

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Clayton House  
3208 Bruce Street  
Highland Beach, Maryland

c. 1920

Private access

The Clayton House is one of a series of bungalow style cottages in the historically black town of Highland Beach. It represents a later addition to the architectural and social pattern of the community and significantly contributes to the form of the settlement. It is the summer home of the Claytor family and was once owned by Fannie Douglass of the Frederick Douglass family.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Claytor House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

3208 Bruce St.

CITY, TOWN

Highland Beach

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Annapolis 1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Anne Arundel County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. Richard Claytor

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County

Liber #: 1908

Folio #: 239

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, MD

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This cottage is a Bungalow with an extended gable roof sloping towards the rear of the house. It has bevelled siding and an exposed chimney. The house stands one and one-half storeys tall and has casement as well as hung windows. The original porch has been enclosed with aluminum and glass windows but the original brick based and wooden columned supports can still be discerned. There is an aluminum railing that cascades down the relatively steep, cement steps.

The Claytor House is located in Highland Beach on the block that is bounded by Black Walnut Creek in the north Bruce Avenue to the east, Bay Avenue to the south and Walnut Drive on the west. The lot is situated on one of the highest elevations in the community and slopes towards Black Walnut Creek. Most of the vegetation is natural consisting of an abundance of wild flowers, shrubs, grasses and trees. The lot has been partially cleared of the larger trees where the eastern view faces a marshy landscape contiguous to the Chesapeake Bay.

The Claytor House rests on a stone pier foundation and exhibits an exterior, brick chimney. The enclosed porch is finished with weatherboard and glass panels. A shed roof dormer consisting of three, six-paned windows extends from the long end of the gable roof. The aluminum railing on the flight of cement steps is one of the modern additional elements to the structure.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1920

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

unknown

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see Highland Beach Settlement.

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass in the late nineteenth century to be a resort community for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design as exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland Beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design, space planning, and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration, and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

see Highland Beach Settlement

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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April 1982

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Morgan State University

301-444-3225

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Center for Built Environment Studies

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Baltimore, MD

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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AA-836

Fannie Douglass

To 10/24/35 JHH 151 386

Nettie Hemphill & Nettie Douglass

To Deed 9/27/65 GTC 1042 417

B. Armstrong Claytor & Edith M. (Wife)

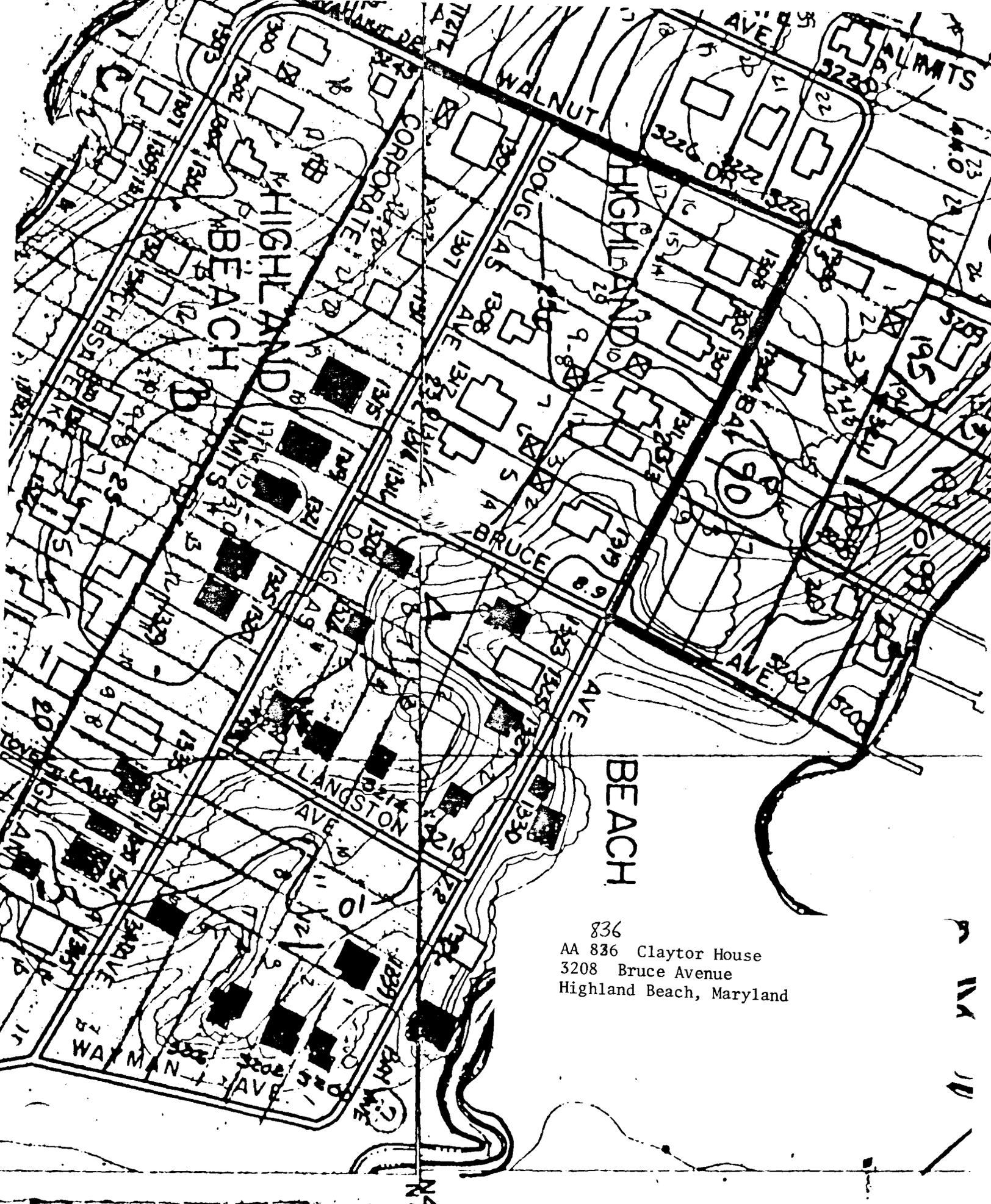
To

Eleanor M. Dollar (Trustee)

To Deed 9/30/65 L 1908 239

B. Armstrong Claytor & Edith M (Wife)

William Richard Claytor & Beryl Claytor Robbins



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3208 Bruce Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland



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Highland Beach, Maryland  
General View  
Fern Eisner, Photographer  
March, 1982