

Site M:26/11/4

Dr. Linthicum House

110 South Washington Street

Built: 1903

Private

Four of the six married daughters of Dr. Edward Stonestreet built or remodeled homes on South Washington Street. Ella Stonestreet married Dr. Otis Linthicum, and they built this large frame house and office. It is decorated with a variety of classical elements in the Colonial Revival style popular in the early 20th century and is unaltered. Dr. William Linthicum has owned the house since 1926.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. 7; 26/11/4

Magi No. 1651135704

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Linthicum house

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 110 South Washington Street not for publication

city, town Rockville vicinity of congressional district 8

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William A. Linthicum, M.D.

street & number 110 South Washington Street telephone no. 762-4000

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Land Records liber TD22

street & number Montgomery County Courthouse folio 426

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Locally designated historic district - 1974

date M-NCPPC - 1976 federal state county local

pository for survey records City of Rockville

city, town Rockville state Maryland 20850

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This large scaled 3 bay by 5 bay frame Colonial Revival house is situated at the northeast corner of Vinson and South Washington Streets. Set on a fieldstone foundation and sheathed with clapboard, this 2 1/2 story house has a slate covered hip roof with projecting gabled side bays and two brick corbelled interior chimneys.

The 3 bay symmetrically balanced (front) facade is dominated by a three story central bay which rises from the main block. Two detailed windows above the main entryway are particularly noteworthy. An ornate Palladian window is set in the attic peak of the gable end; a tripartite second floor window with a Swan's neck pediment is adorned with Adamesque garlanding, as is the Palladian window. Pairs of one-over-one double hung windows with louvered paneled shutters flank the central bay on both levels one and two.

The front door is wood and glass paneled and set in a classical motif frame which includes an elliptical transom and side lights. A deep screened porch extending across the west facade has a dentilated cornice supported by square posts and pilasters. The facade has wide molded corner posts with a central chevron motif.

The south facade has an off - center, two bay gable end projection with a diamond-shaped attic vent. An adjoining second floor porch is located above a boxlike addition to the southeast. On the north facade the opposite end of the cross gable emerges as on the south side, with an addition entry towards the northwest corner. An entry porch with a turned newel post and square balusters serves the medical office housed within.

A one story addition at the northeast corner and central shed-roofed rear porch distinguish the east facade, which looks onto a 2-car German sided, gabled garage set in the landscaped level backyard.

This house, which is a combination of various Colonial Styles and Contemporary elements, has been well-maintained. Painted completely in white with black shutters, 110 South Washington is endowed with many of the features which define the Colonial Revival Style.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1903 **Builder/Architect** Builder: Martin Heim
 Architect: T.C.Groomes

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The quiet, tree shaded block of buildings on South Washington between Jefferson and Vinson Streets provides a capsule history of the the development of Rockville. In the 18th century, the Sheriff, the Register of Wills and an early physician (Dr. James Anderson) had their homes and offices at the north end of the block.¹ The 19th century saw the addition of the Episcopal Church and later the homes built by the Anderson and Barry/Stonestreet heirs. Between 1884 and 1909 the old buildings were replaced by new homes or remodeled by descendants of the early families. This block today presents a harmonious variety of architectural styles, including the Gothic Church Queen Anne and Georgian Revival houses. Today, more than half of the residences are used as law offices, but one house remains as the reminder of the Anderson and Stonestreet residential eras. The Linthicum house was built in 1903, and is the residence of Dr. William Linthicum, the fourth generation of his family to live on Washington Street.

The Linthicum family settled around Beltsville in Prince George's County, but in 1890 Dr. Otis M. Linthicum located in Rockville and opened an office in the Montgomery House, a local hotel.² Dr. Linthicum married Ella Stonestreet, one of the six daughters of Dr. E. E. Stonestreet and his wife Martha Barry Stonestreet. By 1902 three of these daughters were married and living in houses on Washington Street, on their grandfather Barry's land.

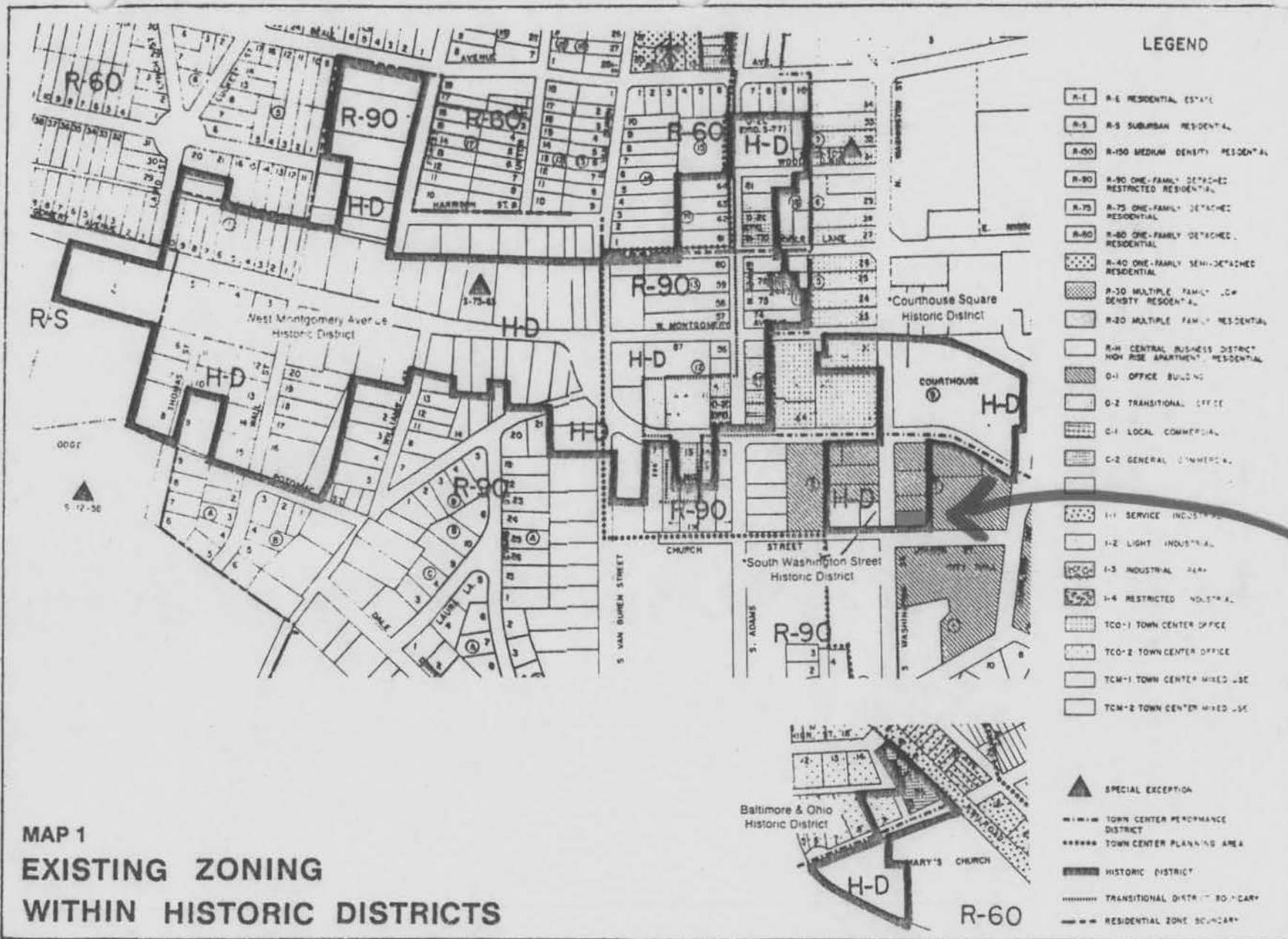
Dr. and Mrs. Linthicum bought land from the Andersons on the east side of the street.³ The local paper noted on March 27, 1903: "Dr. O. M. Linthicum contracted with Martin Heim of Redland for the erection on Washington Street, opposite the Episcopal Church of a two-story, 10 room frame dwelling with office rooms attached. Modern plumbing and steam heat...T. C. Groomes, architect".

The house cost \$5,600 to build, not including the heating plant. Dr. Linthicum also purchased part of the Barry/Stonestreet property behind the Church, where he had a stable and barn.⁴ Dr. Linthicum served on the Rockville City Council from 1916 to 1920, and as Mayor from 1920 to 1924.

Dr. William A. Linthicum, the present owner of the house, was

born in 1902 and inherited the property when both his mother and father died within six months of each other in 1926. After his marriage to Sue Sommervell, they returned to Rockville where he has continued to practice the profession of his father and grandfather. Dr. Linthicum also followed the precedent set by his father by serving on the Rockville City Council (1938-46), by his activity with the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, and by his participation in many of Rockville's Civic affairs.

1. See Survey Sites 26/11/3 and 26/11/5, 100 and 101 South Washington Street.
2. Montgomery County Sentinel, June 1890.
3. Montgomery County Land Records, TD 22/426 (1902),
4. Some of the information about the family and house was supplied by Dr. Linthicum. It is contained in his manuscript recollections, He Never Left Home; Emanations from 110 South Washington Street (1977, unpublished).



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*Note: For discussion and planning purposes South Washington Street and the Courthouse Square district are considered independent Historic Districts even though they are shown on the existing zoning map as one district.



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DR. LINTHICUM HOUSE

110 So. Washington St.
SOUTH/SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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