

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Banks House Survey Number: BA-2431

Project: MD 7 Road Widening at Rossville Blvd Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

According to the MHT form prepared and presented to MHT as part of this review, The Banks House is not eligible for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The house is located near the intersections of MD 7 and Rossville Boulevard, in Rossville, a suburb of Baltimore, and faces a heavily commercialized area characterized by strip malls and fast food restaurants. The building was constructed as a single-family dwelling ca. 1930 at the time that the commercialization of this area began. Constructed of rusticated concrete block, the house is executed in a variant of the American four-square-type house and features classical detailing such as regular fenestration patterns, Scamozzi Ionic porch columns, and corner quoining. The house is a good example of the use of rusticated concrete block and of an American four-square variant, but has been significantly compromised by its setting. In addition, its original use has been altered from single to multiple dwelling and the interior remodelled to accommodate this new use. Further, this type of house form is better represented in several Baltimore neighborhoods such as Overlea, Parkville and Hamilton, which still retain their integrity of setting. The property is therefore considered not eligible under Criterion C.

The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past, nor to have any archeological potential and is thus not eligible for listing in the National Register under Criteria A, B, or D.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Leader Cultural Resources Group

Elizabeth Hannold & Kim Williams 2/5/1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
Orlando P. Renteria March 8, 1996.
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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Historic Context:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period: Modern (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function and Use: Domestic/Single Dwelling/Residence

Known Design Source: None_

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic
and/or common Banks House

2. Location

street & number 8874 MD 7 N/A not for publication
city, town Baltimore (Rossville) ___ vicinity of congressional district
state MD county Baltimore

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George Marmaras
street & number 9217 Cornflower Road telephone no.: Unlisted
city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21236

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. County Courthouse liber 6925
street & number folio 454
city, town Towson state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A
date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local
depository for survey records
city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. BA 2431

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Continuation Sheet 7.1

8. Significance

Survey No. BA 2431

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"/> 500-1599	<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 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 type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1930 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Continuation Sheet 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. BA 2431

10. Geographical Data

inventoried
Acreage of nominated property ca. 1 acre

Quadrangle name Middle River

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Parcel

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

state	<u>N/A</u>	code	county	code
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state		code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Rita Suffness, Leader Cultural Resources Group

organization	<u>MD State Highway Administration</u>	date	<u>2-17-95</u>
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street & number	<u>707 N. Calvert Street</u>	telephone	<u>410 333 1183</u>
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city or town	<u>Baltimore</u>	state	<u>MD</u>
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Banks House
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Continuation Sheet 7.1
Description

The Banks House is located in Rossville, a suburb of Baltimore located to the east of the city near the intersections of MD 7 (Philadelphia Road) and Rossville Boulevard. [Rossville originated well southeast of this location near the junction of the Philadelphia/Wilmington Railroad and the headwater of the NE Branch of the Patapsco River in the mid nineteenth century. the area has become heavily commercialized since 1932 when the house was constructed.] The Golden Ring Mall is a short distance to the west from the Banks House and the stretch of MD 7 on the opposite of the street is the location of fast food restaurants, dairy stores, strip shopping centers and the VFW Hall, in addition to truck staging and storage areas, etc. The Banks House and its immediate neighbor to the west (Regester House, BA- 2430) are sandwiched between a doctors medical building and contemporary brick rambler on the west and the Adrian Square commercial building (BA 2432) at Ridge Road and MD 7 on the east.

The Banks House is a variant on the foursquare style--a simple, two-story cubic form with dormers located on all four slopes of the pyramidal roof. Like its neighbor, the Regester House, it was constructed of rusticated concrete block with angle quoins of block imitating dressed ashlar masonry. Classical Revival references in the decorative treatment of the building occur in the porch posts of the full width, one-story porch on the south facing entrance facade and the urns set on plinths on each side of the porch stair. The half columns with capitals of a variant on the composite mode are located on a porch rail which is, in turn, supported by concrete balusters. The entrance is located in the east bay and is marred by the incongruous replacement door. Art glass sidelights are located on each side of the door. The west elevation is the location of a semi-octagonal bay to the to the rear and a one-story section is built along the north elevation.

The building has been subdivided into apartments and a set of metal dwellings have been constructed to the rear of the house to provide additional rental units. The original design of the house has been compromised by these changes, and the neighborhood setting of building has also been degraded by the heavy commercial development.

This type of house form, executed in concrete block and articulated with a classically derived decorative treatment was extremely popular in the early to mid-twentieth century. There were numerous houses of concrete block with this stylistic treatment in the eastern area of Baltimore, as there were local sources for concrete block and many proponents of this material among contractors and builders in the area. Baltimore neighborhoods such as Overlea, Parkville and Hamilton have entire neighborhoods filled with houses not unlike the Banks House.

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Continuation Sheet 7.2
Description

Concrete block, produced by a new technology, advertised in new national magazines and catalogues, was extraordinarily popular in the early twentieth century. It was cheap, quick and easy, and no small part of its appeal was that it was ornamental, and could be molded into any number of shapes and made to look like older, more traditional materials. With the improved firing methods for Portland cement, concrete block became standardized around 1900, resulting in the proliferation of concrete block companies in the early decades of the century. Machines were available enabling people to make and assemble their own structures. The artificial stone pattern proved to be the most popular of the seemingly endless style variations available.

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Statement of Significance

The Banks House is a multiple family dwelling, having been subdivided into apartments, and is located in the east Baltimore suburb of Rossville. Constructed of concrete block about 1930 in the popular foursquare style, it is embellished by classical revival style decorative features. In a style and of a material widely represented in numerous intact neighborhood such as Overlea, Parkville and Hamilton, the Banks House is isolated in a heavily commercialized area, characterized by huge as well as small strip shopping malls, medical complexes, convenience stores, institutional complexes and truck staging areas. Thus the setting of the building has been severely compromised. Given that numerous similar examples of this type of dwelling exist in intact neighborhoods exhibiting integrity and greater cohesiveness, the Banks House is only marginally significant as a concrete block dwelling of the second quarter of the twentieth century.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

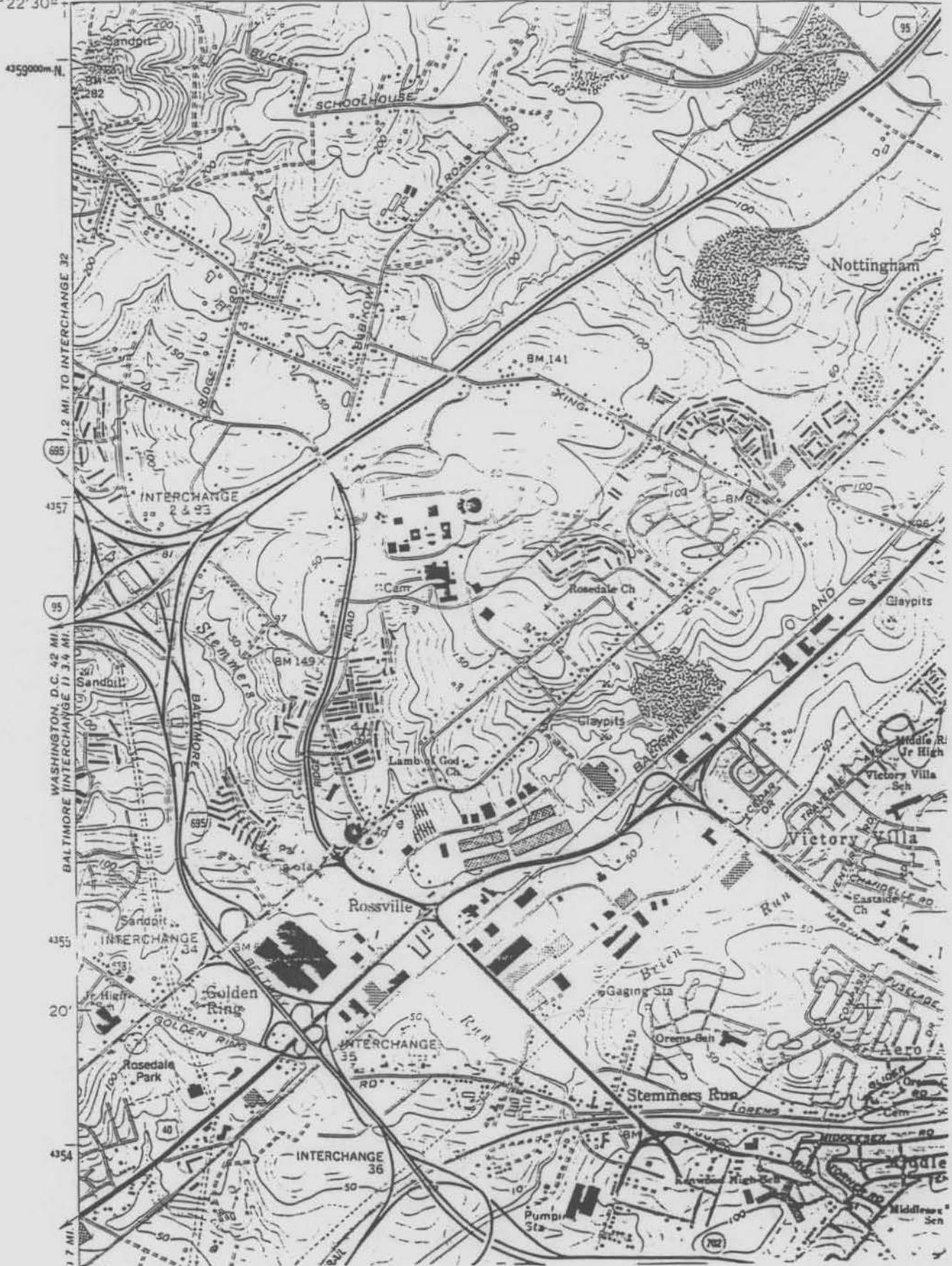
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Banks House
Rossville

List of Photographs

1. South (Entrance) Elevation
2. Detail, Entrance
3. S.W. Corner
4. West Elevation
5. N.W. Corner
6. Rear (North) Elevation
7. N. E. Corner
8. East Elevation
9. S. E. Corner
10. Row of Pre-fabricated Garage and Apartments
in rear of Register and Banks House



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Banks House

1020341-4 J.E. 82



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Banks House

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