MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-35-107

1. Name of Property

historic name Monroe Warren House common/other name

2. Location

street & number 7320 Meadow Lane Not for publication

city or town Chevy Chase vicinity X 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)

X private

___ public-local

___ public-State

___ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)

___ district

___ site

___ structure

___ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

2 buildings

___ sites

___ structures

___ objects

___ Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes X Name of Listing Chevy Chase Historic District No
6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Residential Sub: __________________________________________
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Residential Sub: __________________________________________
____________________________________________________________

7. Description

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.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1
The Monroe Warren House, built c1926, is architecturally significant as an outstanding example of a high-style Tudor Revival residence. With its rich detail and variety of building forms and materials, the house is a compendium of early English architecture. The house is prominently located on Meadow Lane, the street that perhaps best exemplifies the influence of Frederick Law Olmsted on the over-all layout of Section 4, which generally follows the natural contours of the terrain.

The substantial two-and-a-half story, three-bay house has a dominant hipped roof with front facing cross gable. The asymmetry of the front facade is accented by a wide variety of window treatments, including a projecting bay with polygonal roof on the first level, a wall dormer with parapet gable on the second, and a ribbon of casements in a hipped roof dormer on the third level. Round arched door openings are echoed in a small round arched window in the front gable.

Wall and roof surfaces include textured stucco, half-timbering, stone quoins, and slate shingles.

The house remains on its original site, described as Parcel 428, consisting of 11,305 square feet of land.
Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

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

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1
Built as the residence of developer Monroe Warren and his wife Dorothy B. Warren on land acquired from Lansing and Mildred L. Valk, this striking Tudor Revival house was constructed c1926 on a prominent lot on Meadow Lane.

Monroe Warren (1895-1983) was the founder and senior partner of the prolific construction company of Monroe and R. B. Warren, Inc., which began in 1920 and quickly became a success. One of four sons of B. S. Warren, a former assistant surgeon general of the United States Public Health Service, Monroe Warren planned to enter the medical profession until a summer job working for his uncle, local builder Bates Warren, turned him toward the construction industry.²

Monroe Warren's second firm, known as Meadowbrook Inc., existed from 1932 to 1966. During the 1930s Warren became one of the most active builders of low-cost housing on a grand scale in the Washington area. Local projects include Leland and Meadowbrook, both in the Town of Chevy Chase. Warren was an organizer and president of the Home Builders Association of Washington, Inc., established in 1924.³

The Warren brothers are best known regionally for pioneering the construction of cooperative apartments in Washington, such as Tilden Gardens, and the Kennedy-Warren, which was developed by Monroe Warren in partnership with Edgar S. Kennedy.⁴

Monroe and Dorothy Warren defaulted on a deed of trust in 1932 and the property was purchased from American Security and Trust Company by Maynard Owen Williams and his wife Daisy Woods Williams in 1933. The Williamses continued to own the property into the 1940s.⁵


²Goode, Best Addresses, pp. 258-59; 345-46.

³ibid.


⁵Equity Case 6406; Deeds 540:180, 554:458; 1941 Klinge map.
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CONTINUATION SHEET

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name of property
Montgomery County, MD

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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.)

Primary Sources:


Directories:

- Caldwell, S. D. Directory of Bethesda District (Bethesda, Md), 1911 and 1915.

Equity Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.


Maps:

- Caldwell, S.D. Map of Bethesda District, 1915
- Fava Naef. Real Estate Map of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad, 1890.
- Hopkins, G.M. Northern Virginia and Bethesda, 1894.


Secondary Sources:


10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: 11,305 sq ft

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

Parcel 428

Boundary Justification: (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

11. Form Prepared By

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telephone: 

city or town: Chevy Chase
state: MD
zip code: 20815
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