

CT-1248  
8930 Frederick Avenue  
North Beach, Calvert County  
Private

Built between 1919 and 1923, probably for B. Swellings, the house at 8930 Frederick Avenue is a variant of the shotgun type and is representative of 1920s North Beach architecture. This 1 1/2 story, gable-front, frame dwelling rests on a poured concrete foundation and is covered with a low-pitch gable roof with exposed rafter ends. The porch is deteriorating but contains much of the original fabric.

**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-1248

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DOE  yes  no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 8930 Frederick Avenue

### 2. Location

street & number 8930 Frederick Avenue not for publication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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" 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 Joseph C. Bergen

street & number P.O. Box 528 telephone no.:

city, town North Beach state and zip code: Maryland 20714

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber ABE 280

street & number 310 Main Street folio 736

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 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 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.

8930 Frederick Avenue sits on a narrow lot on the west side of Frederick Avenue. It sits back from the road approximately 15'. A small number of medium-sized trees are located behind the house. 8930 Frederick Avenue is a 1 1/2-story, gable-front, five-bay frame dwelling. It appears to measure approximately 20' x 28'. Walls are covered with German siding and rest on a very low concrete foundation. Exposed rafter ends decorate the eaves of the low-pitch roof. A full-width, hipped-roof, screen porch spans the front facade. Its lower walls feature narrow-gauge, vertical board siding, and the exposed rafter ends match the main body of the house. Fenestration patterns appear intact, but are covered with a heavy-grade plastic covering. Windows appear to be 2/2 types. The left-of-center, glazed-and-paneled front door appears original. Side-wall views are obscured by vegetation and narrow lot configuration, but it appears each wall has four window openings. A small, square window is located in the upper portion of the front gable. The house appears structurally sound, but the porch is beginning to deteriorate.

8930 Frederick Avenue shares many similarities with several other buildings on this street, especially 8934 Frederick Avenue. While that building is in better overall condition, this dwelling retains more of its original historic fabric.

# 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
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<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-20th century summer colony and resort community of North Beach, Maryland. Please refer to continuation sheet for an historical sketch of the town.

8930 Frederick Avenue was built between 1919 and 1923, probably for B. Swellings. By 1927 it is owned by Joseph A. Geradi. At that time the property's improvements were assessed at \$600. This modest dwelling is a variant of the shotgun type, and is representative of 1920s North Beach architecture. It is almost identical to its neighbor, 8934 Frederick Avenue.

# 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.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

Calvert County tax map 200, block 28, parts of lots 6 and 7

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

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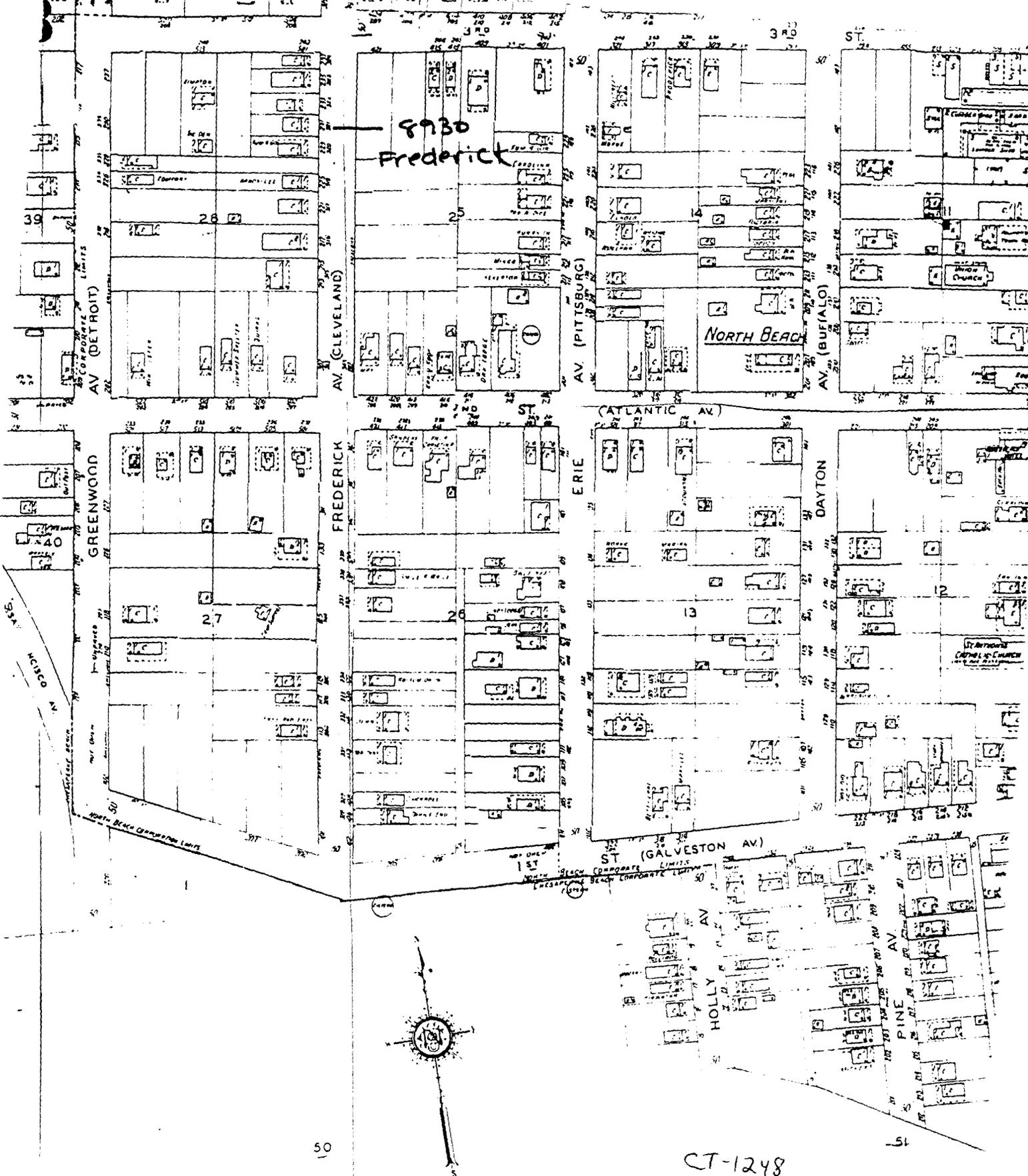
## 11. Form Prepared by

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organization	Retrospect Cultural Resource Services	date	May-98
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city or town	Annapolis	state	MD

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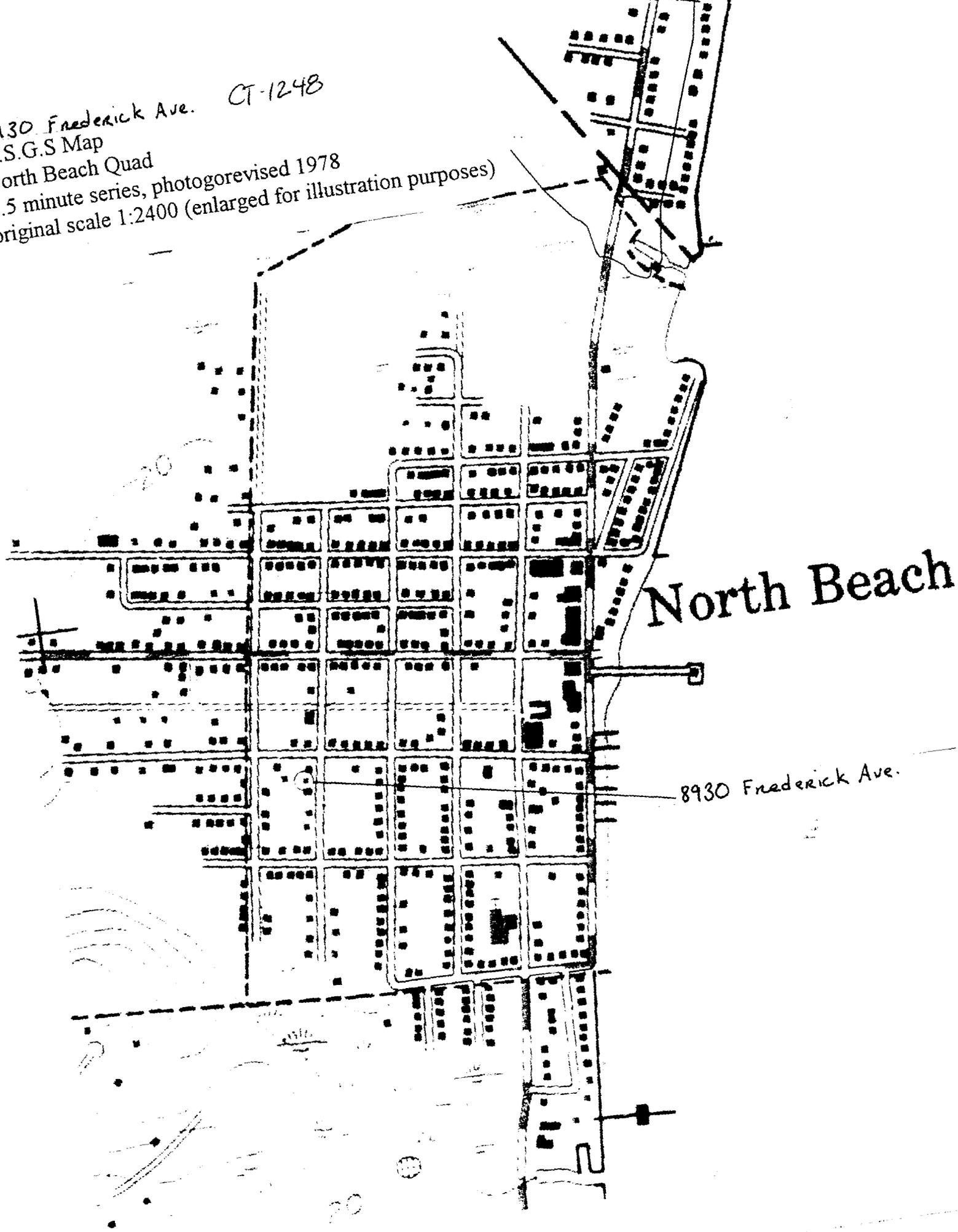
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Source: Sanborn Fire  
Insurance Map  
(1930 with 1938  
revisions)

8930 Frederick Ave. CT-1248  
U.S.G.S Map  
North Beach Quad  
7.5 minute series, photogorevised 1978  
original scale 1:2400 (enlarged for illustration purposes)



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8930 Frederick Avenue, North Beach

Calvert County, MD

Sherri Marsh, photographer

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