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Goldsborough House
Greensboro
Private

Circa 1820, circa 1885

The Goldsborough House is one of the largest and least altered dwellings in Greensboro. It is a large two-story frame structure with central entrance projecting from the facade like a tower. It resembles the "tower" on Plaindealing and Marengo, Talbot County. One side of the building was constructed for a vault by Judge Laird Goldsborough.

The house stands on six acres of Ingram's Desire, sold by Peregrine Pratt to William Turner for \$60 in 1817. In 1837, Turner sold 1/4 acre on which the house stands to Spencer Hitch for \$305. A portion of the building may date from that period. The building passed to the widow of S. Hitch and she in turn willed it to M. Hooper Gray and wife in 1884. They sold it in 1893 to Mary Booker for \$2,000, a price which suggests the main part of the building was constructed. In 1897, it was purchased by Dr. Griffin Goldsborough for \$2,100. In 1926, the grandchildren of Griffin sold it to one of their number, Judge W. Laird Goldsborough. After the death of "Miss Kitty, the judge's widow, the property passed to the Caroline County Historical Society." (Horsey, E. F.)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Goldsborough House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Sunset Avenue & Church Street

CITY, TOWN

Greensboro

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Michael Trainer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 398

CITY, TOWN

Greensboro

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21639

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 193

Folio #: 386

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Goldsborough House is one of the largest and least altered dwellings in Greensboro. It is a large two story, frame structure, five bays long with central entrance on the facade. Like Plain-dealing, Denton and Marengo, Miles River Neck, the central bay of the second story and attic protrude to suggest a tower. On its second story are double windows and on the attic level are two smaller windows within a single frame. Its entire gable is covered with decorative shingles.

On the east side of the building is a one bay extension, two stories tall with nearly flat roof having a balustrade. On the north side is a two room long, one and one-half story addition and a lean-to addition. Across the Sunset Avenue facade and Church Street facade is a one story verandah with gable over the entrance. Its roof, like the main roof is covered with raised seam tin. The windows of the house have 2/2 sash and louvered shutters. Brick chimneys pierce the roofs in the usual positions for a house of this period.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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"/> 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/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Goldsborough House appears to have been constructed around the 1880's in the Victorian Gothic style. Part of the building is reputedly older, however, without an examination of the structure it would be difficult to determine. Whatever its age, the building is one of the least altered houses in the town and is well known because it was the home of Dr. Goldsborough a physician of the twentieth century, and respected citizen of the town.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		DATE	
Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant		June, 1977	
ORGANIZATION		TELEPHONE	
Maryland Historical Trust			
STREET & NUMBER			
Shaw House, 21 State Circle			
CITY OR TOWN		STATE	
Annapolis		Maryland 21401	

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.

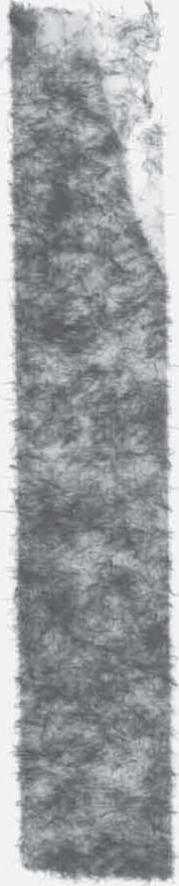
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