, 1986

Signature of owner or authorized agent (agent must have signature notarized on back)

Date

APPROVED X For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

DISAPPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ Signature Robert Hahn Date \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICATION/PERMIT NO: SA 8-86 FILING FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE FILED: 2/8/86 PERMIT FEE: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE ISSUED: \_\_\_\_\_ BALANCE \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 OWNERSHIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_ RECEIPT NO: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE WAIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: (including composition, color and texture of materials to be used:)

Remove existing gutters and downspouts (galvanized steel) and replace with 1/2 round aluminum. Remove metal front porch roof and replace with fiberglass shingles in same color (black). Install fiberglass shingles over rear porch roof, now asphalt shingles.

(If more space is needed, attach additional sheets on plain or lined paper to this application)

ATTACH TO THIS APPLICATION (2) COPIES OF: SUCH SITE PLANS (lot dimensions, building location with dimensions, drives, walks, fences, patios, etc. proposed or existing) and/or ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS (floor plans, elevations, etc.), PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE AREA AFFECTED, as are necessary to fully describe the proposed work.

MAIL OR DELIVER THE APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO THE:  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
100 MARYLAND AVENUE  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850