

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #66-13 Building Date: ca. 1915

Building Name: Buck-Singleton House

Location: 4908 Hollywood Road, College Park

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Buck-Singleton House is a two-story, hipped roof frame dwelling of three-by-two bays, having a rectangular plan. It is situated on a corner lot on a slight rise, overlooking Hollywood Road to its south. The three bay south (main) facade has entrance in the first bay. The door has a wide plain board surround, as do the 1/1 windows. Centered over the entrance on the second story is a double casement window. The second and third bays are in a projecting gable end with fishscale shingles and a square window at attic level. A hipped roof entrance porch rests on turned and chamfered posts with scroll brackets. The first bay of the west facade is beneath a cross gable with fishscale shingle wall covering at attic level. The second bay is a square window with diamond-shaped panes. The house is sided with horizontal wood siding and rests on a cement foundation. The hipped roof, covered with asphalt shingles, is pyramidal, the planes meeting at a central corbelled brick chimney. The two bay rear facade has a two bay hipped roof addition across the first story. A gable roof breezeway connects the addition to a small outbuilding directly north of the house. The one story, two-by-one bay frame outbuilding has a gable roof and rests on a cement slab. The interior of the house has banded molding with bull's eye corner blocks as door and window surrounds. There is a molded picture rail throughout the first floor rooms. The corner fireplace in the livingroom has a wooden overmantel with a mirror flanked by two tall Corinthian columns. The plan is a small entrance stair hall with two east side parlors and a kitchen directly opposite the entrance door.

Significance

The Buck-Singleton House is an early twentieth century house Victorian style house. It differs greatly in size from the ca. 1930's bungalows surrounding it. Victorian details include its two-story plan, facade-wide porch with jigsaw brackets and square diamond-pane window. The house was the first built in the Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision. George N. Buck subdivided the property in 1913 and sold lots with the Buck-Singleton House newly built to Ada M. and Henry E. Claus for \$2,000 in 1915. The property passed to the Singletons in 1922 and remained with them until 1983. George Buck sold the subdivision to the Shelby Loan and Trust Company of Illinois in 1922, development of the area probably occurring after that date.

Acreage: 6,250 square feet

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Buck-Singleton House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4908 Hollywood Road not for publicationcity, town College Park vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Daniel and Mary Wagner

street & number 4908 Hollywood Road telephone no.:

city, town College Park, state and zip code MD. 20740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5653

street & number Main Street folio 833

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input 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.

The Buck-Singleton House is a two-story, hipped roof frame dwelling of three-by-two bays, having a rectangular plan. It is situated on a corner lot on a slight rise, overlooking Hollywood Road to its immediate south. It is set on a small town lot in a subdivision of ca. 1930-40 housing.

The three bay south (main) facade has entrance in the first bay through a three panel door with a large, rectangular upper glass light. The door has a wide plain board surround, as do the 1/1 double hung sash windows. Centered over the entrance on the second story is a double casement window of twelve lights. The second and third bays are in a projecting two story gable end with fishscale shingles and a square window at the attic level.

A four bay hipped roof entrance porch shelters the first story. The roof rests on turned and chamfered posts with scroll brackets. Wood latticework encloses the base of the porch, which rests on wood piers.

The first bay of the three bay east facade is in a two story, gable roof projecting bay. The second and third bay are beneath a cross gable. Both east-facing gables have fishscale shingle wall covering at the attic level. The first bay of the two bay west facade is beneath a cross gable with fishscale shingle wall covering at the attic level. The second bay is a square window with diamond-shaped panes which lights the interior stair landing. There is a bulkhead cellar entrance beneath the second bay. The house is sided with horizontal wood siding and rests on a cement foundation. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The roof is almost pyramidal, the planes meeting at a central corbelled brick chimney.

The two bay north (rear) facade has a two-by-one bay hipped roof addition across the first story. The east bay of the addition is enclosed as an interior room. The west bay is a screened porch. A gable roof breezeway supported on square wood posts connects the addition to a small outbuilding directly north of the house.

The one story, two-by-one bay frame outbuilding has a gable roof covered with asphalt shingle. The south entrance, centered on the facade and sheltered by the breezeway, is a two panel door with two long rectangular upper glass lights. The west gable end has a large double door of vertical boards for a car entrance. The outbuilding rests on a cement slab. Centered in the east and west gable peak is a series of small holes forming a triangular pattern, probably to ventilate an interior crawl space.

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 checked="" 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)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		Local History

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Buck-Singleton House is an early twentieth century house built in the Victorian style. It differs greatly in style and size from the ca. 1930's bungalows which surround it. Victorian details include its two-story plan, its facade-wide porch with jigsaw brackets and a square diamond-pane window on the west facade.

The house was the first built in the Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision. Two tracts of 186 and 86 acres were acquired by George N. Buck of Illinois, in 1900 and 1906.¹ He subdivided the property in 1913² and sold lots with the Buck-Singleton House newly built upon them to Ada M. and Henry E. Claus for \$2,000 in 1915.³ The property passed to the Singleton family in 1922 and remained with them until 1983. George Buck sold the Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision to the Shelby Loan and Trust Company of Illinois in 1922.⁴ Significant development of the property probably occurred after that date.

Notes

- ¹ Land Records of Prince George's County, JB #12:572 and #38:311.
- ² Ibid. Equity #4227.
- ³ Ibid. #106:151.
- ⁴ Ibid. #189:485.

#7. Continued

The interior of the Buck-Singleton House has banded molding with bull's eye corner blocks as door and window surrounds. There is a molded picture rail throughout the first floor rooms. There is a northwest corner fireplace in the livingroom having an wooden overmantel with a mirror and flanked by two tall wooden Corinthian columns. The plan is that of a small entrance stair hall with two east side parlors and a kitchen directly north, across from the entrance door.

Chain of Title
Buck-Singleton House
P.G. #66 -15

5653:833
25 Feb 1983
Deed

Carey B. Singleton, Jr. to Daniel P. and Mary P. Wagner. For \$73,000.00 grantor conveys that parcel in the 21st district, lot 21-24 in Block 17 in the Hollywood on the Hill subdivision. As per plat book #R.N.R. #18. Same conveyed by 230:275 & 235:205.

230:275
9 Oct 1924
Deed

Louis G. Benelli to Carey B. Singleton, Mary W. Ackroyd, Cecilia M. Singleton. For \$10.00, grantor conveys Lots 18-22 in Block 17 in subdivision "Hollywood on the Hills", plat RNR 2:18.

235:205
12 Mar 1925
Deed

Louis G. Benelli to Carey B. Singleton, Mary W. Ackroyd, Cecelia M. Singleton. For \$10.00 grantor conveys Lots 23, 24 in Block 17 as per plat in RNR 2:18 & 19.

149:236
14 Oct 1919
Deed

Ada M. Claus and Henry E. Claus to Louis G. Benelli, Mary A. Benelli. For \$10.00 grantors convey Lots 18-22 in Block 17 in Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision. Same conveyed to Ada M. Claus by George N. Buck, widower, 4/5 1915, 106:151.

106:151
5 Apr 1915
Deed

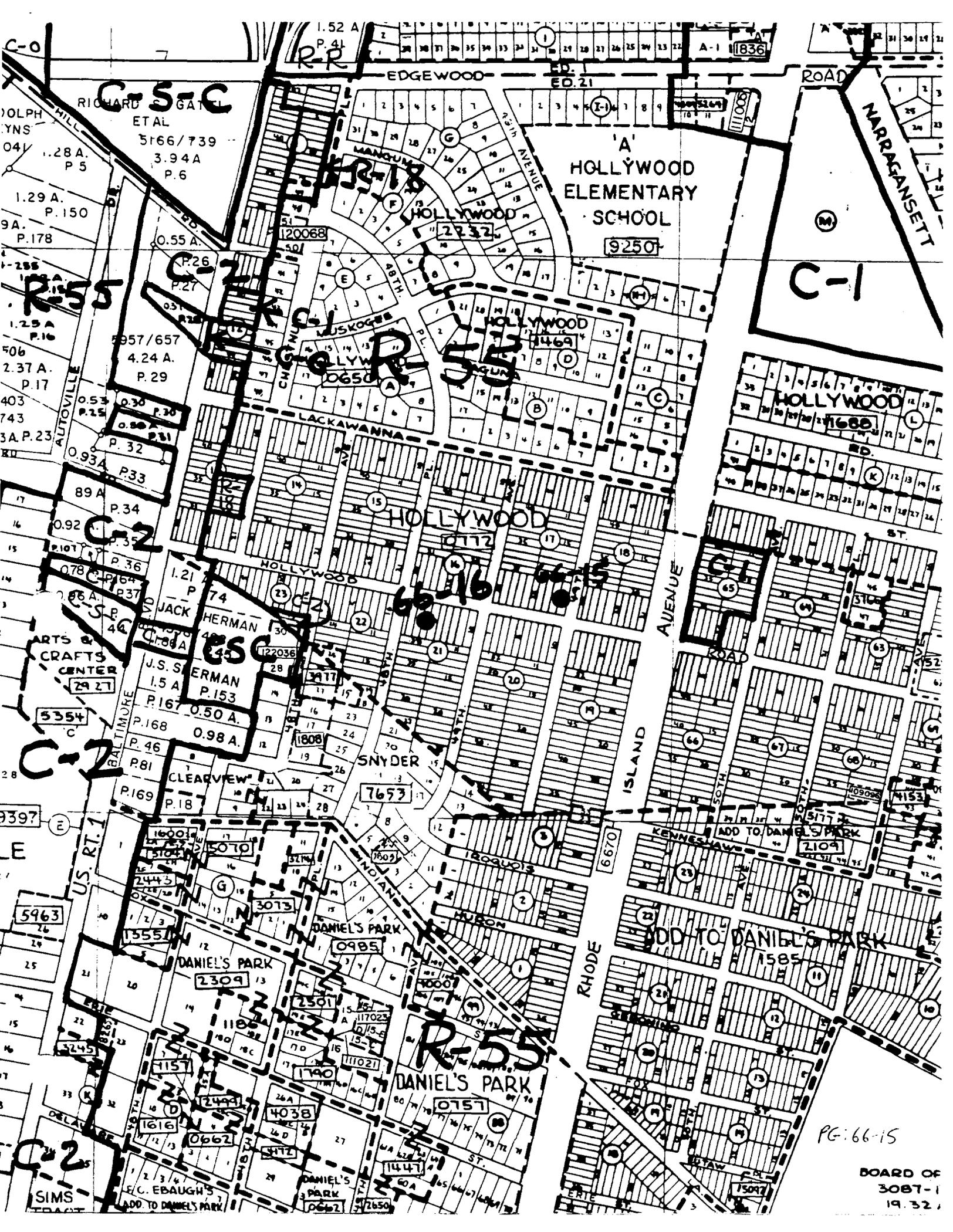
George N. Buck of Shelbyville Ill. For \$2,000.00 grantor conveys to Ada M. Claus Lots 18-22 in Block 17.

38:311
12 Dec 1906
Deed

John P. Turner and Ellen C. Turner to George N. Buck of Walton, Ill. For \$10.00 grantors convey that land in Vansville District, same conveyed by Joseph S. Wilson, Attorney to John P. Turner, 6/24. 1898, contains 86 acres, part of land devised to said Turner in will WAJ Jr. 1:405.

J.B. 12:572
20 Oct 1900
Deed

Frederick A. Kinzel and George N. Ruck of Marlon Illinois. For \$8,000.00 grantor conveys that tract in Vansville district, contains 186 acres, same which on 9/16 1898, recorded JWB 2:205 was conveyed to Charles H. Stanley and George W. Waters by Morton Schaeffer, attorney of mortgager.



RICHARD GATE ETAL
5166/739
3.94A
P.6

'A' HOLLYWOOD
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
9250

957/657
4.24 A.
P.29

JACK HERMAN
J.S. HERMAN
1.5 A
P.153
0.50 A.
P.167
0.98 A.
P.168
P.46
P.81
P.169

DANIEL'S PARK
2309

DANIEL'S PARK
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Buck-Singleton House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
December 1985
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Buck-Singleton House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
December 1985
Mantel, southeast parlor
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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Buck-Singleton House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
December 1985
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #66-15

Buck-Singleton House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
December 1985
West elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD