

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 3607 Rhode Island Avenue

2. Location

street & number 3607 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1) not for publicationcity, town Mt. Rainier vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

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

name Grover and Mary A. Durnell

street & number 13101 Esworthy Road telephone no.:

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code Maryland 20878

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4664

street & number Main Street folio 342

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 401

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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.

3607 Rhode Island Avenue is a one story with attic, single-family frame dwelling with a rectangular plan and a gable roof (see slides #78 and 79). The building's exterior is sheathed with clapboard and the roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The main (north) facade has a facade-wide, shed roof porch supported by Doric-style wood columns and is enclosed by wrought iron railings.

The first story north facade has a single door entrance at right (west) with a multi-pane transom. There are two large window openings with decorative shutters at left (west) that are boarded up. The gable end attic has a tri-partite stepped window with a center 1/1 double-hung sash flanked by fixed single-pane sash. Across the east and west facades are several 1/1 sash double-hung windows. At the center of both the east and west facades are shallow, rectangular plan projecting bays flush with the overhang of the roof, each with 1/1 double-hung sash windows. The east and west slopes of the roof each have a gable-end dormer. The east dormer has three separated 1/1 sash double-hung windows and the west dormer has two separated 6/9 sash double-hung windows.

With the exception of the north facade porch railing, entry door and decorative shutters which are non-historic and inconsistent with the character of the dwelling, this house seems to have maintained its original plan, fenestration and exterior materials. The house is unoccupied but appears to be in stable condition.

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
<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 c. 1917 **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.

CONTRIBUTING

The modest single-family frame dwelling at 3607 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 2, Lot 13, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) is significant as a largely intact example of early 20th century residential construction. The large windows, gable-end roof with dormers, columned porch lend detail and visual interest to the otherwise long and narrow, box-like house. The house is sited on the knoll on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue and contributes to the early 20th century architectural variety of the block.

The house was apparently built by 1917 when assessment records first indicate an improvement on this site value at \$900.¹ Lot 13 was originally sold in 1908 but seems to have had several owners before the improvement of 1917 was made by Robert E. and Eleanor E. Funkerhouser in that year (see Chain of Title).

Note

¹ Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1916-1919, p. 151.

