

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. # 68-12-4 Building Date: 1896

Building Name: Altemus House

Location: 4300 Pennwood Road, Brentwood, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good-Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The Altemus House is a 2 1/2 story hip-and-cross-gable-roof frame dwelling. There are two two-story semi-octagonal bays on the south elevation; the hip roof of the easterly of these is built into the hip roof of the main block. The original wood siding is covered with brown "bricktex" asphalt shingle. A one-story flat-roof porch with chamfered bracketed posts fills the southeast corner.

Significance

The Altemus House is one of only a half dozen surviving examples of the Victorian cross gable form in the earliest section of Brentwood. It is probably the finest of the cross-gabled dwellings with Queen Anne style decorative elements. It was begun in 1896 and enlarged shortly thereafter when it was purchased by Elizabeth Altemus, a widow who was employed in the U.S. Pension office. This house, now surrounded by commercial/industrial development, still serves as a fine example of late Victorian domestic architecture. It was one of the earliest dwellings built in the community which was to become Brentwood, and is the earliest still surviving.

Acreage: 13,000 square feet

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DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Altemus House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 4300 Pennwood Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Brentwood \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 4

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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<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 Robert Lawrence

street & number 3217 Edgewood Road \_\_\_\_\_ telephone no.:

city, town Kensington \_\_\_\_\_ state and zip code MD 20895

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse \_\_\_\_\_ liber 6902

street & number 14735 Main Street \_\_\_\_\_ folio 845

city, town Upper Marlboro \_\_\_\_\_ state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state

# 7. Description

Survey No. PG#68-12-4

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

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# 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1896-98 Builder/Architect

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

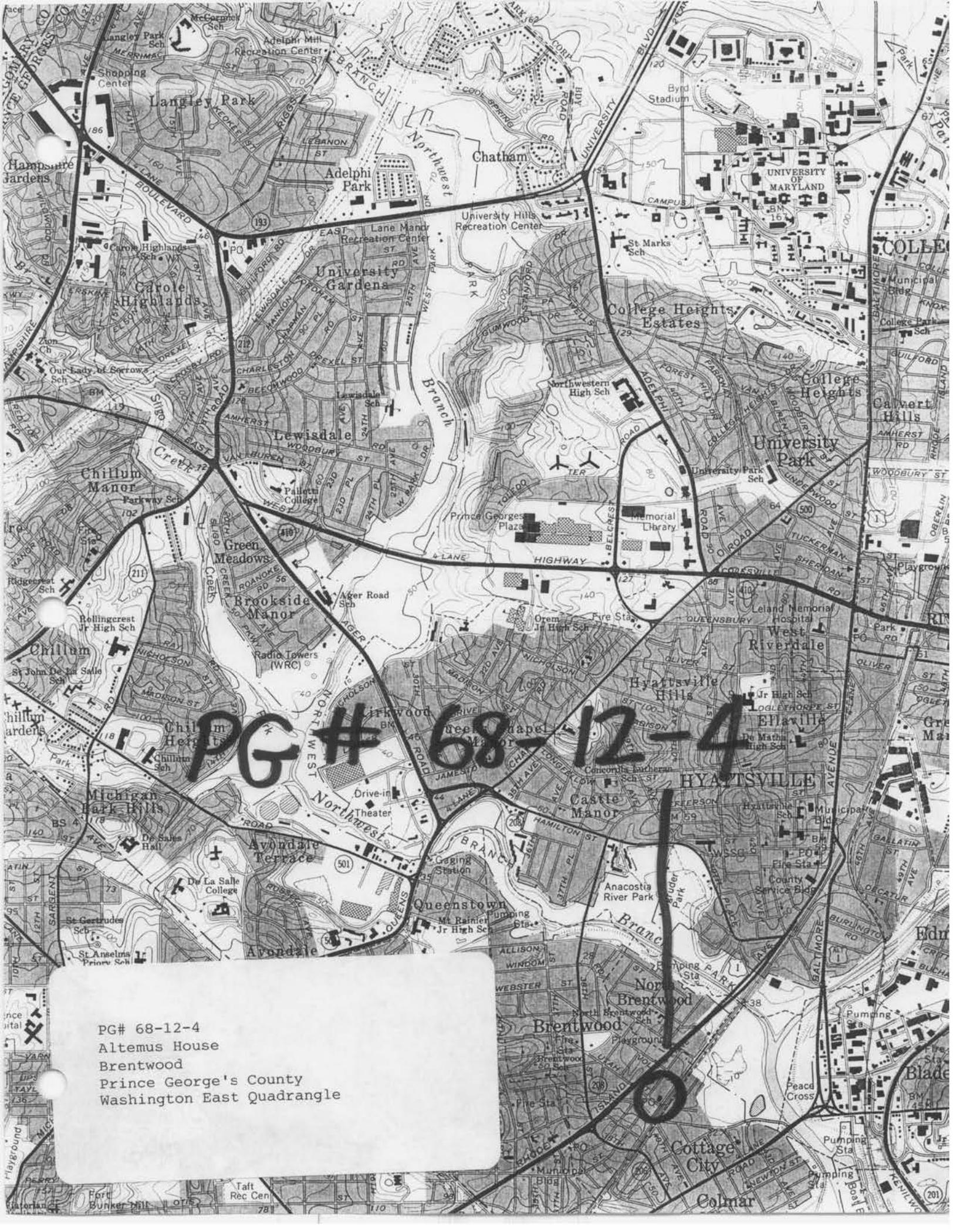
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

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

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Washington East Quadrangle



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Altman's Horse  
4300 Pennwood Road  
Brentwood, P. b. Co.  
Susan H. Peurl  
February 1992  
Southeast  $\frac{3}{4}$  elevation

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