

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. ^{PG} 66-37-4

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DOE ___ yes ___ no

Maryland Historic Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

Historic

And/or common

2. Location

Street & number 4504 Beechwood Road _____ not for publication

City, town College Park _____ vicinity of _____ Congressional District

State Maryland _____ County Prince George's County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

Name Michael and Annie Senatore

Street & number 4504 Beechwood Road Telephone no 301/927-3909

City, town College Park State & zip code MD 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

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Condition		Check One	Check One	Date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

This symmetrical two story center hall colonial has been fairly maintained and in good structural condition. The front facing of the house consists of fieldstone, and the remainder of the house is red brick comprised of American bond. The side-gabled roof is made of slate and there is a console course. There are two brick chimneys; both fully exposed at the north and south end of the house. The slate walkway leads to a two-step fieldstone entry porch comprised of two engage pilasters and two piers. The four paneled, cross and bible front door has a brick door surround.

The first floor front facing windows are double-hung sashes comprised of eight over eight paned glazing with decorative paneled shutters. Each of these windows has a keystone lintel. The window situated directly above the first floor front facing windows and the center front door are double-hung sashes comprised of six over six paned glazing, each with decorative paneled shutters. All side and rear facing windows are double-hung sashes comprised of six over six paned glazing. There is one half-fan window on each side of the house at the attic level.

The front yard is fairly maintained and landscaped with grass and bushes. There is a heavily pebbled concrete driveway leading to a single story, one car garage. The brick garage has a patio above secured by a wrought iron railing with decorative round finials. There is access to the living room from the garage patio. The basement is made of cinder blocks, and there is an access door leading into the garage from the basement. There is a patio above the brick garage leading into the living room. The garage is in the backyard.

The house occupies its original site and retains most of its original materials and design features. The interior of the house is in good condition. On the first floor are a living room, dining room, and kitchen. (See accompanying floorplan.) The kitchen still contains the original stove/range, and cabinets. I did not see the upper floor. The house is a total of 1,760 square feet.

8. Significance

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 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention			

Specific dates: 1938

Builder/Architect: College Park Homes/R. Webster Ross

Check:

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.

is property not only signifies a dominant architectural form (Colonial Revival) for domestic building nation wide during the first half of the twentieth century, but it is also a part of a more significant whole: the Calvert Hills neighborhood.

Colonial revival refers to the rebirth of interest in the early English and Dutch houses of the Atlantic seaboard. Unlike actual eighteenth century colonial houses, twentieth century colonial revivals were built as modern houses using form and detail inspired by colonial precedents that created eclectic mixtures. Colonial revival plans were widely disseminated by photographs in books and periodicals, such as The American Architect and Building News.

4504 Beechwood Road is a good example of side-gabled roof colonial revival. The center hall plan provides easy circulation throughout the first floor of the house that includes a living room, dining room, kitchen, and breakfast room. Like most of the houses on Beechwood Road it was built in the late 1930s part of the College Park Homes development in Calvert Hills. College Park Homes dominated the residential development of Calvert Hills. Like 4502 Beechwood, it does not have a rear sunroom or bay windows. The other major difference between 4502 and some other colonial revival examples in Calvert Hills is that its facade is fieldstone instead of brick and board and batten. The variety in building materials also distinguishes the colonial revivals in Calvert Hills, which seemed unique and appealing to potential homeowners.

Most of the houses in Calvert Hills were built with detached garages signifying a growth in automobile use in the late 1930s. 4504 Beechwood Road has an attached garage, which was more convenient an automobile owner. This house contributes to the entire development of Calvert Hills as a "streetcar" suburb. Beechwood Road is easily accessible to U.S. 1, and aside from the trolley U.S. 1 provides a direct route for automobile traffic into Washington. This house along with many other College Park Homes in Calvert Hills provided a good bulk of the housing for University of Maryland faculty and staff. Calvert Hills is a cohesive community, which has retained many of its characteristics as an early twentieth century suburb without many dramatic changes.

9. Major Bibliographic References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle Scale _____

Quadrangle Scale _____

UTM References: (do not complete UTM references)

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

State	Code	County	Code
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State	Code	County	Code
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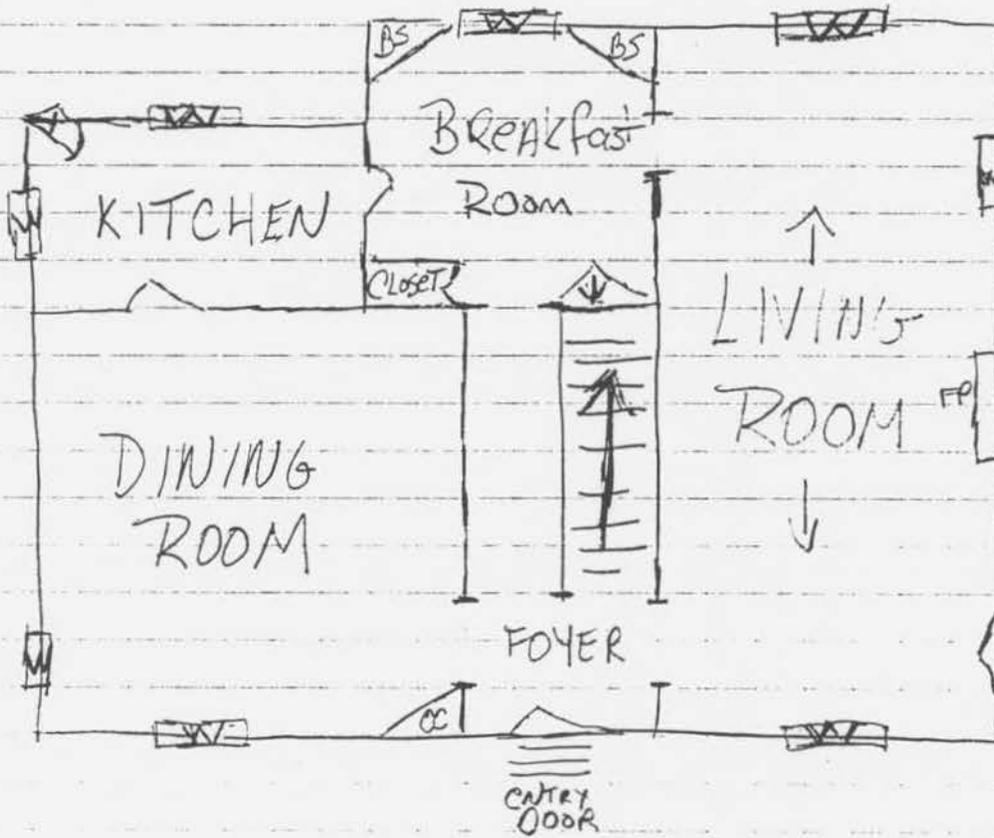
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FIRST FLOOR

W - WINDOW
BS - BOOKSHELVES
CC - CHINA CABINET
FP - FIREPLACE
≡ STAIRCASE



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