

HO-1116

3241 Brookmede Road
Private

Description:

The house at 3241 Brookmede Road is located on the east side of the road in the Valley Mede subdivision just west of Ellicott City. The house is a one-story, five-bay by two-bay frame rancher with squared rubble stone brought to course in the foundation and lower part of the wall, cedar shake siding, and a hip roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge. On the west elevation the north bay does not have any stone, and has a tripartite picture window. The center bay has a projecting three-sided bay picture window and the south-center bay has a six-panel door with a sidelight of five lights on the north side. The south bay projects forward but is kept under the roof of the rest of the house, which creates a deep overhanging eave for the other four bays. The east elevation has a one-light door in the north-center bay that is set at grade and breaks through the stone. Just north of the door is an interior brick chimney. The north elevation has stone only on the eastern third of the wall, with the other two thirds being parged up to the window sill. The northwest room has linoleum tile floor and matching low stone wall on the east and south sides of the room. The house has been partially gutted.

Significance:

The house at 3241 Brookmede Road is a rancher that was built in 1957, according to the tax assessment for the property. It is located in Section Two of the Valley Mede development, which was platted in 1955, and there is little reason to doubt the date. The development was created by Julius Kinlein, the owner of Greenway Construction Co. The neighborhood is marked by through streets rather than the court, which would come shortly later in Howard County subdivisions. Many of the houses in the earliest sections of the development are ranchers, and they still survive here, though this house is scheduled to be demolished in late 2012 and this may indicate the start of redevelopment in the neighborhood. This pattern has been seen in other Howard County neighborhoods recently, from Dunloggin to Harwood Park, and it will eventually wipe out all remnants of the historic subdivision. This rancher probably had a garage in the north end that was enclosed at a later date. The public rooms were in the center with the bedrooms at the south end of the house. Like most ranchers, it has a clear connection to Prairie Style houses with its long, low profile subsumed under a single low hip roof. Many of these use at least some stone or brick veneer for the wall covering, as with this example. Parts of the house have been gutted, and it is not known why at this time.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic House

other _____

2. Location

street and number 3241 Brookmede Road not for publication

city, town Ellicott City vicinity

county Howard

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

name Tsung & Annie Chen

street and number 3241 Brookmede Road telephone _____

city, town Ellicott City state MD zip code 21042

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 11975 folio 41

city, town Ellicott City tax map 24 tax parcel 513 tax ID number _____

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

The house at 3241 Brookmede Road is located on the east side of the road in the Valley Mede subdivision just west of Ellicott City. The house is separated from the road by Plumtree branch, which runs north-south near the western edge of the lot. The house is a one-story, five-bay by two-bay frame rancher with squared rubble stone brought to course in the foundation and lower part of the wall, cedar shake siding, and a hip roof with asphalt shingles and a north-south ridge.

On the west elevation the north bay does not have any stone, and has a tripartite picture window with the end sash being one-over-one. The north-center bay has a one-over-one sash and the center bay has a projecting three-sided bay picture window with one fixed light in each section. The south-center bay has a six-panel door with a sidelight of five lights on the north side. The south bay projects forward but is kept under the roof of the rest of the house, which creates a deep overhanging eave for the other four bays. The south bay has a one-over-one sash.

The south elevation has two one-over-one sash, with a small, narrow one-light sash set just west of center. The east elevation has a one-over-one sash in the south bay, a small one-light sash in the south-center bay, and a large single light sash and sliding glass door that is partially boarded up in the center bay. There is a one-light door in the north-center bay that is set at grade and breaks through the stone. Just north of the door is an interior brick chimney. The north bay has a small, horizontal one-light sash.

The north elevation has stone only on the eastern third of the wall, with the other two thirds being parged up to the window sill. There is paired one-over-one sash set just west of center.

The northwest room has linoleum tile floor and matching low stone wall on the east and south sides of the room. The house has been partially gutted.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates c. 1957

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Howard County Land Records, Plat Book 4, p. 71.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 24,437 sq ft
Acreage of historical setting 24,437 sq ft
Quadrangle name Ellicott City Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 24, parcel 513, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	January 2013
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
MD city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
 DHCD/DHCP
 100 Community Place
 Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
 410-514-7600

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3241 Brookmede Road
Howard County, Maryland
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
Epson Premium paper
Epson Photo Black UltraChrome ink cartridge

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West elevation

HO-1116_2012-10-23_02
East & north elevations



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East + north elevations

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