

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg

AND/OR COMMON

Chestnut/Meem Historic Area

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

See attachment 2.1 "Location/Boundaries". Summary: Both sides of Meem Avenue from the west end to Chestnut Street, the full western side of Chestnut Street; part of the eastern side of Chestnut Street (#105 thru 115 inclusive) plus Lots Pt 7, Pt 8 and Pt 9 on the northern side of West Diamond Avenue.

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Multiple Owners - See Attachment 4.1

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

See Attachment 5.1 Montgomery County Land Records

Liber #: Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

50 Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

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

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

See Attachment 7.1

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
JO-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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

See Attachment 8.1

SEE: HISTORIC MAPS - WESTERN SHORE FOLDER

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land, Plat and Assessment Records. Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County, 1978, City of Gaithersburg, MD. C.J. Maddox, Jr. 1894 Map of Gaithersburg. City of Gaithersburg Land and Plat Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

Portion of Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg (See Attachment 2.1)
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

Patricia A. Patula, Planning Research Assistant

July, 1995

ORGANIZATION

DATE

City of Gaithersburg

(301) 258-6325

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

31 South Summit Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Gaithersburg

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM

Survey No. *M:21-178*
Section 2.1

Chestnut/Meem Historic District

SUMMARY PARAGRAPH

The district includes both sides of Meem Avenue from the westernmost end to Chestnut Street; the western side of Chestnut Street from the railroad south to West Diamond; part of the eastern side of Chestnut Street (#105 through 115 inclusive) plus Lots Pt 7, 8, and 9 on the northern side of West Diamond Avenue.

BOUNDARIES OF THE CHESTNUT/MEEM HISTORIC DISTRICT

This residential neighborhood, known as Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg, lies at a junction in which major transportation elements have converged, strongly affecting the welfare and the nature of the area's development from the very beginning of man's presence here.

Northern Boundary

Forming the northern boundary of the district is the CSX Railroad. Frequent daily trains, electronic railroad bars and signals, high fencing, and warning train whistles remind all passersby that the railroad, which first came to Gaithersburg in 1873, is still an integral contributor to the life of the City. The tracks separate the residential area from the well-utilized Montgomery County Agricultural Center (Fairgrounds) and the busy traffic of a shopping center and other commercial establishments a little farther to the north. Residential and commercial land use, in close proximity to one another, has existed here since the earliest days of the City's development. The railroad tracks have also served as the northern boundary of the platted Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg since 1896.

Also, to the north of the district and on the opposite side of the tracks, are the only two remaining buildings from the 19th and early 20th century -- the vacant Thomas Cannery (c. 1917), which was officially designated in 1987, and the Burris carriage house (c. 1890). Although these deteriorated buildings are not included in the district because they are somewhat removed from the main bulk of historic houses and are on the other side of the railroad tracks, their restoration will affect the district both economically and visually. The planned restoration of the Cannery includes the relocation of the carriage house, currently on the property of the nearby Chesline Apartments, to a place of prominence on the Cannery grounds. Once restored, the sites will have commercial uses and will serve to highlight the entrance to the residential area -- again demonstrating the closeness of commercial and residential uses so characteristic of the larger neighborhood.

Both sides of the residential portion of Meem Avenue (western half) have been included in the district for purposes of preserving the notable tree

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streetscape. Of the six houses on the southern side of Meem Avenue, five are considered to be non-contributing resources due to their newer age of construction; in another decade, when they reach the fifty year mark, they may be able to be included as contributing resources. The tall oak trees of great age visually link this residential strip end-to-end.

The intersection of Chestnut Street and Meem Avenue form the northern portal to the district and the main point of entry. The northwest quadrant of the intersection of Chestnut and Meem, consists of one small house and several 1960s duplexes -- all of which are possible candidates for a "rebuild" situation. These small homes do not add to the visual appropriateness of the district, especially in this entrance location. They were included in the district at the suggestion of the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) in its initial consideration of a preliminary boundary determination for this area. MHT also suggested adding the two houses at the most western end of Meem. The reason for these additional inclusions was to maintain cohesiveness of the district and to enable the City to "gain architectural control over the design of future new construction should the current, non-historic buildings ever be demolished..." (See letter MHT)

Eastern Boundary

The eastern boundary line follows the eastern side of Chestnut Street to one property south of the intersection with Meem Avenue. Excluded are the buildings (formerly the properties of Clagett and Beall on the Maddox Map of 1894) on the eastern side of Chestnut Street to that point. Excluded also are all of the other buildings on the eastern half of Meem Avenue. Even though this eastern portion of Meem's Addition was part of the platted area in 1896, the original residential nature has been replaced by industrial uses and offices of a modern vintage and therefore is not included in the historic district.

The eastern boundary continues and wraps around several treed lots where four structures from the first public water and sewerage service provided in the City are preserved. The three small brick pumping stations and metal water tank were part of the system built between 1926-1928 by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to provide public water and sewer service to Gaithersburg. These structures nestle under the tall white oak trees in the front of the property of a modern brick building serving as a day center.

Southern Boundary

West Diamond Avenue, the southern boundary of the district and partially also a City limit line, is a very busy conduit for traffic from I-270 and the four-lane highways of Muddy Branch Road, Perry Parkway, Quince Orchard Road, and Maryland Route 355. This road was first known as the Barnesville Road, and later the Diamond/Barnesville Road, and existed from the beginning of the formal history of this area. This road also bordered Martha Meem's original 200 acres and part of it formed the boundary for the 1896 platted Meem's Addition. Land across the road,

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farther to the south, consists of apartments (which remain outside the City limits) and the WSSC plant, built in 1977 and annexed into the City in 1990.

The southern most part of the western side of Chestnut Street was not in the original plat of 1896 because it was not within the City limits at that time. However, it is included in the district because it was part of Martha Meem's original acreage purchased from Martha Bibb in 1862 and is integrally connected to the total streetscape of Chestnut Street. Chestnut Street has been in existence since 1873 and was built to connect Frederick Road and Barnesville Road (West Diamond). This intersection of Chestnut with West Diamond visually forms the southern portal to the district although, due to traffic usage, it is more of the culminating point of exit from the district. In either case, inclusion of this tip (three lots are under one ownership) is logical and essential to the streetscape and history of the area.

Western Boundary

The western boundary of the district consists of three established entities: first, Avenel Business Park to the north; a modern brick complex bordered with an abundance of firethorn (pyracantha) bushes and divided by a highway lined with Japanese flowering cherry trees; second, the First Baptist Church, with its large acreage and numerous tall, old white oak trees; and third, Floral Drive, a well-maintained residential area platted in 1951 as a resubdivision of part of Meem's Addition. The latter two, even though they are integral to the streetscape and historical connection of the entire district, are not included at this time due to the younger age of the structures. It is very conceivable, that around the beginning of the 21st century, Floral Drive (most of which was constructed in the mid-1950's) will be recommended for inclusion in this historic area.

Chestnut/Meem District
Attachment 4.1

CHESTNUT/MEEM PROPOSED DISTRICT
PROPERTY OWNERS AND ADDRESSES
August 1995 Tax Docket Listing

<u>SITE ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER/ADDRESS</u>
20 Chestnut	John R. & F.C.M. Barry
22 Chestnut	Charles & H. Sherman
24 Chestnut	Dorothy A. Nicholson
102 Chestnut*	Catalin & D. D. Bonciu
104 Chestnut*	William & B. J. White
105 Chestnut*	Bernard & M. J. LaFrance
107 Chestnut*	Thomas Schweitzer et al
108 Chestnut	Violette Wood
109 Chestnut*	Juan A. Cruz et al
110 Chestnut	Winifred B. Lehman
111 Chestnut	E. Eugene & H.B. Hoyle et al, 2421 Pondside Terrace, Silver Spring, MD 20906
112 Chestnut	Ronald & Judith Hisnanick
115 Chestnut*	Duane & A. E. Moe, 20729 H Crystal Hill Circle, Germantown, MD 20874
92 Meem	Debra Randall & Glen Matott
94 Meem	Roy & D. C. Haddock
96 Meem	John & M. Aravanis, 15216 Wild Rose Lane, Rockville, MD 20853
98 Meem	Elizabeth M. Magill et al
100 Meem	Alan & Charlotte Jacobsen 5315 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20816
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104 Meem*	Shirley F. Beringer
105 Meem	Aut J. & N. I. Fuller
106 Meem*	Alfred & D. A. Lopez
107 Meem	Lloyd & M. H. Ward
108 Meem*	Gerald & G. J. Clement
109 Meem	Frank & S. G. Kurpierz
110 Meem	Thomas & D. F. McKenna
111 Meem	Tammy Chapman
112 Meem	Yvonne Bishop et al
113 Meem	Laura A. & W. Warshauer 3rd
114 Meem*	John E. Ward, 415 Park Road, Rockville, MD 20850
115 Meem*	Bruce T. Morrow et al
116 Meem	Clifton & M. E. Carey
118 Meem	James & Linda Michael
112 West Diamond*	City of Gaithersburg
113 Floral Drive	Roger R. & A.M. LaFrance

* = Contributing Resources

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ASSESSMENT RECORD

1995 LEVY YEAR

OWNER					DESCRIPTION								ASSESSMENT				PREF LAND	
DIST	SUB	ACCOUNT NO.	NAME KEY	LIBER	FOLIO	LOT	BLK	ACRES/FEET	T/C	CL	GEN	SPEC ZONE	LAND USE	TYPE	LAND	IMPR.	TOTAL	PREF LAND
09	211	840623	ARAVANISJD	5046	706	36		7223F049				RZ R90	O 111	CURRENT FCV	60120	50500	110620	
JOHN P & M ARAVANIS 15216 WILD ROSE LANE ROCKVILLE MD 20853					LEGAL DESCRIPTION MEEMS ADD PREMISE ADDRESS 00096 MEEM AVE TAX MAP REF. FT41-000 WSSC FFBC MUN. FFBC PART. PRKG EX.CD								PROPOSED FCV 61220 PHASE-IN FCV 109590 MARKET VAL. 48370 STATE EX. 43830 COUNTY EX.				REMARKS	
					STATE STRUCT 40201302 FROM TO DATE 11-09-77													
09	211	840667	BARRY JD	12592	401	31		6066F049				RZ R90	O 111	CURRENT FCV	60000	40700	100700	
JOHN R & F C M BARRY 20 CHESTNUT ST GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG PREMISE ADDRESS 00020 CHESTNUT ST TAX MAP REF. FT41-000 WSSC FFBC MUN. FFBC PART. PRKG EX.CD								PROPOSED FCV 54050 PHASE-IN FCV 91560 MARKET VAL. 37510 STATE EX. 36620 COUNTY EX.				REMARKS	
					STATE STRUCT 40202302 FROM TO DATE 05-06-94													
09	211	840862	BERINGERSH	9186	327	20		18295F049				RZ R90	O 111	CURRENT FCV	61220	67800	129020	
SHIRLEY F BERINGER 104 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION MEEMS ADD PREMISE ADDRESS 00104 MEEM AVE TAX MAP REF. FT41-000 WSSC FFBC MUN. FFBC PART. PRKG EX.CD								PROPOSED FCV 67640 PHASE-IN FCV 141426 MARKET VAL. 79990 STATE EX. 56570 COUNTY EX.				REMARKS	
					STATE STRUCT 40201301 FROM TO DATE 02-02-90													
09	211	840736	BISHOP YV	9365	442	23E		11875F049				RZ R90	O 111	CURRENT FCV	60580	75000	135580	
YVONNE C BISHOP ET AL 112 MEEM AVENUE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG 8244/817 PREMISE ADDRESS 00112 MEEM AVE TAX MAP REF. FT42-000 WSSC FFBC MUN. FFBC PART. PRKG EX.CD								PROPOSED FCV 64430 PHASE-IN FCV 143746 MARKET VAL. 83400 STATE EX. 57490 COUNTY EX.				REMARKS	
					STATE STRUCT 40102301 FROM TO DATE 06-19-90													
09	211	840851	BONCIU CA	8761	334	17		17424F049				RZ R90	O 111	CURRENT FCV	61140	119500	180640	
CATALIN A F & D D BONCIU 102 CHESTNUT AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION MEEMS ADD PREMISE ADDRESS 00102 CHESTNUT ST TAX MAP REF. FT41-000 WSSC FFBC MUN. FFBC PART. PRKG EX.CD								PROPOSED FCV 67210 PHASE-IN FCV 163320 MARKET VAL. 96110 STATE EX. 65320 COUNTY EX.				REMARKS	
					STATE STRUCT 40205301 FROM TO DATE 04-03-89													
09	211	840612	CAREY CL	6252	297			9504F049				RZ R90	O 111	CURRENT FCV	63500	84700	148200	
CLIFTON M & E M CAREY 116 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION PT LOT 25B MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG PREMISE ADDRESS 00116 MEEM AVE TAX MAP REF. FT42-000 WSSC FFBC MUN. FFBC PART. PRKG EX.CD								PROPOSED FCV 63250 PHASE-IN FCV 136180 MARKET VAL. 72930 STATE EX. 54470 COUNTY EX.				REMARKS	
					STATE STRUCT 40202301 FROM TO DATE 12-02-83													

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OWNER					DESCRIPTION								ASSESSMENT					
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09	211	841024	CHAPMAN TA	13278	360	13B		7127F049		RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60110	60400	120510	
TAMMY J CHAPMAN 111 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	61120	66030	127150		
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	124936	ASSESSED VAL	49970	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.		
					00111 MEEM AVE								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
STATE STRUCT: 40402301					FROM:					TO:					DATE: 03-02-95			
09	211	840895	CLEMENT GE	5381	599	22		18050F049		RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	61200	68800	130000	
GERALD A & G J CLEMENT 108 MEEMS AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	67520	66870	134390		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	132926	ASSESSED VAL	53170	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.		
					00108 MEEM AVE								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
STATE STRUCT: 40206301					FROM:					TO:					DATE: 08-20-79			
09	211	840634	CRUZ JU	13397	518	P12		11242F049		AZ	RT		111	CURRENT FCV	56210	41200	97410	
JUAN A CRUZ ET AL 109 CHESTNUT STREET GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	56210	45400	101610		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	100210	ASSESSED VAL	40080	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.		
					00109 CHESTNUT ST								3	H	40	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
STATE STRUCT: 40206301					FROM:					TO:					DATE: 05-12-95			
09	211	840942	FOSBURG ST	4247	460	P2A		6300F049		RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60030	92900	152930	
STEVEN B & J L FOSBURG 106 FLORAL DR GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60300	101250	161550		
					LOT 3 MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	158676	ASSESSED VAL	63470	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.		
					00106 FLORAL DR								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
STATE STRUCT: 40202301					FROM:					TO:					DATE: 08-24-72			
09	211	840645	FREEMAN VE	2967	76	4A		6497F049		RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60040	71500	131540	
VERA H FREEMAN 104 FLORAL DR GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60490	78540	139030		
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	136532	ASSESSED VAL	54610	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.		
					00104 FLORAL DR								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
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09	211	840656	FULLER AU	3207	417	16B		7540F049		RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60150	70500	130650	
AUT J & N I FULLER 105 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	61540	71780	133320		
					MEEMS ADD GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	132430	ASSESSED VAL	52970	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.		
					00105 MEEM AVE								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
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09	211	2765488	GAITHERSCI	8154	259	P7		44870	F049	AZ			681	CURRENT FCV	269220	271500	540720		
CITY OF GAITHERSBURG 31 S SUMMIT AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	269220	271590	540810			
					PT 8 & 9 MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	540780	ASSESSED VAL	216310			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.				
					00112 W DIAMOND AVE								3 N O	-000	STATE EX.	3-67	216310		
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	3-67	216310
					STATE STRUCT FROM TO DATE: 02-17-88														
09	211	840680	GAITHERSWA	2603	588			2004	F049	CZ C2			0	910	CURRENT FCV	50100	0	50100	
GAITHERSBURG WASHINGTON GROVE FIRE DEPT GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	40080	0	40080			
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	40080	ASSESSED VAL	16030			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.				
					E DIAMOND AVE								3 N O	-000	STATE EX.	3-64	16030		
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	3-64	16030
					STATE STRUCT FROM TO DATE: 02-10-87														
09	211	840691	GREGER HE	7538	47	P1		30	F049	IZ I1			910	CURRENT FCV	310	0	310		
HERBERT H GREGER ET AL TR TR DEPT FIRST NATL BK OF MD P O BOX 1596 BALTIMORE MD 21203					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	10	0	10			
					MEEMS ADD 4494/94								PHASE-IN FCV	10	ASSESSED VAL				
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.				
					MEEM AVE								3 N O	-000	STATE EX.				
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.		
					STATE STRUCT FROM TO DATE: 02-10-87														
09	211	840782	HADDAD NA	10349	443	P1A		6656	F049	RZ R90			0	111	CURRENT FCV	60060	79800	139860	
NABIL S & F I HADDAD 110 FLORAL DR GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60650	88270	148920			
					MEEMS ADD GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	145900	ASSESSED VAL	58360			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.				
					00110 FLORAL DR								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.				
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.		
					STATE STRUCT 40202301 FROM TO DATE: 05-05-92														
09	211	840714	HADDOCK RO	4074	263	3E		3651	F049	RZ R90			0	111	CURRENT FCV	60000	39400	99400	
ROY E & D C HADDOCK 94 MEEMS AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60000	49430	109430			
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	106086	ASSESSED VAL	42430			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.				
					00094 MEEM AVE								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.				
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.		
					STATE STRUCT 40101302 FROM TO DATE: 06-08-71								CAP EX. 8047						
09	211	840838	HISNANICRO	6793	662	3E		6603	F049	RZ R90			0	111	CURRENT FCV	60060	89500	149560	
RONALD S & J W HISNANICK 112 CHESTNUT ST GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60600	98270	158870			
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	155766	ASSESSED VAL	62300			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.				
					00112 CHESTNUT ST								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.				
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.		
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09	211	840884	HOYLE E	12123	720	11		18000	F049	AZ	RT		111	CURRENT FCV	90000	36100	126100	
E EUGENE & H B HOYLE ET AL C/O SCOTT HOYLE 2421 PONDSIDE TERR SILVER SPRING MD 20906					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	90000	37100	127100		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	126766	ASSESSED VAL	50700	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					00111 CHESTNUT ST								3 N	40-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
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STATE STRUCT.					FROM								TO				DATE: 12-16-93	
09	211	840747	JACOBSENCH	9490	585	39		6362	F049	RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60030	37700	97730	
CHARLOTTE Q & A S JACOBSEN 5315 MASSACHUSETTS AVE BETHESDA MD 20816					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60000	48920	108920		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	105190	ASSESSED VAL	42070	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					00102 MEEM AVE								3 N M	-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
					FT41- 000													
STATE STRUCT.					40201302 FROM								TO				DATE: 09-26-90	
09	211	840587	JACOBSONAL	9446	707	38		6299	F049	RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60020	32500	92520	
ALAN S & C Q JACOBSON 5315 MASSACHUSETTS AVE BETHESDA MD 20816					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60000	42240	102240		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	99000	ASSESSED VAL	39600	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					00100 MEEM AVE								3 N M	-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
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STATE STRUCT.					40201302 FROM								TO				DATE: 08-21-90	
09	211	840601	KELLERMARI	4451	486	7B		8019	F049	RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60200	73300	133500	
RICHARD & C B KELLERMAN 111 FLORAL DRIVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	62010	82660	144670		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	140946	ASSESSED VAL	56370	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					00111 FLORAL DR								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
					FT41- 000													
STATE STRUCT.					40202301 FROM								TO				DATE: 10-17-73	
09	211	841046	KURPIERZFR	9040	895	14B		6260	F049	RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60020	62200	122220	
FRANK R & S G KURPIERZ 109 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60260	64990	125250		
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	124240	ASSESSED VAL	49690	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					00109 MEEM AVE								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
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STATE STRUCT.					40202301 FROM								TO				DATE: 10-19-89	
09	211	841126	LAFRANCEBE	7895	205	P13		15912	F049	AZ	RT		111	CURRENT FCV	79560	48500	128060	
BERNARD G & M J LAFRANCE 105 CHESTNUT ST GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	79560	49800	129360		
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	128926	ASSESSED VAL	51570	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					00105 CHESTNUT ST								3 N	40-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
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09	211	841070	LAFRANCERO	5312	712	P4B		21658	F049	RZ	R90		O 111	CURRENT FCV	61360	128500	189860	
ROGER R & A M LAFRANCE 113 FLORAL DRIVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	69320	141460	210780		
					PT 5 6 MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	203806	ASSESSED VAL	81520	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					OO113 FLORAL DR								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
STATE STRUCT.					40702301			FROM		TO		DATE: 04-30-79						
09	211	841137	LEHMAN WI	5791	857	2B		7779	F049	RZ	R90		O 111	CURRENT FCV	60170	61600	121770	
WINIFRED B LEHMAN 110 CHESTNUT ST GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	61770	66300	128070		
					MEEMS ADD 4707-531								PHASE-IN FCV	125970	ASSESSED VAL	50380	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					OO110 CHESTNUT ST								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
STATE STRUCT.					40202301			FROM		TO		DATE: 11-04-81						
09	211	840758	LOPEZ AL	4043	95	21		17859	F049	RZ	R90		O 111	CURRENT FCV	61180	57800	118980	
ALFRED S & D A LOPEZ 106 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	67420	53500	120920		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	120272	ASSESSED VAL	48100	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					OO106 MEEM AVE								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
STATE STRUCT.					40203301			FROM		TO		DATE: 02-19-71						
09	211	840997	MAGILL EL	9006	297	37		7223	F049	RZ	R90		O 111	CURRENT FCV	60120	33400	93520	
ELIZABETH M MAGILL ET AL 98 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60000	42280	102280		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	99360	ASSESSED VAL	39740	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					OO098 MEEM AVE								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
STATE STRUCT.					40201302			FROM		TO		DATE: 09-25-89						
09	211	841013	MASCARI TH	13285	339	P41		13493	F049	CZ	RB		602	CURRENT FCV	134930	44800	179730	
THOMAS F MASCARI ET AL 5 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20878					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	134930	28400	163330		
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	163330	ASSESSED VAL	65330	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					OO005 MEEM AVE								3 H	45-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
STATE STRUCT.					40201302			FROM		TO		DATE: 03-07-95						
09	211	840760	MCBAIN GE	2314	526	9B		11146	F049	RZ	R90		O 111	CURRENT FCV	60510	77200	137710	
GEORGE W & M F MCBAIN 107 FLORAL DR GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	64070	85140	149210		
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	145376	ASSESSED VAL	58150	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.			
					OO107 FLORAL DR								3 H M	-001	STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.	
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09	211	840793	MCKENNA TH	3406	461	23A		11875	F049	RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60580	77700	138280	
THOMAS H & D F MCKENNA 110 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	64430	85470	149900		
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	146026	ASSESSED VAL	58410	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE			
					00110 MEEM AVE								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC	FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.
					STATE STRUCT. 40102301 FROM: TO: DATE: 09-14-65													
09	211	840771	MICHAEL JA	4395	130	25A		10116	F049	RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60410	81900	142310	
JAMES A SR & L L MICHAEL 118 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	63550	81740	145290		
					PT LT 25B MEEMS ADD GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	144296	ASSESSED VAL	57710	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE			
					00118 MEEM AVE								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC	FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.
					STATE STRUCT. 40104301 FROM: TO: DATE: 06-27-73													
09	211	840964	MILLIGANDO	7811	765	8B		11841	F049	RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60180	78500	138680	
DONALD R MILLIGAN 109 FLORAL AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	64420	89450	153870		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	148806	ASSESSED VAL	59520	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE			
					00109 FLORAL DR								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC	FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.
					STATE STRUCT. 40702301 FROM: TO: DATE: 07-17-87													
09	211	840873	MOE DV	12770	113	P1C		.41	A049	AZ	RT		111	CURRENT FCV	89290	55800	145090	
DUANE M & A E MOE 20729 H CRYSTAL HILL CIR GERMANTOWN MD 20874					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	89290	57300	146590		
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	146090	ASSESSED VAL	58430	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE			
					00115 CHESTNUT ST								3	N	40-001	STATE EX.		
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC	FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.
					STATE STRUCT. 40702301 FROM: TO: DATE: 07-14-94													
09	211	840920	MORROW BR	12257	313	26		23522	F049	RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	61750	77600	139350	
BRUCE T MORROW ET AL 115 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	70260	86200	156460		
					PT LT 27 MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	150756	ASSESSED VAL	60300	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE			
					00115 MEEM AVE								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC	FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.
					STATE STRUCT. 40206301 FROM: TO: DATE: 01-27-94													
09	211	840931	NICHOLSODO	12656	337	33		4008	F049	RZ	R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	33500	60000	93500	
DOROTHY A NICHOLSON 24 CHESTNUT ST GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60000	42800	102800		
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	99700	ASSESSED VAL	39880	REMARKS	
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP	OCC	REFUSE			
					00024 CHESTNUT ST								3	H	M	-001	STATE EX.	
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC	FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.
					STATE STRUCT. 40101302 FROM: TO: DATE: 05-31-94								CAP EX. 7687					

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09	211	840827	NIEMANN TH	7694	308	P2A		5700F049			RZ R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60000	80000	140000			
THOMAS A & S A NIEMANN 5727 ARTESIAN DR DERWOOD MD 20855					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	59000	96880	155880				
					MEEMS ADD 5580/801								PHASE-IN FCV	150586	ASSESSED VAL	60230	REMARKS			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC REFUSE				MARKET VAL.			
					00108 FLORAL DR								3 N M -001				STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.			
					FT41- 000															
STATE STRUCT.					40202301 FROM				TO:				DATE: 05-14-87							
09	211	840703	RANDALL DE	11652	521	34		5397F049			RZ R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60000	38600	98600			
DEBRA L RANDALL & GLEN L MATOTT 92 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60000	50810	110810				
					MEEMS ADD TO GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	106740	ASSESSED VAL	42690	REMARKS			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC REFUSE				MARKET VAL.			
					00092 MEEM AVE								3 H M -001				STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.			
					FT41- 000											CAP EX. 1042				
STATE STRUCT.					40101302 FROM				TO:				DATE: 08-09-93							
09	211	840678	SCHWEITZTH	6845	49P12			10220F049			AZ RT		111	CURRENT FCV	51100	42000	93100			
THOMAS J SCHWEITZER ET AL 107 CHESTNUT ST GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	51100	43200	94300				
					PT LT 13 MEEMS ADD GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	93900	ASSESSED VAL	37560	REMARKS			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC REFUSE				MARKET VAL.			
					00107 CHESTNUT ST								3 H 40-001				STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.			
					FT41- 000															
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09	211	840975	SHERMAN CH	3988	503	32		4652F049			RZ R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60000	35400	95400			
CHARLES L & H SHERMAN 22 CHESTNUT ST GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	60000	44660	104660				
					MEEMS ADD GAITHERSBURG								PHASE-IN FCV	101572	ASSESSED VAL	40620	REMARKS			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC REFUSE				MARKET VAL.			
					00022 CHESTNUT ST								3 H M -001				STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.			
					FT41- 000											CAP EX. 5189				
STATE STRUCT.					40201302 FROM				TO:				DATE: 08-14-70							
09	211	840986	SLICER HA	1935	409P12B			7161F049			RZ R90		0 111	CURRENT FCV	60110	71700	131810			
HARRY T & S F SLICER 101 FLORAL DR GAITHERSBURG MD 20877					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	61160	73860	135020				
					MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	133950	ASSESSED VAL	53580	REMARKS			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC REFUSE				MARKET VAL.			
					00101 FLORAL DR								3 H M -001				STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.			
					FT41- 000															
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09	211	2758882	SOVRAN ST	11519	375			89991F049			IZ I1		637	CURRENT FCV	1079890	1304600	2384490			
SOVRAN STRATEGIC INV L P ATTN DAVID ROGERS 5166 MAIN ST WILLIAMSVILLE NY 14221					LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	899910	1484600	2384510				
					PLAT 16848 PARCEL A MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	2384502	ASSESSED VAL	953800	REMARKS			
					PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC REFUSE				MARKET VAL.			
					00026 W DIAMOND AVE								3 N 45-039				STATE EX.			
					TAX MAP REF.								WSSC FFBC	MUN. FFBC	PART. PRKG	EX.CD	COUNTY EX.			
					FT41-NO87															
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09	211	820237	STANDARDSU	8940	346	P1		36434F049	IZ				203	CURRENT FCV	364340	130500	494840	
STANDARD SUPPLIES INC 4 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877				LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	364340	112500	476840	REMARKS		
				PT LT 2 MEEMS ADD & ADJ PAR								PHASE-IN FCV	476840	ASSESSED VAL	190730			
				PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.				
				MEEM AVE								3	N 46-008	STATE EX.				
				TAX MAP REF.				WSSC FFBC		MUN. FFBC		PART. PRKG		EX.CD			COUNTY EX.	
				FT41- 000														
STATE STRUCT.				FROM:				TO:				DATE: 08-08-89						
09	211	840805	STANDARDSU	8940	346	P2		30252F049	IZ				203	CURRENT FCV	302520	424400	726920	
STANDARD SUPPLIES INC 4 MEEM AVE GAITHERSBURG MD 20877				LEGAL DESCRIPTION								PROPOSED FCV	302520	334800	637320	REMARKS		
				PT LT 3 MEEMS ADD								PHASE-IN FCV	637320	ASSESSED VAL	254920			
				PREMISE ADDRESS								GRP OCC	REFUSE	MARKET VAL.				
				00004 MEEM AVE								3	N 46-008	STATE EX.				
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DESCRIPTION

SUMMARY

This residential area, with its mature trees and variety of housing styles, lies in a pocket of the City, connecting Gaithersburg's beginnings to 20th century life. Although this area visually illustrates three development periods, it retains its dominant overall Victorian quality. The 2 1/2-story Victorians are sited on large 1/2-acre lots and dominate the smaller one-story ramblers and cape cods which form the modern infill.

Long, narrow house lots, with equally spaced houses, border both Chestnut Street and the residential half of Meem Avenue. A high amount of daily traffic passes through the neighborhood using the same streets and railroad tracks as the earliest settlers. The district is part of the original 200-acre farm purchased by Martha A. Meem in 1863.

To the north lies the commercial area along Maryland Route 355 (Frederick Road) and the Montgomery County Agricultural Center (Fairgrounds). To the east are commercial and industrial uses, housed in a mix of building structures ranging from ramblers to contemporary office buildings. To the south is the Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission (WSSC) plant and several apartment buildings. Also along the southern border, to the west of Muddy Branch Road, is Hoyle's Addition, a residential area outside the City's limits. It contains houses of comparable time frames and reflects similar development patterns to that of Meem's Addition. On the west is Avenel business park and the large wooded property of the First Baptist Church. This entire surrounding area contributes significantly to the character of the Chestnut/Meem district.

FIRST STAGE (1846-1896)

At this time, the area was largely forested, with small clearings for farming, and had abundant wildlife. After the War Between the States (1861-1864), a few farms or estates dotted the area. Several rough roads, once Indian trails, followed the ridges and valleys etching the base for current day Frederick Avenue and West Diamond Avenue. The land was attractive for farming because of its fertile land watered by numerous springs and streams and for its accessibility to freight, mail, and stage-coach service on the Georgetown-Fredericktown Road.

In 1873, the railroad was built and waiting sheds for passengers appeared along its tracks. Commercial activity rapidly increased and a short cut through Martha Meem's 200-acre estate that connected Frederick Road and Barnesville Road (now West Diamond Avenue), grew into a dirt road which was to become Chestnut Street. Victorian houses on one-acre lots and commercial storefronts started to appear along these roads of this

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developing village and around 1891, the first few telephone poles and wires appeared.

SECOND STAGE (1896-1948)

During this time, some additional houses were built on parts of the larger estates as the children of the original families married, had families of their own, and built close to their parents. Many of these homes were smaller and built in the vernacular, foursquare, and Craftsman bungalow styles. Chicken houses and gardens were common, and some residents kept milk cows and horses up to the 1920s.

In 1913, electricity came to the City, and wires and poles were strung along the streets which were still dirt and gravel. A large commercial building was constructed along the railroad tracks in 1917 to house the Thomas Cannery. Its simple lines reflected its practical use. In 1926, the brick pump houses and metal water tanks were built by the Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission (WSSC) along West Diamond Avenue to bring water and sewerage service to the City. The area around Meem and Chestnut developed a utilitarian and somewhat hodge-podge appearance, but the large Victorian houses and mature trees remained unchanged during this "modernization" of the neighborhood.

THIRD STAGE (1949-1995)

In 1949, the Montgomery County Agricultural Center (the Fairgrounds) was established on the property adjacent to the B&O Railroad between Chestnut Street and Perry Parkway. This 64-acre tract, once part of the Meem's family 200 acres, received its first brick and concrete buildings in 1949 when the County Fair was moved from Rockville to this new location. Large grassy spaces flow between a grandstand and track, and sheds for holding produce and animals border the intersecting lanes. The Fairgrounds have been improved with brick entry gates, and a long mural, commemorating the history of the Fairgrounds, has been painted on the side of a commercial building parallel with the entry road into the grounds. The quiet rural quality changes each August when thousands throng to the fairgrounds for the Annual County Fair.

The Meem/Chestnut area as a whole remained sparsely developed until the 1950s when the land was resubdivided into smaller lots to accommodate the growing City's housing needs. This wave of housing was mostly one-story ramblers and cape cod residences which still exist today. The smaller ramblers and bungalows, neatly and equally spaced along rural-like streets, some of which have no sidewalks or formal curb and guttering, complement the original Victorian homes which still dominate the streetscape. Tall, old oak trees shield the small houses from the heavy railroad and highway traffic of I-270, Perry Parkway, Muddy Branch Road, and West Diamond Avenue that modern traffic signals control. The roads are now paved and the railroad crossings are protected with electric bars. The waiting stations for passengers are no longer there.

The four corners of the intersection of Chestnut and Meem, which form the entry point into the district, demonstrate the mix and development stages of this district: on one is a contemporary two-story office building; on

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another are several small duplexes; a third has a large commercial building and parking lot; and the fourth, a stately, well-preserved Victorian home. The boarded-up Thomas Cannery is near to this intersection and visible from many vantage points. The building is vacant and is scheduled to be redeveloped as part of the Olde Towne Business District.

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HOUSE STYLES

Summary

A number of the original structures built from the 1870s to 1930 remain, a goodly portion in near unaltered condition. The style of the residences range from Late Victorian, Colonial Revival, Craftsman, Foursquare, and Vernacular to modern in-fill. Several other commercial/utilitarian buildings complement the historic resources still in existence.

Detailed Descriptions of Examples

Late Victorian

1. Meem House, 104 Chestnut, c. 1879

This house, built by Martha Meem around 1879, is the sole remaining example of a type of architecture common to prestigious houses of Gaithersburg's well-to-do families around the turn of the century. This residence shows the influence of the French Second Empire Revival which occurred in America in the latter 1800s.

The symmetrical, two-story, double-bay front with mansard roof became popular around 1870 in the U.S. In Gaithersburg, it took the form of paired three-sided mitered window bays with a mitered porch connecting the two. Early colonial homes were especially adaptable to the new style and both the Gloyd Mansion and Summit Hall (other comparable houses in Gaithersburg, but no longer in existence) were altered to this style around 1890 adding Eastlake embellishments as was customary. (See photos.)

This stately house, standing almost at the doorway to the County Fairgrounds, has been altered by the application of aluminum siding, a one-story addition, and the closure of a second story door. The one-acre grounds have retained the ancient oak trees and many mature trees and shrubs.

2. Briggs House, 102 Chestnut, c. 1902

This late Victorian house was built by John Wesley Briggs, a wealthy retired farmer, around 1902 and has remained in that family until 1964. It has been altered by the application of aluminum siding, considered to be reversible, and has several rear additions.

This 2 1/2-story, tri-gabled residence is an example of the transition between the sprawling Queen Anne style of the 19th century and the compact 20th century craftsman bungalows and cottages popular from 1910 to 1930. Built on a corner lot nearly a half-acre in size and visible from the railroad as well as Chestnut and Meem Avenues, it has two principal facades. The foundation is fieldstone and the interior chimney is brick. The one-story hipped roof front porch, which is about two-thirds

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of the width of the house, is supported with three jigsawn bracketed turned posts. A shed-roofed side porch complements the rear wing.

Colonial Revival

3. Charles Beall, Jr. House, 105 Chestnut, c.1910

This residence is an example of a transitional early 20th century house, retaining the siding and porch details that separated stories and incorporated Craftsman details such as exposed rafter ends at the eaves. The 2 1/2-story frame front-gabled house has a complex roof plan and massing through the use of bays and dormers on the east and west. The exposed rafter ends are jigsawn to a scroll shape on the main block and the dormers. The wood fishscale shingles in the attic gable are separated from the narrow clapboard and cornerboards on the main body of the house by a strong cornice board. It has a one-story open porch that is full width on the north and wraps half way on the west facade.

Foursquare

4. Michael Whalen House, 108 Meem, c.1920

This residence is a circa 1920 example of a Craftsman-influenced 2 1/2-story commonly known as a foursquare. It was built at the peak of the type's popularity by a local carpenter, Aubrey Mills, and the owner, Michael Whalen, and has been altered by the addition of wide aluminum siding on the exterior. The site is about half an acre and has mature trees. The full-width front porch, which has been screened in, has a shallow, hipped roof supported by three square tapered wood columns resting on a plinth and concrete block piers, a hallmark of the Craftsman style.

5. Robertson House, 115 Meem, c. 1910

This near original example of the popular "American Foursquare" architectural style was built in 1910 by William and Lillian Robertson whose family owned the house for over sixty years.

This home exemplifies a variant of colonial revival architecture and is typical of that style with its box shape, symmetrical arrangement and full-width porch with classical columns. It is in near original condition except for the composition shingling applied over the original frame siding. There are many mature trees on this lot which borders the Baptist Church's wooded property and sits at the end of Meem Avenue.

Craftsman

6. Abell Norris/Stang House, 115 Chestnut, c. 1911-1913

This well-detailed, nearly unaltered Craftsman cottage was the only house at the southern end of Chestnut Street for many years. The 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 wood

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fishscale shingles in the attic gable are separate from the narrow clapboards and cornerboards on the main body and dormer of the house by a strong corniceboard. In the early 1990s, a large addition was constructed.

7. Henry Garnett Briggs House/Mullican/Holwager/Olson House,
104 Meem, c. 1917

This 1917 residence is a nearly unaltered example of the early 20th century compact Craftsman bungalow popular from 1910 to 1930 and is shaded by mature oak trees. This classic 1 1/2-story frame bungalow is a 3-by-2 bay square house with a pyramidal hipped roof interrupted by a gabled bay on the south facade. An open porch wraps around two sides and is supported by 8 evenly spaced Doric columns. The exterior cladding is synthetic German siding with cornerboards. The south facade has a gabled, mitered three-sided bay (usually marking the original dining room) in the west half. This house was the first and only house on the east side of Meem for a while.

8. Aubrey & Susie Mills House, 106 Meem, c. 1919

This 1 1/2-story frame bungalow was built by carpenter Aubrey Mills as his own home and is virtually unaltered. The land was purchased in 1919, and the dwelling built is a 3-bay-by-2-bay square house with a side-gable roof with wide eaves, returns, and a central shed-roofed 3 light dormer on the front. The exterior cladding is narrow wood clapboard while the house gables, dormer sides, and porch gables are clad with wood shingles. The front porch is roofed with the house and supported by 4 pairs of slender Doric columns. The most striking motif and most typical Craftsman feature of the building is the slightly oversized repetition of the house gable with fishscale shingle infill and returns at the center and each end of the porch roof. The north and south facades are identical - each has two windows in the attic gable and two evenly spaced windows on the first story.

Vernacular

9. Charles Beall, Jr. House, 107 Chestnut, c. 1938 (Building Permit)

This vernacular Cape Cod style house was built about 1938 by the third generation of the Beall family. With the sale of the house to non-family owners and the destruction of adjacent family homes, the Beall family ended nearly 100 years of residence on Chestnut and Meem Streets in Gaithersburg. The house is a modest side-gabled, 3-by-2 bay 1 1/2-story home, in good condition, with a windowed full-width rear dormer. There is an enclosed one-story shed-roofed addition on the southwest corner. The roof is of composition shingles, and the exterior cladding is wood-grain concrete/asbestos composition shingle siding.

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10. The Fox House, 109 Chestnut, c. 1938 (Building Permit)

This well-kept residence is one of the first modern 1 1/2-story Cape Cod style houses built in Meem's Subdivision. Built about 1938 by Charles and Nan Fox, this little altered house remained the home of Mrs. Fox until her death in 1994. The house is end-gabled, with two wall dormers and a one-story screened porch on the west facade and an offset one-story rear addition. The foundation is brick and the exterior is clad with side clapboard siding. The 6/6 window with plain surrounds stripped out indicates that the siding is installed over original material.

11. The Cole/Ward House, 114 Meem, c. 1937

This nearly unaltered 1937-1938 one-story front-gabled bungalow faces southwest on a rectangular .41-acre lot. The house and lot are shaded by large white oak trees. The 3-bay by 3-bay residence closely resembles Sears and Roebuck's mail order house 3318, "The Crofton," which was sold in several floor plans and porch styles. It has a beveled block foundation with a water table course at ground line and two rectangular basement sashes in each long facade. The near full-width front porch has a shallow-hipped roof supported by four tapered square posts with plain stick and rail balustrade, and the floor framing is laid on brick piers connected by lattice panels. The exterior claddings are asphalt shingles on the roof and wide aluminum siding.

12. Oscar Fulks/Wm. Harding House, 24 West Diamond, c. 1921
(Building Permit)

Note: This house is not included in the proposed district, but is included here for reference purposes.

This 2 1/2-story foursquare house was built on Diamond Avenue as a rental house about 1921. For many years it was the home of William Clinton and Mary Ellen Harding and their family of eight children. Mr. Harding was the watchman at the B&O Railroad crossings at Chestnut, Frederick, and Summit Avenues. The house is one of only two single-family houses left in this two-block portion of West Diamond Avenue and has been changed only in the enclosure of the rear porch, which is reversible. It has a one-story wrap front porch, a flat-centered hip roof clad with pressed design terne metal shingles, and exterior cladding of wood clapboard.

13. Fletcher House, 300 West Diamond, c. early 1920s

Note: This house is not included in the proposed district, but is listed here for reference purposes.

This vernacular 2-story house, along with its neighbor at 304 West Diamond, sits on a bank above busy two-lane West Diamond Avenue accessed by a 10-foot wide dirt lane which parallels the avenue and ascends the crest of the bank. These houses are in strong contrast with the Avenel Executive Park which borders their property, but are comfortable with their neighbors across the street, 1910-1930 houses in Hoyles Addition. The two lots have many mature trees, shrubs, such as

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wisteria, lilac, and privet, and are shielded from the road by trees and hollyhocks. Both have old frame outbuildings in the rear.

The side-gabled 2-story vernacular frame house at 300 West Diamond, with a shed-roofed rear wing, was on the lot when the owners of this house purchased the lot with house in 1923; it was built earlier, but the exact date is not known. The roof is clad with pressed tin (terne plate) shingles, and the exterior cladding is brick-patterned asphalt shingle while the foundation is fieldstone. This home has been owned by the Fletcher family for 67 years. The house was one of the five in this area known as "Crawfordtown," when the Fetters bought it and the pump reservation and public right-of-way were necessary because all the houses obtained their water from the pump.

14. Gartner/Patterson/Boyd House, 304 West Diamond, c. early 1920s

Note: This house is not included in the proposed district, but is listed here for reference purposes.

In contrast with its neighbor at 300 West Diamond, this side-gabled 2-story frame house has had a number of owners, installation of aluminum siding, and a side addition. There is an attached enclosed one-story shed-roofed rear porch and a one-story side-gabled room addition on the north facade. Wide aluminum siding clads the house, but the basic form of the house remains intact.

OTHER

15. WSSC Pump Houses and Water Tank, West Diamond Avenue, 1926-1928

Three small brick buildings and a water tank remain of the City's first water plant built in 1926-1928. Located along West Diamond Avenue, the existing structures are tucked in among mature trees and dot the grassy area which surrounds a modern, brick building used as a day care.

The cream-colored metal water tank is approximately thirty feet in diameter, about one story high, and has an entrance door visible from the current parking lot. It is a squatty, round structure, with a lightly sloping top, and can hold about 50,000 gallons of water.

The small brick buildings are identical to one another, each being about 10 feet square and one story high with slate hip roofs. The sides of the buildings are one bay each; one facade has an entrance door; the rear is solid brick; and the other two sides each have one window (currently boarded up, but probably originally six-over-six). These mimicked the design of the largest pumping station (now demolished).

16. Thomas Cannery, Chestnut at East Diamond, 1917

Note: The Thomas Cannery is not included in the proposed district, but is geographically close and has a strong visual impact on the entrance to

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the area. It is a historically designated site planned for rehabilitation and is listed here for reference purposes.

The Thomas and Company Cannery was the first, largest and longest operating food cannery in Montgomery County.

At its site near the southwest corner of the Diamond-Chestnut intersection, the T-shaped Gaithersburg Cannery typifies light American industrial architecture of the early 20th century. Solid brick walls pierced with banks of large window openings support an array of pitched-roof gables intersecting at right angles. Functional simplicity and structural strength are reflected in the open construction of the complex. As with many such facilities, plant expansion and upgrades in mechanization are mirrored in the alterations and add-ons to which structures of this sort lent themselves.

The most arresting feature of the Cannery's exterior is the skylit monitor roof that runs the length of the main food-processing wing, terminating with a tiled and stepped gable end. A large cupola atop the food-preparation building adjacent to the monitor distinguishes this two-story structure, further identified by its triple-thick brick walls and heavily timbered lower level. Corrugated steel sheet covers all roof gables. North of the original Cannery are two interlocking flat-roofed brick structures whose construction appears later than that of the cannery itself. Throughout are signs of deterioration that have resulted from abandonment. Heavy vegetation obscures additional wear.

17. Burriss Carriage House, Chestnut Street, c. 1890

Note: This building is not included in the proposed district, but is listed here for reference purposes. It is planned for restoration as part of the Thomas Cannery Project.

This small barn building, two stories high, sits hidden and deteriorating among some trees and heavy underbrush behind an apartment building off Chestnut Street. Its two, very ornate, cupolas have been removed and stored at City Hall until renovation plans materialize. The gabled roof is sheet metal and the walls tongue-in-groove planks.

VACANT LOTS

Lot 15

This is the side yard of 104 Meem and is an integral part of the setting and environment for this primary historic resource. It is heavily treed with ancient oaks and a driveway enters partially into it from Chestnut Street.

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SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Chestnut/Meem area embodies both the development patterns of the City and a parallel generational history over the past 150 years.

The First Stage (1846-1896)

Large farms or estates, owned by a few families, characterized the area at the beginning of this stage. However, the land, being next to two major transportation routes, the Georgetowne to Fredericktowne Road (MD Route 355) and the railroad, was ideally positioned for development. Toward the end of this first stage, several large impressive Victorian style homes had been built on one-acre lots in the Chestnut/Meem area. These original Victorian homes still dominate the area expressing the intent of the property owners to establish a prestigious area of grand houses.

The Second Stage (1896-1948)

In 1896, the unsold land of the Meem Family along Chestnut Street, Meem Avenue, and West Diamond Avenue (Barnesville Road) was subdivided into thirty approximately one-half acre lots. More building occurred during this time, much of it done by the descendants of the early home builders of the area. Intact houses remain exemplifying the Craftsman period, Sears houses, and bungalows which show the transition to more compact centrally-heated homes. During this era, families still maintained large gardens, chickens and other animals to feed their families.

The Third Stage (1949-1995)

The area as a whole remained sparsely developed until the 1950s when some lots were further subdivided into smaller parcels for smaller dwellings. Now the residential land is almost completely developed with modern infill, mostly one-story ramblers, cape-cod residences, and some commercial properties. This changes were accompanied with others: the streets were paved, the Montgomery County Agriculture Center (Fairgrounds) was built, and modern traffic and railroad signals installed. Land next to the railroad has been zoned for industrial and commercial use and some of the original houses have been demolished for new development or converted to commercial uses. The current residential area has continued to be a desirable location for its large yards, convenience, and mix of character.

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Families

There were primarily four families who settled in this area: the Bibb/Brown, the Meem, the Beall, and the Briggs. Their participation in local government, economic development, and social life left its mark in the names of streets and localities. Many of their descendants still reside in the area.

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GENERAL STATEMENT OF HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The Chestnut/Meem historic area, named for the primary streets along which the historic residences were built, has been referred to by other names over the years. Among these are Meem's Addition, formally platted in 1896 and extending over Meem Avenue, Floral Drive and Chestnut Street following the railroad tracks and West Diamond Avenue; Crawford's Addition (also called Crawfordtown) to the west of Meem's Addition along West Diamond Avenue, and Thomas' Addition (the later name for Crawford's Addition). Thomas' Addition originally belonged to Charles W. Crawford and consisted of just five lots. These subdivisions were located to take advantage of major roads and the new railroad at a time when rail access, in particular, was highly prized for commercial and residential property alike.

The history of this residential area illustrates the 19th century speculation and developmental boom in Gaithersburg which preceded and followed the opening of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad in 1873. Its value increased in the late 19th century with railroad access at Ward's Station at Chestnut Street and Brown's Station near Bureau Drive. In the late 20th century, the streams and springs which attracted early settlement are largely underground in culverts. The area is prized for its accessibility from the high-technology corridor of Interstate Route 270, Maryland Route 355, the Metropolitan Subway system (Metro), and the railroad.

The First Stage (1846-1896)

The land was attractive to settlement in the 18th century for its fertile land watered by numerous springs and streams and for its accessibility to freight, mail and stage-coach service on the Georgetown-Fredericktown Road.

Meem's Addition, Thomas' Addition (Crawford's Addition), and the property lining Chestnut Street and West Diamond Avenue are part of two 18th century farms known as "Zoar" and "Rawlings Rest." These were largely forest with "plantations" of cleared level land and a few widely scattered owner and tenant houses, probably not more four to six altogether.

By the mid-19th century the prospect of a railroad aroused some interest among land speculators and property owners. In 1846, George and Mary Bibb, who lived in Georgetown, started buying land in the Gaithersburg area. Their initial purchase of 23 acres, in 1846 from the Patterson family, was located on what is now the corner of Clopper Road and (later) Brown Station. They built a summer home there and named it Pomona, which means fruitful. This residence was inherited by their daughter, Caroline, whose husband, Thomas Brown, later built Brown's Railroad Station along the railroad. Mary Bibb continued to purchase land and eventually owned most of the land between Route 355 and West Diamond Avenue from the railroad to Quince Orchard Road. In 1862, she

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sold part of this to George and Martha Meem, another couple from Georgetown.

George and Martha Meem came to Gaithersburg from Georgetown in 1862. It is not known what brought them to the area, but if investment prospects were not a factor, they certainly recognized them after they arrived. In August of 1862, Martha A. Meem purchased 200 acres from Mary J. Bibb at \$5.00 per acre. 1/ In 1863, the County assessment list shows husband George Meem with 200 acres of "Zoar," at \$5.00 per acre: the total value from land and improvements was \$1,000. 2/

Martha and George mortgaged the property for \$613.75 to Lemuel Clements in February of 1865, 3/ possibly to pay for their new house "Mt. Washington," a name which probably played on their names, George and Martha, and the large cherry tree on the property. Their frame 2-story vernacular farmhouse is shown on the Hopkins Map of 1865 on the highest elevation on the present Agricultural Center grounds (Fairgrounds) near the railroad track and Brown's Station as "Mimm." 4/ George's occupation is not known, but it is likely that the couple either foresaw or immediately perceived the opportunity in Gaithersburg property served by the railroad and a major highway. The Meem Family profited from Martha's initial land investment for the next 60 years. In turn, the family gave their creative and business abilities to keep Gaithersburg dynamic and growing as well as a pleasant place to live.

George W. Meem died October 13, 1865, at the age of 70 years, leaving Martha, who was twenty-one years his junior, with six children ranging in age from 2 to 23 years old. Shortly after, Martha sold 10 acres 9 perches of her land along Frederick Avenue and Diamond/Barnesville Road (now the Baptist Church property and Thomas' Addition) to her oldest son George W. for \$200.00. 5/ In 1868, the railroad condemned an approximate seven acre right-of-way strip 6/ which divided her property, but also increased the value. The railroad opened in 1873.

At this point, Chestnut Street did not exist. In 1873, Martha granted a 30-foot right-of-way, a private road intended for residents to get to the railroad stop from Frederick Avenue and Barnesville. This lane eventually became Chestnut Street and a public road.

In 1873, Henry C. Ward and Ignatius Fulks, as the firm of Ward and Fulks, purchased three acres near the tracks for \$1637.50 from Martha Meem which included the right to open, maintain, and use a 30 foot wide road to the Barnesville Road (Chestnut Street). 7/ Ward also bought a house lot for himself for \$93.75 and a triangular piece between Diamond Avenue and the railroad (now Mathias Service Center at 24 West Diamond Avenue). According to Daniel Robertson, the foursquare house with wrap-around porch was occupied by the family of William Harding, a railroad crossing watchman. The property was acquired in 1931 by W. Lawson King who sold it in 1971 to Stanley Mathias 8/ who operates his automobile service business from the site today.

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Charles W. Crawford was the first to build on the west side of the tracks. He bought one acre on the southeast corner between Meem Avenue and the railroad tracks in 1876, but did not build his house there until 1877. 9/ His house is the only one to appear on west Chestnut on the 1878 Martenent and Bond Map of Montgomery County.

Chestnut Street's importance grew as more people came to live there. It was originally intended only to allow residents access to Ward's Station and the Frederick and Barnesville Roads. However, it became the preferred way to get from Darnestown or Quince Orchard to Gaithersburg to avoid crossing the complex and dangerous three-way intersection of Frederick Avenue, Diamond Avenue, and the railroad tracks. It became a county road in 1883 and remained a gravel road until it was paved about 1950/. 10/

By 1875, Martha had recovered her initial outlay for the land and improvements. With Chestnut Street established, perhaps the \$2000.00 mortgage she gave to Clara Belt and Ella Anderson in 1879 11/ paid for the new house at 104 Chestnut. A photograph taken about 1890 shows Mrs. Meem and her remaining household in front of this imposing house. 12/ Befitting their wealth and prominence, it displays all the latest architectural fashions from French Second Empire revival influence in its square shape and double bay front to its incised, turned, and jigsawed Eastlake trim. It is one, perhaps the first, of similarly styled houses owned by prominent citizens. Many, such as Ignatius Fulks at Summit Hall and the Gloyds at the Forest Oak, put the double bays and Eastlake trim on an older colonial era house. This house is the only example left of the Gaithersburg version which came to be known as the "Gaithersburg style." Chestnut Avenue was clearly intended to be a prestigious area of grand houses.

Mrs. Meem's adult children followed her entrepreneurial example. George, shortly after purchasing land from his mother, transferred his 10 acres 9 perches on Barnesville Road to his wife, Mary Jane, 13/ who sold 1 and 7/8 acres to Catherine Cook in 1875 14/ and the remainder to John T. Vinson and wife. 15/ Both properties changed hands rapidly. The larger 8+ acre parcel was sold to Thomas M. Lanahan for \$2000, then to Juan Boyle (of Summit Hotel) for \$3550, then to John Spring Poole in 1882. By this time it had a house, as Poole's deed includes "buildings." 16/ The longest owners were Charles and Sara C. Davies who owned the property from 1887 to 1922 and George and Hattie Ninas who owned it until 1947. 17/ According to Harry C. Meem, Jr., this property remained a dense woods until the Baptist Church purchased it in 1955, and the house and many of the outbuildings were demolished for the present church building. The property is notable for its many old hardwood trees and the environment which remains glades and groves.

The south side of the tracks had the Meem, Crawford, and Beall houses on one-acre lots before subdivision in 1896. The residences were substantial 2 1/2-story houses with rear kitchen wings and elaborate exterior siding and trim treatments. They were heated by individual room stoves and required household help to maintain. Generally they also had

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chicken houses, orchards, and large gardens. Some residents kept milk cows and horses on Meem Avenue up to the 1920's. Crawfordtown (Thomas' Addition) on Barnesville had five vernacular houses on it by 1920 and perhaps as early as 1910.

In 1896, a year after Martha Meem died, Meem's Addition was formally created and subdivided into 30 near half-acre lots. However, the land was still held primarily by the Meem family and John W. Briggs and little further development occurred for over a decade.

Only a stable and Thomas' Cannery remain from the 19th and early 20th century buildings east of the railroad tracks. Both are in deteriorated condition, but planned for rehabilitation as part of a larger development at the Thomas Cannery.

SECOND STAGE (1896-1948)

The development of the Chestnut/Meem area closely followed the patterns that were City-wide -- a relatively quiet time during the Depression years with little development; then the involvement in World War II. The economic recovery and development in the post war period ushered the City into its second period of rapid growth -- the 1960s.

The 1 7/8-acre Cooke parcel (originally sold by Martha Meem to her son George, whose wife then sold it to Catherine Cook in 1875) was acquired by Charles C. Crawford through a tax sale in 1909. 18/ It is not clear whether Crawford built the five vernacular 2-story frame houses on the property or whether they existed at his purchase. However, they were there when Crawford sold it to Clyde and Curtis Thomas, et al., who legally subdivided it into five 13-to-16,000-square foot lots in 1920, including the 10 foot right-of-way above the Barnesville Road and a reservation at the public pump which was the source of water for all the houses. 19/

Elmer and Blanche Fletcher bought 300 West Diamond Avenue on Lot 1 in 1923 20/ and the family has inhabited the house for 67 years. Mr. Fletcher was a greenskeeper for the Chevy Chase Club and planted the wisteria and other plants that continue to put on a brilliant spring and summer show to West Diamond Avenue. 304 West Diamond, on Lot 2, was owned by the Joe Gartners in the 1930s and Howard and Margaret Patterson in the 1950s through 1971. The houses on lots 3, 4, and 5 were demolished in the 1950s and 1960s and the lots are now part of the Avenel Executive Park. 21/

Meem family members were prominent in the social and civic life of Gaithersburg. They belonged to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church with their neighbors, the Diamonds, and with them, were founding members of the "M.A.D. Club." The "Meem Brothers Orchestra" often entertained at social gatherings and George C. C=Meem was the first official mayor of Gaithersburg. Otto worked for the railroad. 22/

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When Martha Meem died on November 12, 1895, "at her home 'Mt. Washington' near Gaithersburg," 23/ her estate was left to her children to divide. In 1896, the unsold land on Chestnut, Meem, and Diamond Avenues was subdivided into 30 approximately half-acre lots adding a short unnamed street (now Floral Drive). 24/ A flurry of land transfers occurred among the children to clear titles and divide the estate. Cora and Josephine got all the land north of the railroad (the Fairgrounds) and Mt. Washington (the name for the farm or property) which Albert purchased from them. Albert also got lots 15 and 16 with the new family home at 104 Chestnut. Harry C. Meem (son of Cloriviere) acquired lots 7 and 8, the site of the pumping station, and lot 17, now 102 Chestnut. George, Otto, and Cloriviere all ended up with a number of individual lots. 25/

George and Otto had houses on Diamond Avenue and Cloriviere lived in Mrs. Bibb's house, "Pomona" near Brown's Station, before building a new house "Idlewilde" on land across from the main gate of what is now the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Albert lived in the new family home and Harry C. Meem sold his properties and moved to Dickerson where he was the railroad agent for many years. 26/

Cloriviere sold lots 26 and 27 at the north end of Meem to William Robertson in 1911. 27/ Mr. Robertson built the fine foursquare house at 115 Meem which remained in his family until the 1970s. The one-acre parcel had a large garden, orchard, and chicken house. The original receipts for the furnishings for this house are in the possession of the Robertson's son, Daniel Robertson, of Gaithersburg. 28/

A retired farmer and real estate investor, John Wesley Briggs, bought lot 17 from Harry Meem in 1902 29/ and probably built the late Victorian multi-wing 2 1/2-story house at 102 Chestnut soon after. Mr. Briggs also bought all the lots on the east side of Meem Avenue north of Chestnut. 30/ He had a large garden near Chestnut and a cow pasture on the rest of the land. Later, his son, Henry Garnett Briggs, bought a house on Lot 20 which his widowed mother sold to him in 1917. 31/ He built a modern five room one-story Craftsman house with a dining room bay at 104 Meem. This family had two tragedies; Garnett Briggs died unexpectedly from a heart attack in 1926, and his family contracted tuberculosis after his death. 32/ The house was lost to a mortgage foreclosure in 1931. 33/

Mary C. Briggs sold lot 21 at 106 Meem to Aubrey and Susie Mills in 1919. 34/ The house at 106 Meem on this property is a 1 1/2 story Craftsman-influenced house side-gabled house which features a columned front porch with center and end gables which echo the roofline of the house. Mr. Mills, a carpenter, built this house and one next door at 108 Meem for his neighbor, Michael Whalen, a retired farmer from Hunting Hill. 35/ Both appear to be mail-order houses or built from popular plans as a twin to 106 is at 607 South Frederick Avenue. Mrs. Mills' estate sold the house in 1971 to the present owners, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez. 36/ In the late 1920s, the Kole family built a modest front-gabled one-story cottage with a full-width front porch at 114 Meem Avenue. 37/ These

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five houses were the only structures on the north end of Meem Avenue until the next wave of development in the late 1940s and 1950s.

The house at 105 Chestnut Street was also owner-built. Charles Beall, Jr., bought part of lot 13 from the children of George W. Meem and built this substantial 2 1/2-story front-gabled house with a complex roofline and wraparound front porch next door to his mother's home on the corner of Meem and Chestnut Avenue after 1919. 38/ Another family member, Louis Beall, built a house on lot 4 on Meem Avenue, 39/ but his house burned and the family home was demolished for an office structure.

The Meem children had partitioned lots 12 and 13 into three building lots before selling land to Charles Beall. Two adjacent houses at 107 and 109 Chestnut were built around 1938. 40/ 107 Chestnut is a modest side-gabled three-bay one-story vernacular house which probably had a front porch when originally built. Its neighbor at 109 is a front-gabled 1 1/2-story house with shed-roofed wall dormers in the attic story and a columned wide porch.

Abell Norris built the 1 1/2-story Craftsman bungalow with recessed porches and oversized dormer at 115 Chestnut Avenue between 1911 and 1913. 41/ For many years this was the only house at this end of Chestnut Street and later it was the John Stang home. 42/ Mrs. Stang was noted for her vigilance against stray baseballs from McGraw field across Diamond Avenue. She retrieved the balls in her yard to prevent the players from climbing and damaging the fence. 43/

In 1917, the Thomas Cannery was built and opened their doors in 1919 and started canning corn and pumpkin. This was the first, largest, and longest operating food cannery in Montgomery County, and the only sizeable industry in Gaithersburg during this time. It provided a local market for area farmers and provided jobs and income to the community.

The factory soon switched to the processing of corn and peas. Canning went on all day and night during the summer months as the crops were harvested on the local farms. The factory had its own switches for stopping the freight trains which carried the canned goods to the main distribution points. The canned goods were marketed under the My-T-Fine label as well as others.

The canning company prospered during World War II, feeding the troops both here and abroad. Some local veterans recall seeing the familiar cans with Gaithersburg stamped on the side while they were serving overseas. 44/

There were some drawbacks to such an industry operating in the small town. The odor from production waste and residue could become pungent enough in the hot and humid summers to overpower most of the town, and drainage was a problem from the start. A filtration plant was installed, but this did not ever completely alleviate the problems. Nearby neighbors appealed to the Mayor and Council for relief on occasion, and the situation was always resolved without drastic action.

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During the WWII era, manpower was scarce because of armed service demands. A German Prisoner of War camp was established near Gaithersburg, roughly on Goshen and Snouffers School Road. POWs were utilized to keep the operation running, largely in the fields, but some also worked in the cannery operation itself.

The old factory is currently vacant.

The City's first water plant was constructed along West Diamond Avenue in 1926-1928 by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). It consisted of a large brick pumping station, several smaller brick buildings which covered the wells, and two water storage tanks. In 1924, Gaithersburg, along with the neighboring incorporated community of Washington Grove, had requested and received admission to the Sanitary District. Because these communities were entirely separated from the main part of the WSSC service area during that period, it was necessary to develop a separate system to provide the service. Wells were drilled to serve as a source of water supply and sanitary sewers were installed to carry waste away from the communities. Ultimately, a sewage disposal plant was constructed in the vicinity of Muddy Branch southwest of Gaithersburg to handle the flow of sewage from the community as well as seasonal waste loads from cannery operations in the area. 45/

Amusing stories are told by WSSC employees of the effect the tomato canning season had on the new inspectors for the Gaithersburg Plant when they saw blood red sewage for the first time and did not know where it was coming from. "One new man actually went to the police station to report what he thought might be a massacre that was causing the sewage to run red!" 46/ Both the well system for water supply and the old Muddy Branch Treatment Plant for sewage disposal operated into the early 60's.

In 1934, with the passing of Albert F. Meem, the fourth son of Martha and George, an era came to a close -- the Meem family members gradually dispersed and only the house remains to testify of their contributions to Gaithersburg.

Third Stage (1949-1995)

In 1949, the Montgomery County Agricultural Center (Fairgrounds) was built. This 64-acre track, part of the Meem family's original holdings, is owned by the Montgomery County Cooperative Agricultural Center, Inc., a non-profit corporation, and is used through out the year for a variety of activities. These range from the annual County Fair to antique shows, home shows, railroad shows, and crafts fairs. It is currently the City's location for the annual Fourth of July fireworks display.

After World War II, the stage was set for rapid growth in Gaithersburg which grew from a City of 1,755 in 1950 to 3,847 in 1960 and 8,344 in 1970. 47/ Expansive development followed in the next three decades accompanied by changes due to economic pressures, aging of buildings, and new and expanded highways. This second expansion within the City (unlike the first in the 1870s) was the result of a "chain reaction triggered primarily

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by the decision of the Federal Government to decentralize its operations. The purpose was to minimize the effect of a possible atomic attack on the city of Washington." 48/ The Department of Energy announced its intention to consolidate its headquarters on a site about four miles north of Gaithersburg. Shortly after, it was announced that the National Bureau of Standards (now the National Institute for Standards and Technology) had purchased 565 acres just west of Gaithersburg proper to house their entire Washington complex. 49/ This area was destined to be encircled by the city limits in the following decade.

Then came the rush of non-government, scientific organizations to locate here in the area, with the result that thousands of employees were looking for housing to be near their work. Hordes of construction workers were drawn to the area to build the many housing units demanded.

It was in the early to mid-50s that efforts to gain more lots for more houses was achieved in the Chestnut/Meem area. A series of subdivisions occurred closely after one another. In 1951, about six of the original half-acre lots (established in 1896) and adjacent property were subdivided into about three times that number of smaller lots along Floral Drive and part of Chestnut Street. The houses built soon after, were mostly cape-cods and ramblers and much of the wooded area was retained which is now fully grown with mature oak trees. Many azaleas were planted when the houses were built, and now, almost fifty years later, these bushes are at the height of their maturity. They add to the drama of the residential landscape and attract many casual visitors at the height of the blooming season. 50/

Two other lots were divided to allow the construction of additional homes -- the lot at the western end of Meem, which was divided in half, and lot 23, which had an adjacent public alley abandoned by the City (1956) to create enough land for two houses to be built. In 1958, the City Council had to adjust the addresses of 112-116 Meem Avenue to 114-118 "due to two new houses being built in the center of the block" 51/

In 1953, the effort to squeeze even more dwelling units onto the available land occurred on lots 18 and 19 of the original Meem's Addition (near the tracks). Early that year, lots 18 and 19 (the duplex corner) were rezoned from the Residential A Zone to the Residential C Zone (which permitted apartments and duplexes) 52/ at the owner's request who apparently had in mind to build an apartment building. 53/ (In July of 1952 the owner had made an unsuccessful attempt to rezone the residential lots to industrial, but the neighbors were opposed because it was a residential area.) In December of 1953, the owner, R. H. Best, appeared with a plan to cut up the two lots into nine small lots for four duplexes and one small house at the corner of Chestnut and Meem. The building permits were approved, and after one time extension for six months, (from August 2, 1954) the homes were built. 54/

In 1953, the City also approved plans and a plat for a residential development of about 66 acres to the west of Meem's Addition (now Avenel Park). It was known as Offenbergs Addition to Gaithersburg.

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Offenberg had purchased the property from Herman Rabbitt in 1953 and the record plat of Offenberg's Addition shows that Meem Avenue was to have been continued through this residential component to its westernmost boundary. At about this same time, the State Roads Commission sought 20 acres of this land for a future clover leaf for I-270; the result was that the residential development never came to fruition. It was not until the early 1980s that this area was finally developed. An office park, intersected by a new four lane highway connecting West Diamond to Route 355 (Perry Parkway), was constructed.

In 1955 Baptist Church bought their property at 200 West Diamond Avenue (the original Cooke parcel). The house on it was demolished and the church constructed. Many of the mature oak trees remain.

The transportation system and redevelopment issues continue to affect the lives of the residents making this area vulnerable to erosion of its historic resources. The roads were paved to accommodate the high traffic volume and modern traffic signals are at every major intersection. Due to the large amount of cut-through traffic from Route 355 to West Diamond, one-way only traffic was set up on Chestnut Street to help preserve the residential character. Land was nipped from yards and from the original WSSC site to make room for the expansion of West Diamond and Muddy Branch Parkway in the late 1980s.

One inoperative metal water tank and three small brick buildings remain on the WSSC site as a reminder of the first water service to the City. These were taken out of service in 1962. In 1977, the WSSC opened a new, modern Gaithersburg Field Service Center on Muddy Branch and a new complex on West Diamond Avenue opposite the original sites. Since then, the City has purchased this original parcel from WSSC and leased it to the County for the construction of a day care center.

GENERATIONAL HISTORY

Bibb Family

Prior to 1845, Thomas and Jane Patterson owned the land where Brown's Station was built. In 1846, Mrs. George M. (Mary) Bibb purchased 23 acres from the Pattersons for a summer home. She and her husband, George, lived in Georgetown and after their summer home was built, named it Pomona, which means fruitful. Pomona was on the corner of Clopper road and (later) Brown Station Road where Diamond Square Shopping Center is now located.

Mary's husband, was an educated man --a lawyer and a U.S. Senator from Kentucky. He was appointed Secretary of the U.S. Treasury in 1844 by President John Tyler and after his term of office in 1845, he resumed practicing law in the District of Columbia and was an assistant in the office of the U.S. Attorney General.

Senator Bibb is reputed to have had 16 children by his two wives, but the names of his first wife and children are unknown. George married

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Mary Rebecca who was a widow and they had 4 known children. She is buried at St. Rose of Lima and he at State Cemetery in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Mary Bibb continued to purchase land and eventually owned most of the land between Route 355 and West Diamond Avenue from the railroad in Gaithersburg to Quince Orchard Road.

Mrs. Bibb's daughter, Caroline Matilda Bibb (born ca. 1839), married Thomas J. Brown in 1866. Caroline and her husband inherited the family estate, "Pomona," in 1875.

In an attempt to establish a residential subdivision, Thomas built Brown Station in 1894. By that time, the Metropolitan Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad had cut through their land and 200 acres had been sold in 1864 to another Georgetown family, George and Martha Meem, who had made their residence at "Mt. Washington" on the south side of the tracks.

Meem Family

George Meem (1795-1865) and his wife, Martha (1816-1895) moved to Gaithersburg from Georgetown after Martha had purchased 200 acres from Mary R. Bibb in 1863. George was 21 years Martha's senior and they were married approximately 1840. They had six known children, and George died when Martha was 49 years old, leaving her to finish raising the children.

Martha built a new home on Chestnut Street and, with the exception of a few lots sold for other reasons, this land remained in the family until 1934. The Montgomery County Cooperative Agricultural Center is located on this tract.

Their children were: George W., Cloriviere Edward, Josephine (who never married), Otto C., Albert, and Cora (details unknown).

The entire family contributed to Gaithersburg's culture and welfare over the years. Meem family members were prominent in the social and civic life of Gaithersburg. They belonged to St. Rose Catholic Church with neighbors, the Diamonds, and with them, were founding members of the "M.A.D. Club." The acronym for the club is interpreted in the City's history book as "probably (standing) for Montgomery Amateur Dramatics Club," but perhaps it was a take-off on the family names: Meem and Diamond Club.

The club was composed of some of the oldest area families: the Diamond, Meem, Clopper, Farrel, and Maddox and the Huttons. Other club productions reviewed or advertised in the Sentinel were "Handy Andy," "Above the Clouds," and "The Plague of My life." 55/ The quality of these productions generally seems to have been high. At one point the Sentinel reviewer mentioned the "professional rate quality," but another time commented that more attention could be paid to memorizing the lines and to the curtain. On several occasions the

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troup toured after its runin Gaithersburg, visiting Barnesville and Rockville. The Club is documented as active from 1877 to 1879 but the number of unmentioned scripts in the Woodlands collection suggests that its life may have been longer.

A. F. Meem served as president of the musical group, the Woodside Musical Club during 1881. The group was a full string band which provided many an evening of music and dancing. 56/

Albert F. Meem was also very active in City affairs. He was a telegraph operator and station agent for the B&O Railroad retiring in 1897. While station master, he headed the telephone company who had their telephone switchboard at the railroad stations. 57/ He was one of the prime movers in the establishment of the First National Bank of Gaithersburg, held the title of President of the Montgomery County Telephone Company, and was an officer and member of the Board of Directors of all three of the building associations in Gaithersburg in 1891. He was also a member of Board of Directors of the Gaithersburg Lawnaquet Company. (The game was of a patriotic nature and was invented by local resident S.T.A. Sterrick. It did not succeed, but it is too bad that not even one game survived the trash heap.) Mr. Meem supervised the first house-to-house milk delivery in town, getting the milk from his farm. He served on the Town Council from 1912-1920. 58/

George W. Meem served as president of the Board of Commissioners of Gaithersburg in 1885 and in 1898 was elected to serve, under the new charter, as the first official mayor of Gaithersburg. During his political career in the town, he also served a member of the Board for five terms. According to letters dated 1908 at the Montgomery County historical society, he was a judge in the judicial system of the county government. His occupation was that of contractor and builder. At the time of the brother Albert's death, all of his heirs by his first marriage were living in Washington, DC.

George played the violin and "SPECTATOR," who described local music affairs for the Sentinel, reported that George, with Miss Kate Walek, on orgagn, George on violin and Mr. Willard on flute conducted an excellent performance. This musical group continued to be still active in 1890 and shows that the City had high music interests. 59/

In 1882, 31 years before electricity reached Gaithersburg, and 69 years before gas service was initiated, the town commission moved that street lamps be purchased. George Meem was appointed to see that J.W. Seay, the town tinsmith, made the lamps for a total price not to exceed \$3.

Cloriviere E. Meem attended schools in Frederick and Georgetown. In the 1870s he lived at "Pomona," part of the tract of land earlier owned by the Bibb family. Later he built Idlewild on West Diamond Avenue extended. He was a salesman for W. W. Dawson, a wholesale liquor distributor in Baltimore.

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Beall Family

The house at 105 Chestnut Street was owner-built. Charles Beall, Jr., bought part of lot 13 from the children of George W. Meem and built this substantial 2 and 1/2 story front-gabled house with a complex roofline and wraparound front porch next door to his mother's home on the corner of Meem and Chestnut Avenue after 1919. 60/ Another family member, Louis Beall, built a house on lot 4 on Meem Avenue, 61/ but his house burned and the family home was demolished for an office structure.

Briggs Family

John Wesley Briggs (1846-1917), as noted earlier, bought lot 17 on Chestnut Street from Harry Meem in 1902 and built his house at 102 Chestnut Street shortly thereafter. Mr. Briggs was a retired farmer and real estate investor around the time of this project. He also bought all the lots on the east side of Meem Avenue north of Chestnut and had a large garden near Chestnut and a cow pasture on the rest of the land.

John had grown up on a farm operated by his father, Samuel S. Briggs, who had purchased the land in 1858 from Jacob and Sarah (Rawlings) Nichols. It is not known where Samuel was living before this time.

John, being one of 9 children, had 7 brothers and one sister! John's brother, Robert, lived also in the area, and when the Grange was organized in 1874, Robert was its first Steward. His brother, Zacharia, who later moved to Baltimore, was one of the first officers for the Gaithersburg Mutual Building Association which was formed in 1877 shortly before the town was incorporated (1878). 62/ Along with another brother, Gideon, John Wesley served as one of the trustees, for the Gaithersburg Methodist Episcopal when it became incorporated in 1893. 63/

John Wesley Briggs had 11 children, 7 boys and 4 girls. Three children died very young, and one son was killed in World War I in France. Briggs's sons made their mark on the City of Gaithersburg over the years. John sold his farm to his son, Samuel Benjamin, who farmed it until it was purchased by the National Bureau of Standards. Samuel also served as a member of the Gaithersburg Town Council from 1944 to 1956.

Another son of John Wesley was Henry Garnett Briggs. Mrs. Briggs sold him lot 20 (after John's death) on which he built a modern five room one-story Craftsman house at 104 Meem Avenue. Henry's family was struck by two tragedies: he died unexpectedly of a heart attack in 1928 and his family contracted tuberculosis after his death. The house was lost to a mortgage foreclosure in 1931.

Willie Wilson Briggs, another son, operated a monument business in Gaithersburg from 1911 to 1949. This was located where the overhead railroad bridge now stands and later on Frederick Aveue where Citizens Building and Loan is now located.

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John's wife, Mary C. Briggs (Mary Catherine Sparrow), sold lot 21 at 106 Meem. She died in 1937.

Samuel Briggs is listed as one of the first subscribers to the first telephones installed in Gaithersburg. He, along with Carson Ward, had the phone installed in his residence p. 267 book/. (Editor's note: It is not clear if the phone was simply registered in Samuel Briggs name by his wife, Sarah, since he died in 1884 and Gaithersburg's phone lines first came in 1894. Samuel B. Briggs, a grandson, would have been only 15 at the time.

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Footnotes:

1. Montgomery County Land Record JGH9/228 (1862).
2. The Montgomery County tax assessment for 1863 lists George Meem with 200 acres at \$5.00 per acre with no improvements.
3. Land Record EBP1/500 (1865).
4. The house is recalled by Lee Manuel who lived on Frederick Avenue in the 1940s and by Ellen Fletcher who lives at 300 West Diamond Avenue. The local pronunciation of both the street and family name "Meem" is "Mimm" according to Daniel Robertson. This accounts for the misspelling on the 1865 map.
5. Land Record EBP4/148 (1867).
6. Land Record EBP31/148 (1868).
7. Land Record EBP10/388 (1873 (3 acres) and Land Record EBP11/37. (1873) for the house lot and Land Record EBP8/471 (1871) for 24 West Diamond Avenue.
8. Land Record 5182/814 (1973) and 750/360 (1939).
9. Land Record EBP15/374 (1876) one acre and EBP21/139 (1878) 9 square perches between the one acre lot and the railroad tracks.
10. Land Record EBP28/81 (1883).
11. Land Record EBP20/391 (1879).
12. Photograph in possession of Harry C. Meem, Jr., of Dickerson, MD.
13. Land Record EBP4/149 (1867).
14. Land Record EBP14/107 (1876).
15. EBP20/419 (1879).
16. Land Records EBP23/69, EBP27/207, and Land Record EBP33/26 (1882).
17. Land Record JA5/79 and 80 (1887), 312/157 (1947).
18. Land Record 202/442 (1909).
19. Land Record 294/29 (1920) and Montgomery County Plat 3/212 (1920).
20. Land Record 364/496.
21. Telephone interview with Ellen Fletcher, daughter of Blanche and Elmer Fletcher, owners of 300 West Diamond Avenue, May 1990.
22. See Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County, 1978, City of Gaithersburg, Maryland. Janet Manuel's genealogy entry "Meem" pp. 377-379.
23. Obituary in the Montgomery County Sentinel, November 15, 1895, and The Washington Star, November 14, 1895.
24. Montgomery County Plat 3/133 (1896 recorded 1910.)
25. See "The Meem House, 104 Chestnut Street," 1990, Judy Christensen for the City of Gaithersburg
26. Interview with Harry C. Meem, Jr., May 1990.
27. Land Record 216/499 (1911).
28. Interview with Daniel Robertson, May 1990.
29. Land Record TD24/40 (1902).
30. Land Record 214/401 for Lots 20, 21, 22, and 23. (1910) See also Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County, 1978, City of Gaithersburg; pp. 338-341 for the history of the Briggs Family.
31. Land Record 262/445 (1917).
32. Interview with Daniel Robertson, whose family built 115 Meem in 1911, May 1990.
33. Foreclosure #6051, Judgement Record 50/483.

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34. Land Record 278/121 (1919).
35. Daniel Robertson, May 1990.
36. Land Record 4043/95 (1971).
37. Daniel Robertson, May 1990.
38. Land Record JA 53/426, Lots 12 and 13 to George W. Meem from the Meem Estate. Land Record TC2/357 for Lots 12 and 13 to his children and from the children to Ida Meem. Beall purchased it from Ida at land Record 288/455 (1910). Building information from Daniel Robertson. Mr. Beall built the house with the help of Mr. Darby, a local carpenter.
39. Land Record 234/305 (1913).
40. Partition described in 288/455. See also Land Record 716/379 (1938). Mr. Daniel Robertson recalls that Mr. Charles Fox and family lived at 109 Chestnut at one time. Helen M. Gray owned it in the late 1930s.
41. Land Record 216/496 (1911).
42. Land Record 378/475.
43. Daniel Robertson, 1990.
44. WSSC Map of Chestnut Street Area, 1925, and Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County, pp. 270-273.
45. History of the WSSC, 75th Anniversary, Washington Suburban Sanitation Commission, 1993, p. 22.
46. *Ibid.*, p. 63.
47. United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Figures for 1950, 1960, 1970.
48. Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County, p. 103.
49. *Ibid.*
50. Interview with residents of the Chestnut/Meem area, May 1990.
51. The City of Gaithersburg Minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of April 7, 1958.
52. Minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of March 2, 1953.
53. Minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of February 2, 1953.
54. Minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting of August 2, 1954.
55. Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County, p. 111.
56. *Ibid.*
57. *Ibid.*, p. 23.
58. *Ibid.*
59. *Ibid.*, p. 112.
60. Land Record JA 53/426, Lots 12 and 13 to George W. Meem from the Meem Estate. Land Record TC2/357 for Lots 12 and 13 to his children and from the children to Ida Meem. Beall purchased it from Ida at Land Record 288/455 (1910). Building information from Daniel Robertson. Mr. Beall built the house with the help of Mr. Darby, a local carpenter.
61. Land Record 234/305 (1913).
62. Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County, p. 62.
63. *Ibid.*, p. 223.
64. *Ibid.*, p. 64.

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CHESTNUT/MEEM AREA
HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES

CHESTNUT STREET

<p><u>102 Chestnut</u> (Lot 17) "John Wesley Briggs House" Late Victorian c. 1902 City Survey No. 047 MHT: M-21-10</p>	<p>OWNER</p>
<p><u>104 Chestnut</u> (Lots 15 & 16) "Meem House" Late Victorian c.1879 French 2nd Empire revival influence City Survey No. 049 MHT: M-21-11</p>	<p>OWNER William M. & B. J. White Attention: Douglas White (son)</p>
<p><u>105 Chestnut</u> (Lot Pt. 13) "Charles Beall, Jr. House" Colonial Revival c. 1910 City Survey No. 050 MHT: M-21-12</p>	<p>OWNER Bernard & M. J. LaFrance</p>
<p><u>107 Chestnut</u>(Pt. Lot 12 and Pt. Lot 13) "Chas. Beall Jr. House" Cape Cod c. 1938 (BP) City Survey No. MHT: M-21-170</p>	<p>OWNER Thomas Schweitzer et al</p>
<p><u>109 Chestnut</u> (Lot Pt.12) "Fox House" Cape Cod c. 1938 (BP) City Survey No. MHT: M-21-171</p>	<p>OWNER Juan A. Cruz et al</p>
<p><u>115 Chestnut</u> (Lot 10) "Abell Norris/Stang House" Craftsman Cottage c. 1911-13 City Survey No. 051 MHT: M-21-104</p>	<p>OWNER Duane & A.E. Moe 20729 H Crystal Hill Circle Germantown, MD 20874</p>

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CHESTNUT STREET (continued)

Carriage House
Chestnut Street (apts.)
Late Victorian
C. 1890
City Survey No. 052
MHT M-21-105

Stephen Federline
c/o Pearl Sofaly
21 Maryland Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Thomas Cannery
(Parcel N994)
Chestnut at E. Diamond
C. 1917
City Survey No.
MHT M-21-168

Rockville Fuel and Feed
14901 Southlawn Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

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HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES

MEEM AVENUE

104 Meem (Lot 20)
"Henry Garnett
Briggs House"
Craftsman Bungalow c. 1917
aka "Mullican/Holwager/
Olson House"
City Survey No. 043
MHT: M-21-115

OWNER
Jean Croker

106 Meem (Lot 21)
"Aubrey & Susie
Mills House"
Craftsman Bungalow 1923
aka "The Lopez House"
City Survey No. 044
MHT: M-21-116

OWNER
Alfred & D. A. Lopez

108 Meem (Lot 22)
"Michael Whalen House"
Foursquare, Craftsman
influenced c. 1920
City Survey No. 045
MHT: M-21-117

OWNER
Gerald & G. J. Clement

114 Meem (Lot 24)
"Cole/Ward House"
Cottage c. late 1920's
City Survey No.
MHT: M-21-172

OWNER
John E. Ward
416 Park Road
Rockville, MD 20850

115 Meem (Lot 26, pt. 27)
"Robertson House"
Foursquare, American
Vernacular c. 1910
City Survey No. 046
MHT: M-21-119

OWNER
Bruce T. Morrow et al

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HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT SITES

WEST DIAMOND AVENUE

24 West Diamond
(N081, Lot 2)
"Oscar Fulks/
Wm. Harding House"
Circa early 1900s
City Survey No.
MHT: M-21-173

OWNER
Stanley & L. R. Mathias
2 Marquise Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

200 West Diamond
(Lot P100)
Crawfordtown
Thomas' Addition
Church built c. 1955
City Survey No.
MHT: M-21-174

OWNER
First Baptist Church

300 West Diamond
(Lot 1, N157)
Crawford Town
Thomas' Addition
"Fletcher House"
Circa 1909
City Survey No.
MHT: M-21-175

OWNER
Elmer and Blanche Fletcher

304 West Diamond
(Lot 2, N158)
"
"
Crawfordtown
Thomas' Addition
Circa 1909
City Survey No.
MHT:M-21-176

OWNER
Milton & I. K. Boyd

WSSC Stations
(Lot pt. 7, pt. 8
pt. 9)
Built 1926-28
City Survey No.
MHT:M-21-177

City of Gaithersburg
31 South Summit Street
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

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Plat History

- August 1894 - Map showing Corporate Limits; Survey done by C. J. Maddox, Jr.; filed May 1, 1895
- May 1896 - Amended Plat of Corporate Limits by Maddox
- 1896 - Original Plat of Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg, by C. J. Maddox, Jr.; part of "Rawlings Rest" conveyed to Martha A. Meem by Mary R. Bibb on August 6, 1862. Plat Number 133.
- Sep 1920 - Thomas Addition to Gaithersburg
- May 1951 - Block A & B Resubdivision of Part of Meem's Addition (Floral Drive & one end of Chestnut near W. Diamond, 16 lots) Plat 2846
- July 1952 - Lots 25A & 25B Resubdivision Part of Meem's Addition. Plat Number 3261.
- January 1953 - Offenberg's Addition to Gaithersburg (void)
- December 1953 - Lots 31 thru 39, a Resubdivision of Lots 18 & 19 Meem's Addition (#92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102 Meem Avenue & #20, 22, 24 Chestnut Street). Plat Number 3757.
- May 1956 - Lots 23A & 23B, a Resubdivision of Lot 23 and Abandoned Alley, Meem's Addition (#110 and 112 Meem Avenue). Plat Number 4561.
- June 1956 - Street Dedication Plat for Widening of Meem Avenue

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CHRONOLOGY
CHESTNUT MEEM AREA

Prepared by Patricia Patula, Summer 1995

BACKGROUND HISTORY

- 1722 First land patents issued Deer Park area
- 1765 circa Logtown settled
- 1793 "Zoar" a tract of 1,238 1/2 acres patented by
Briscoe
- 1795 George A. Meem (husband of Martha) born
- 1802 Benjamin Gaither built his house near the ancient
"Forest Oak;" settlement around Gaither's Place
eventually had town named after him
- 1810 "Gaithersburg" exists
- 1842 George W. Meem born (First Mayor of Gaithersburg)

EARLY SETTLEMENT OF AREA

- 1846 Land (Brown's Station) purchased by Mary (Mrs.
George M.) Bibb from Thomas & Jane
Patterson, called "Pomona" at first
- 1850 First recorded meeting of G'burg citizens as a group
- 1862 Aug 6 Martha A. Meem bought 200 acres from Mary A.
Bibb for \$2,000
- 1863 George A. Meem is listed in court records w/200
acres of "Zoar"
- 1865 May 1 Martha Meem sold 100 acres to George W. Meem
(son) for \$210
- 1865 George A. Meem (husband of Martha) died
- 1866 Caroline Bibb, daughter of Mary & George Bibb,
married Thomas J. Brown
- 1867 May 25 George W. Meem sold 100 acres to Marian Meem for
\$200
- 1873 Railroad service in Gaithersburg begins
- 1873 Ward & Fulks purchased 3 acres near tracks from
Martha Meem
- 1873 April 29 Right of usage of 30 ft r.o.w for Chestnut Street
granted by Martha Meem to Ward and Fulks
- 1875 Martha Meem gave Marian 10 acres and Mary Bibb
sold her 20 acres
- 1875 Mary Jane Meem (wife of George W.) sold 1 7/8 acres
to Catherine Cooke and rest of 10 acres 9
perches to John T. Vinson and wife (Baptist
Church)
- 1875 Thomas & Caroline (Bibb) Brown inherited Pomona;
railroad had cut through

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- 1876 Charles Crawford bought one acre on s.e. corner
between Meem & railroad; built houses 1877
- 1878 April 5 City of Gaithersburg became incorporated
- 1878 Martenet & Bond Map of Montgomery County
- 1879 Meem House built at 104 Chestnut
- 1881 Marian, wife of George W. Meem, died
- 1882 8 acre parcel sold to John Sprigg Poole by Juan
Boyle (Baptist Church)
- 1883 Chestnut Street private road becomes public
county road
- 1890 Photo of the Meem family
- 1891 Phone service came to Gaithersburg
- 1894, Aug Map of Gaithersburg Corporate Limits C. J. Maddox
- 1894 Browns established railroad flagstop/passenger stop
at Brown's Station on their property
- 1895 Nov 15 Martha Meem died (Sentinel has age 82) but was 79;
was born in 1816
- 1896 Meem's Addition subdivided into 30 half-acre lots
- 1896 George W., Cloriviere & wife, Otto & wife, Josephine
& Cora gave 1/2 acre to Albert F.; Josephine &
Cora gave up claim on .. to George et al;
Nannie inherited house 1/2 acre
- 1898 Apr 21 Cora Meem died
- 1898 George W. Meem became first Mayor of Gaithersburg
- 1902 John Wesley Briggs bought lot 17 from Harry C.
Meem; built house at 102 Chestnut
- 1906 May 10 Josephine H. Meem died
- 1909 Crawford acquired smaller Cooke parcel of 1 7/8 acre
- 1909 circa 300 & 304 West Diamond built
- 1910 Charles Beall, Jr. bought part of lot 13 from
Children of George W. Meem and built 105
Chestnut
- 1911 William Robertson bought Lots 26 and 27 from Cloriviere
Meem
- 1911-1912 Robertson house built at 115 Meem
- 1911 or 1913? Craftsman Bungalow built at 115 Chestnut by Abell
Norris (Jon Stang home)
- 1913 Electricity came to Gaithersburg
- 1914 Oct 13 George W. Meem died
- 1915 Nov 3 Mary J. Meem, widow of Cloriviere, died
- 1917 Thomas Cannery built
- 1917 Henry Garnett Briggs bought house and Lot 20 (104
Meem) from his mother
- 1917 House at 106 Meem built
- 1919 Mary C. Briggs sold Lot 21 (106 Meem) to Mills
- 1920 108 Meem Avenue built
- 1920 Smaller Cook parcel subdivided into 5 lots
- 1923 Fletchers bought 300 W. Diamond Avenue
- 1926-1928 First WSSC pumping station built; brick pump
houses and water storage tank
- 1920s late House at 114 Meem built
- 1934 Albert F. Meem died
- 1937 Aura E. Riley (Kling) bought from Nannie L.
Meem unmarried, of D.C., Lot 16 (house at 104

Chestnut); Aura also bought Lot 15 which is the
yard
1938 107 Chestnut built
1938 109 Chestnut built

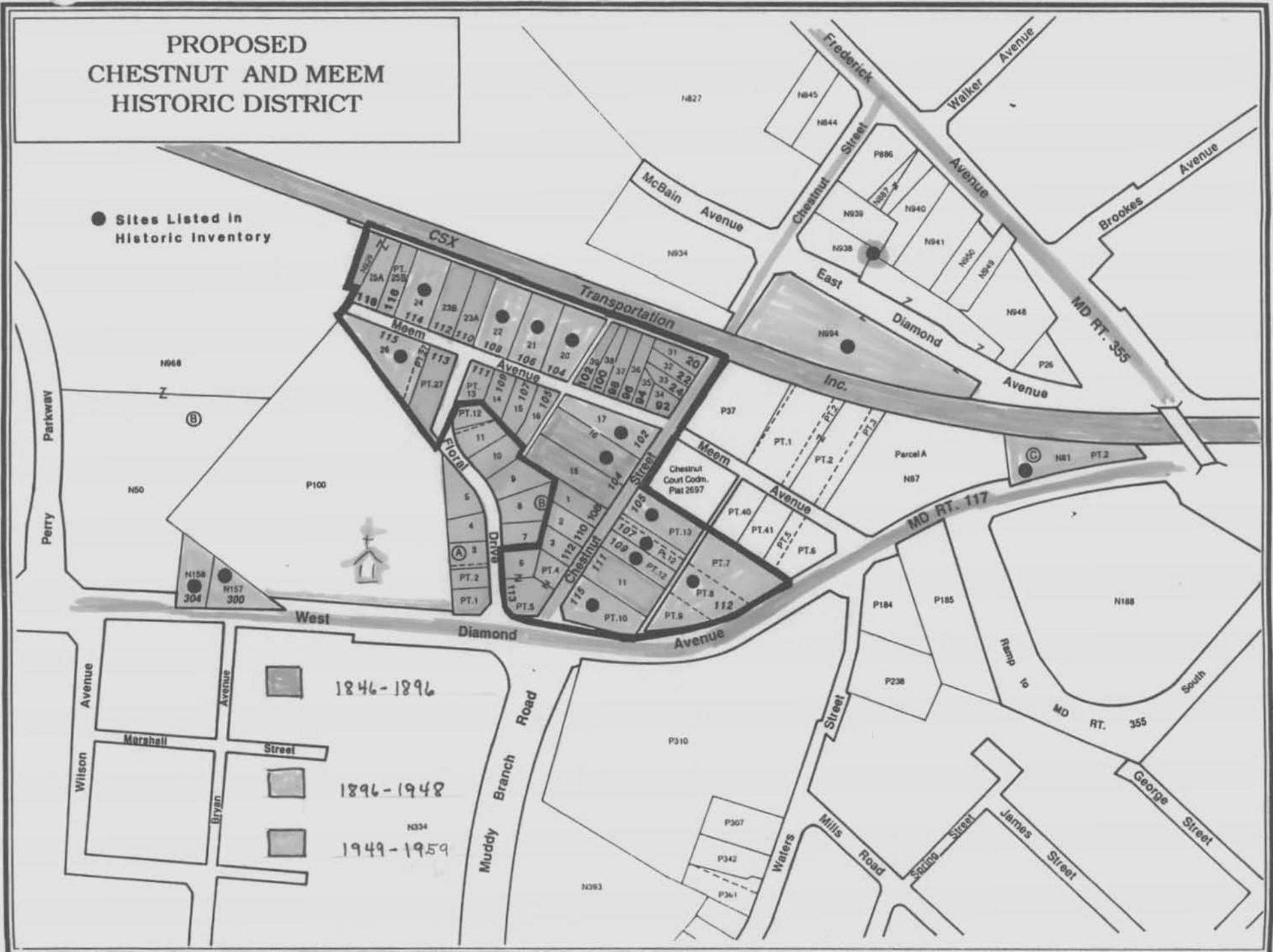
LATER DEVELOPMENT

1949 Agricultural Center (Fairgrounds) built on Meem
Family's farm (Mt. Washington)
1950 Chestnut Street is paved
1951 Annexation into City of 1.77 acres (located at southern
end of Chestnut on both sides)
1951 Block A & B resubdivided (Floral Drive & part of
Chestnut Street)
1952 Oct 6 City Council approved arrangement that 115' of Floral
Drive to connect w/Meem & W. Diamond; town to
pay part
1952 Aug 4 City Council Rent Control set for 90 days
1952 Sep 2 Stop sign put up at Chestnut & W. Diamond
1952 Lots 25A & 25B resubdivided (116 & 118 Meem)
1952 Mar 2 Lots 18 and 19 rezoned from residential A to C
1952-53 Chestnut Street RR crossing the subject of many City
Council meetings
1953 Lots 18 and 19 resubdivided to Lots 31-39
(20, 22, 24 Chestnut & 94-102 Meem Avenue,
duplexes)
1953 Mar 2 Offenbergs bought 66+ acres from Rabbitt and asked
City Council to have it in the City
1953 Jul 6 Max Offenbergs got approval for 20 building
permits
1953 Aug 3 State Roads Commission reps sought info from City
Council re 20+ acres of land owned by Offenbergs
for future clover leaf
1953 Lots 4,5,6 Floral Drive, Chestnut, Diamond; Warthen
& Ward for dwelling permit
1954 Jan 4 Building permit to Leslie & Delma Mullineaus Lot 3
Meem Ave
1954 May 3 Federline half acre (Lot 7) on Chestnut Street
rezoned from residential to commercial
1954 Jun 7 Building permit for porch at 102 Chestnut by Myrtle
Briggs
1954 Aug 2 R.H. Best got building permits renewed for duplexes
for six more months
1954 Sep 7 Robert Schultz got building permit for 105 Meem
addition
1954 Lots 40 and 41 on Meem Avenue subdivided (eastern
half of Meem near West Diamond)
1954 Sep 17 City Council establishes Planning Commission
1954 Nov 1 R.H. Best bldg permit for dwelling on Chestnut denied
1955 Feb 7 City's Zoning Ordinance first modification since 1933
1955 Mar Contract purchaser for Offenbergs property petitioned
for rezoning of 15 acres from Residential A to
Commercial D or Industrial E

- 1955 Baptist Church buys (larger Cooke parcel) property
(now 200 West Diamond)
- 1955 Mar 7 Alley between Finch lots on Meem Avenue closed by
council
- 1955 May 2 Paperwork done for above alleys
- 1955 Sep 6 Mr. DeLeon representing Grove Properties
(Offenberg) explained that State bought acreage
for new road & some of platted lots were only
half size, etc.
- 1956 Lots 23 & Abandoned Alley resubdivided into Lots 23A
& 23B (110-112 Meem Avenue)
- 1956 Jul 5 Council set date of July 19 for hearing on
sidewalks for Meem Avenue; no minutes of that
meeting are found, but other references indicate
that the meeting was held and the minutes
approved.
- 1958 Jan 6 Miss Marian Curling & mother, Mrs. Curling, of Meem
Avenue, complain to Council about duplexes
- 1958 Apr 7 House numbers changed by City Council due to 2 new
houses being built in the center of the block;
Ward, Unglesbee, Frey from 112-114-116 to
114-116-118
- 1958 138.1483 acres annexed (Perry Parkway, I-270
Right-of-Way, Avenel Park, Quince Tree Executive
Center)
- 1961 Well system taken out of service
- 1977 WSSC new modern Gaithersburg Field Service Center
opened
- 1988-1989 West Diamond and Muddy Branch Road enlarged/rebuilt
Tank and largest pumping station demolished on WSSC
site
- 1990 W.S.S.C. plant on south side of West Diamond
Avenue annexed by City Action (5.1954 acres)

PROPOSED CHESTNUT AND MEEM HISTORIC DISTRICT

● Sites Listed in
Historic Inventory



PROPOSED CHESTNUT AND MEEM HISTORIC DISTRICT PLAT HISTORY

● Sites Listed in Historic Inventory

PLAT NO. 3261
1952: Lots 25A + 25B
Resubdivision

PLAT NO. 4561
1956: Lots 23A + 23B
Resubdivision
of Lot 23 and
Abandoned
Alley

PLAT NO. 3757
1953: Lots 31-39
Resubdivision
of
Lots 18 + 19

PLAT NO. 2846
1951: Block A + B
Resubdivision of
Part of Meem's
Addition

PLAT NO. 133
N188
1896 Meem's
Addition

PLAT: THOMAS ADDITION
1920

