

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Riverdale Parkand/or common Riverdale

2. Location

street & number 4812 Riverdale Road not for publicationcity, town Riverdale vicinity of 5 congressional districtstate 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 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 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 addresses of all owners)

name Gregory A. and Lynne M. Doylestreet & number 4812 Riverdale Road telephone no.: 779-8249 (301)city, town Riverdale state and zip code MD 20737

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber JWB#5street & number 14735 Main Street foliocity, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Inventory of Historic Sitesdate 1990 federal state county localpository for survey records Maryland Historical Trustcity, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" 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 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.

This house is a four square frame building covered with a hip roof, which has one hipped dormer let into the front face. It is ^awood framed ^{structure} /, supported by poured concrete retaining walls and two interior poured concrete columns which stop at main floor level. The building comprises of a main floor, an upper floor, a basement and an attic which is not used as living space. The exterior cladding is a white painted rough stucco finish. The house now has a porch on the main floor which runs the full width of the front. There was once a wrap around porch, but part is now enclosed with wood or metal siding and glass louvre windows. One facade has a three sided projecting bay which runs through lower and upper floors, and which is roofed by a simple shed ^{roof}. The present roof covering is asphalt shingles. The existing windows are simple double hung and seem to have all been replaced except two in a back room.

Main Floor The kitchen has been completely remodelled. The opening between the generous main entry hallway and the Dining room still has the original pocket door. The porch roof is supported by four spindle wood columns of very simple Doric design. The porch floor is supported by poured concrete piers now covered with stucco to match the general exterior. The open crawl space is enclosed by green painted wood lattice work.

Basement The basement has a ceiling height of only 7 feet. There is a door leading to the exterior.

Chimney The chimney shaft runs from basement floor through roof. It is made of poured concrete. There are several circular openings where flues from wood stoves connected. In the attic where a little ^{ca}w~~ae~~thering has taken place, one can see the composition of the aggregates, some smooth small pebbles.

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Evidence of formwork is visible.

Bedroom Level There are three bedrooms and one bath upstairs. One bedroom entry doorway is set at an angle. There is a back stair which leads from a small room at the back of the house to one of the bedrooms upstairs.

Attic The attic is not completely floored. The stair between one bedroom and the attic consists of a 'sloping ladder' whose stringers rest against a sloping lath and plaster roof. There is also a hatch which opens right above the back stair landing point. In the attic there are two empty steel water tanks, oblong in shape, measuring 7 feet by 1 foot 10 inches by 2 feet high. They have an inlet and an outlet hole, about 1 inch in diameter each. There are no plumbing lines attached to them now. The seams have been rivetted with possible rubber gaskets. The markings on the tanks read as follows, "Goshen steel tank, made by Kelly Foundry machine". The date 23/7/13 was scrawled with paint.

Stairs The stairs to the basement seem to have been replaced. The stairs between main level and the bedroom level seem to be the original with turned newel post.

Other Information The house has very large radiators which have decorative patterns. They measure 3 foot by 3 foot by 9 inches. The owners believe that the house has the original trim and the window frames. The wood flooring boards are set directly on the floor joists. There is no sub floor. The flooring boards on the main level have a most beautiful finish. A small modern wooden deck has been added to the back. There are two garages at the back.

8. Significance

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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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Local History

Specific dates **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.

This building is a good example of the typical suburban residence at the turn of the century. It occupies a strategic position, since it faces the Calvert Mansion. It is opposite the mansion's present entrance.

There are unique design features in this building. The back stair, pocket door, floor sheathing system, the storage tanks in the attic, and the poured concrete chimney.

The chimney which is approximately 35 feet high made of poured concrete, without reinforcement, and more or less free standing, is significant. The fact that it was made and was heated is also significant, since bricks are more suitable for this purpose.

This Building was built by Mr Joseph A. Blundon in 1907, the year he was killed after being run over by a train. Mr Blundon was one of the first residents in Riverdale and owned the largest house. He owned and sold a great deal of property in Riverdale, and was reportedly an officer with the Riverdale Park Company, the Company which was responsible for the existence of Riverdale.

Tellef Thompson built one of these garages about 1937.

