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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic \_\_\_\_\_

and/or common \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street & number 4802 Riverdale Road  not for publication

city, town Riverdale  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 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 checked="" 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" 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 Marvin and Mildred Fowble

street & number 4802 Riverdale Road telephone no.:

city, town Riverdale state and zip code Maryland 20737

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4687

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 538

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 7. Description

Survey No. PG:68-4-44

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

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

The house at 4802 Riverdale Road is a two story red brick house which stands on one of the original lots of the 1890s subdivision of Riverdale Park. It is rectangular with a gable roof and no eaves. There is a screened-in porch extending from the west side of the house. There are three sides of window panels on this porch.

Beyond the chain link fence are concrete steps leading to the entrance. The door is a black craftsman panelled structure with a decorative segmental pediment in a "sea gull" motif. The entrance is off-center to the left of the facade. There are five asymmetrical 6/6 windows in the front. All of these windows have black shutters. There is one window on the northwest side of the house, and three, 1/1 windows and one smaller window on the east wall. These windows which light the interior have no shutters.

The roof is made of slate shingles and there is a corbelled cap chimney on the exterior of the west facade. The roof runs east-west and parallels the street. There is a basement, lighted by small windows. There are no out buildings. The front and sides of the house have been landscaped with trees and bushes. The brickwork of the exterior of the house is in the running board pattern, as is the brick foundation.

Information from Tax Assessments, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland

1943 A two-car garage was built

1940-44 Land assessed at \$1100; improvements \$3500

1952 Land assessed at \$715; improvements \$5465

1953 Land assessed at \$770; improvements \$7140

# 8. Significance

Survey No. Pg # 68-4-44

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1952

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.

While this house is not of a true vernacular style, it does have the flavor of a Georgian tradition. The brick cladding, gabled roof parallel to the street, ornamental panel on the entrance, end-wall chimney, and decorative shutters, are typical of cottages built during the mid 1900s. This is the second house to stand on this lot, and it is located directly across from the Calvert Mansion on Riverdale Road, originally Jefferson Avenue.

The land on which this house was built was part of the Riversdale plantation. In 1801, Henri Joseph Stier, a Belgian nobleman who emigrated to the United States during the French Revolution, purchased 800 acres of land in Prince George's County.

Stier began construction of a mansion, which was the nucleus of his plantation. He later deeded the plantation and the mansion to his daughter, Rosalie and her husband, George Calvert, a descendent of Lord Baltimore. The plantation remained in the Calvert family until the death of George and Rosalie's son, Charles Benedict Calvert, in 1864. The land was then divided among his heirs.

In June 1887, Charles Baltimore Calvert sold 300 acres including the mansion, Riversdale, to John Fox and Alexander Lutz of New York City. Two days later, George Calvert, Jr. sold 174 1/2 acres of his inheritance to Fox and Lutz. Alexander Lutz subsequently sold all of his property to John Fox, who in November of 1889, sold the 474 1/2 acres to the Riverdale Park Company, of which he was President. The mansion was formed for the purpose of maintaining this tract of land.

<sup>1</sup>Pearl, Susan, A Historical Structures Report, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, 1979.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Gottfried, Herbert and Jerrings, Jan, American Vernacular Design, Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, 1985.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A            
Zone Easting Northing

B            
Zone Easting Northing

C

D

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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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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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city or town state

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.

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