

CT-1229  
3943 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
North Beach, Calvert County  
Private

Constructed between 1925 and 1930, the house at 3943 7th Street is a good example of an early 20th century, gable-front dwelling, whose modest size, style, and narrow frontage are very typical of North Beach domestic architecture. This 2 1/2-story frame dwelling displays very little trim or ornamentation, except for verge and corner boards. An enclosed shed-roof porch spans the front elevation, which contains two bays. Clapboard siding covers the exterior walls.

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**North Beach, Calvert County Survey  
Survey Numbers CT-1215 through CT-1253  
(excepting CT-1217, -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-1229

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DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 3943 7th Street

### 2. Location

street &amp; number 3943 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not for publication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 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 Arthur &amp; Lilian McKonkey

street &amp; number 3943 7th Street

telephone no.:

city, town North Beach

state and zip code:

Maryland 20714

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse

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JLB 167

street &amp; number 310 Main Street

folio

699

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 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 type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

3943 7<sup>th</sup> Street sits on a very narrow lot on the south side of 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Erie and Frederick Avenues. The house sits back from the road approximately 15' feet. There are no curbs or sidewalks along this part of 7<sup>th</sup> street. A large, unhealthy oak tree is present in the front yard

This simple, 2 ½-story, gable-front, frame dwelling is sheathed with German siding and sits on a very low foundation. It features a side-hall, double-pile plan. The roof has slightly overhanging eaves, accented with exposed rafter ends.

The full-width, enclosed, shed-roof front porch features a centrally-placed porch door. German siding utilized in the porch walls match the main body of the building, and the 6/1 windows appear original. This suggests the porch was always enclosed, or enclosed at an early date.

With respect to the main body of the building, first story windows are 6/1 and match those of the porch, while 6/6 windows are used in the second story. A small, diamond-shaped window located in the upper front gable illuminates the attic level. Parging covers the small, concrete exterior chimney that is located on the dwelling's west side, while an exterior flue pipe is present toward the rear of the east wall. Narrow corner and verge boards provide decorative accent to this rather plain dwelling.

# 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"/> 400-1499	<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 important for its association with the architectural development of the early-20<sup>th</sup> century summer colony and resort community of North Beach, Maryland. Please refer to the continuation sheet for an historical sketch of the town.

3943 7<sup>th</sup> Street is a very good example of an early-20<sup>th</sup> century gable-front dwelling. Its modest size, style and narrow frontage are very typical of North Beach domestic architecture. The house stands on one of five adjoining and unimproved lots owned by G. Bailey in 1925. By 1930 all five lots were improved with nearly identical structures. Most of these survive, as do other similar structures along 7<sup>th</sup> Street, of which 3943 7<sup>th</sup> Street is the best preserved example. It is believed that Bailey built these houses for the speculative real estate market. In 1928, 3943 7<sup>th</sup> Street was owned by Daisey Krouse.

# Continuation Sheet

## 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, shotguns, 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.



Source: Sanborn Fire Insurance Map (1930 with 1938 revisions)



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(PITTSBURGH)

(BUFFALO)

CHESAPEAKE AV

BAY AV

POTOMAC

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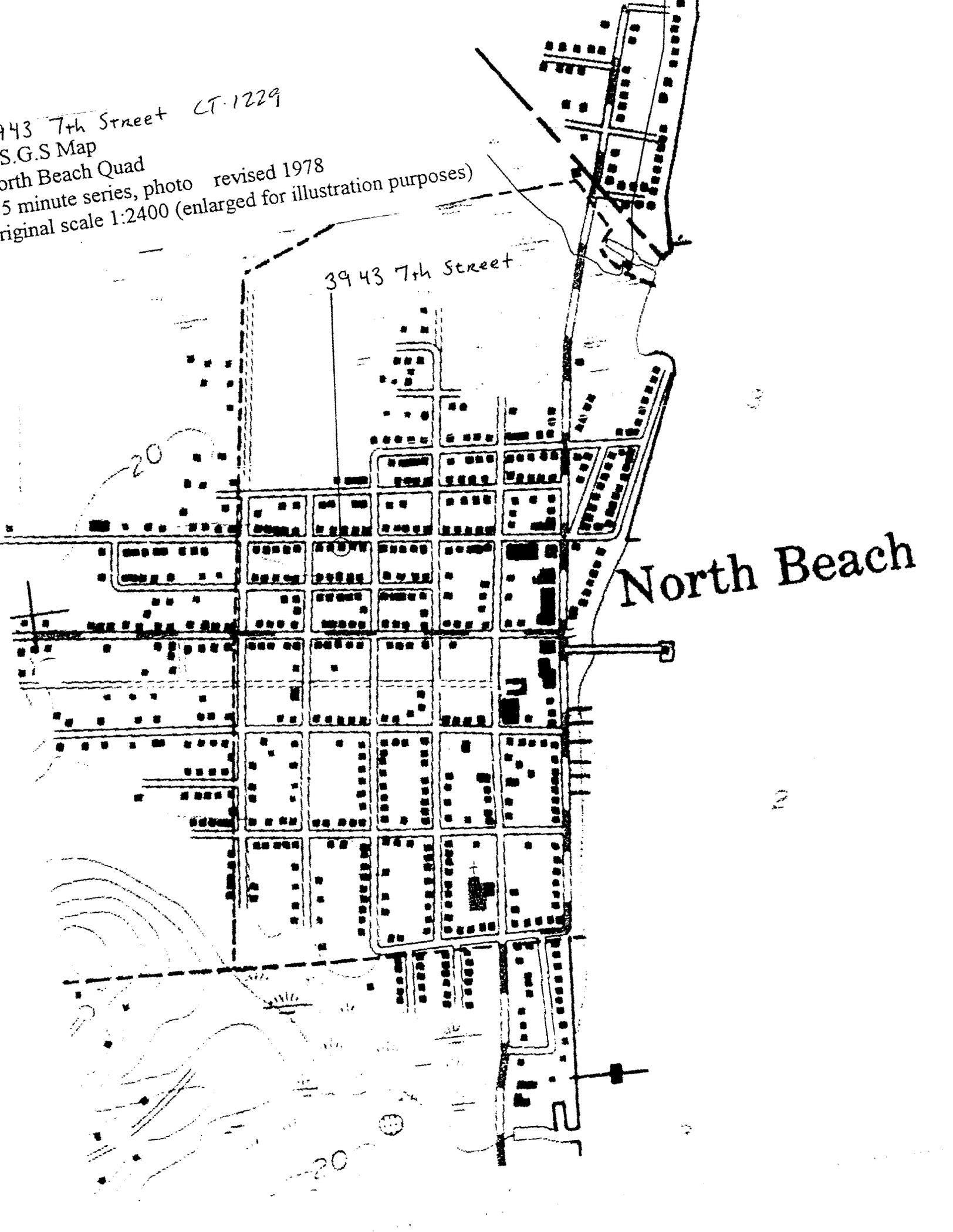
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3943 7th Street CT-1229  
S.G.S Map  
North Beach Quad  
5 minute series, photo revised 1978  
original scale 1:2400 (enlarged for illustration purposes)



North Beach



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3943 7th Street, North Beach

CALVERT COUNTY

SHERRI MARSH, photographer

3/10/98

SW perspective

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