

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-35-106

1. Name of Property

historic name Shafer House common/other name _____

2. Location

street & number 7205 Meadow Lane Not for publication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 Chevy Chase Historic District No _____

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6. Function or Use
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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Residential Sub: _____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Residential Sub: _____

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7. Description
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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation _____
roof _____
walls _____
other _____

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

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8. Statement of Significance

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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Built c1920 during a construction boom north of Thornapple Street, the Dutch Colonial Revival-style Shafer House reflects the more eclectic approach to architectural styles that occurred between the wars in Section 4. Located on a corner lot at Underwood Street, the Shafer House has a commanding view from a knoll overlooking Meadow Lane.

The two-story three-bay house features a gambrel roof, hallmark of the Dutch Colonial style. The main roof extends over a deep front porch supported by massive round columns, creating a bungalow effect. The wide slate roof is accented by a single eyebrow dormer window.

The walls of the house are clad with stucco. Windows at both the first and second stories are 6/6 sash. The house is noteworthy for its high degree of architectural integrity.

The house remains on its original site, described as Lot 20, Block 4, consisting of 21,020 square feet.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance _____

Significant Dates c1920

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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In 1919 Bertha B. Shafer acquired Lots 20 and 21 in Block 4 from the Chevy Chase Land Company. The house was constructed by 1921 when improvements to the property were assessed at \$8,000.¹

Bertha Shafer's husband, M. Rea Shafer, was a craftsman, working as as a furniture finisher by 1927. The Shafers continued to own the property until c1945.²

¹Deed 284:429, Montgomery County Land Records; Tax Assessment Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

²Polk Directory, 1927; Klinge maps 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

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Individual

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function (s): Residential

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data
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Acreage of Property 21,020 sq ft

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

Lot 20, 21 & 22 Block 4

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

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11. Form Prepared By
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city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20910

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12. Property Owner
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name Alfred M and E.P. Osgood
street & number 7205 Meadow Lane telephone _____
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815



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