

GAITHERSBURG HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET

ADDRESS 21 BROOKES AVENUE
County: Montgomery
Gaithersburg

MHT # M-21-59

SURVEY # 105
LOT 11, BLOCK 1

LIBER 5054, FOLIO 182

OWNER: Robert/Kathleen Bowers
ADDRESS: same
CITY: same

PRESENT USE: residence
ORIGINAL USE: residence
BUILDER: Waters

STYLE: American four-square DATE BUILT: 1911 PHYS. COND: excellent

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM:

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

ROOF CONSTRUCTION:

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

APPENDAGES:

ADDITIONS: rear
ELLS: -
PORCHES: front
SUPPORTS: columns
OUTBUILDINGS: garage

STORIES: 2 1/2

BAYS: 2 x 2

APPROX DIMENSION: 26 x 30

WINDOWS:

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

ENTRANCES:

LOCATION: right
DESCRIPTION: replacement

THREAT: none

SURROUNDINGS: residential

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DESCRIPTION: The Waters-Chiswell House is a two and a half storey balloon frame American Four-square with Colonial Revival influences. The wooden truss roof is covered with pressed tin in a fishscale pattern. It is a modified hip with a front and cross gables. There is a flat area widow's walk at the hip roof peak which has been reconstructed. There are two interior brick chimneys.

The porch extends the full width of the facade and is supported by four wood columns. The main entrance door in the right bay is not original. There is a one-light transom above. There are side-by-side d.h.s. 1/1 windows in the left bay. Second storey has a 1/1 d.h.s. in each bay. The gable is covered in fishscale wood shingles and has a smaller 1/1 d.h.s. There is a boxed cornice with ogee molding and a plain frieze board in each front corner under the cornice board. The projecting gable on the east/left elevation over the two-storey bay window area also has a smaller 1/1 d.h.s. The rear elevation has a one-room addition taking the place of the original rear porch. It is covered in German siding, but with asphalt shingled shed roof and modern 6/6 d.h.s. windows. There is a German siding covered one-car garage to the right rear of the house. According to the original owner's family, this house was built by Lillian Marguerite Waters Chiswell, a school teacher, in 1911. It has recently been painted in three colors (rose, burgundy, white) from white with black shutters. Early photographs taken on the front porch offer evidence of colors other than white when the house was first constructed.

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