

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

Name Carroll House

- 2. Planning Area/Site Number 37/3 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map-22
 Takoma Park Historic District Coordinate C-12
- 4. Address 7700 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park

5. Classification Summary

Category building
 Ownership public
 Public Acquisition --
 Status unoccupied
 Accessible no
 Present use unoccupied
 Previous Survey Recording _____ Federal X State _____ County _____ Local _____
 (Title and date: National Register, 1976)

- 6. Date 1880s 7. Original Owner

8. Apparent Condition

a. fair c. original site
 b. altered

Description:

The Carroll House is located in the section of the Takoma Park Historic District which was developed in the 1880s. This section has a cohesive mixture of Victorian architectural styles; many of the buildings are in the Queen Anne style.

- 10. Significance: The Carroll House is important as a good & strategically located representative structure of the Takoma Park Historic District. Takoma Park developed in the 1880s as a residential suburb for commuters using the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad.

In 1883 Benjamin Franklin Gilbert, a New York Congressman, purchased 90 acres at the junction of Montgomery, Prince George's & D.C. His real estate company produced promotional brochures extolling the benefits of rural living, & he sold many houses & lots. By 1886 Takoma Park had a population of 100, & 4 years later it was incorporated with Gilbert as its first mayor. Gilbert further insured the success of Takoma Park by constructing a large resort hotel.

Gilbert's example was followed in Forest Glen, Kensington, Garrett Park & Rockville, all capitalizing on the combination of commuter service to Washington, permanent residences, & summer, resort-oriented facilities.

- 11. Date researched and researcher 1973, Takoma Park Preservation Association
- 12. Compiler Eileen McGuckian 13. Date Compiled 12/78 14. Designation Approval _____
- 15. Acreage: approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ acre

7700 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. Northwest corner of Takoma and New York Avenues.

A white frame house, porch extending across front around side. White columns resting on brick pillars.

Northeast side of front of house has bay windows on first floor. On second floor over bay windows is a small screen porch.

North and south side of house has dormer windows on third floor.

The roof is of asbestos shingles.

The house sits on approximately 1/2 acre of land containing many large 80 year old oak trees reaching heights of 90 to 110 feet (200 year old Beech tree) names on it.

The downstairs hallway is narrow. It is 15 feet long. Stairs leading to the second floor are at the end of the hall.

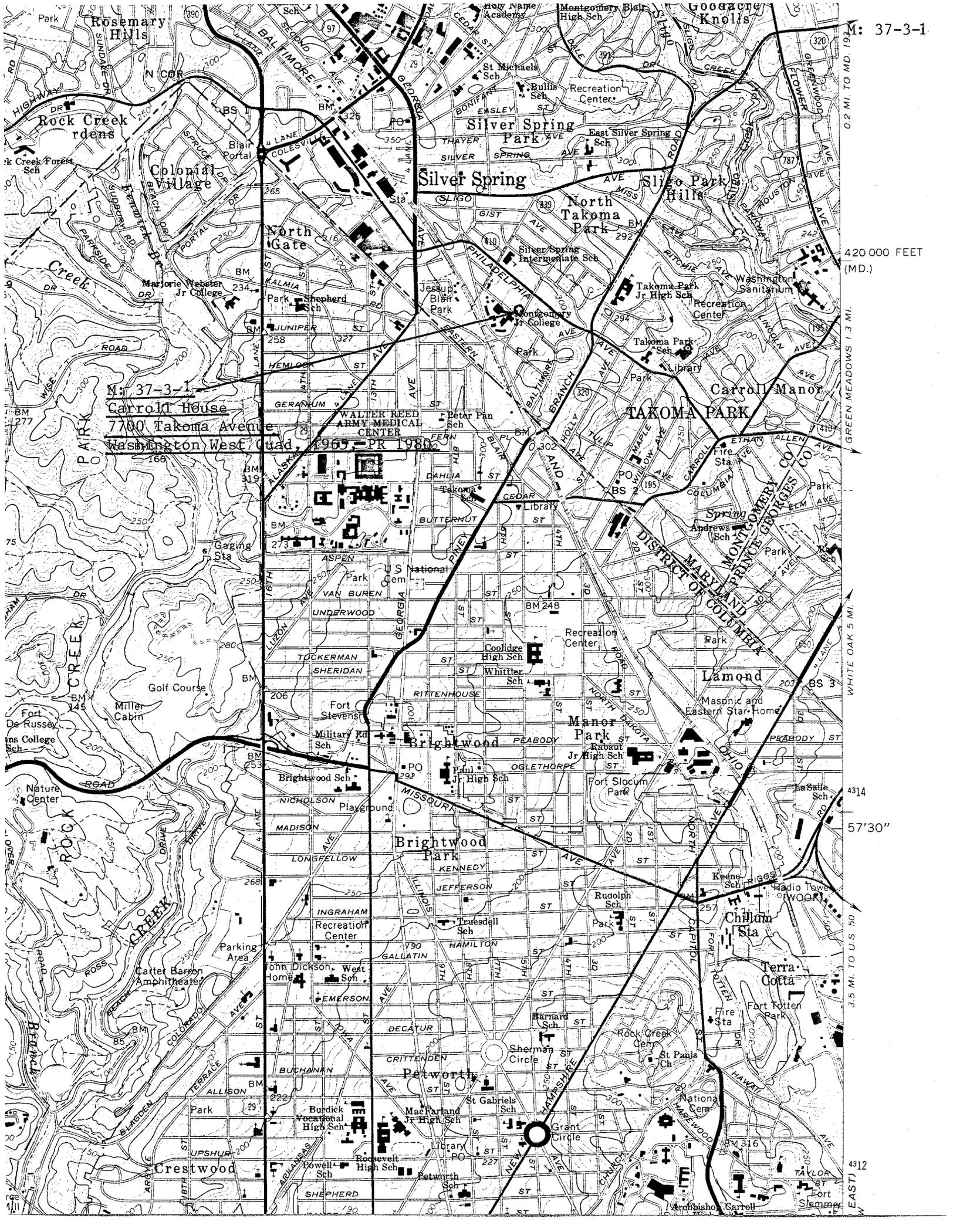
Behind the hall is the dining room. It is approximately 14 x 18 feet. There is a bay window (window seat under) in the dining room. There are 7 sides to walls in the dining room. There is a temporary partition in the living room which reduces the size to approximately 15 x 13. Large brick working fireplace is in the living room.

The pantry was made into a bath. There is a little hallway between the dining room and the kitchen. Right behind the kitchen is back stairs leading to the second floor.

Going up the front stairs to the second floor in the front hall is a large open solarium with 5 windows facing south. The upper half of one window is tinted glass. There are 4 bedrooms and 1 full bath on the second floor.

A screened porch off of the front bed room on the northeast side. Door connects front bedroom to next room. The third floor contains an apartment.

The house has been altered over the years and is now owned by the Montgomery College which has done a lot of renovation in the past 3 years. The college plans to demolish this house this summer.



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Carroll House
7700 Takoma Avenue
Washington West Quad, 1965, PR 1980

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420 000 FEET (MD.)

0.2 MI. TO MD. 192

WHITE OAK 5 MI.

4314

57'30"

3.5 MI. TO U.S. 90

4312

EAST 7



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