

CAPSULE SUMMARY

10641 Bird River Road

BA-2818

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MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. BA-2818

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 10641 Bird River Road not for publication _____
city or town Baltimore vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD
county Baltimore code 005 zip code 21220

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
 public-local
 public-State
 public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
 district
 site
 structure
 object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing		Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>		buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		objects
<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>		Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No X

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular Queen Anne

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Solid: Stone, Random Rubble
roof Gable: Asphalt Shingles
walls Wood Frame: Asbestos Shingles
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance 1889-present

Significant Dates 1889

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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9. Major Bibliographical References
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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Baltimore County Land Records, Recorder of Deeds, Baltimore County, Towson, Maryland.

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 1,342 Square Feet

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 10641 Bird River Road is located on Parcel 680 as designated on Map 83, Grid 8.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The property at 1641 Bird River Road has been historically associated with Parcel 680 since the original construction of the house in 1889.

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11. Form Prepared By
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name/title Andrea Bakewell Lowery, Architectural Historian
organization Traceries date August 14, 1997
street & number 5420 Western Avenue telephone 301/656-5283
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815
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12. Property Owner
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name Greg Allen Green
street & number 10641 Bird River Road telephone _____
city or town Baltimore state MD zip code 21220
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EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The facade, or north elevation of the building, is three bays wide. The first story is formed by a porch enclosed with texture 1-11, a grooved plywood, and marked with three evenly spaced windows. The center window is a 3/1 aluminum window, and the flanking windows are 4/1 aluminum. The outer bays of the upper story are marked with 2/2 windows. Square-edged surrounds are located at the second story.

The first story of the west elevation of the house contains three window openings and one doorway. A replacement 1/1 metal window is located in the gable end wall. The two window openings and the doorway in the first story of the west elevation of the rear ell have been boarded up. The second story of this elevation is marked with an original 2/2 window and a single-leaf, flush door. Square-edged surrounds are located at all openings.

The south elevation of the house is marked with a large, 1-light fixed, metal window at the first story. The second story of the south elevation is articulated through three window openings. A 1/1 metal window is located at the gable end wall. One of the remaining openings is filled with an original 2/2 window, and the other is boarded up. Square-edged surrounds are located at all openings.

At the center of the first story of the east elevation of the house is a metal and glass sliding door. To the south of the door is a boarded up window opening. To the north is a 1/1 metal window. The second story is marked with three original 2/2 windows and a non-original 1/1 metal window. All window openings at this elevation have square-edged surrounds.

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OUTBUILDINGS:

To the southeast of the house is a one-story, two-car, wood frame garage that dates from the 1940s. Set on a poured concrete foundation and clad in aluminum siding, the garage is covered with an asphalt shingle gable roof. Two pairs of doors fashioned of plywood are located at the north elevation, and the side walls are pierced with a paneled, metal door, and aluminum windows.

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The dwelling provides a good example of the influences of the Queen Anne style on vernacular rural construction. This style, which gained popularity at the end of the 20th century, was frequently employed in the construction of farmhouses and dwellings throughout agricultural communities across America. Lacking applied detailing, the vernacular Queen Anne style is reflected in the elegant proportions of the building and openings, and the use of the two-story, side gable house with its rear ell.

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National Register Evaluation:

The house at 10641 Bird River Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the dwelling and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of the Queen Anne style, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____	Not Recommended <u>X</u>
Comments: _____ _____ _____	
Review, OPS: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>11/12/97</u>
Reviewer, NR Program: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date: <u>3/17/00</u>

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and Community
Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

- October 27, 1869: Thomas Fowler, executor for estate of Samuel Wilkinson to Richard M. Ray
Mortgage
Ray later defaulted on his mortgage
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber EHA 67 Folio 500
- February 20, 1883: John Milke to Catherine Gerst
Mortgage
Known as "Francis Choice" and "Richardson's Plain"
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WMJ 133 Folio 203
- February 8, 1884: Catharine Gerst, et al. to Levi Furstenburg
Leased for 99 years
Known as "Francis Choice"
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WMJ 140 Folio 496
- March 14, 1891: Levi Furstenburg to William Sterling
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber JWS 185 Folio 117
- May 4, 1912: William and Susanna Sterling to George S. and Mamie Myers
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber WPC 392 Folio 513
- September 18, 1957: Fred S. and Lena Myers to P. Louis and Loloan Rohe, Jr.
Fred S. Meyers inherited property from Mamie Myers
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber GLB 3239 Folio 454
- September 18, 1957: P. Louis Rohe, Jr. and Loloa M. Rohe to Fred Sylvester Myer and Lena Myers
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 3239 Folio 464

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July 26, 1961: Fred S. Myers to Eugene S. Myers
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 3873 Folio 28

June 27, 1989: Eugene S. Myers to Lena Myers
2.36 acres
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber SM 8228 Folio 784

December 10, 1991: Lena Myers to Kelly Marie Proctor and Greg
Allen Green
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber SM 8998 Folio 753

June 29, 1994: Kelly Marie Proctor and Greg Allen Green to
Greg Allen Green (her former husband)
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 106245 Folio 106

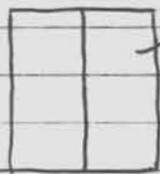
SKETCH MAP

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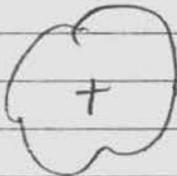
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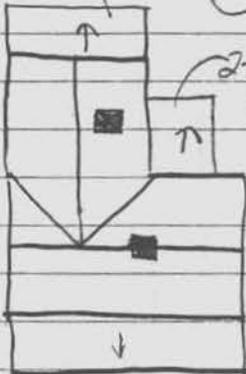
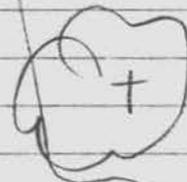
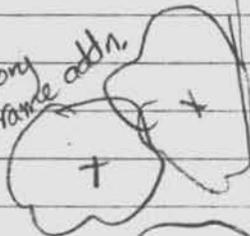
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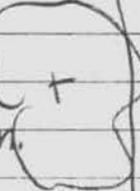
1-story
frame
garage



1-story
frame addn.



2-story
porch
addn.



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NORTH ELEVATION

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GARAGE - NW CORNER

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