

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Survey No.: M 35/112

Magi No.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

Historic Frances Duer Jones House I

And/or common (Alternate spelling: Francis)

2. Location

Street and number 4102 Leland Street () Not for publication

City, town Chevy Chase () Vicinity of () Congressional District

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"/> Agricultural	<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	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 Jeffrey and Jane Neal

Street and number 4102 Leland Street Telephone

City, Town Chevy Chase State and Zip 20815

5. Location of Legal Description

Courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse Tax Map / Parcel HN 42 Lot 20, Block 7

Street and number 50 Maryland Ave. Liber / Folio 14819/0142

City, Town Rockville State Maryland

6. Primary Location of Additional Data

Individually Listed in the National Register
 Contributing Resource in a National Register District
 Contributing Resource in a Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 HSR or research report at MHT
 Other:

7. Description

Condition		Check One:	Check One:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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.

Description

The Frances Jones House is one of two adjacent houses owned by Frances Duer Jones for over 25 years. The Jones house forms a gateway into Chevy Chase Park and welcomes residents and visitors alike to the historic subdivision.

The house is a synthesis of a number of elements that can be summarily termed "Mediterranean-styled." The ell-shaped building is sited on a lot with mature plantings and trees and is oriented to Leland Street at an oblique angle. The projected center portion of the ell is rounded at the edges and accented by a belt course. The entire main massing of the building is covered in stucco.

The Jones House has a complex hipped roof that is covered in terra cotta tiles. A single shed-roofed dormer with two four-light, double-casement windows is located in the center portion of the roof and is aligned above the projecting center portion of the ell.

All windows on the primary elevation are six-over-six sash type. The second-story windows are flanked by operable shutters, while the first story windows are set in shallow recesses adorned with decorative plaster elements in blind cases. The main entrance is located in the protruding center portion of the ell and is accented by a muted classical door surround with bull's-eye corner moldings below a small cornice.

The styling and massing of the Frances Duer Jones House are unique to the immediate area but graciously complement the Renaissance and Classical styling of other nearby homes. The house has retained a high level of architectural integrity, obvious in elements such as the tile roof and Classical adornments. The home is indicative of the type and quality of homes in the area.

8. Significance

Period <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	Areas of Significance: Check and Justify Below <input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-historic <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture <input type="checkbox"/> art <input type="checkbox"/> commerce <input type="checkbox"/> communications <input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation <input type="checkbox"/> economics <input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> engineering <input type="checkbox"/> exploration / settlement <input type="checkbox"/> industry <input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture <input type="checkbox"/> law <input type="checkbox"/> literature <input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> music <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> politics / government	<input type="checkbox"/> religion <input type="checkbox"/> science <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> theater <input type="checkbox"/> transportation <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):
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Specific Dates	1916	Builder / Architect			
Check:	Applicable Criteria:	(XX) A	() B	(XX) C	() D
	and / or				
	Applicable Exception:	() A	() B	() C	() D
		() E	() F	() G	
	Level of Significance:	() national	() state	(XX) local	

Historical Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

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

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

Resources Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source:

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

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Statement of Significance

The Frances Jones House is a Mediterranean style building that forms a gateway into Chevy Chase Park and welcomes residents and visitors alike to the historic subdivision. This is one of two adjacent houses owned by Frances Duer Jones for over twenty five years. The house is significant for its connection to the pioneering female developer of Chevy Chase Park, Fannie Barrett, and for its level of architectural integrity and significance.

Barrett purchased a 120-acre tract in April 1909 and platted "Chevy Chase Park" in September 1910.¹ Though a small subdivision encompassing only eight blocks, Chevy Chase Park was ambitious, offering public amenities and substantial, well-designed model houses in an attractive park-like setting.

Like the well-known Chevy Chase Land Company, Barrett built model houses to encourage potential buyers. Her first houses (c1914) were modest builder-type bungalows while later houses (1916-1918) were grand architect-designed showpieces. 4102 Leland Street is a prime example of the second phase of Barrett's development, especially for its unique massing and Mediterranean style.

Leland Street was a logical location for Barrett to locate these substantial houses. It was the only paved interior street in the vicinity (in the boundaries of what is now the Town of Chevy Chase). Newly constructed by 1915 and maintained by the county, Leland Street was an important east-west thoroughfare connecting Wisconsin and Connecticut Avenues.

The Jones House is also significant for its high level of architectural integrity and significance. The ell-shaped house unique to the area and displays a synthesis of elements and forms that can be summarily called "Mediterranean." The Jones House includes Italian Renaissance elements, such as accented windows and doors, a belt course, and a hipped tile roof with deep eaves. The house is also reminiscent of Spanish Eclectic forms, as the ell-shaped massing creates an implied courtyard in front of the principal elevation. This "Mediterranean" form can therefore be distinctly linked to the Italian Renaissance style that were popular amongst architects working in high-style designs in major metropolitan areas in the early twentieth century.²

Jones purchased the two homes and a number of adjacent parcels of land in 1916 from Barrett, living in one (4102 Leland) and renting the other (4104 Leland).³ Jones remained a resident and owner in Chevy Chase Park for over twenty five years. As platted, many of the lots in Chevy Chase Park were a substantial 100 feet wide. The property at 4102 Leland remains large and still commands a prominent position in the neighborhood.

¹Tax Assessment Record, Election District 7, Volume 39 (1910-1918), Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

²Details on Renaissance and Eclectic forms compiled from Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Knopf, 1997), 397-420, and Leland Roth, *A Concise History of American Architecture* (New York: Harper and Row, 1980), 193-195.

³Deed book 254, pages 101 and 102, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached Continuation Sheets.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 9,580 square feet

Quadrangle Name _____ Quadrangle Scale _____

Verbal Boundary description and justification

Lot 20, Block 7. The lot has been directly related to this house since its construction in 1916.

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

state	Code	County	Code
state	Code	County	Code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Date 24 November 1999

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city or town Silver Spring State Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only
And do not constitute and infringement of individual property rights.

Return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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