

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. ^{AG:} 66-37-7
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Maryland Historic Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Location

Street & number 4613 Beechwood Road _____ not for publication

City, town College Park _____ vicinity of 5th Congressional District

State MD 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"/> structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

Name Henning and Aileen Leidecker

Street & number 4613 Beechwood Road Telephone no 301/927-6564

City, town College Park State & zip code MD 20740

5. Location of Legal Description

Courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Clerk's Office Liber 9570

Street & number Folio 18

City, town Upper Marlboro State MD

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	
<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			

This symmetrical two story center hall colonial is well maintained and in good structural condition. The house consists of American common bond red brick on the first floor and, board and batten on the second floor. The side-gabled roof is made of slate. One chimney is fully exposed at the north end of the house. The slate walkway leads to a two-step fieldstone entry porch that has wrought iron railings. The main entry has an eight-paned storm door, and a four paneled, cross and bible front door. Two engaged and fluted Tuscan pilasters with a Doric superstructure flank the door surround.

The first floor front facing windows are double-hung sashes comprised of eight over eight paned glazing with decorative shutters. Each of these windows has a keystone lintel. Wall dormer windows are situated directly above the front facing first floor windows; there is an octagonal shaped window over the center front door. All side and rear facing windows are double-hung sashes comprised of six over six paned glazing, with the exception of a bay window at the south end of the house. There is one air vent at the attic level. Decorative elements include two brass lamps on each side of the front door and four decorated drain spouts (two are functioning).

The front yard is well maintained with tall trees. At the rear of the property is a one and half story two car detached garage. The original floor plan includes a sunroom at the rear of the house that extends half the width of the first floor. Both the sunroom and the bay window (at the south end) were optional elements of the original design. The first floor plan includes the living room, dining room, kitchen, bedroom and, half bathroom. (See accompanying floor plan.) The living room has a chair rail, and a fireplace. The house is a total of 1,518 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: 1939 Builder/Architect: College Park Bldg. Corp./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.

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

Colonial Revivals, type-houses, refers to the rebirth of interest in the early English and Dutch houses of the Atlantic seaboard. Unlike 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.

4613 Beechwood Road is a good example of side-gabled roof colonial revival. 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. The center hall plan provides easy circulation throughout the first floor of the house that includes a living room, dining room, kitchen, half bathroom, and a rear sunroom.

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. Most of the houses in Calvert Hills were built with detached garages signifying a growth in automobile use in the late 1930s. 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 _____

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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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The Maryland Historical Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights

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FIRST FLOOR

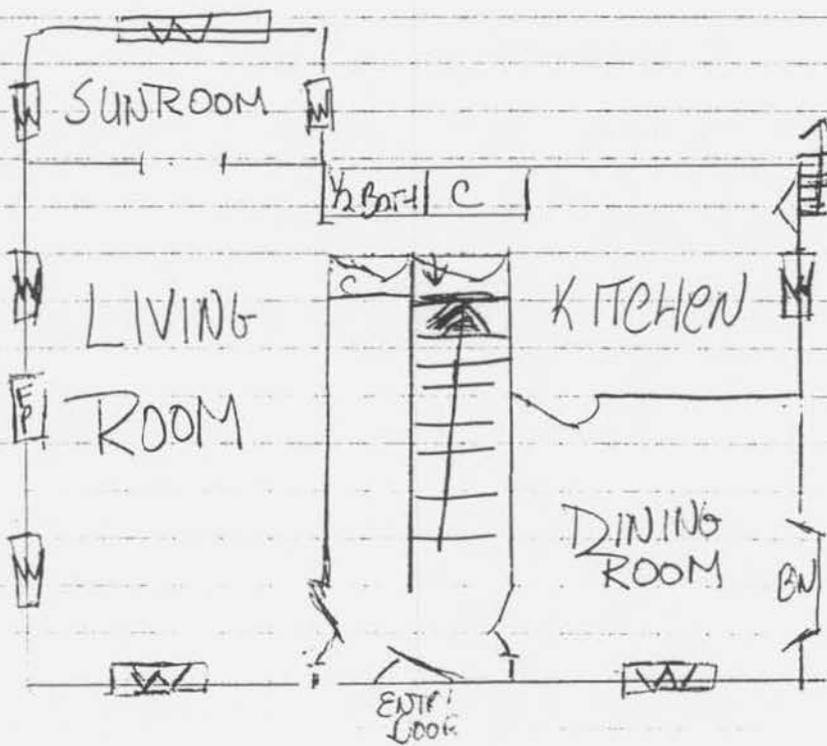
BW - BAY WINDOW

W - WINDOW

C - CLOSET

FP - FIREPLACE

Staircase



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