

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:35-36-3
(date entered: 5-4-80)

1. Name: Gill House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 35/36/3 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21
Somerset H.D. D-14

4. Address: 4709 Cumberland Avenue, Chevy Chase

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	1976 Inventory of Historical Sites
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>private residence</u>		

6. Date: c. 1901

7. Original Owner: Miles Fuller

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by three bay, two-and-a-half story frame house faces south. The house has brown-stained wooden shingles. The south porch wraps around to the east elevation. It has a half-hipped roof supported by three shingled corner posts and seven columns on square shingled bases. The porch is enclosed by a balustraded railing. There is a one story brick addition on the north elevation with a half-hipped roof. There are one-over-one double-hung windows. There is a two story bay on the south elevation. There is a small hipped casement dormer window on the south elevation. The house has a hipped roof with raised seam metal covering.

10. Significance: The area which became "Somerset Heights" was subdivided by five employees of the Department of Agriculture who invested in 50 acres of "Friendship" in 1890. Their promotional brochure, along with an agreement that each initial investor should immediately construct his own dwelling, produced early activity, but construction slowed down by the end of the decade.

One of the five subdividers, Miles Fuller, bought this lot in 1892. He probably built this house around the turn of the century when he was building several others for speculative purposes. Fuller had been chief clerk with the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, until he resigned in 1889 to handle business details for the partnership.

The present owners bought the property in 1968.

1. Researcher and date researched: Margaret M. Coleman-10/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail C. Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 10,937 Feet

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 35/36/3
Somerset H.D.
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Gill House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 4709 Cumberland Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

VICINITY OF Somerset

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

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"/> AGRICULTURE <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 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Fred and Carol T. Gill

Telephone #: 652-7580

STREET & NUMBER

4709 Cumberland Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

VICINITY OF Somerset

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3818

Folio #: 395

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

7 DESCRIPTION

M.35-36-3

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay by three bay, two-and-a-half story frame house faces south.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has brown stained shingled exterior walls. The south porch wraps around to the east elevation. It has a half hipped roof supported by three shingled corner posts and seven columns on square shingled bases. The porch is enclosed by a balustraded railing. The south door is glass and wooden paneled. There is a one story brick addition on the north elevation with a half hipped roof.

There are one-over-one double-hung windows; some are flanked by light beige wooden louvered shutters. There is a two story bay window on the south elevation at the southwest corner. There is a horizontal window east of the south door. It is divided into three sections by two decorative mullions. There is a small hipped casement dormer window on the south elevation.

The house has a hipped roof with raised seam metal covering and wide overhanging eaves. There are two interior chimneys on the east and west elevations.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area which became "Somerset Heights" was subdivided by five employees of the Department of Agriculture who invested in 50 acres of "Friendship" in 1890.¹ Their promotional brochure, along with an agreement that each initial investor should immediately construct his own dwelling, produced early activity, but construction slowed down by the end of the decade.

This lot was sold to Miles Fuller, one of the developers, in 1892.² Fuller had been chief clerk with the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, until he resigned in 1889. He was responsible for the business details for the partnership and built several houses for speculation around the turn of the century, including this one.³

Allison and Anne McQuinn owned the house in 1920 and sold it in that year to Ethel and Florence Burton.⁴ The Burtons sold it a year later to Howard and Nina Watkins.⁵ After several intervening owners, the present owners bought the property in 1968.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA19/489 (June 11, 1890).
2. Ibid., JA34/131 (August 27, 1892).
3. "The Town of Somerset Maryland 1906-1956", Mayor and Council, Town of Somerset.
4. Land Records, op. cit., 298/439 (September 24, 1920).
5. Ibid., 304/391 (June 3, 1921).

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10,937 Feet**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lot 19A, Block 1, "Somerset Heights"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Candy Reed
Margaret M. Coleman	Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Sugarloaf Regional Trails	October 1979
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Box 87	926-4510
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Dickerson	Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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Owner Information

Owner Name: DOWLING, DIANE C & HARVEY J ALTER
Use: RESIDENTIAL
Mailing Address: 4709 CUMBERLAND AVE CHEVY CHASE MD 20815-5457
Principal Residence: YES
Deed Reference: 1) /15173/ 645
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address 4709 CUMBERLAND AVE CHEVY CHASE 20815
Zoning R60
Legal Description PT LT 19A SOMERSET H EIGHTS 11505-284

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
HN21				44		1		80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	SOMERSET
	09	

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1905	3,144 SF	10,200.00 SF	910

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2001	Phase-in Assessments	
			As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003
Land:	166,200	289,200		
Improvements:	600,460	607,020		
Total:	766,660	896,220	853,032	896,220
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: CAROL T GILL ET AL Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	Date: 09/22/1997 Deed1: /15173/ 645	Price: \$875,000 Deed2:
Seller: Type: NOT ARMS-LENGTH	Date: 06/25/1993 Deed1: /11505/ 294	Price: \$237,500 Deed2:
Seller: Type:	Date: Deed1:	Price: Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

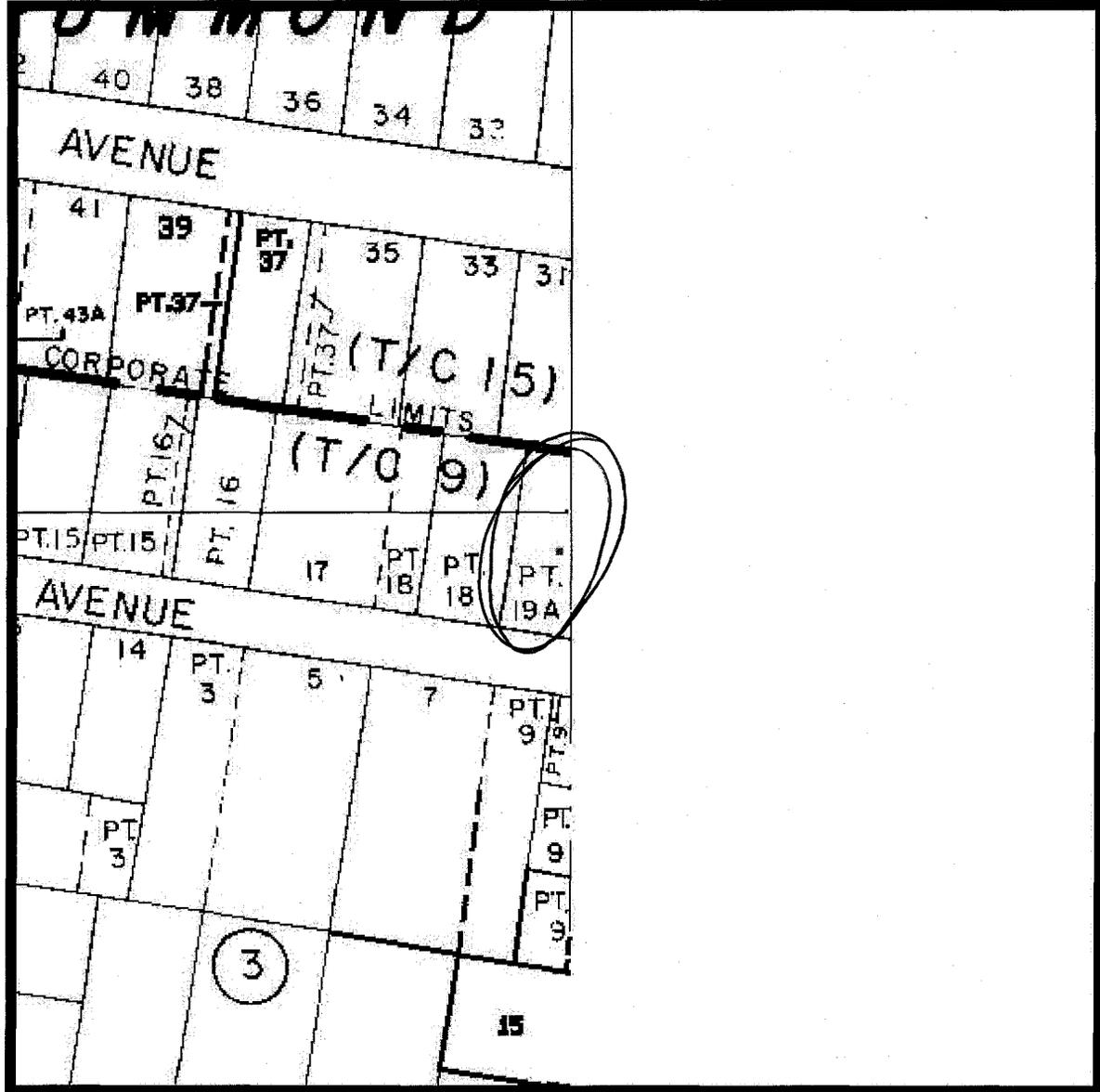
Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

* NONE *

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