

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No. ^{Pg#} 68-4-46

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4808 Riverdale Road not for publication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 checked="" 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	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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> park
			<input 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 Edward and Agripina G'Connor

street & number 4808 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 5372

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 106

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

8. Significance

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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 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca, 1909 **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.

4808 Riverdale Road is an example of the Washington suburban dwellings built at the turn of the century. Its lines are strong and varied. Its characteristics are of the true suburban cottage: multiple dormers, asymmetrical lines and projecting walls. It is one of the earlier houses to be built in Riverdale Park and 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.

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

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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Gottfried, Herbert and Jennings, Jan. American Vernacular Design, Van Nostrand Reinhold Company, 1935.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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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

name/title Nancy Simson

organization	The George Washington University	date	April 2, 1990
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street & number	telephone
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city or town	Washington, D.C.	state
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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.

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 Shaw House
 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 269-2438

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

The house at 4808 Riverdale Road is a two and one half story frame house which stands on one of the original lots of the 1980s subdivision of Riverdale Park. The house is rectangular with various projections.

The south facade is composed of a two-story projective bow window to the west, a central entrance, and an enclosed porch on the east. The entrance and porch are covered by a pedimented roof. This porch has been enclosed and is now lighted by a sliding glass door and three side-by-side vertical windows.

The roof is hipped with a shed dormer. There are three, 1/1 windows on this dormer, and on each side of the house, an additional pedimented gable dormer. There is one interior chimney protruding from the dormer on the west side of the house. Below the overhang of the roof on the east and west sides of the house are three, 1/1 windows. There are no shutters on any of the windows. The house appears to have the original wood siding.

There is a deck, which was a later addition, on the west side of the house. It appears to be sided with aluminum, and has decorative lattice brackets. The house is on a high block foundation, and the area under the front porch is covered by lattice woodwork. The stairs leading to the entrance are made of concrete. There is a chain link fence in front of the house which encloses two garden areas.

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

1908 Land assessed at \$375; improvements total \$4875

1918 Land assessed at \$525; improvements \$2800

1933 Land assessed at \$900; improvements \$4250, total \$5150

1942-44 Land assessed at \$900; improvements \$4250