

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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

1. Name: Cooper/Smith House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 35/36/5 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21  
Somerset H.D. D-14

4. Address: 5808 Warwick Place, Somerset

## 5. Classification Summary

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

6. Date:

7. Original Owner:

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This two-and-a-half story, four bay by three bay, frame house faces east. The exterior walls are narrow white clapboards. The east porch wraps around to the south elevation. It has a shed roof supported by seven turned wooden posts. The porch is enclosed by a balustraded railing. The two-over-two double-hung windows are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. The cross gable roof has slate and asbestos covering.

10. Significance: The Smith house in Somerset Heights is one of Montgomery County's earliest standardized suburban houses. 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. In 1899 and 1900 Edward Halliday bought 24 unimproved lots in the subdivision, including lots 9 and 11, Block 3 (Warwick Place). These two lots he further subdivided for three houses, which he had constructed in 1901. With minor differences, Halliday's Warwick Place houses were of the same plan. Each was two-and-a-half stories high with a front gable and wrap-around porch. Halliday sold this house to May and Albert Leavy.

In 1905 the Leavy family sold to Estelle Brady Cooper who remained in the house until 1941. Her daughter then lived there three years before selling it to the present owners.

11. Researcher and date researched: Mary Anne Culliton-10/79

Candy Reed  
Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled: 10/79

14. Designation  
Approval     

15. Acreage: 9,675 sq. ft.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 35/36-5  
Somerset H.D.  
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Cooper/Smith House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 5808 Warwick Place  
CITY, TOWN Somerset  VICINITY OF Chevy Chase 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 Thomas Lee & Helen L. Smith Telephone #: 652-7696  
STREET & NUMBER 5808 Warwick Place 20015  
CITY, TOWN Chevy Chase VICINITY OF Maryland STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE Liber #: 944  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse Folio #: 287  
STREET & NUMBER  
CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites  
DATE 1976  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office  
CITY, TOWN Derwood STATE Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This two and a half story, four bay by three bay frame house faces east on Warwick Place.

Built on fieldstone foundations which have been reinforced by poured concrete, this house has narrow white clapboards. The gable end of the house faces the street. The east (front) porch wraps around to the south elevation. Seven turned wooden posts support the shed roof. The porch is enclosed by a railing with square balusters. Above the porch on the south elevation there is an enclosed room with casement style windows. The east (front) door is glass and wooden paneled.

The two-over-two double-hung windows are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. In the peak of the east gable there is a round headed window with metal louvers. On the south elevation there is a two story bay window with a pedimented gable.

The cross gabled roof has slate and asbestos covering. There is one interior stove chimney.

The house contains a living room, dining room, kitchen and powder room on the first floor, and three bedrooms, porch and bathroom on the second. There is an attic accessible by pull-down stairs, and a cellar (with original coal bin).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Smith house in Somerset Heights is one of Montgomery County's earliest standardized suburban houses.

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The Leavy family did not remain in Somerset long enough to see it officially become the Town of Somerset in 1906. They sold to Estelle Brady Cooper,<sup>3</sup> who remained in the house until 1941. It then was inherited by her daughter June Cooper Reynolds,<sup>4</sup> who lived there for three years before selling it to the present owners.

**FOOTNOTES:**

1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 19/489.

2 Ibid., TD 19/307 (October 30, 1901).

3 Ibid., 182/254 (June 10, 1905).

4 Montgomery County Will Records, HGC 40/173 (October 21, 1941).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land and Orphan's Court Records of Montgomery County, Md.  
 Town of Somerset, Md. - History and Government, 1906-1956.  
 "The Town of Somerset" by D. O'Brien and Helen H. Jaszi - Montgomery County  
Story - Vol. 20, #2, May 1977.  
 Archives of Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Md.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9675 square feet

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Parts of lots 9 and 11 in Block #3, "Somerset Hieghts"

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Mary Anné Culliton

Candy Reed - Arch. Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

10/23/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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**Account Identifier:** District - 07 Account Number - 00538502

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b> TILLMAN, EUGENE &  <b>Mailing Address:</b> BONNIE E THOMSON 5808 WARWICK PLACE CHEVY CHASE MD 20815	<b>Use:</b> RESIDENTIAL <b>Principal Residence:</b> YES  <b>Deed Reference:</b> 1) / 5990/ 472 2)
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**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b> 5808 WARWICK PL CHEVY CHASE 20815	<b>Zoning</b> R60	<b>Legal Description</b> P11 SOMERSET HGTS
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Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
HN31				44		3	P9	80	Plat Ref:
				Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	SOMERSET 09				
<b>Primary Structure Built</b>			<b>Enclosed Area</b>		<b>Property Land Area</b>			<b>County Use</b>	
1902			2,208 SF		9,717.00 SF			111	
<b>Stories</b>		<b>Basement</b>		<b>Type</b>			<b>Exterior</b>		
2		YES		STANDARD UNIT			FRAME		

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Phase-in Assessments		
		Value As Of	As Of	As Of
		01/01/2001	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
Land:	165,710	288,710		
Improvements:	450,280	337,700		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>615,990</b>	<b>626,410</b>	<b>622,936</b>	<b>626,410</b>
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b> IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Date:</b> 01/05/1983	<b>Price:</b> \$210,000
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b> / 5990/ 472	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>

**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 **Special Tax Recapture:**  
**Exempt Class:**

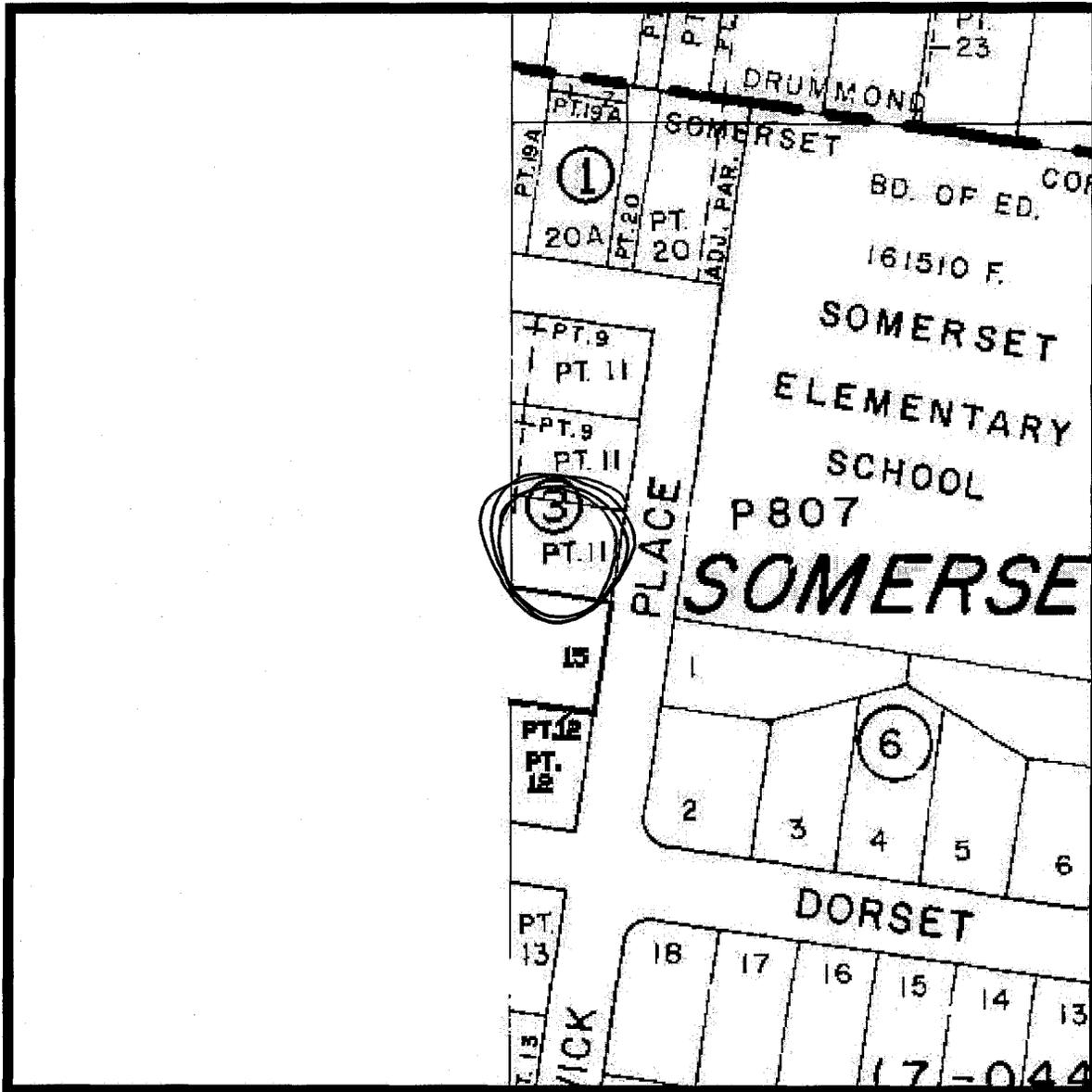
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Cooper/Smith House  
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