

CT-1245  
8816 Erie Avenue  
North Beach, Calvert County  
Private

The house located at 8816 Erie Avenue was constructed between 1923 and 1930. It was built on land owned by O. H. Fowler, a principal with the North Beach Land and Improvement Company. This bungalow style dwelling, inspired by the Arts and Crafts Movement, has extended proportions intended to enhance its use as a rental property. The house, which is currently occupied and in excellent condition, is a wide, five-bay, double-pile frame building that rests on a concrete foundation and has walls sheathed in German siding. The house has a full-width screen porch that engaged on its front and rear by a low-pitch gable roof.

**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-1245

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 8816 Erie Avenue

## 2. Location

street & number 8816 Erie Avenue  not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Bernard McDonald

street & number Box 362 telephone no.:

city, town North Beach state and zip code: Maryland 20174

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber JLB 144

street & number 310 Main Street folio 603

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

pository 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.

8816 Erie Avenue is situated on a comparatively wide lot and shaded lot on the west side of Erie Avenue. It sits back from the road approximately 15'. A metal fence borders the yard. 8816 Erie Avenue is a one-story, five-bay, double-pile plan, side-gable, frame dwelling. Its walls are sheathed in German siding and rest on a low concrete foundation. The low-pitched roof has open eaves. The front facade features a full-width, shed-roof, screen porch. The lower walls of the porch are sheathed in the same German siding as the main body of the building. A small brick stove chimney is centered on the dwelling's south wall. Fenestration patterns appear original. Windows are 6/1 types. Two windows are present on each of the side walls. The glazed and panel door is centered on the front facade and is flanked by a pair of window openings.

# 8. Significance

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"/> 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.

8816 Erie Avenue is important 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 sheet for an historical sketch of the town.

8816 Erie Avenue is a very fine and highly intact of a North Beach vernacular summer cottage. It displays stylistic and construction features that are similar to several other buildings along this street. It is likely these dwellings were constructed by the same person or firm. In 1919 this and the adjacent lot were owned by O.H. Fowler, a principal with the North Beach Land and Improvement Company. Both lots were unimproved at that time. 8816 Erie Avenue is not shown on the 1923 Sanborn map, but is identified on the 1930 map.

## Section 8: History and Significance

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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.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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 David C. Holley, Chesapeake Steamboats: Vanished Fleet, Tidewater Publishers; Centreville, Maryland, 1994.  
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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1,500 sq. ft.

Quadrangle name North Beach Quadrangle scale 1: 24,000

UTM References Do NOT complete UTM references

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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 200, block 26, lot 42  
 List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared by

name/title Sherri Marsh

organization Retrospect Cultural Resource Services date May-98

street & number 9 Southgate Avenue (410) 268-6099

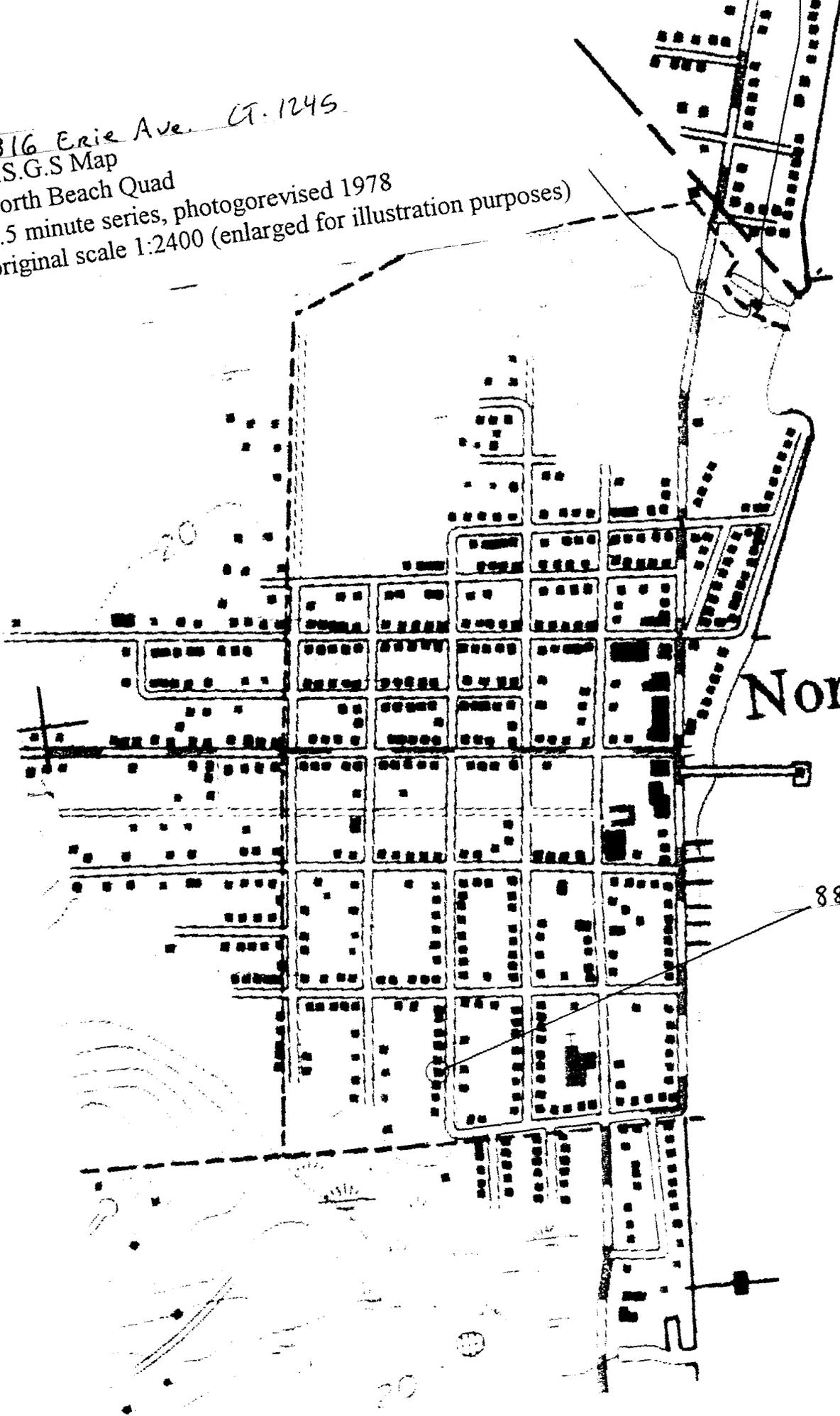
city or town Annapolis state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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 DHCP/DHCD  
 100 Community Place  
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
 410-514-7600

8816 Erie Ave. G. 1245  
U.S.G.S Map  
North Beach Quad  
7.5 minute series, photogorevised 1978  
original scale 1:2400 (enlarged for illustration purposes)



North Beach

8816 Erie Ave.



8816 ERIE AVENUE (CT-1245)

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

SHERRI MARSH, PHOTOGRAPHER

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EAST ELEVATION

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