

GAITHERSBURG HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET

ADDRESS 3 WALKER AVENUE
County: Montgomery
Gaithersburg

MHT # M-21-22

SURVEY # 112
LOT -, BLOCK -

LIBER -, FOLIO -

OWNER: Grace Methodist Church
ADDRESS: same
CITY: same

PRESENT USE: residence
ORIGINAL USE: residence
BUILDER: -

STYLE: Queen Anne

DATE BUILT: c.1900

PHYS. COND: fair

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

FOUNDATION: cement over rubblestone
WALL STRUCTURE: Balloon
WALL COVERING: aluminum over wood siding

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

ROOF STRUCTURE: Wood Truss
ROOF COVERING: pressed tin, fishscale pattern
ROOF STYLE: gable
EAVES: boxed cornice
CHIMNEYS: one, interior offset

APPENDAGES:

ADDITIONS: rear
ELLS: -
PORCHES: front
SUPPORTS: round pillars
OUTBUILDINGS: -

STORIES: 2 1/2

BAYS: 3 x 4

APPROX DIMENSION: x 39

WINDOWS:

TYPE: d.h.s.
LIGHTS: 1/1
BAY WINDOWS: front
SIDE BY SIDES: front
GABLE TYPES: demi-lune

ENTRANCES:

LOCATION: 2nd
DESCRIPTION: original

THREAT: zoning/redevelopment

SURROUNDINGS: residential/buffer

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DESCRIPTION: This vernacular Queen Anne possesses the only tower section in the neighborhood. There is a projecting two-storey bay window area in the left bay of the facade with a gable roof with broken return and a demilune window in the gable end. The middle bay of the area has a side-by-side d.h.s. 1/1 window, with the two other bays having one each. The full-width front porch follows the irregular shape of the house and wraps slightly to the right of the house. There are wide entrance steps directly in front of the main entrance door. The porch narrows to the left to accommodate the projecting bay window area and is supported by two circular plain wood pillars with a plain square post railing and ballusters. The right front corner of the porch is not square, but angled and has the same supports, rails, and ballusters. The main door has recessed side lights, 1/1 panes halfway with a recessed panel below. There is a three-light transom above. The door itself has a recessed panel above a large single pane with two recessed panels below. There is a small sill under the glass pane. There are plain wood surrounds and a modern storm door. The second storey left bay is a repeat of the first with projecting bay window area. The middle bay has a d.h.s. 1/1 window directly over the first floor main door and forms the tower section of the house. There is another window on the third level just to the right of the second storey window. There are brackets in the tower eaves and the tower is capped by a steep hexagonal hip roof with an unusual iron roof finial. This house is significant architecturally to the neighborhood. It is currently a rental and maintained in only fair condition. There is concern that the church will eventually seek to also demolish this structure to provide further parking.

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