

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic The Abell Norris/Stang House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 115 Chestnut <sup>St.</sup> Avenue  not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg  vicinity of  congressional district 9th

state Maryland  county Montgomery

## 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 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 checked="" 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

street & number  telephone no.:

city, town  state and zip code 20878

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse  liber

street & number  folio

city, town Rockville  state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town  state

# 7. Description

Survey No. M-21-104

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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.

This residence is a nearly unaltered example of a Craftsman cottage from the early 20th century.

The subject house faces northeast on a near half-acre triangular corner lot at Chestnut Street and West Diamond Avenue in a neighborhood of mixed architectural styles and lot sizes. Neighboring structures range from 1950 and 1960 1-story ramblers on 6,000 square foot lots to a historic brick pumphouse and a large apartment complex across Diamond Avenue, a four-lane state highway. This house has had its moderate setback from Diamond slightly reduced by recent street widening and the addition of a sidewalk. The yard is shaded by mature trees and landscaped with foundation shrubs and a rear yard and garden which is enclosed by a lattice privacy fence. There is a paved driveway east of the house with a parking area. The house is accessed by a concrete walkway from the driveway and another from the public sidewalk on Chestnut.

The craftsman-influenced 1-1/2 story frame side-gabled house has a large center front hipped-roof dormer room, a recessed front porch on the northwest corner, a full-width porch on the east facade which is half enclosed, and a rear enclosed porch. The roof is compositionally shingled with one interior brick chimney. The wood fishscale shingles in the attic gable are separated from the narrow clapboard and cornerboards on the main body and dormer of the house by a strong corniceboard. The 6/1 windows with plain surrounds are found singly and paired.

The 3-bay north (front) facade has two full-sized windows in the attic hipped-roof dormer, one window in the east bay and the recessed porch supported by two square 3/4 posts on brick piers in the west part of the facade. The recessed porch has an exterior door (now boarded up) in the east wall and an exterior door and a windows in the south porch wall.

The west facade has a central pair of windows and a small octagonal window in the far southern corner in the attic story and one central window on the 1st story. The east facade has two widely spaced windows in the attic story and a shed-roofed porch on the 1st story. The north portion, an open porch, has one square post on the northeast corner, a window in the west wall of the house, and a door in the south wall entering the enclosed half of the porch. The east exterior wall of the enclosed part of the porch has a central pair of windows.



History (continued)

The Abell Norriss/ Stang House - 115 Chestnut Street

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In 1925 the house and lot 10 only was sold to Raymond Stang and his wife. 12/ McGraw Field was across the Barnesville road, about where the Londonderry Apartment Complex is located in 1990. The Gaithersburg baseball team practiced and played its games at the McGraw baseball diamond and Mrs. Stang was noted for watching for stray balls, then running out and getting them when they came into the yard to prevent the players from climbing her fence and breaking it down. 13/

In 1940 E. Ambrose Hoopengardner placed a mortgage on the property, then received a deed from the Stangs and mortgaged it to Fred Atwell. 14/ The estate of his widow, Rose Hoopengardner, sold the property to Mildred E. Nichols in the 1950s. 15/ It was sold several years ago to the present owners.

Footnotes:

1. Montgomery County Land Record JGH9/228 and The Montgomery County the tax assessment for 1863 which lists George Meem with 200 acres at \$5.00 per acre with no improvements.
2. Judy Christensen, "Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg", 1990, for City of Gaithersburg.
3. Montgomery County Land Record EBPl0/388 where Ward & Fulks purchased 3 acres by the railroad and a road right of way to the Barnesville Road. It became a public road in 1883 by petition to the County Commissioners.
4. C.J. Maddox Jr., "Map of Gaithersburg" 1894.
5. Montgomery County Plat 3/133 (1896 recorded 1910).
6. Land Records JA 53/109 et. seq., Heirs to George Meem, and JA55/105, George W. Meem and others to Clorivier Meem (1896).
7. Land Record 216/496 (1911)
8. Land Record 233/231 (1913) and 225/218 (1915).
9. Land Record 284/32 (1919).
10. Land Record 297/80 (1920)
11. Ibid. Norris seems to have assumed the Case Mortgage in the same document and paid off the debt July 21, 1925.
12. 378/475 (1925)
13. Telephone interview with Daniel Robertson, May 1990. Mr. Robertson's parents built 115 Meem Avenue in 1910.
14. Land Record 783/140 (1940) mortgage to Hoopengardner and Land Record 783/149, Deed to Hoopengardner, and 783/153, Mortgage from Fred Atwell. (1940)
15. Land Record 2565/146



GAITHERSBURG HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
- - -

ADDRESS 115 CHESTNUT STREET  
County: Montgomery  
Gaithersburg

MHT # M-21-104

LIBER 2565, FOLIO 146

SURVEY # 051  
LOT L10, BLOCK -

OWNER: Mildred Day  
ADDRESS: Washington Towers, #1907  
CITY: Gaithersburg

PRESENT USE: residence  
ORIGINAL USE: residence  
BUILDER: unknown

STYLE: Bungalow

DATE BUILT: c.1910

PHYS. COND: good

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

FOUNDATION: brick  
WALL STRUCTURE: Balloon  
WALL COVERING: novelty siding

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

ROOF STRUCTURE: Wood Truss  
ROOF COVERING: asphalt shingle  
ROOF STYLE: gable  
EAVES: boxed cornice, ogee molding  
CHIMNEYS: left center

APPENDAGES:

ADDITIONS: rear, left  
ELLS: -  
PORCHES: front  
SUPPORTS: -  
OUTBUILDINGS: -

STORIES: 1 3/4

BAYS: 2 x 2

APPROX DIMENSION: 24 x 26

WINDOWS:

TYPE: d.h.s.  
LIGHTS: 6/1

BAY WINDOWS: -  
SIDE BY SIDES: right  
GABLE TYPES: 6/1

ENTRANCES:

LOCATION: right  
DESCRIPTION: decorative

THREAT: none

SURROUNDINGS: residential

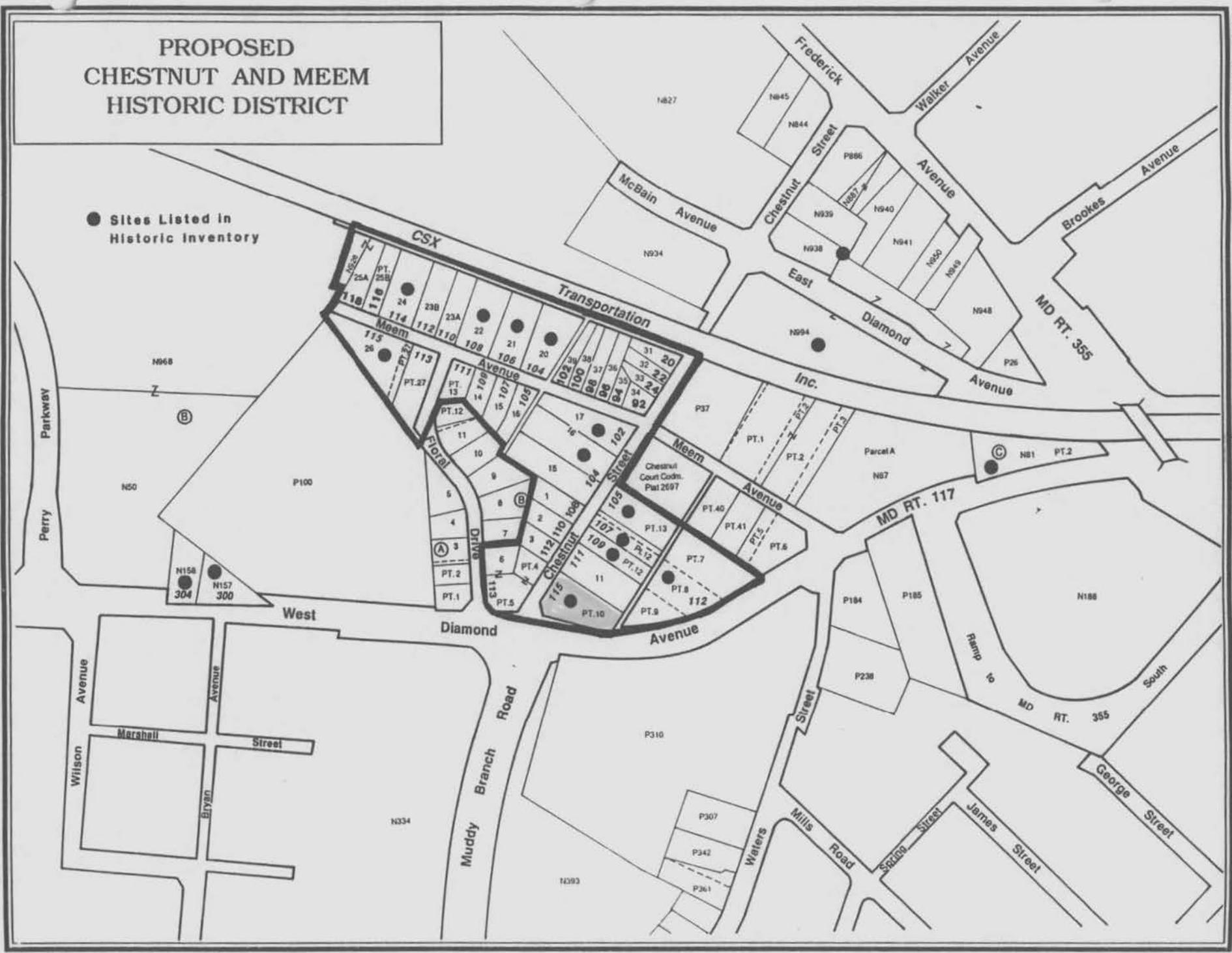
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DESCRIPTION: Front-south-facing facade, altered bungalow style. Roof has large half-hipped dormer, two bays wide. First floor-left bay, one 6/1 window; right bay is inset under roof, contained porch, front door and 6/1 window. Porch has two doors with top and bottom entablature, half-door glass, ornate recessed panels, ornate oval handle and beaded plate. Addition to left with wider German siding with small front porch inset under shed roof with boxed cornice. Left elevation-two bays deep. Left, gable end imbricated wooden shingles. Original 6/1 windows. Rear elevation-first floor, shed-roof enclosed section with exposed rafters. Second floor has shed-roof dormer with exposed rafter ends, two bays wide, window 6/1 in each. Right elevation-imbricated wooden shingles on second storey gable, double 6/1 windows in center of each. First floor, inset porch on left, window left center 6/1, addition to right with another window and entrance.

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Historic Inventory Task Force

# PROPOSED CHESTNUT AND MEEM HISTORIC DISTRICT

● Sites Listed in  
Historic Inventory



115 Chestnut Street

Survey No. M-21-104

Section 2.1



M-21-104

115 Chestnut Street - East facade  
Gaithersburg, MD

Montgomery County



Photographer Judy Christensen  
Date 1990



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115 Chestnut Street  
Gathersburg, Md. 20877  
Montgomery County

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Date 1990

Rear yard