

GAITHERSBURG HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET

ADDRESS 17 BROOKES AVENUE  
County: Montgomery  
Gaithersburg

MHT # M-21-56

SURVEY # 102  
LOT 9, BLOCK 1

LIBER -, FOLIO -

OWNER: George/Ruth Darby  
ADDRESS: same  
CITY: same

PRESENT USE: residence  
ORIGINAL USE: residence  
BUILDER: Darby

STYLE: American four-square DATE BUILT: c.1900 PHYS. COND: excellent

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

FOUNDATION: brick  
WALL STRUCTURE: Balloon  
WALL COVERING: clapboard

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

ROOF STRUCTURE: Wood Truss  
ROOF COVERING: asphalt shingle  
ROOF STYLE: gable  
EAVES: boxed cornice  
CHIMNEYS: two interior

APPENDAGES:

ADDITIONS: none  
ELLS: -  
PORCHES: front, rear  
SUPPORTS: turned post  
OUTBUILDINGS: smokehouse?

STORIES: 2 1/2

BAYS: 2 x 2

APPROX DIMENSION: 26 x 28

WINDOWS:

TYPE: d.h.s.  
LIGHTS: 1/1  
BAY WINDOWS: none  
SIDE BY SIDES: front  
GABLE TYPES: diamond

ENTRANCES:

LOCATION: right  
DESCRIPTION: half-glass

THREAT: none

SURROUNDINGS: residential

DESCRIPTION: An excellent example of the typical Gaithersburg Style American four-square with Late Victorian influences. There is a full width front porch supported by turned post with decorative millwork corner brackets. The door is half glass with three raised wood panels below and a one-light transom above. There are side-by-side d.h.s. 1/1 windows in the left bay. Second storey has 2/2 d.h.s. in both bays and there is a diamond-shaped window in the staggered butt wood shingled front gable. There is molded beaded trim around windows and doors and a plain frieze with boxed cornice.

Right and left elevations have symmetrical fenestration with 2/2 d.h.s. in gables. The back porch is original with a shed roof and is supported by four plain wood posts with plain railings. There is a one-light transom over the back door. There is an exterior cellar entrance through a trapdoor in the floor of the porch.

Both left and right elevations have boxed cornices with returns and no frieze. One of the interior corbel capped chimneys has recently been removed due to interior bathroom alterations. There is a gable-roofed outbuilding to the left rear of the house with eaves projecting and rafters exposed. Non-functional windows have been added to the left elevation by the present owner. It has a rock foundation which the present owner, Mr. George Darby, states came from his grandfather Walker's quarry on Goshen Road.

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