

Site: M:26/7/5

Linthicum House

Built: 1892

529 Anderson Avenue

Private

In 1890 the grandiose plans for the development of the West End Park included boulevards, circles, hotels, and lakes to complement the residential building sites. Several vernacular homes were built before the planned community failed a decade later. This hipped-roof, cross-gabled, late Victorian frame cottage was built in 1892 and enlarged in the 1950s.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common The Linthicum House

### 2. Location

street & number 529 Anderson Avenue  not for publicationcity, town Rockville  vicinity of congressional district 8state Maryland county Montgomery (RV Planning Area 4)

### 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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mr. and Mrs. William A. Linthicum, Jr.street & number 529 Anderson Avenue telephone no.: 762-9269city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records liber 2348street & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse folio 492city, town Rockville state Maryland

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (1976)site (West End Park) Park Historians Office federal  state  county  local depository for survey records Needwood Mansion, Needwood Roadcity, town Derwood state Maryland

# 7. Description

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## Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

## Check one

unaltered  
 altered

## Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

The subject house faces south on Anderson Avenue, sited on a spacious lot shaded with mature trees, well landscaped with shrubs and ever-green trees softening the foundation line. A one car frame and lapped siding, front-gable roofed garage is at the northwest corner of the house, accessed from Anderson Avenue by a graveled lane curving from the east side of the lot.

This 1892, 2-1/2 story frame two-bay by two-bay, gable-front house is basically a square block relieved by mitred bays with two story rear gabled wing, and a new two story addition on the east side, forming an irregular broad "L" shape. There is a brick foundation, and the combination hipped and gabled roof with flat top is covered in composition shingle. There is one interior brick chimney on the west roof slope.

As built, this house was designed as a vernacular Picturesque Cottage or romantic villa, with somewhat irregular massing created by projecting gabled three-sided bay extensions and hipped roof punctuated by cross gables. It is likely that the house presented a more "Victorian" appearance before its pattern of siding and gable detailing was removed or covered with asbestos wood-grained shingles. The modern east addition replaces the east side gabled extension and a side entry door. Windows vary with 2/2 predominating. All of the windows have slightly projecting sills and drip caps.

The two-bay south (front) facade consists of a west, flat-roofed, two-story, three sided bay with a 2/2 window in the center and a narrow 1/1 window on each side, both stories. The bay's gabled roof extension has a square louvered ventilator panel centered in the gable. The east bay has a 2/2 window on the second story and a narrow 1/1 window on the first story.

The two-bay west facade mirrors the front: a three sided bay with the same fenestration in the north bay, and a 2/2 window in the south bay of each story. A cellar bulkhead entrance is in the south bay foundation.

The north (rear) facade consists of a two story, end gabled wing. The wing has two windows on the west side, both stories, four 6/6 windows on the north side, second story, and one 6/6 window on the first story. A 2/2 window is in the north and south bays of the east facade's first and second stories, with an exterior door in the center bay of the first story. A shed-roofed porch extends the length of the wing on the east side, supported by square posts. One window remains on the main block of the house on the east bay, second story. A utility shed made of vertical siding occupies the east bay of the first story. A semi-

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circular brick patio is located in the elbow between the wing and the new addition on the east facade.

The east facade two story addition is side gabled with a composition roof. A gabled extension with louvered vent remains visible, however, on the main block roof, indicating that an extension, perhaps a three sided bay as the other sides, was originally on this facade. The north (rear ) of the addition has a pair of 6/6 windows in the east bay, second story, and a single window in the west bay. A large 20 light window unit is in the east bay, first story, and a pair of eight light french doors is in the west bay. The east facade of the addition has a central exterior brick chimney and a small metal vent near the eave at the south. The three-bay south, (front) of the addition has a semi-circular window with two color diamond panes (not original to the house) in the west bay, and a 2/2 window from the original house in each of the remaining two bays, second story. The first story has an original exterior door in the west bay, and one window in the two east bays, first story. A shed-roofed porch extends the length of the addition, resting on three brick piers with square posts supporting the roof. Two steps access the porch.

Garage:

A front-gabled one bay garage of lapped wood siding and a composition shingle roof is off the northwest corner of the house. A six light window and an exterior door are in the east side, and a window has been added to the north side. The original garage door is in the south end. The structure is now used as a utility building.

# 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		
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Specific dates	1892	Builder/Architect
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and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

### Significance

The Linthicum House is a modest vernacular structure built in the early days of development in the west end of Rockville and enlarged for modern 20th century living.

### History and Support

Henry Copp, the developer of the West End Park, sold Lot 12, Block 7 to Stephen Robertson in December, 1891. 1/ The subject house was built before July 1892 when it appeared on the Assessment Records valued at \$1,500. Mr. Robertson owned several building lots within Mr. Copp's 520 acre planned suburban community; several of these were contiguous lots on Anderson Avenue. However Mr. Robertson was affected by the financial depression after the Panic of 1893 and was forced to sell his holdings. The subject house was sold back to Henry Copp for \$1,000 and resold to Sarah McCormick in August, 1894. 2/ At that time, Mrs. McCormick purchased lots 12-18 and 22 and 23 in Block 7, over 57,000 square feet in all, for \$2,500.

The Montgomery County Sentinel reported that this sale included "three unfinished houses in West End Park". 3/ However, it appears that only two houses (on lots 13 and 22) were unfinished; what became the Linthicum House was complete. 4/

Sarah McCormick was a member of the West family whose large farm dated back to the colonial period and was the site of the West End Park development.

In 1906 Fannie R. Berry bought the Anderson Avenue house, where she was residing at the time of her death in 1938. An appraisal of her estate shows ownership of three lots (11, 12, & 13), each 50 x 150 feet, with a house on lot 12. The entire property was appraised at a value of \$2,500, and sold by her executor to Mary Poss for that price.

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5/ Ms. Poss immediately resold the site to the Howard family. The house changed hands twice more before its 1957 sale to the present owners, William A. and Joyce W. Linthicum, Jr.

Although several expensive, turreted "villa" style homes were built in the west end in the early 1890s, 529 Anderson is a modestly sized vernacular frame dwelling house. It is 2-1/2 stories with pedimented cross gables on the south and west elevations. The house was covered with asbestos shingles and the period millwork and decorative shingling removed in the 1950s. In 1968 the present owners extended the east side of the house in the form of a two story wing, one bay wide with end chimney, fronted by an open porch the length of the wing. A decorative stained glass window was installed over the front door, and a patio area was added to the rear.

Mr. Linthicum is a well-known attorney who continued his family's tradition of participation in local government by his service as City Attorney for Rockville (1958-1962). 6/ He was elected State's Attorney for Montgomery County in 1967, serving until 1971.

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Footnotes:

1. Montgomery County Land Records JA34/321 (1891) for \$400; 9,500 square feet - Lot 12, Section 7.
2. The public sale, quoted in JA44/232, was held in August, 1894, and the property sold to Mrs. McCormick.
3. Montgomery County Sentinel, August 10, 1894.
4. Plat 23e of the collection of the Montgomery County Historical Society is a version of the Plat of West End Park with hand-drawn structures added to lots. This version shows a house on Lot 13. However, later tax records do not bear this out, and Mrs. McCormick may have chosen to dismantle the unfinished house. Lot 22, the site of the Fisher-Winner House, is discussed in MHT Inventory Form M:26/7/4.
5. Montgomery County Will Records; Will at HGC 23/146, Inventory HGC 22/124.
6. Mr. Linthicum's grandfather, Dr. Otis Linthicum, was Rockville City Councilman 1916 - 1920, and Mayor 1920-1924. His father, Dr. William A. Linthicum, was a Councilman 1938-46.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery County Land, Tax, and Will Records. Interview with William A. Linthicum, Jr.; Montgomery County Historical Society plat, newspaper, family histories.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property: 15,000 square feet

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Lots 11 and 12 of Block 7 of West End Park, as per Plat A/43. Fronting 100 feet on Anderson Avenue.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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 scale: 1" = 600'





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