

MHT # M-21-58

GAITHERSBURG HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET

ADDRESS: 20 BROOKES AVE

SURVEY # 104

OWNER: George Wallrodt, et al
ADDRESS: same
CITY: same

PRESENT USE: residence
ORIGINAL USE: residence
BUILDER: -

STYLE: Colonial Revival

DATE BUILT: c.1895

PHYS. COND: good

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

FOUNDATION: brick
WALL STRUCTURE: Balloon
WALL COVERING: stucco

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

ROOF STRUCTURE: Wood Truss
ROOF COVERING: pressed tin, fishscale pattern
ROOF STYLE: mod. hip
EAVES: boxed cornice
CHIMNEYS: two interior

APPENDAGES:

ADDITIONS: -
ELLS: -
PORCHES: front
SUPPORTS: double pillars
OUTBUILDINGS: various

STORIES: 2 1/2

BAYS: 3 x 3

APPROX DIMENSION: 35 x 28

WINDOWS:

TYPE: d.h.s.
LIGHTS: varies
BAY WINDOWS: left
SIDE BY SIDES: -
GABLE TYPES: 2/2

ENTRANCES:

LOCATION: middle
DESCRIPTION: double, half-glass

THREAT: none

SURROUNDINGS: residence

DESCRIPTION: This is a two and a half storey balloon frame structure covered with stucco over original wood siding. The house is three bays wide by three bays deep with a one-storey three-bay wide window on the west/left elevation. There is a common bond brick foundation. The wooden truss roof is covered with pressed tin in a fishscale pattern. The bay window is roofed in raised seam tin. The house roof is a modified hip with side gables and a front dormer. There are two interior chimneys. The front porch is ell-shaped, extending across the front facade and east/right elevation. It is supported by plain short wooden double pillars, with three pillars on the ell-corners. The pillars rest on rubblestone square limestone piers with raised mortice joints. There is a solid three foot high stucco railing with a wood cap between the pillars. The floor and ceiling of the porch are wooden plank. The wooden double front door has a one light transom and is located in the middle bay. There are various outbuildings extant on this property: three-car garage, doll house, tack room, smokehouse, garden shed, chicken coop/outhouse. The house was originally owned by William Dosh who ran a stable on the Summit Avenue end of Brookes. The house was sold to the present owners by his heirs. According to early land records, it is believed that the graves of Benjamin and Martha Gaither lie somewhere to the rear of the three lots that make up this property.

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