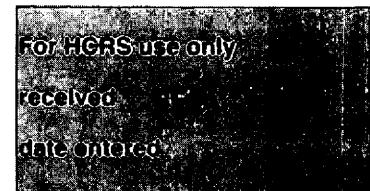


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1. Name

historic

and/or common Havre de Grace Historic District

2. Location

*Roughly bounded by Chesapeake Bay, Susquehanna
Rivers, U.S. 40, Stakes, Gunwata and Superior
Sts.*

street & number multiple streets n/a not for publication

city, town Havre de Grace n/a vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland code 24 county Harford code 025

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
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			<input type="checkbox"/> park
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Multiple Public and Private Owners (more than 50)

street & number

city, town vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

street & number Main Street

city, town Bel Air state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory
Havre de Grace has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

for Description Summary, see Cont. Sheet #10

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The district herein described lies within the borders of the City of Havre de Grace. The City is composed of a tract of 1,661 acres situated on the west bank at the mouth of the Susquehanna, at the head of the Chesapeake Bay. The district takes up approximately 344 acres of this tract. The River and Bay form the eastern and southern boundaries of Havre de Grace, giving it approximately three miles of Coastal Plain Province waterfront; the proposed historic area includes this waterfront and extends inland for a distance of about five city blocks parallel to it. This inland or Western border is irregular because of modern intrusion but generally goes no further west than the major artery of Juniata Street. The exceptions are Erie, Ontario and Otsego Streets which include significant 19th century dwellings. The northern boundary of the district is the Lock House and Holding Pond which are National Register properties. This is the most densely populated section of the City, sheltering approximately 4,000 of the City's 9,000 inhabitants. (1978).

Havre de Grace, Maryland is basically a 19th century town in appearance having much in common historically and physically with such other Maryland Bay area towns as Chestertown, Oxford and St. Michaels. Havre de Grace began as a river settlement in the 17th century and was known as Susquehanna Lower Ferry. This settlement grew until there were 200 residents when the county was formed in 1773-74. The land was divided into lots before 1785, but laid out again on a grander scale in the 1790s. The earlier plan was done by Robert Young Stokes, and the later by C.P. Harducoeur. (See enclosed map).

A pamphlet of 1795 described Harducoeur's work:

eight hundred and fifty acres...laid out in squares in imitation of Philadelphia. These squares are now divided into lots, amounting in the whole to forty-five hundred. The principal street one hundred and thirty-two feet wide, and the other seventy.

The same pamphlet stated that the town at that time had fifty "good dwelling-houses." John W. Reys, in his work Tidewater Towns, further details Harducoeur's plan:

Harducoeur provided for many public buildings and open spaces... no fewer than ten locations for churches, two of them fronting on a "public walk and Garden called Washington Square"...sites were reserved for a college, a "Bettering House", a hospital, an almshouse, "Columbia Square and Theatre", a public market, a cemetery, and a Courthouse and jail.

Havre de Grace never developed to the grand proportions laid out for her. Bel Air won the election for county seat and the Susquehanna River was rarely navigable. Few structures from the 18th century have survived but there are a significant number of houses and commercial buildings from the early and mid-19th century. Havre de Grace experienced a building boom in the late 19th century, with many Victorian structures remaining to prove it.

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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates L18th-c.1930 **Builder/Architect** N/A

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph) APPLICABLE CRITERIA: A,C

SIGNIFICANCE

Havre de Grace is a small town located in northeastern Maryland where the Susquehanna River flows into the Chesapeake Bay. Historically, this town, which was founded in the 18th century has been a major commercial and transportation service center in this section of the state. An early 19th century Post Road to Philadelphia from Baltimore crossed the Susquehanna at this point; the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal, constructed in the late 1830s, which was part of the canal system serving New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland terminated at Havre de Grace; and the town was serviced by both the Baltimore and Ohio and the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroads. The Havre de Grace Historic District consists of most of the town and is significant for the collection of 18th, 19th, and early 20th century buildings which 1) record the development and status of Havre de Grace as an important commercial and transportation center in northeastern Maryland; 2) include several excellent and well-preserved examples of the major stylistic influences that characterize American architecture up to the early 20th century; and, 3) contribute through their juxtaposition and variety of design and materials to several streetscapes that retain the basic environmental qualities associated with life in small urban centers at the turn of the 20th century.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

When considering style, construction methods and socio-economic roles, the buildings of Havre de Grace are extremely informative. One finds relatively unaltered examples of the Federal Era, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Queen Anne and others grouped in a single section of the City. These buildings utilize stone, brick and frame in their construction with various combinations of the three. One finds the mansion house and the commercial structures which facilitated the wealth to build it as well as the buildings of the average people who have contributed to the development of this area. In all, there are more than 800 buildings that do, or could, contribute to the district.

That these buildings are components of streetscapes that define blocks and neighborhoods in a townscape produces an area which has natural borders on two sides and a clear separation of date, style and material from modern developments on the North and West. These historical resources are important in light of the recent formation of an Historic Preservation Committee in Havre de Grace as well as an organized attempt at commercial revitalization in the old business district.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 344 acres approximately

Quadrangle name Havre de Grace Quadrangle

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

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E	1 8	4 0 6 0 9 0	4 3 7 6 7 9 0
G	1 8	4 0 5 6 6 0	4 3 7 8 8 9 0

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	Zone	Easting	Northing
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F	1 8	4 0 5 5 6 0	4 3 7 8 5 1 0
H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

For boundary description, see Continuation Sheet #9

For boundary justification, see Continuation Sheet #6

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

state	code	county	code
N/A			

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paula Low, Planning Assistant, Wayne L. Nield II, Historic Site Surveyor, Darlene Shultz, Assistant

organization Harford County Dept. of Planning date November, 1980

street & number 45 South Main Street telephone (301) 838-6000

city or town Bel Air state Maryland 21014

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature [Signature] 2-24-82

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

For HCRS use only	
I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register	Entered in the
<u>[Signature]</u>	National Register
Keeper of the National Register	date <u>3/25/82</u>
Attest:	date
Chief of Registration	

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Because the town was laid out with such large lots, many houses of 19th century were built with plenty of ground around them. In the 20th century many of these lots have been divided and new structures built between the older ones. The commercial area along the waterfront experienced several fires, leaving some early buildings divided by both newer ones and empty lots. These facts have caused the historic area of Havre de Grace to have in places a disjointed appearance with older properties systematically appearing up and down the streets, in some places literally alternating with new buildings. Quite a few streetscapes, remain basically 19th century in character.

Many of the buildings in Havre de Grace are of historic and architectural importance individually. Many other older structures contribute as a group to the surviving fabric of the 19th century Tidewater town.

In general, the earliest structures, circa 1800 and 1825 and circa 1825 to 1850, are found in the north, east, and central sections of the historic district, reflecting the town's growth pattern. The earliest settlement logically rose around the biggest industry, initially the Post Road crossing at the ferry. Officially licensed in 1695, the ferry was served by inns built as ferry stations on either side of the river. Rogers Tavern on the Perryville side and Lafayette Hotel on the Havre de Grace side occupy the locations of these original inns. In Havre de Grace, the Lafayette Hotel marks a point of origin for the rest of the town.

Fire ravaged the town twice, once circa 1775 and again in 1813. Most of the original structures were said to be of frame construction, and burned easily in 1813. Streets are unified by uniform porch setbacks, and mid-to-late 19th century architecture predominates. Small-scale, two to 2½ story frame dwellings form the bulk of the architecture. These are complimented by larger Queen Anne and late Federal and Greek Revival architecture as well as a significant number of commercial structures.

Within the historic area, approximately 60% of the space falls into residential use, 35% in commercial, commercial-residential, and mixed use, 4% in parks and public open space, and 1% in use by heavy industry. At present there is no zoning in Havre de Grace although a Comprehensive Plan is under consideration which recommends historic district zoning.

That Havre de Grace has a diverse collection of 19th century and early 20th century architectural types as suggested by the recent survey work conducted jointly by the Harford County Office of Planning and Zoning, the Maryland Historical Trust and the City of Havre de Grace. The survey has identified structures which pre-date the 1930s and which run a full gamut of styles and construction types. They stand together as a designed

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community in an easily recognizable district that corresponds with the depictions of Havre de Grace on maps dating from 1799, 1858, 1878, and 1899.

The highest proportion of the buildings are of frame construction, brick and stone construction found primarily in the earliest buildings, public structures such as churches and government buildings, and the buildings in the dominately commercial area, many of which were originally residential and later converted for commercial use or multi-purpose.

While the 17th century and 18th century history of this site is documented, virtually no pre-revolutionary fabric remains. The only 18th century building at all may be the Elizabeth Rogers House, 226 N. Washington Street although the configuration of the streets can be traced to the 1780s and 90s. From the turn of the century on, however, particularly following the British attack of 1813, Havre de Grace acquired examples of nearly all of the major styles on both an architectonic and vernacular level. These include the Federal Period, Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, Mansard, Queen Anne, Classical Revival, Stick Style, Shingle Style and Bungalow Style. The Federal Period (c. 1790-1820s) witnessed a type of house that one finds in the cities of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington as well as in the rural areas of the Chesapeake region. It is constructed of wood or brick or stone, is usually two, but can be three, stories in height and is further typified by its side hall and parlor plan. A pair of end chimnies on the parlor side is most common and in the brick dwellings these are often parapeted chimnies. Decorative motifs are classical and are expressed through pedimented dormers, keyed arches and moldings and chimney-piece featuring reeding, dentils, fretting swags and garlands. Both high style and vernacular examples of this house type exist in Havre de Grace: the Elizabeth Rogers House, 226 N. Washington Street; the Parker Mitchell House, 518 Franklin Street, and the Nicholas and Gabriel Sutor House, 121 S. Washington Street.

A building which further documents this period but in a manner more specifically atuned to a maritime community is the Concord Point Light-house. This National Register property has been standing since c. 1829.

French influence cannot be denied in this City which tradition holds to have named for the French port by the great Lafayette. The expanded plan for the 1790s was the work of the French engineer C.P. Haudercoeur and there are such street names as Bourbon, Lafayette and Girard. At least two buildings date from this early era that are French in character. The Old Ordinary, 100 St. John Street, c. 1798-1813 with its wrap around galleries and hipped roof and the Averilhe-Goldsborough House, 300 North Union Street, with its concave hipped roof is believed to have been built by John Baptiste Averilhe c. 1801.

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Just on the other side of Union Avenue from Averilhe House is the Thomas Hopkins House, 229 N. Union Street, which along with three other Union Avenue dwellings document the Greek Revival in Havre de Grace.

While classical architecture vocabulary has never been dead in the United States it was challenged for three quarters of a century or more by the various styles of the Victorian era. In such styles as the Gothic Revival, Italianate, Mansard, Queen Anne and so called "Eclectic Style" hard edges are softened with scrollwork, the severe geometry of classicism replaced by asymmetrical plans and massing and the severity of white surface treatments is replaced by a host of colors. These colors are seen not only in paint but in stained glass and such natural materials as stone, wood and slate. These are in general the characteristics of the picturesque attitude towards the built environment, one which expresses a concern for the natural environment in which the building stands.

Havre de Grace is full of textbook examples of such styles and it is important to realize that not only is this period documented by individual structures, but by blocks and blocks of complete streetscapes. The Gothic Revival for instance is expressed on one level in the McCombs House, 120 S. Union Street, or the Carver House, 115 S. Union Street, but on a vernacular level in the duplex at 612-614 S. Washington Street and the Klair House, 611 Franklin Street

The Italianate manifests itself in more than one way. For instance one can see the characteristic bracketed cornice, vertical massing and low profile roof in 414 Congress Avenue, 453 Congress Avenue, and in 324 N. Union Avenue. It exists at a lower level in such houses as the James Hopper House 605 Ontario Street, or 726-728 Fountain Street or in the commercial area on buildings like 131 N. Washington Street. The same comparison can be made for the popular Mansard by looking at 450-452 Congress Avenue and 552 Franklin Street.

A late Victorian style was the Queen Anne. Characterized by both juxtaposition of shapes and textures it is well represented by such Union Avenue mansions as the Seneca Mansion, 200 N. Union Avenue, the Vosbury House, 123 S. Union Avenue, and the Vandiver, 301 S. Union Avenue. Less grandiose buildings throughout town carry the same expressions by combining cranbury brick, wood and stone by featuring turrets and towers by using heavily mullioned windows and fishscale shingles. See 126 N. Union Avenue and 209 N. Union Avenue.

In explaining the variations and philosophical attitudes of the Victorian period a single property in town comes to mind. The Van Diver Mansion, 301 S. Union Avenue, is a huge Queen Anne residence of 1886 with richly adorned gables and a large wrap around porch. Porches on well-shaded streets that are still much used are a characteristic of Havre de

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Grace and the Van Diver porch is one of the most impressive. The site is most valuable, however, for its collection of well preserved dependencies. There is a board and batten stable, a privy with bargeboards and a rusticated gazebo.

One will find eclectic buildings in Havre de Grace which show a combination of these above mentioned styles and one will also see good examples of those buildings which played a role in the transition out of the Victorian era into modern times. The important Bungalow for example is well represented in Havre de Grace.

An important aspect of this town's housing types has not so much to do with fashion as social make-up. Alleys are an important part of the townscape having a nearly equal role with major streets insofar as they contain residences with a system of street numbers. Marion Morton in the 1976 survey realized alley residences as a type of building and in describing the Laretta Harris House for example says, "Alley houses and those built on the corner of alleys have many characteristics in common. Besides their location, their size and scale are usually the same: no more than one-and-a-half stories high, two or three bays wide and two rooms deep. Another characteristic they should is their plain and simple details of fenestration, entrances, roof treatment and so forth. Many of this simple type of dwelling was used for tenement housing and may be connected with the Black History of the community."

People use their yards in Havre de Grace and during the growing season fine flower and vegetable gardens can be seen. These yards, the outbuildings and the alley houses make-up very interesting sub-streetscapes.

As indicated on the attached map there are intrusions into the district. The bulk of these are mid-20th century residential structures along with some commercial buildings particularly along Union Avenue. The major intrusions include the hospital, the nursing home and two senior citizen housing projects. While most of the open space is either historic or simply unimproved land the public and private parking lots (particularly those near the hospital and the A & P) are intrusions.

In addition to describing the buildings of Havre de Grace, one must recognize, too, a special feeling that the town has one which can only be attributed to its being a tidewater town.

The streetscapes of Havre de Grace are defined by a grid pattern that is sensitive to the fact that the town is situated in the unique setting where a major river meets the Chesapeake Bay. With at least two wide boulevards that end with waterfront vistas and a system of alternating streets and alleys, most of which do the same, there is little doubt that Havre de Grace is a "planned" waterfront community.

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As John Reps points out in Tidewater Towns Havre de Grace did not "just happen". The present townscape represents an early attitude towards this special maritime site and as well as the recognition of the 19th century American fashion and building technique.

Another aspect of Havre de Grace's vistas that should not be forgotten relates not only to how the water is seen from in town but to the image which the town projects to the river and Bay. Considering that it has a history of three centuries as a river settlement, it is only in very recent times that the waterway has ceased to be the principal transportation route to Havre de Grace.

There is still quite a bit of commercial traffic which passes Havre de Grace and an even greater volume of pleasure boats. The latter traffic is expected to increase with the proposed planned revitalization.

Havre de Grace entered via water is quite different than Havre de Grace entered by the Old Post Road or Route 40. When entering the Susquehanna from the Bay one sees a town facing the water. Her bulkheads meet the water and her piers extend out into it. Her streets, more than twenty of them, come down to the water and allow the boat traveler to look into the town. The facades of so many buildings, not only along the waterfront but along such higher streets as Market Street, make visual contact with river traffic. In fact, on approaching Havre de Grace from the south, one is first greeted by the facades of such landmarks as the Bayou Hotel and the Concord Point Lighthouse which because of the open space around them can both announce the presence of a town and allow one to see into it.

These aforementioned residences exhibit naturally significant styles should not obscure the fact that Havre de Grace is composed of many other types of historic constructions as well. These certainly include the buildings of the commercial sector of Washington Street with their range of shopfront. There is the Seneca Warehouse, St. John Street and Pennington Avenue, which is visual document of the fact that this waterfront community has a thriving past of industrial activity which included shipping, canning gathering and selling ice, the shipping of coal and fishing. It is this activity and such related construction as bulkheads, piers, wharfs and the related sheds and outbuildings which document human activities at that special place where the land meets the water.

More than one era of commercial transportation is indicated by the alignment of the Old Post Road, the canal and lockhouse and the tressels and bridges of the Pennsylvania railroad.

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BOUNDARY JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries of the Havre de Grace Historic District, as being nominated to the National Register, are drawn to include the highest concentration of buildings and structures that meet the criteria for listing on the Register and contribute to the ambience of the urban district; to exclude those areas and where possible buildings and structures which do not meet the criteria or contribute to the feeling of the district such as the primarily mid-twentieth century houses and industrial site along the western border; and to utilize lines of convenience such as curb and property lines and strong visual and physical barriers such as the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay to the east and south.

Major intrusions and incompatible structures were excluded in such areas as between Commerce and Otsego Streets where there are mid-20th century residential developments, the 600 Block Fountain Street where a mid-20th century utility building stands and north of Otsego Street where there is major 20th century commercial activity. The block between Fountain and Bourbon Streets west of Adams Street has been included where a late 19th century factory has grown functional. The boundary lines follow property lines in order to include contributing structures such as 552 South Stokes Street and 400 South Stokes Street which are important structures and contribute to the district.

The Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay were selected as the eastern and southern borders of the district because historically these natural features have been a significant factor in the growth and development of this river city. Although many non-contributing buildings stand along the shore line, historical records indicate, as noted on the attached sketch map delineating the boundaries, the strong and logical possibility of the existence of archaeological sites that would yield information on 19th and early 20th century commercial activity of the town. The terrain of Havre de Grace rises gently from the shoreline with the river and the bay providing strong visual boundaries. The town also is visually opened into the river by several streets running to the river (see photographs numbers 26, 27, 29, 30 and 32).

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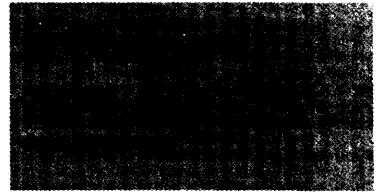
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Like Chestertown, Oxford, St. Michaels and others, Havre de Grace survives from both a distant and recent time when Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries were a primary transportation system. Havre de Grace has been a commercial service center at the crossing of a major transportation since the 17th century when it was known as Susquehanna Lower Ferry. The Old Post Road leading to Philadelphia crossed the Susquehanna at this point, the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal terminated at Havre de Grace and it was served by both the B & O and P.W. & B. railroads. In modern times U.S. Route 40 and the AmTrack system loom above the town and river on their respective bridges. There is still quite a bit of commercial water traffic which passes Havre de Grace and even greater volume of pleasure boats. The latter traffic is expected to increase with the proposed planned revitalization. The town is a landmark in navigating the length of the Chesapeake Bay marking its uppermost shores.

There is in Tidewater Maryland a special physical relationship where the land meets the water and these natural elements experience built environment. Havre de Grace was planned perhaps as early as 1785 but certainly by 1795, to provide for a series of orderly two-way vistas. More than twenty streets in Havre de Grace not only allow those in town to look out onto the water, but in turn allow those on the water to look into the town.

With its docks, bulkheads and piers the town literally reaches out into the water creating a very special relationship between the natural and built environment. These extensions can be seen on the Atlases of 1857 and 1878 and most clearly on the Hopper Map of 1889. While such constructions as the coal and ice wharves are no longer extant one does still find a "town wharf", "ship yard" and the Seneca Warehouse as well as the shoreline configuration scene on the 19th century atlases.

The combination of these historic buildings and the design of their setting is a tout ensemble that allow one the unique experience of seeing and feeling perhaps as much as possible pre-modern life in Tidewater Maryland.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The boundaries of the Havre de Grace Historic District as being nominated to the National Register are delineated by a broken line on the attached map labeled "Havre de Grace National Register Historic District" which was prepared in December 1980 and drawn to a scale of 1"=200'. The boundaries consist of the existing inner curblines and property lines of the indicated streets and properties and the shoreline on the east and south sides.

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Description Summary

The Havre de Grace Historic District is an urban district of approximately a thousand buildings which incorporates most of the present town. It includes the central business district and most of the residential neighborhoods radiating out of it. The buildings date primarily from the nineteenth century and early twentieth centuries with about ninety percent contributing to the significance of the district. The district has the feeling of an early twentieth century town tied together through lampposts, building materials, paving, scale, and landscaping. The houses are primarily of frame or brick construction and the public and commercial buildings of brick or stone. Most of the major architectural styles that characterized U.S. building history on the east coast from the eighteenth to the early twentieth century are represented in the district. The major intrusion is a large hospital complex along Union Street.