

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Survey No.: M 35/114

Magi No.

DOE Yes No

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

Historic Frances Duer Jones House II

And/or common (Alternate spelling: Francis)

2. Location

Street and number 4104 Leland Street () Not for publication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 David B. Rubashkin and Pamela E. Karasik

Street and number 4104 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 P17, Block 7

Street and number 50 Maryland Ave. Liber / Folio 13695/0466

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
 excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair 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.

Description

The Frances Duer Jones House II is a three-bay, two-and-a-half story Italian Renaissance-styled building with an eclectic mix of classical detailing. The square massing of the building has a belt course and is flanked by single-story side wings topped with metal railings. The entire building is stuccoed and is sited on a large lot on Leland Street in Chevy Chase Park in the Town of Chevy Chase. The primary elevation of the house faces Leland Street and has mature plantings and trees.

The Jones House has a low, hipped roof covered in terra cotta tile with flat-roofed side wings.. A single shed-roofed dormer with dual, double-casement windows is located in the center portion of the roof and is aligned above the principal entry of the house.

The second floor windows are six-over-one sash and have operable shutters. The first story has French doors with decorative shutters and transoms. The main entry is inset under a round-headed doorway topped with a broken arch pediment and shield motif over a full entablature and pilasters. The single-story wings have modern in-fill windows and siding in the space once occupied by tripartite French doors under semi-circular fanlights.

The building maintains excellent architectural integrity, evident in well-preserved elements such as the tile roof, shed dormer, and the French doors on the ground floor.

8. Significance

<p>Period</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-</p>	<p>Areas of Significance: Check and Justify Below</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-prehistoric</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-historic</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> agriculture</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> art</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> commerce</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> communications</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> community planning</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> conservation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> economics</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> education</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> engineering</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> exploration / settlement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> industry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> invention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> law</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> literature</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> military</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> music</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> philosophy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> politics / government</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> religion</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> science</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sculpture</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> theater</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> transportation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):</p>
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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:

See attached Continuation Sheet.

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Statement of Significance

4104 Leland Street is one of two adjacent houses owned by Frances Duer Jones for over 25 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. 4104 Leland Street is a prime example of the second phase of Barrett's development, especially for the level of integrity obvious in elements like the pan tile roof and the classical doorway surround.

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.

Jones purchased the two homes and a number of adjacent parcels of land in 1916 from Barrett.² Jones then lived in one (4102 Leland) and rented the other (4104 Leland). As platted, many of the lots in Chevy Chase Park were a substantial 100 feet wide. The property at 4104 Leland remains large and still commands a prominent position in the neighborhood.

The Italian Renaissance style was most popular in the United States from c1890-c1935 and was part of a late nineteenth-century resurgence of interest in classical styles. Originally based on Italian palaces of the Renaissance period, the style quickly became popular in dwelling form. It can be found in all parts of the country, but was less common than other contemporary styles, such as Craftsman, Tudor, and a variety of Colonial Revivals. The Italian Renaissance style for dwellings became a favorite of architects working in high-style designs in major metropolitan areas in the early twentieth century that wished to distance themselves from the pattern designs of the Italianate style.³ Few examples of the Italian Renaissance style exist in Montgomery County, most of which are located in Chevy Chase. 4104 Leland Street maintains a high level of architectural integrity and is therefore one of the best examples of the style in the county.

Two other homes in the immediate area (4101 and 4103 Leland) are very similar to this house, implying the involvement of Reginald Geare, Barrett's designer and a noted local architect. While direct contribution by Geare to this house can not be established, the massing and ornamentation of the home are indicative of his residential work of the same period.

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

²Deed book 254, pages 101 and 102, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Maryland.

³Details on the Italian Renaissance Style compiled from Virginia and Lee McAlester, *A Field Guide to American Houses* (New York: Knopf, 1997), 397-407, and Leland Roth, *A Concise History of American Architecture* (New York: Harper and Row, 1980), 193-195.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See attached Continuation Sheets.

10. Geographical DataAcreage of nominated property 10,746 square feet

Quadrangle Name _____ Quadrangle Scale _____

Verbal Boundary description and justification

Lot P17, 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 Byname/title Brian Michael Lione, Preservation Plannerorganization Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Date 24 November 1999street and number 8787 Georgia Avenue Telephone (301) 563-3400city 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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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