

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-35-103

1. Name of Property

historic name Henderson House common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Location

street & number 7610 Connecticut Ave Not for publication   
city or town Chevy Chase vicinity  state Maryland code MD  
county Montgomery code MO zip code 20815

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
<u>2</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes  Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_ No

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Mediterranean Revival

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Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation \_\_\_\_\_

roof tile \_\_\_\_\_

walls brick \_\_\_\_\_

other \_\_\_\_\_

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Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

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A fine example of the Mediterranean Revival style that emerged in Chevy Chase during the interwar years, the Henderson House, built c1922, faces east on Connecticut Avenue at the corner of Aspen Street. It was one of the first houses to be built along this part of Connecticut Avenue, north of earlier development that had clustered closer to Bradley Lane. Mature landscaping enhances the setting for the house at this prominent location.

The two-and-a-half story, three-bay house is constructed of brick and sheltered by a tiled hipped roof. The house retains its original 6/1 sash windows on the first and second stories. The gabled dormer has four single-pane casement windows. A distinctive glass-paneled entrance door with vertical tripartite panes is framed with paneled lights. The full width single story porch is supported by Doric columns with fluted shafts.

A detached one-story garage with a tiled pyramidal roof complements the architectural style of the house. The garage was built by 1927.<sup>1</sup>

The house remains at its original location on a lot of 14,575 square feet.

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<sup>1</sup>1927 Sanborn Map.

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or a grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Community Planning and Development

Period of Significance c1922

Significant Dates c1922

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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Located in Section 4, developed by the Chevy Chase Land Company, the Henderson House is highly representative of the long range vision of the Land Company, which was established in 1890. The residence was built in the 1920s, during the maturation phase of the Land Company development. The large scale Mediterranean Revival residence on its spacious lot epitomized the architectural ideals of Chevy Chase development. Greater value was placed on Connecticut Avenue residence since lot sizes were twice as large as those on side streets. This feature further promoted the Mediterranean theme buildings on Connecticut Avenue.

Lily P. Henderson purchased part of Lot 1, Block 2, from the Chevy Chase Land Company in 1921. The house was built by 1923, when the land was valued at \$2340 and improvements at \$8500.<sup>2</sup> Although frontage on Connecticut Avenue assured easy access to the trolley line, a detached garage on the property signals the transition between the streetcar and automobile eras.

The Henderson House is similar in design to the Varnell House (#35/104), and some sources suggest the two houses may have been built by different members of the Henderson family.

The house remained in Lily P. Henderson's ownership until at least 1931. By 1941, the property was owned by C. E. Carter.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup>Deed 312:76, 12/16/1921; Tax Assessment Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

<sup>3</sup>Klinge Atlas, 1931, 1941.

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**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**  
Architecture and Community Planning/Development

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Suburban

**Historic Function (s):** Domestic/Single Dwelling  
Domestic/Secondary Structure

**Known Design Source:** Unknown

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Chain of Title:

December 1921

Chevy Chase Land Company to Lily P. Henderson  
for \$4680. (312:76).

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10. Geographical Data  
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Acreage of Property 14,575 sq ft

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Lot P1 Block 2

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

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11. Form Prepared By  
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name/title Clare Lise Cavicchi, Historic Preservation Planner  
organization M-NCPPC date 10-1999  
street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301/563-3402  
city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code  
20910

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12. Property Owner  
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name James H & S T Rempe  
street & number 7610 Connecticut Ave telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815  
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