

CT-1225  
4114 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
North Beach, Calvert County  
Private

Constructed between 1927 and 1930, the dwelling at 4114 7th Street is a very well preserved example of the simple vernacular, gable-front family of buildings typical of North Beach architecture. The house consists of a two-story, two-bay, gable-front frame structure that rests on a concrete block foundation. The full-width screen porch has a centrally-located screen door that is protected by a projecting portico.

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**North Beach, Calvert County Survey  
Survey Numbers CT-1215 through CT-1253  
(excepting CT-1217, -1238, -1238, -1240, -1250 and-1251 )**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Developmental Period(s):** 1870-1930; 1930-Present

**Historic Period Theme(s):** 2) Architecture, Landscape and Community Planning  
7) Social/Education/Cultural

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** building

**Historic Environment:** urban

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** dwelling

**Known Design Source:** none

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1225

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DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 4114 7th Street

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 4114 7th Street  not for publication

city, town North Beach vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

### 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	<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 type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Christina and James Wallace

street &amp; number 309 Virginia Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Alexandria state and zip code: Virginia 22302

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber ABE 513

street &amp; number 310 Main Street folio 362

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Evaluated in *Architectural Survey and Historic District Evaluation: North Beach, Maryland*date June, 1998 federal  state  county  local 

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville state Maryland

# 7. Description

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

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

4114 7<sup>th</sup> Street is situated on a narrow lot on the north side of 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The house sits back from the street approximately 10' and is closely situated between two neighboring houses. The small front yard contains a large oak tree, while the back yard features a number of oak and other deciduous trees.

This very intact two-story, gable-front, frame structure rests on a tall, poured concrete foundation. It has a side-passage, double-pile plan. The building's front and sides contain two bays. The roof features a low pitch and slight overhang. Narrow-width clapboards cover the walls, including the lower half of the full-width screen porch that spans the front facade. The porch's screen door is decorative and centrally located. It is protected by a small projecting portico. The portico is supported by two decoratively turned posts. Seven wooden steps, with flanking balustrade, lead up to the house from ground level.

Fenestration consists of 2/2 double-hung sash windows in the principal facade and in the 1<sup>st</sup> floors of the side walls. Two-light casements illuminate the second story. In addition, a small diamond-shaped window is present in the upper section of the front gable. Decoration is simple and restrained, and primarily consists of wide fascia and corner boards, and wide, unmitered window surrounds.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 100-1499	<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 type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) (recreation)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect						
Check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D			
and/or Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local				

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

This building is significant for its association with the architectural development of the early-20th century summer colony and resort community of North Beach, Maryland. Please refer to the continuation sheets for an historical sketch of the town.

4114 is a very well preserved example of the simple, vernacular, gable-front family of buildings typical of early North Beach architecture. The dwelling's ability to communicate its historic quality is enhanced by its generally good condition of neighboring buildings, and its proximity to the beach. As with its neighbors at 4009 and 4113 7th Street, this dwelling is believed to have been constructed between 1927 and 1930.

# Continuation Sheet

Survey No. CT-1215 through CT-1253

## Section 8: History and Significance

North Beach is a fair to good example of an early 20th century summer resort colony and is a Maryland example of a national trend in community development initiated by the Industrial Revolution. Communities such as North Beach were a result of the growing middle class, mobility and consumerism resulting from the industrial economy that dominated the period. Dozens of beach resorts developed around the Chesapeake Bay in the years between the end of the Civil War and the Great Depression. Some, such as Gibson Island, catered to a rich, white, gentile clientele, while Highland Beach is an example of an African-American summer colony. North Beach was in the middle of the social spectrum. While deed restrictions excluded blacks, Jews were well represented in early North Beach. Excepting this major exclusion, by the standards of the day, North Beach was a heterogeneous middle-class summer community.

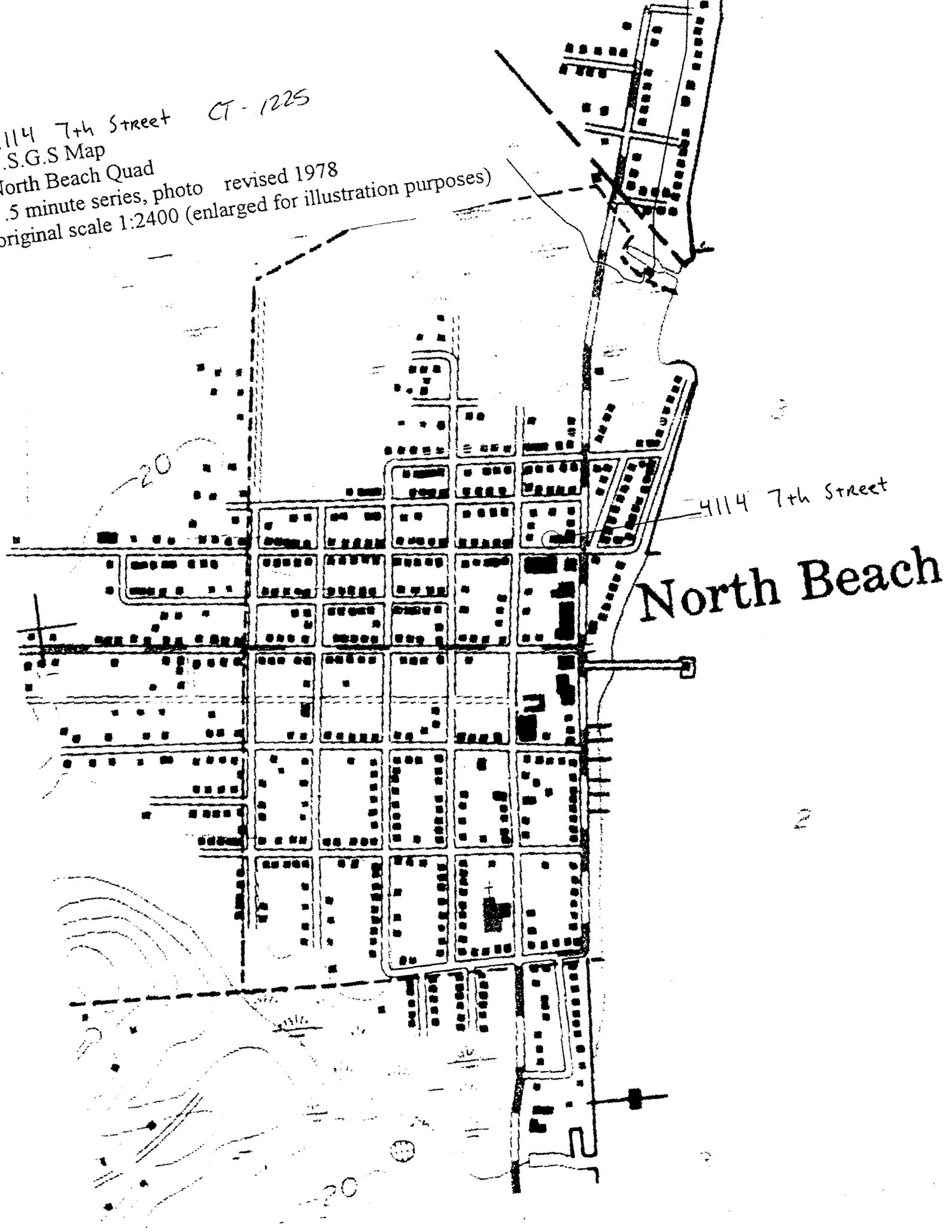
North Beach was platted in 1900 (revised in 1908) and incorporated in 1910. The town was developed by a group of principally Washington-based businessmen with ties to railroad, labor and banking. Conceived as a summer residential community and resort, the town was laid out according to a standard grid. In addition to houses, the town featured a variety of tourist and recreation-oriented businesses including theaters, restaurants, dance halls, bingo parlors, amusement arcades, and night clubs--including several gay clubs.

Most surviving historic buildings were constructed in the 1920s and 1930s, and include a good collection of early-20th century vernacular buildings. Represented building types include bungalows, shotgun, American Four Square and gable-front cottages. Most commercial buildings are either destroyed or extremely altered. Many of the town's historic structures were altered in the years immediately following World War II. In the post-war years North Beach completed a transformation begun in the 1930s, from a resort and summer colony to a permanent suburban community.





114 7th Street CT-1225  
S.G.S Map  
North Beach Quad  
.5 minute series, photo revised 1978  
original scale 1:2400 (enlarged for illustration purposes)



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