

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. <sup>PO:</sup> 66-37-36

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Maryland Historic Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (WMHS) Room  
historic  
and/or common The LaRocca House

2. Location  
Street & number 4807 Guilford Road 5th not for publication  
City, town College Park, \_\_\_ vicinity of Congressional District  
State Maryland County P.G.

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	<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 checked="" 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 address of all owners)  
Name Michelle LaRocca  
Street & number 4807 Guilford Road Telephone no 301 779 2299  
City, town College Park State & zip code Maryland, 20740

5. Location of Legal Description  
Courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Liber  
Street & number folio  
City, town State

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys  
Title N/A  
Date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local  
Depository for survey records  
City, town State

7. Description

Condition		Check One		Check One	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <del>Excellent</del>	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered		<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
	<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 LaRocca House is a one and one half story bungalow that was built in 1926. It is in exceptional condition and very well-maintained. A porch fronts the house and the house itself is constructed of wood and painted in a shade of ochre. The window frames and shutters are trimmed in black. The yard in both the front and the back of the house is neatly kept. The backyard is fenced in wood and contains a small patio, a trellis and flower garden. A variety of trees and bushes grow on the property. (See accompanying pictures.)

The interior of the house has been extensively renovated. In the 1980s, former owners, the Doyles, turned the upstairs attic into a bedroom and bathroom. They added the adornments to the downstairs fireplace, put in new plumbing, and replaced the roof. These alterations, also, took place in the 1980s. Ms. LaRocca replaced much of the plumbing and installed central air conditioning when she first moved into the house in 1994. Recently, she transformed the back porch into a kitchen. She suspects much of the interior is no longer original but says that certain original features exist. According to the contractor who worked on the house, the floors are original as are the windows. The original tub and medicine chest in the ground floor bathroom are original and the lid of the downstairs toilet is imprinted with the date of 1926, the year the house was built. A Chatanooga brand coal shoot also still exists in the cellar.

The ground floor consists of a living room with fire-place, a dining room, a library, a den/bedroom, the new kitchen and a bathroom. (See accompanying floor plans.) All rooms are in exceptional condition and have been extensively decorated. The walls are of white paint. Molding was added in the 1980s.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance – Check and justify below				
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology– prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology – historic	<input checked="" 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	
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<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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates: Built in 1926/ Builder/Architect: Unknown/House may be from Catalogue

Check: Extensive renovations in the 1980s, 1994, and 1998.

Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  National  State  Local

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

The LaRocca House is a one and a half story bungalow, or semi-bungalow, built in 1926 making it one of the older houses in the Calvert Hills neighborhood. The house design and material may have originated from one of the catalogue housing companies popular at the time such as Sears, Aladdin, Montgomery Ward, or Harris Brothers. The front porch, a prominent feature of the bungalow style, still exists and serves its current owner in the manner in which it was originally intended. Although the interior has been significantly altered original features remain such as the floor, all the windows, and a toilet, bathtub, and medicine cabinet. There is no historical event associated with the house, but the architecture has local significance to the neighborhood and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. The LaRocca House makes a significant contribution to the continuity of Guilford Road. Several other houses built in the bungalow style stand nearby. It remains one of the earliest houses built in the community and its style symbolized the ideal of planned suburban development common at the time of its construction.

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9. Major Bibliographic References

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- Ms. Michelle LaRocca, owner.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7,714 square feet

Quadrangle Scale

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UTM References: (do not complete UTM references)

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

State	Code	County	Code
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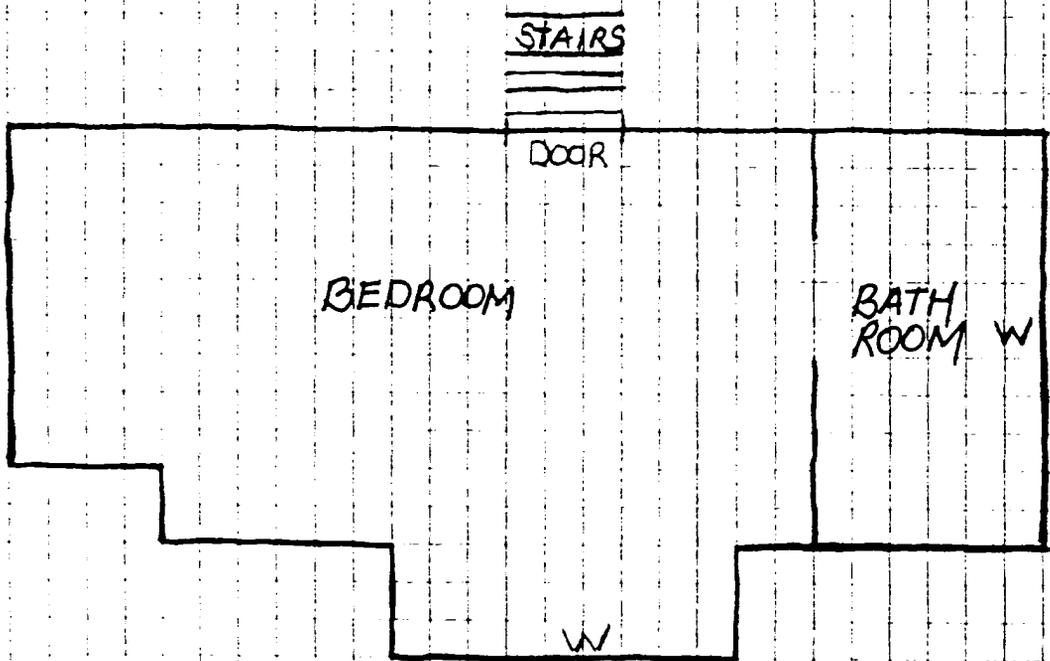
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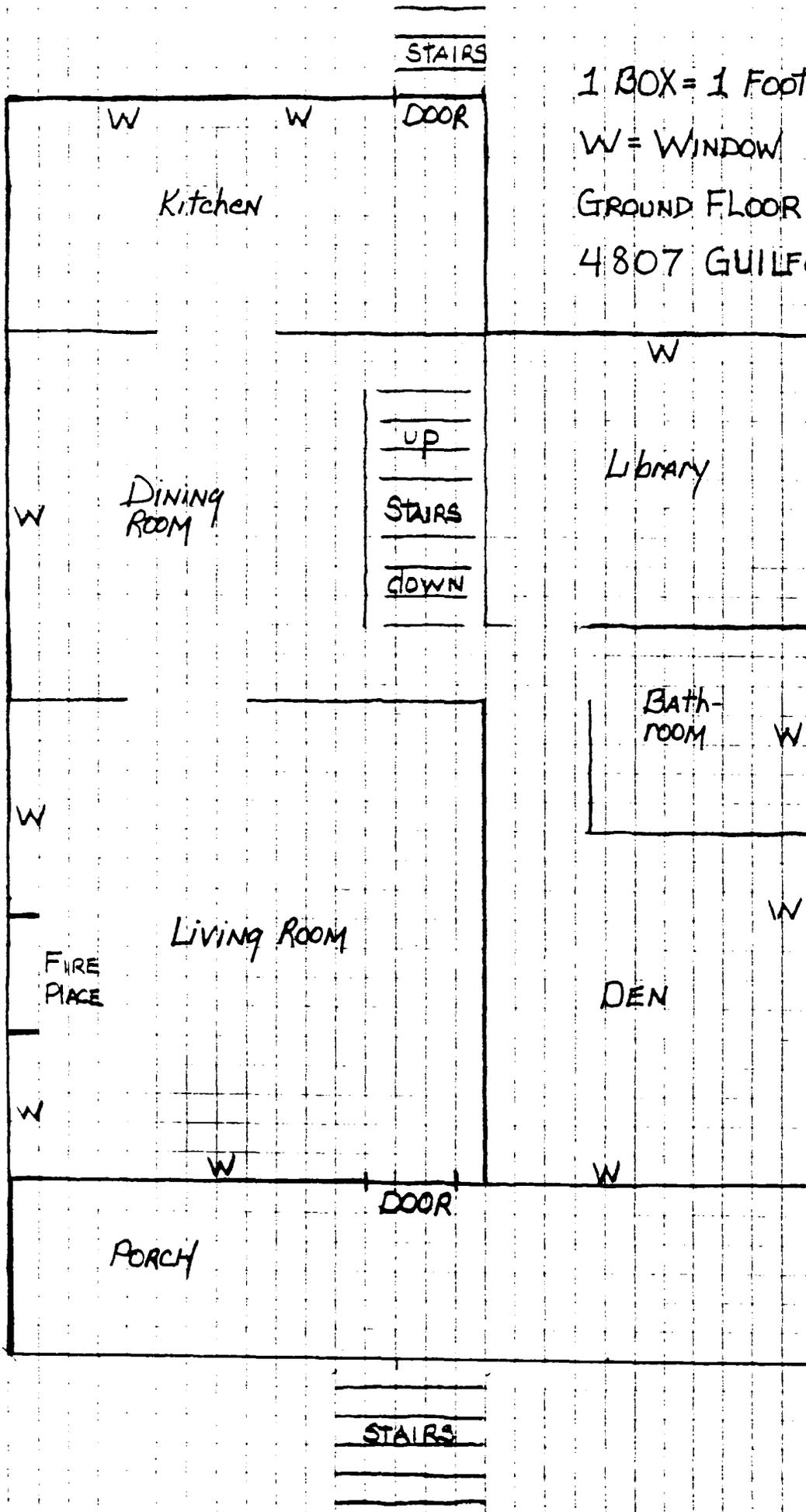
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1 BOX = 1 FOOT  
W = WINDOW  
UPPER FLOOR  
4807 GUILFORD  
ROAD





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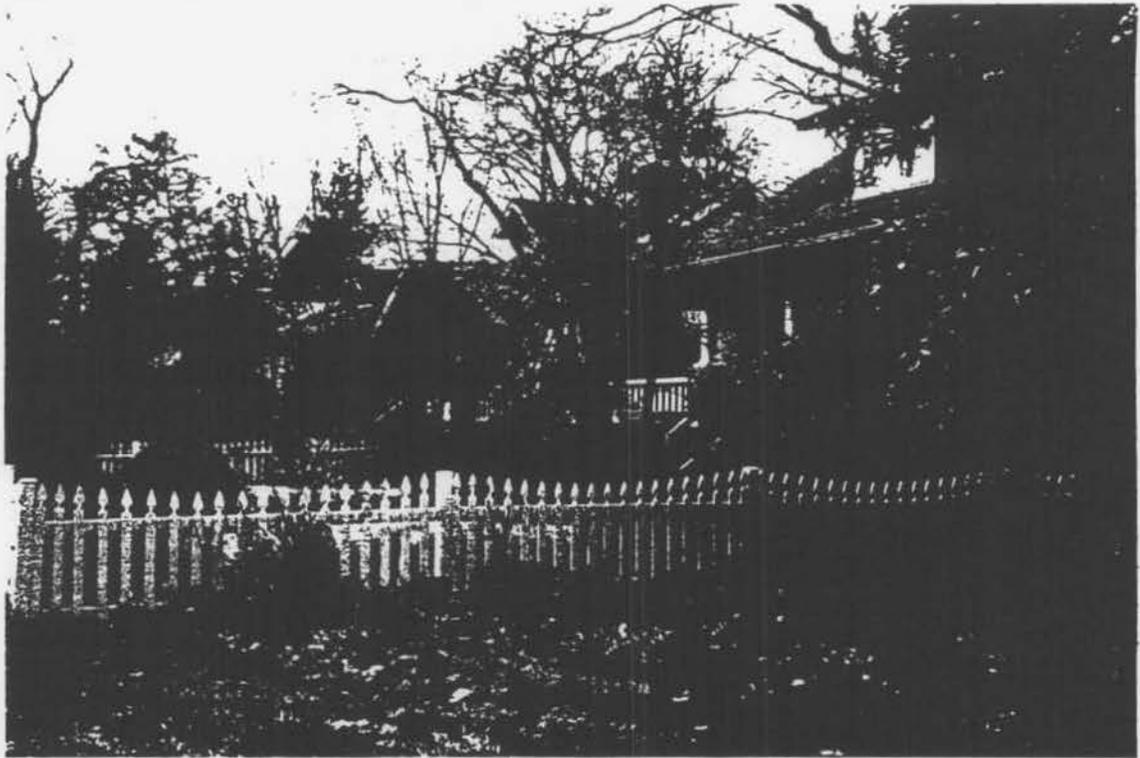


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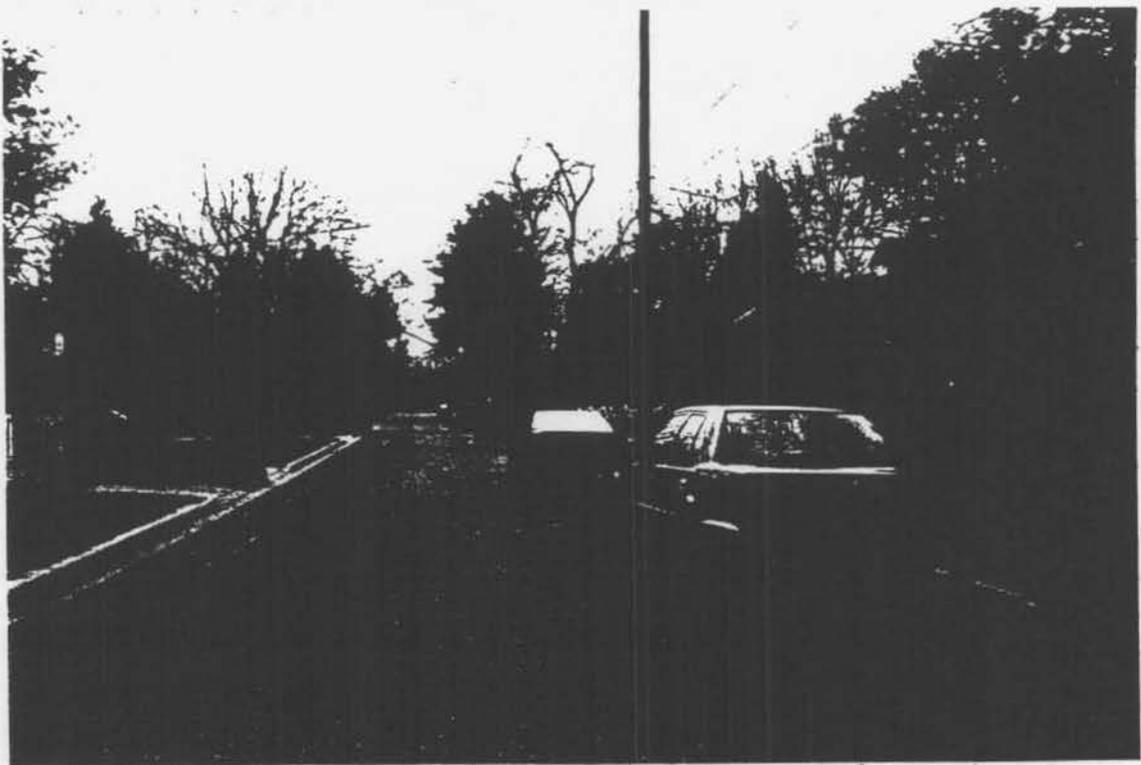


REAR OF HOUSE LOOKING NORTH

# GUILFORD AVENUE STREETSCAPE



LOOKING SOUTHEAST



LOOKING EAST