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BALTIMORE COUNTY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC OAKWOOD BUNGALOW

AND/OR COMMON

Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1301 Edmondson Avenue

1st Councilmanic District

CITY, TOWN

Catonsville

--- VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

3rd Congressional District

COUNTY

Baltimore 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. Carsten S. Brinkmann

Mrs. Dorothea Brinkmann Bell

Telephone #: Unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

1301 Edmondson Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Catonsville

--- VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21228

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

County Courts Building

Liber #: GLB 2927

Folio #: 279

STREET & NUMBER

401 Bosley Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland 21204

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None (Added to MHT Inventory 1881)

DATE

---FEDERAL ---STATE ---COUNTY ---LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

OAKWOOD BUNGALOW

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

OAKWOOD BUNGALOW is a one-story house of elegant Federal design built in the revivalist era using poured concrete and stucco covering. It was designed to resemble Monticello in a simplified form. The house is five bays wide in front, three of the bays clustered under the portico. There is a wide deck of cast concrete running the full width of the house, six stories above the level of the lawn. Part of the deck is sheltered by the portico, the rest exposed to the weather. The portico is gable-roofed, supported in front by four Doric columns, supported at the rear by two flat, engaged columns. The portico has a dentiled cornice above the columns and the pediment itself is also dentiled and decorated with a small oval window flanked by carved swags (the drooping garlands found on classical buildings).

The main entrance is by a round-topped door set in a prominent white frame topped by a keystone. The door is composed of multiple panes of glass. The two windows immediately flanking the door are also round-topped, decorated with a keystone motif, and composed of multiple small lights.

Flanking the portico itself are single, double-hung sash windows on either side. The windows have 12-over-12 lights and their lintels are of keystone design, the keystones cast as part of the concrete wall. Both windows are fitted with louvered blinds (shutters). The ends of the house (east and west) are half-hexagon in form, each end providing three surfaces for windows. The roof is hipped at a gentle slope as seen from the lawn. Directly behind the portico, the roof breaks into a gabled section where there is a semicircular louvered ventilator facing the street. The roof is separated from the house wall by a slightly projecting dentiled cornice. A rather large, double chimney of brick painted white rises at the east end of the house.

The 1911 tax ledger was the first to list the house, then valued at \$9,000 and called a "Bungalow." The same property contained a house worth \$4,000, two automobiles, and two stables. Mrs. Brinkmann acquired another lot and a bungalow in 1912 and another 1 1/2 acres in 1915. (5) The house appears in Bromley's 1915 atlas, inside a block bounded by Edmondson Avenue, Summit Avenue, Beechwood and Osborne Avenues. (6)

The 1918 tax ledger showed quite a variety of structures, the house under discussion being the one marked with an asterisk (*):

Maria Louise Brinkmann			
9 Acres, Summit Avenue 185 ft. e. of Beechwood Ave.			
@ \$725 per A.			\$6,525
Dwelling	20 x 30		
	40 x 50	two & half story	11,076
Garage	32 x 32	one story	1,344
Tenant House	16 x 40	two story	826
Garage	16 x 24	one story	230
Chicken House	14 x 22	one story	131

1 1/2 Acres s. side Edmondson Ave.			
300 ft. e. of Beechwood Ave.			
@ \$800 per a.			1,200
*Dwelling	46 x 46,	one story	10,474
1 1/2 Acres n. side Summit Ave., NE corner			
Beechwood			
			1,512
Dwelling	28 x 32	two & half story	2,257
Stable	16 x 18	one story	131
Furniture	300,	Auto 1600	1,900.
			(7)

The house has never left the original family, having passed to the son and daughter of its first owner in 1948. (8) The area is now 1.21 acres, bordered on the east by the grounds of a large suburban house, on the west by a patch of woods reaching to Wyndcrest Avenue. The property contains a number of fine beech trees. Mrs. Bell reported in 1981 that the only change from the original house plan occurred when a concrete balustrade atop the cornice crumbled and had to be removed.

NOTES:

1. Baltimore County Deeds, WPC 289:30. Most Mactavish properties in Catonsville trace back to Charles Carroll of Carrollton.
2. Data from Mrs. Dorothea Brinkmann Bell, 1981.
3. John Dorsey and James D. Dilts, A Guide to Baltimore Architecture (Centreville, Md., 1981), pp. 76, 241, 283, 291. The architectural partners were William G. Nolting (1866-1940) and J. B. Noel Wyatt (1847-1926).

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NOTES contd.:

4. Hulbert Footner, Maryland Main and Eastern Shore (New York, 1942) p. 85.
5. B.C. Tax Ledger, District 1, 1911, f. 70.
6. George W. Bromley, Atlas of Baltimore County (Philadelphia, 1915), Plate 6.
7. B.C. Tax Ledger, District 1, 1918, f. 64.
8. B.C. Deeds, JWS 1648:151.



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