

(11/5/79)

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITES SUMMARY SHEET

P.G. County Survey # 66-5 Date circa 1814

Building Name Deakins Hall

Location 5404 Queen's Chapel Road, University Park, Md. 20782

Open to Public yes no

Deakins Hall is a two-story frame building in the Greek Revival style. The main south five-bay facade is covered by a massive two-story pedimented portico, supported by four Roman Doric columns and two engaged pilasters. The central door has narrow transom and side-lights; the central second story window has been converted into a door which opens onto a small balcony over the front door.

The house was originally a simple five-bay gable-roofed structure, with two interior chimneys south of the ridge, and one exterior chimney (on the east gable end) north of the ridge. In 1923, the house was pivoted 30° clockwise so that it would face Queen's Chapel Road, and major alterations were undertaken at that time. The eastern chimney was removed, and a new one added on the west gable end; the south portico was added also.

Deakins Hall was for over 100 years the home of the prominent Deakins family. Leonard Deakins (born 1746) was a Revolutionary War leader; he recruited a company of men from the Georgetown area, was elected their captain, and served in several battles in New York. He was elevated to colonel before the close of the war. Deakins was active in the shipping industry in Georgetown, and also held considerable land in Prince George's County. It was probably after 1814, when he moved his family from Georgetown, that he built the plain gable-roofed ten-room frame dwelling on the tract by then already known as Deakins Hall. After his death in 1824, Deakins Hall became the home of his son, William Francis, and of the latter's son, James Richard, until 1923. All three of these men are interred in the nearby family graveyard,

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Deakins Hall

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 6404 Queen's Chapel Road

CITY, TOWN University Park

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

5th

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(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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME W. E. Phillips

Telephone #: 927-0857

STREET & NUMBER 6404 Queen's Chapel Road

CITY, TOWN University Park

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 20782

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. P.G.C. Courthouse

Liber #: 3781

Folio #: 327

STREET & NUMBER Main Street

CITY, TOWN Upper Marlboro

Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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
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<input 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local history

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1814

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Deakins Hall was for over 100 years the home of the prominent Deakins family. The land had been held by the family in the 18th century, but the house was probably not built until after 1814 when Leonard Deakins moved from Georgetown to Prince George's County. Leonard Marbury Deakins (born 1746) was a leader in the Revolutionary War; he recruited a company of young men from the Georgetown area, was elected their captain and saw active duty in several battles in New York. Before the close of the war, he was elevated to colonel. Deakins was active in the shipping industry in Georgetown, but he also held considerable land in Prince George's County. It was probably after 1814, when he moved his family from Georgetown, that he built the plain gable-roofed ten-room frame dwelling on the tract by then already known as Deakins Hall. After his death in 1824, Deakins Hall became the home of his son, William Francis, and of the latter's son, James Richard, until 1923.

Deakins Hall is exceptional in that the major alterations of the 20th century are documented, and the original structure, entirely different in appearance, is recorded in early photographs.

There are 19 burials in the nearby family graveyard, including those of Leonard M. Deakins (1746-1824); his son, William Francis Deakins (1799-1844), who inherited the 250 acre estate; and James R. H. Deakins (1840-1923), who was the last of the family to reside there.

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1923</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Deakins Hall is a two-story frame building in the Greek Revival Style. The main (south) five-bay facade is covered by a massive two-story pedimented portico, supported by four Roman Doric columns and two engaged pilasters. There is a semi-circular window near the peak of the pediment. The central door has narrow transom and sidelights; the central second story window has been converted into a door which opens onto a small balcony over the front door.

The house was originally a simple five-bay gable-roofed structure, with two interior chimneys south of the ridge, and one exterior chimney (on the east gable end) north of the ridge. These chimneys are said to have served eight fireplaces, including those in the (east) kitchen and the cellar beneath it.

In 1923, the house was pivoted 30° clockwise so that it would face Queen's Chapel Road, and major alterations were undertaken at that time by the owner, J. F. Rushe. The two western sitting rooms were converted into one large one, and a modern exterior chimney was built in the center of the west gable end to provide a central fireplace for the new enlarged living room. A sun porch was also built onto the west end, and the massive portico was added on the south side.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Prince George's County Deeds: Liber #3781:327; #1117:56;
#221:51; #158:77

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE William Aleshire

ORGANIZATION P.G. Historical & Cultural Trust

DATE June 1979

STREET & NUMBER 12302 Chalford Lane

TELEPHONE 262-5505

CITY OR TOWN Bowie,

STATE Maryland

The Maryland Historic 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 being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Deakins Hall & Cemetery
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
6404 Queen's Chapel Road
CITY, TOWN
College Park
VICINITY OF
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE
Maryland
COUNTY
Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
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			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
(formerly Perry O. Wilkinson-realtor) Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
VICINITY OF
STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Prince George's County Courthouse
Liber #:
Folio #:
STREET & NUMBER
CITY, TOWN
Upper Marlboro
STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is allegedly an old frame house of ca. 1800 or earlier. The present structure was extensively altered (probably during the late 1920's "estate era".) It now presents a Classical Revival appearance. It is a two-story, rectangular frame building. The main (south) facade of 5 bays is overshadowed by a massive, two-story pedimented portico that spans the entire front of the house. The central door has narrow transom and side-lights. Siding is clapboard, and the 6/6 window frames have been changed. The cornice is returned at the gable ends, and the end-chimneys are internal (except for a newer furnace flue on the west exterior.) The grounds are extensively landscaped.

Nearby, at 41st & Tennyson, is the Deakins family cemetery, that has a number of old tombstones. Included is a stone for a Revolutionary War soldier, Col. Leonard Deakins (1746-1824).

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The present house may enclose an early building within its walls. It deserves further study. The Deakins family was especially prominent in Georgetown colonial activities, and this farm may have been a country seat of theirs. It was owned and occupied by William F. Deakins (1834-1929). The farm later became today's University Park, an early planned community of elegant homes.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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- 2) Various articles re history of Georgetown (Wash., D.C.), Columbia Historical Society, etc.
- 3) Maps of 1861, 1878
- 4) Bowie, Effie Gwynn. ACROSS THE YEARS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S CO., CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY (p. 47.)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

11/1/74

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

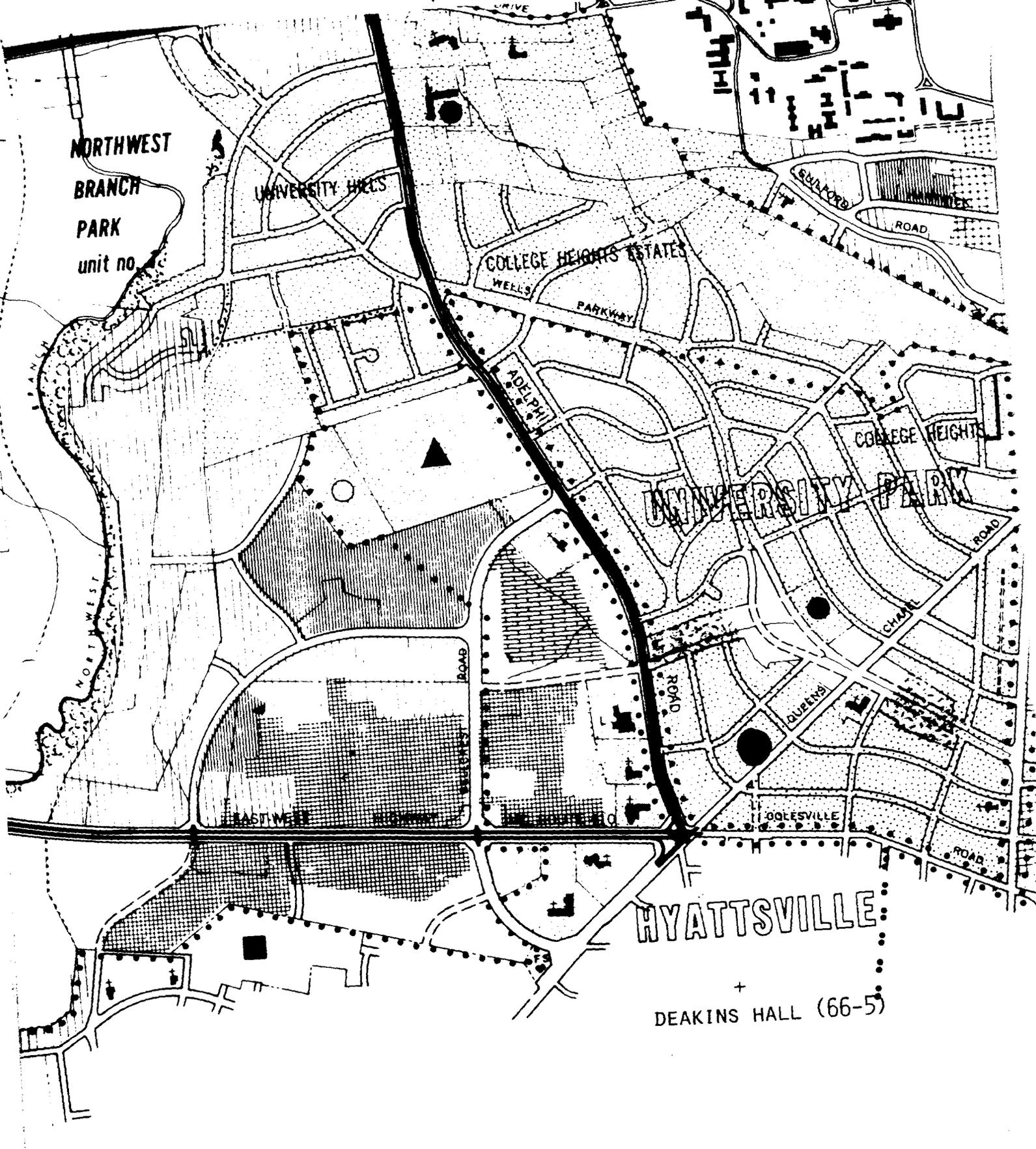
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Maryland

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NORTHWEST
BRANCH
PARK
unit no.

UNIVERSITY HILLS

COLLEGE HEIGHTS ESTATES

UNIVERSITY PARK

HYATTSVILLE

+
DEAKINS HALL (66-5)

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Washington East

PG# 66-5



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #66-5

Building Date: ca. 1830, 1923

Building Name: Bloomfield

Location: 6404 Queens Chapel Road, University Park, Maryland

Private/Residential/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

Bloomfield is a two-and-one-half story frame gable-roof dwelling with monumental Neo-classical portico; originally a modest side-gabled dwelling, it has been moved and substantially rebuilt. The building is two-and-one-half stories with gable roof, five bays by two bays; entrance is into the central bay of the principal south facade. Across this facade is a two-story portico supported by four Tuscan style columns; the porch roof is fully pedimented, and encloses a lunette window. Siding of the house is plain horizontal board painted white. There is one interior brick chimney just north of the ridge at the east gable end; a slim exterior chimney pierces the eaves at the ridge of the west gable end. In 1923, the original house was pivoted 30° counter-clockwise, the interior was renovated, and the Neo-Classical portico was constructed on the south facade. The house stands on landscaped grounds which slope down toward Queens Chapel Road. A short distance to the north, on a separate lot, is the Deakins family burial ground.

Significance

Bloomfield is an unusual example of an early nineteenth century frame farmhouse which was moved and rebuilt 100 years later. It now has a monumental Neo-Classical portico which makes it a prominent landmark in a densely developed community. This was originally a side-gabled farmhouse built circa 1830 by William F. Deakins on a tract called Edmonston's Pasture which he had inherited from his father, Colonel Leonard M. Deakins. Colonel Deakins lived in Georgetown, but owned 224 acres of Edmonston's Pasture northwest of Bladensburg. The property passed, after Deakins' death in 1824, to his son William F. Deakins; it was probably he who built the subject house, for the tax assessment of 1832 indicates a new two-story frame dwelling. After this time, William F. Deakins began to call his home place "Bloomfield." In 1923 the heirs of William F. Deakins sold the property to the Riverdale Realty Corporation. The property was subdivided, and five lots including the house were purchased by J. Frank Rushe, president of the company which began to develop the property. Rushe pivoted the house so that it fronted on the new road, and had it thoroughly renovated: dividing walls and chimneys were removed, a sunporch was built on the west gable end, and the monumental portico was built across the south facade. Bloomfield has been much altered from its original configuration but it has important associations with the Deakins family, and is a prominent landmark in a densely developed area.

Acreage: 26,078 square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bloomfield (preferred)

and/or common Bloomfield/Deakins House

2. Location

street & number 6404 Queens Chapel Road, (Maryland Route 500) not for publication

city, town University Park vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
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			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name W. E. and M. Phillips

street & number 6404 Queens Chapel Road telephone no.: 927-0857

city, town University Park state and zip code Maryland 20782

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber #3781

street & number Main Street folio 327

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission c/o MNCPPC

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #66-5

Condition		Check one	Check one	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			1923

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Bloomfield is a two-and-one-half story frame gable-roof dwelling with monumental Neo-classical portico; originally a modest side-gabled dwelling, it has been moved and renovated to become a prominent local landmark in the Neo-classical style.

The building is two-and-one-half stories with gable roof, five bays by two bays, approximately 40 by 28 feet. The building faces slightly east of south. Entrance is into the central bay of the principal south facade through a door with narrow five-pane transom and four double-pane sidelights. The door has glazed upper panels, and has a plain board surround with outer molding.

Across the principal south facade is a two-story Classical portico supported by four Tuscan style columns and two engaged pilasters. The columns are of wood and hollow, and have molded capitals and bases which are reflected in the similar pilasters. The columns support a full entablature with double frieze and molded cornice. Above it, the porch roof is fully pedimented; the tympanum is sided with rectangular shingle, and encloses a five-pane lunette window. The floor of the porch is of brick. Enclosed in the portico over the central entrance is a small second-story balcony with plain balustrade; a second-story door in this central bay opens onto this small balcony.

Windows on the main south facade are 6/6 wood frame double-hung sash and have plain board surrounds with outer molding. There are no shutters. The two wide openings which flank the central entrance contain full-length fully glazed double doors; each leaf has ten panes.

Siding of the house is plain horizontal board painted white, as is all of the trim. The gable roof is covered with green asphalt shingle. There is one interior brick chimney just north of the ridge at the east gable end; a slim exterior chimney pierces the eaves at the ridge of the west gable end. Flanking this chimney at loft level are two small semi-lunette windows. The cornice is boxed with crown molding, and returned at the gable ends. Within the returned cornices of the east and west gable ends is the same treatment as the pediment of the portico, i.e. rectangular shingle siding and a five-pane lunette window.

The house was originally a side-gabled five-bay building, with entrance in the central bay of the principal south facade, two interior chimneys south of the ridge, and one exterior chimney on the east gable end north of the ridge. These chimneys are reported to have served eight fireplaces, including one in the east kitchen space and in the cellar below it.

In 1923, this simple frame house was pivoted 30° in a counter-clockwise direction, and a basement was excavated under its new location. The foundation which encloses this basement is of molded concrete block. There is an exterior stairway to the basement which leads down from the rear (north) door in the central bay of the north facade. Windows on the north facade have been modernized, generally 6/6 double hung sash.

A one-story fully-glazed sun-porch has been built across the west gable end, enclosing the central exterior chimney. It has a very shallow hip roof, and is lighted by banks of tall double windows (with eight panes in each leaf of the window); there are six double windows across the west, and two each across the north and south elevations of this sun-porch addition.

Interior plan consists of a central stairhall with a large parlor on the west, and a dining room and kitchen on the east. All interior trim dates from the 1923 renovation. The doors and windows have Classical style architraves with crown molding. The newly built open-string staircase stands free in the center of the stairhall; it has plain square balusters, and on each side of the stair the rail flares out and forms a circle around the slim turned newel.

The old floor boards have been replaced by narrow boards. Some of the original framing (heavy hand-hewn joists) is visible from the basement space.

The house stands on landscaped grounds which slope down to the south toward Queens Chapel Road from which a driveway forms a semi-circle in front of the house. South and west of the house stand several large old trees, principally elms and horse chestnuts. Northeast of the house is a modern two-bay gable-roof garage.

A short distance to the north, on a separate lot at the corner of 41st Avenue and Tennyson Road, is the Deakins family burial ground, which contains the graves of 19 members of the Deakins family.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
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			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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~~Local History~~

Specific dates ca. 1830, 1923 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

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.

Bloomfield is an unusual example of an early nineteenth century frame farmhouse which was moved and rebuilt approximately 100 years later. It now has a monumental Neo-classical portico which makes it a prominent landmark in a densely developed community.

This was originally a plain side-gabled frame farmhouse built circa 1830 by William F. Deakins on a tract called Edmonston's Pasture which he had inherited from his father, Leonard M. Deakins. Leonard Marbury Deakins (1747-1824) had seen active duty during the Revolutionary War; he lived in Georgetown, and served as a Captain in Colonel Charles Griffith's Flying Camp of Maryland in 1776. He was elevated to the rank of Colonel before the close of the war.¹ Colonel Deakins had inherited from his father, William Deakins, considerable land in Prince George's County, including 224 acres of Edmonston's Pasture northwest of Bladensburg. At the end of the eighteenth century, a small frame dwelling (28 by 26 feet) stood on the property, occupied by a tenant farmer named Thomas Young.²

Leonard Deakins continued to live in Georgetown into the nineteenth century; he is reported to have moved his family to his Prince George's County property shortly after 1814, possibly into the house formerly occupied by Young. In any case, he resided on this property at the time of his death. The National Intelligencer of 9 July 1824 carried the notice of his death: "On Monday, the 28th ult., at his residence in Bladensburg, leaving a distressed family to mourn their loss, Leonard M. Deakins, Esq., aged about 78 years, a soldier and patriot of the Revolution, the kind and hospitable gentlemen, the affectionate husband and father; in short, one of God's noblest works - an honest man."³ He is buried in the Deakins family burial ground at Edmonston's Pasture.

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Leonard Deakins' property in Prince George's County passed, after his death, to his son William Francis Deakins, who made it his home; it was probably he who built the subject house. The tax assessment of 1832 indicates "one new two-story frame dwelling house large" and "one old ditto and other buildings out of repair."⁴ The new house is almost certainly the subject dwelling, while the old building may be the former dwelling of Thomas Young. It was after this time that William F. Deakins began to call his home place "Bloomfield." In 1850, he resided at Bloomfield with his wife, Elizabeth, his daughter, Elizabeth, his son James R., and his sister, Glorvina. He worked the 250-acre farm, and his real estate was valued at \$12,000.⁵

Deakins died in 1884, and Bloomfield passed to his son James and daughter Elizabeth, who lived in the house until the 1920's. In 1923 James and Elizabeth Deakins sold the property (289 acres) to the Riverdale Realty Corporation,⁶ reserving to themselves the family burial ground a short distance to the north. The property was subdivided, and five lots including the Deakins house were purchased by J. Frank Rushe, president of the University Park Company which began to develop the property.⁷

Mr. Rushe undertook to pivot the house 30° counter-clockwise so that it fronted on the new road which was constructed through the development. The house was thoroughly renovated: the dividing wall between the two west parlors was removed, creating one large parlor, the chimneys were removed and a modern exterior chimney was built at the west gable end to serve the new central fireplace in the enlarged living room. A glazed sunporch was built on the west gable end, and the monumental portico was built across the south facade.

Bloomfield has been much altered from its original configuration. It does, however, have important associations with prominent members of the Deakins family, its twentieth century alterations are well documented through family records and old photographs, and it is a prominent landmark in a densely developed area.

Notes

1 Prince George's County Deed PP:198; Heitmann's Historical Register of Officers, Continental Army.

2 Prince George's County Will T #1:446; Federal Direct Tax, 1798, for Prince George's County.

3 National Intelligencer, 9 July 1824.

4 Prince George's County Will TT #1:360; Prince George's County Tax Assessment, District 2, 1832.

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5 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 1840's; Census for Prince George's County, 1850.

6 Prince George's County Deed #158:77.

7 Prince George's County Deed #194:64, #221:51.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Chain of title

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 26,078 square feet

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
Zone Easting Northing

B
Zone Easting Northing

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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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Chain of Title

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- #3781:327
18 Nov. 1969
Deed
Perry A. Wilkinson et ux., to Willie E. Phillips, Lot 3, Homestead block of University Park, Section Four.
- #1117:56
20 Apr. 1949
Deed
Julia Gwynn to Perry Wilkinson, Lot 3, Homestead Block.
- #931:367
17 Mar. 1948
Deed
Julia Coleman to daughter Julia Gwynn, Lot 3, Homestead Block.
- #915:379
17 June 1947
Deed
Richard Altemus et ux to Julia Coleman, Lot 3, Homestead Block.
- #831:25
20 June 1946
Deed
J. Frank Rushe to Richard Altemus, Lot 3, Homestead Block.
- #221:51
4 Aug. 1925
Deed
University Park Co., Inc. to J. Frank Rushe, Lots 1-5, Homestead Block.
- #194:64
3 Apr. 1923
Deed
Riverdale Realty Corporation to University Park Co., Inc., Deakins property described in #158:77.
- #158:77
2 Apr. 1923
Deed
J.R.H. Deakins and Elizabeth A. Deakins to Riverdale Realty Corp., 289 acres property of William F. Deakins.
[William F. Deakins died 1884, father of J.R.H. and Elizabeth A. Deakins, his only heirs.]
- TT#1:360
19 July 1824
Will
Testator, Leonard M. Deakins; to wife Deborah, dwelling plantation of ca. 250 acres for natural life; to son William F. Deakins and his heirs, "the plantation whereon I now live, after the death of his mother".
- T#1:446
16 Dec. 1800
Will
Testator, William Deakins; to son Leonard M. Deakins "my dwelling plantation and all the Lands thereto belonging", ca. 242 acres.



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Bloomfield
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South elevation
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NAME DEAKINS HALL

LOCATION QUEENS CHAPEL RD., COLLEGE PARK, MD.

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Bloomfield
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West elevation
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