

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey # 68-66

Building Date c.1910

Building Name Holland-Brown House

Location 4716 Riverdale Road, Riverdale, MD

Private/ Residence/ Occupied/ Good/ Inaccessible

DESCRIPTION

The Holland-Brown House at 4716 Riverdale Road (Lot 14, Block 41, Riverdale Park) is a two-story and attic, detached, frame dwelling with a rectangular plan, a rusticated concrete block foundation, and an asphalt-shingle, hip roof with overhanging eaves. In both plan and decoration, the house is a traditional, turn-of-the-century Foursquare. The exterior is simply-detailed; the foundation has been painted and the house is currently sheathed with white vinyl siding. With the exception of the windows in a modern rear porch, windows throughout are wood-frame, double-hung sash that are original to the house.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Holland-Brown House is a good example of the Foursquare, a nationally popular house form built in Riverdale and other Washington area suburbs throughout the early 20th century. The house is sited on the north side of Riverdale Road (originally Jefferson Street), about a block northwest of the Riversdale Mansion. Although the house is now aluminum-sided, its massing and fenestration are still intact, making the house a familiar visual feature of the streetscape along Riverdale Road. The house was built between mid 1909 and mid 1910 by Mamie E. and Christopher C. Holland, who sold the house soon after its completion. After several owners, the house was purchased in 1943 by Samuel T. Moore, Sr. whose family occupied 4716 Riverdale Road until 1978. The one-car, front-gable garage north of the house at the rear of the site was built by Moore in 1948.

Acreage: 6,000 square feet

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Holland-Brown House

2. Location

street & number 4716 Riverdale Road _____ not for publication

city, town Riverdale _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 5th

state Maryland _____ county Prince George's

3. Classification

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

name Charles and Jeanell Brown

street & number 4716 Riverdale Road telephone no.:

city, town Riverdale state and zip code Maryland 20737

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P G County Courthouse liber 7145

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 594

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title NONE

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

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7. Description

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

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The house's main (south) facade is two bays wide. A hip-roof front porch, supported by wooden Doric columns, shelters the entire first story. The house's main entry, with its wood and glass "craftsman-style" door, is located in the facade's eastern bay. To the east of the door, placed high on the first story is a small, rectangular leaded-pane window. The western bay of the first story has a single, large, 1/1 window. At the second story, each bay is defined by an attached pair of 1/1 windows; each pair about the same size as the large first story window. The attic of the main facade contains a small hip-roof dormer with two square casement windows.

The west facade is composed of the two-bay, two-story main block and a one story shed-roof addition to the north. Each bay of the facade is fenestrated with single large 1/1 windows. Each bay of the main block is lighted by large 1/1 windows at the first and second story. A dormer, identical to the one on the main facade, lights the attic.

The north facade has a full-width shed-roof addition at the first story resting on a painted, poured-concrete foundation. The window size and configuration of the aluminum-sided addition are consistent with the main block although the addition is a recent one and represents the enclosure of a rear porch. The second story of the facade has three bays, each defined by a single 1/1 window; the window in the center bay is slightly smaller than the two that flank it.

The three-bay east facade contains a small rectangular leaded-pane window at the first story of the southernmost bay, identical to one on the main facade. The center bay contains a wood and glass door, at grade, that leads to the cellar. Above the cellar door and between the first and second stories, is a large double-hung window that lights the stair landing. At the second story, immediately north of this window is an identical double-hung window. Another window of the same configuration lights the first story of the north bay. North of the main block, the east facade of the enclosed shed-roof porch contains floor to ceiling multi-paned windows sheltered by a small, west-sloping shed roof.

Interior

The interior of the house retains much of its original plan. The entry/stair hall is located at the house's southeast corner, the parlor at the southwest, the large dining room north of the parlor and a large kitchen in the northwest corner. Connecting the kitchen and entry hall is a short hall with a storage closet and access to the cellar. Across the rear (north) end of the house is the enclosed porch, which the present owners use as a music room. With the addition, east of the music room and west of the enclosed kitchen porch is a bathroom. The present kitchen is an enlargement of the original with the removal of the service stair that connected the first and second floors.

A number of the interior's original decorative elements remain, although the house has been extensively updated by the present and previous owners. Throughout the house, there are original narrow-board wood floors, paneled oak doors and modestly-designed floor moldings and window and door surrounds with bull's eye corner blocks. The current owners have stripped and repainted or restained most the woodwork. Previous owners were responsible for the non-original round-arched openings between the hall and parlor and the parlor and dining room. The current owners installed the non-historic mantel and firebox surround in the northwest corner of the parlor. The second floor contains three bedrooms of varying sizes. Access to the unfinished attic is provided by an enclosed stair in the small southeast bedroom. Of the two upstairs bathrooms, only one is original and neither contains old fixtures.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below							
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Specific dates C. 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.

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The land on which Riverdale Park was built had been part of the Riversdale Plantation established in 1801 when Henri Joseph Stier, a Belgian aristocrat, purchased 800 acres north of Bladensburg and began to develop a plantation. After Stier's return to Belgium in 1803, completion of the Riversdale Mansion and management of the plantation were taken over by his daughter Rosalie and her husband, George Calvert. The Riversdale Plantation became a model of its type, and remained within the Calvert family for three generations.¹ After the death in 1864 of Charles Benedict Calvert (son of Rosalie and George Calvert), a commission was appointed to divide the plantation among his heirs and a 300-acre dower lot, including the mansion and the family burial ground to the northwest, was laid off for Calvert's widow.² This 300-acre dower lot (as well as the 175-acre lot adjoining it on the north) was sold by Calvert heirs in 1887 to John Fox, president of the Riverdale Park Company, a New York real estate syndicate which then began to develop the suburb of Riverdale Park.³

The land was platted in 1889 by surveyor D.J. Howell. Streets were laid out in a grid pattern, straddling the Washington line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, which ran north and south through the new community and offered residents easy commuting into the Federal City to the southwest. Park spaces, and circles of green were provided in the plan and parkland was reserved around the Calvert mansion which was to be preserved "as a sacred relic of an era replete with historic memories."⁴ Streets were named for the Presidents of the United States, Washington through McKinley, as well as for other distinguished statesmen such as Clay, Lafayette and Beale.⁵

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Construction of dwellings began in the early 1890s. All were of frame construction, and reflected the popular taste of the period, as illustrated in house plan catalogs of those years. Some were pyramidal-roof Foursquares, others front-gabled or cross-gabled; many were highlighted by projecting bays or corner towers, and almost all had prominent wraparound porches with jigsaw decorative details. By the turn of the century, the new suburb had approximately 60 dwellings, a Presbyterian church, a handsome Victorian schoolhouse and a railroad station; the latter two public buildings were built by the Riverdale Park Company. There were two general stores, and telephone and telegraph communications were available. Concrete sidewalks were constructed, and sewers were provided for the principal streets.⁶ Because of its convenient location, its efficient line of transportation into the City, its primary school, and its picturesque, tree-lined streets, Riverdale Park became one of the most desirable residential suburbs in the Washington area.

Assessment records indicate that the Holland-Brown House was built by Mamie E. and Christopher C. Holland sometime between mid 1909 and mid 1910.⁷ The Hollands had purchased lots 13 and 14 in Block 41 of Riverdale Park in June of 1909 and sold them in May of 1910 with a completed house on lot 14.⁸ The house changed hands a number of times after its sale by the Hollands. The longest term of occupancy began in 1943, when the house was purchased by Samuel T. Moore, Sr. The Moore family occupied 4716 Riverdale Road until 1978; until that time, lot 13 west of the house was retained as a sideyard.⁹ The one-car front-gable garage north of the house at the rear of the site was built by Moore in 1948.¹⁰

Notes

¹See Riversdale, Historic Structures Report, 1979, Part II, History (S.G. Pearl).

²Prince George's County Equity Records #475.

³Prince George's County Land Records, JWB 8:426, JWB 12:484, JWB 13:614.

⁴Riverdale Park Real Estate Brochure (undated), circa 1904.

⁵Prince George's County Plat JWB 5:747, 688; Riverdale Park Real Estate Brochure (undated), circa 1904.

⁶Riverdale Park Real Estate Brochure, "Riverdale Park" article, source unknown. circa 1899.

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⁷See Prince George's County Assessment Records, 1910.

⁸Prince George's County Land Records, 66:89, 9 May 1910.

⁹Prince George's County Land Records, 4950: 556, 30 June 1978.

¹⁰A copy of the building permit issued for the garage is in the possession of the present owners.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, Section #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property Lot 14, Block 41, Riverdale Park

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Howard S. Berger, Architectural Historian

organization P G County Historic Preservation Comm date May 1990

street & number 4th Floor, CAB, telephone (301) 952-3520

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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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Chain of Title
4716 Riverdale Road

7145:594 28 October 1988 Deed	James M. and Alison G. Thresher to Charles Addison Brown and Jeanell W. Brown. Grantors convey Lot 14 in Block 41, Riverdale Park. Plat recorded A:42. Same obtained from George A. and Joyce L. Platt, representatives, 1 July 1987, 6699:17.
6699:17 1 July 1987 Deed	George A. and Joyce L. Platt, representatives David T. Stinson deceased, surviving tenant of Beatrice V. Stinson, to James M. and Alison G. Thresher. Grantors convey Lot 14 in Block 41. Same obtained from Samuel T. Moore, Jr., representative, 30 June 1978, 4950:556.
4950:556 30 June 1978 Deed	Samuel T. Moore, Jr., representative of Samuel T. Moore, deceased to David T. and Beatrice V. Stinson. Grantor conveys Lot 14 in Block 41. Same obtained from Berton E. and Nellie M. Carmichael, 13 November 1943, 722:126.
722:126 13 November 1943 Deed	Berton E. and Nellie M. Carmichael to Samuel T. and Iva J. Moore. Grantors convey Lot 14 (and Lot 13) in Block 41. Same obtained from Mayme M. and William C. Myers, 10 July 1922, 182:266.
182:266 10 July 1922 Deed	Mayme M. and William C. Myers to Berton E. Carmichael. Grantors convey Lot 14 (and Lot 13) in Block 41. Same obtained from Mamie E. and Christopher C. Holland, 9 May 1910, 66:89.
66:89 9 May 1910 Deed	Mamie E. and Christopher C. Holland to Mayme M. Myers. Grantors convey Lot 14 (and Lot 13) in Block 41. Same obtained from Emma J. and Francis M. Shaw, 28 June 1909, 51:326.
51:326 28 June 1909 Deed	Emma J. and Francis M. Shaw to Mamie E. Holland. Grantors convey Lot 14 (and Lot 13) in Block 41. Same obtained from John H. Wilson, 3 November 1906, 38:134.
38:134 3 November 1906 Dd	John H. Wilson to Emma J. Shaw. Grantor conveys Lot 14 (and Lot 13) in Block 41. Same obtained from Riverdale Park Company, 19 April 1905, 24:126.
24:126 19 April 1905 Deed	Riverdale Park Company to John H. Wilson. Grantor conveys Lot 14 in Block 41. Same obtained from Mary D. Carter, 10 April 1905, 23:247.

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23:247
10 April 1905
Deed

Mary D. Carter to Riverdale Park Company.
Grantor conveys Lot 14 in Block 41. Same
obtained from Riverdale Park Company, 14 November
1896, JWB 41:166.

JWB 41:166
14 November 1896
Deed

Riverdale Park Company to Mary D. Carter.
Grantor conveys Lot 14 in Block 41 of grantor's
subdivision of Riverdale Park. To clear title,
this deed is made.

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Survey No. '68-4-66'
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Magi No. PG: 68-66
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Holland-Brown House

2. Location

street & number 4716 Riverdale Road not for publication

city, town Riverdale vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

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

name Charles and Jeanell Brown

street & number 4716 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 7145

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 594

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

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depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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

The house at 4716 Riverdale Road is a two and a half story frame house which stands on one of the original lots of the 1890s subdivision of Riverdale Park. the house is square with a hip roof. There is one hipped dormer facing south and another facing west.

The covered entrance porch has a hipped roof and extends the full width of the house. The porch has an interrupted open railing with Tuscan columns. Originally there was a second-story porch above the present porch. There are three concrete steps leading to the entrance which were originally brick. The entrance is into the south facade which leads to a foyer in the southeast quadrant of the house.

The south facade is lighted by one, 2/2 window in the southwest quadrant, and a small window in the southeast quadrant. The second story is lighted by two, 1/1 symmetrical windows in the center of the facade.

The rear (north) of the house originally held a double-decker porch identical to the front, but has been enclosed and is now an interior room. It is also lighted by a 1/1 window. This porch has recently been extended to the east. The sides of the house (east and west) are lighted by five and four, 1/1 asymmetrical windows, respectively. There are no shutters on any of the windows.

The southern interior section of the first floor consists of two spaces, an entrance foyer and a sitting room in the southwest quadrant. There is a fireplace at a 3/4 angle in the northeast corner of this room. It has been rebuilt in the early 1900s style. There is an arched wall connecting the foyer with this room. There is a small decorative stain glass window on the east wall of the foyer, and one to the south. The floors are narrow board and the house originally had 2 X 4 wall planks which were uncovered during renovation.

The house is sheathed with grey shingles, and the roof has overhang eaves with no decoration. There is an interior chimney in the center of the roof with a corbelled cap. The

Description, 4716 Riverdale Road, con't.

house rests on a concrete foundation which encloses a basement. There is the original cistern with two drain pipes in the basement. The foundation is partially covered with tin plates and lattice woodwork. The exterior of the house is covered by aluminum siding, which was placed over a brick exterior covering the original wood.

In the rear yard to the east is a detached car garage. It has a shingled gable roof and a brick facade from the roof to the sliding door. In the interior, the wood rafters are exposed. The sliding door is wide enough to accommodate one car. The original building permit from 1948 is displayed.

The house fronts Riverdale Road, originally Jefferson Avenue, and is one block to the northwest of the Calvert Mansion. There are small garden plots, a bush and a tree in front of the house.

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

1917-20 Land assessed at \$700; improvements \$975

1920-23 Land assessed at \$810; improvements \$2050

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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and/or
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Level of Significance: national state local

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

Although this house was built in later decades, it is an example of the Victorian-style dwellings which were built in the suburbs of Washington during the turn of the century. With a hip roof; multiple dormers; interior, corbelled cap chimney; off-center entrance; and variously-grouped and sized windows, the style of the house is reminiscent of those of an earlier generation.

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 References

Survey No. PG 68-466

Gottfried, Herbert and Jenrings, Jan, American Vernacular Design, Var: Nostrand Reinhold Company, 1985.

10. Geographical Data

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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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city or town Washington, D.C. state _____

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OLIVER

HARRISON

WALTON

BALTO AND

NICKOLSON



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COLLEGE PARK

University Park

Riverdale

HYATTSVILLE

Edmonston

Bladensburg

Villa Heights

College Heights Estates

Northwestern High Sch

Memorial Library

Orem Jr High Sch

Hyattsville Hills

Concordia Lutheran Sch

Castle Manor

Branch

Brentwood

Brentwood

Cottage City

Colmar Manor

FORT LINCOLN CEMETERY

Municipal Bldg

College Park

College Park

Calvert Hills

AMHERST RD

WOODBURY ST

Water Tank

Playground

Park Rd

West Riverdale

Green Manor

Logghe High Sch

De Matha High Sch

Hyattsville Sch

Municipal Bldg

County Service Bldg

Fire Sta

Anacostia River Park

Pumping Sta

North Brentwood

North Brentwood Sch

Brentwood Sch

Peace Cross

Bladensburg High Sch

Bladensburg Sch

Jr High Sch

Evergreen

Water Tank

George's Hospital

College Park Airport

Erco Field

Riverdale Recreation Center

Riverdale Gardens

Wirt Jr High Sch

Riverdale Hills Sch

Riverdale Hills

Riverdale Heights

St Bernards Sch

East Pines

Ducat Town

Municipal Bldg

Rogers Heights

Salvation Army Community Center

Whiteley

Seton Sch

Bladensburg High Sch

Rogers Heights

Shopping Center

Cooper Lan

Villa Heights

Water Tank

Happy Acres Sch

George's Hospital

Water Tank

Happy Acres Sch

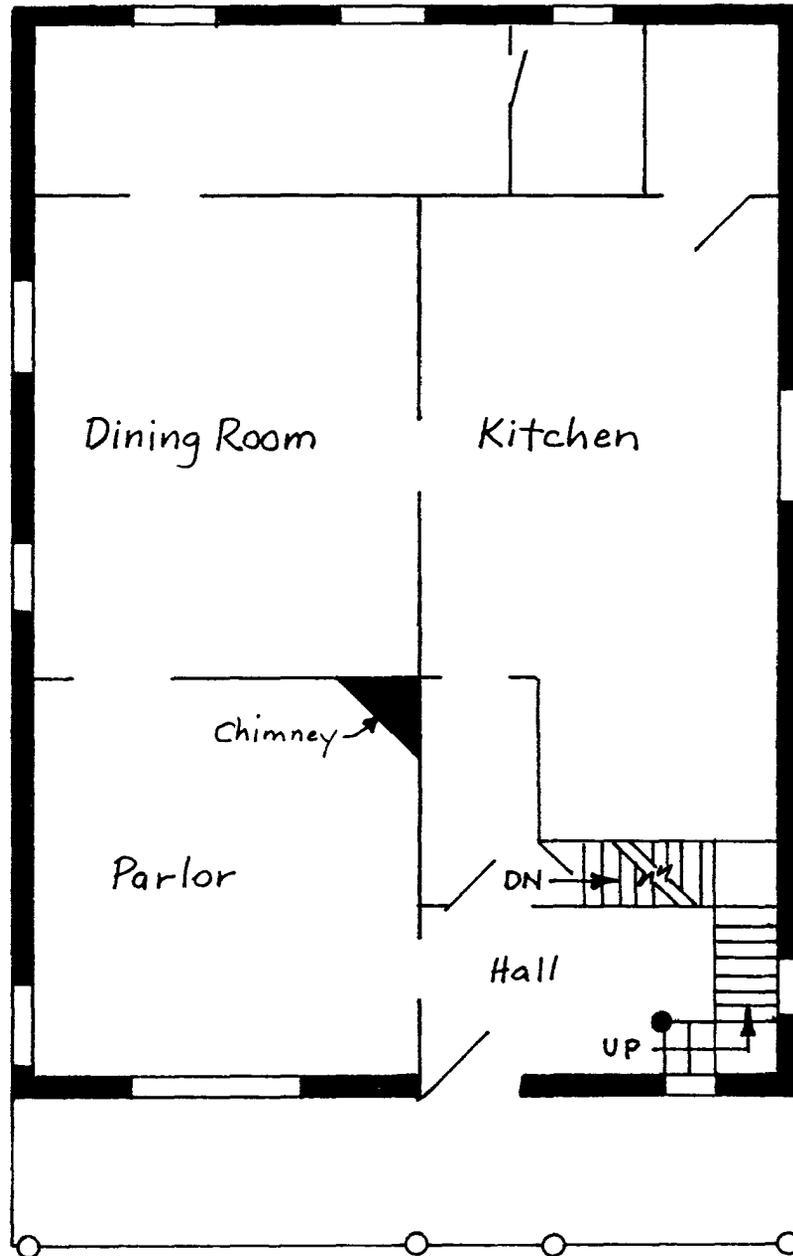
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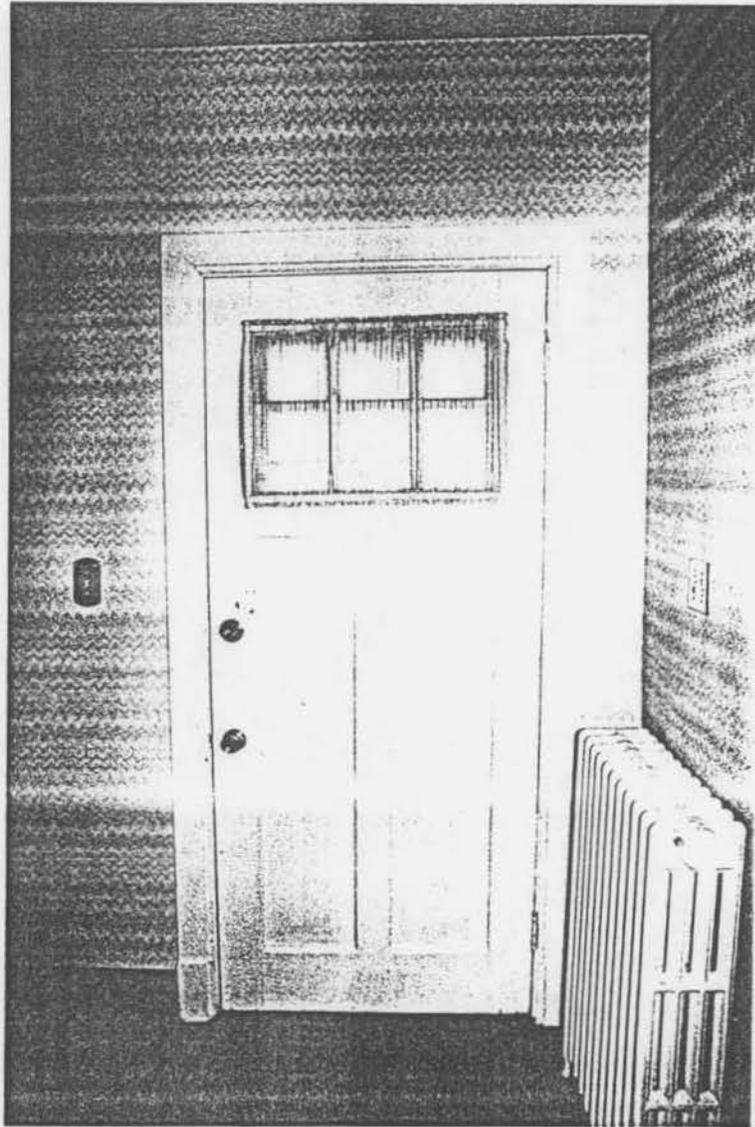




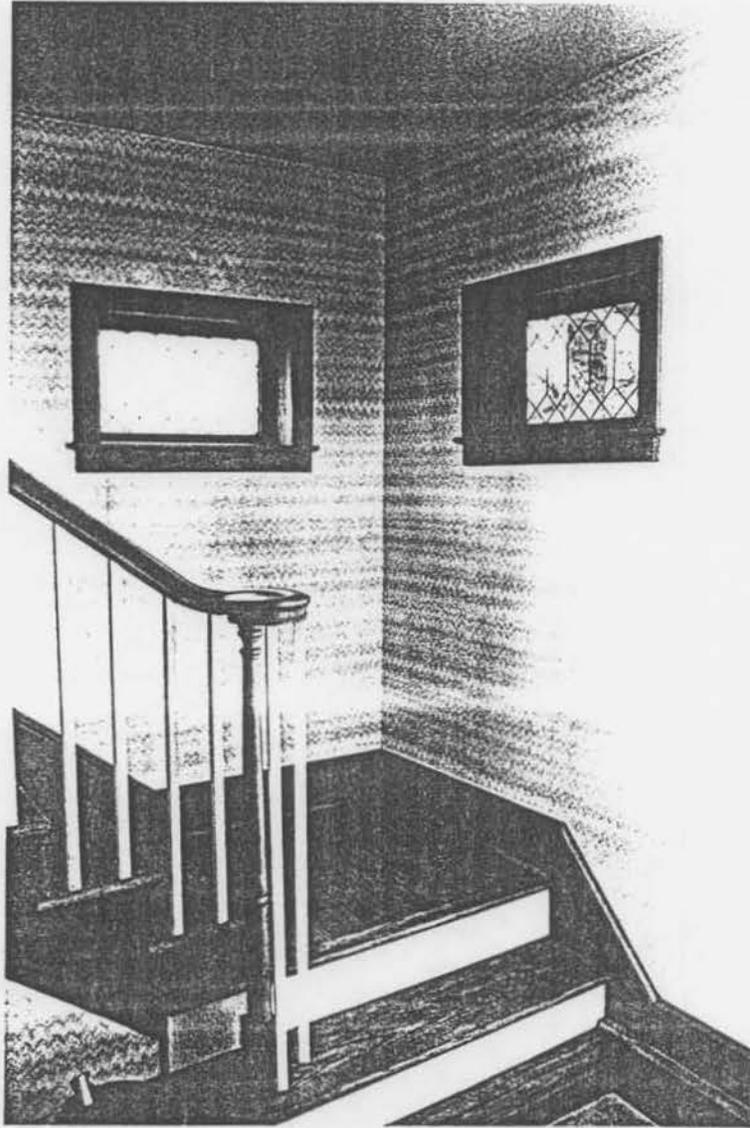
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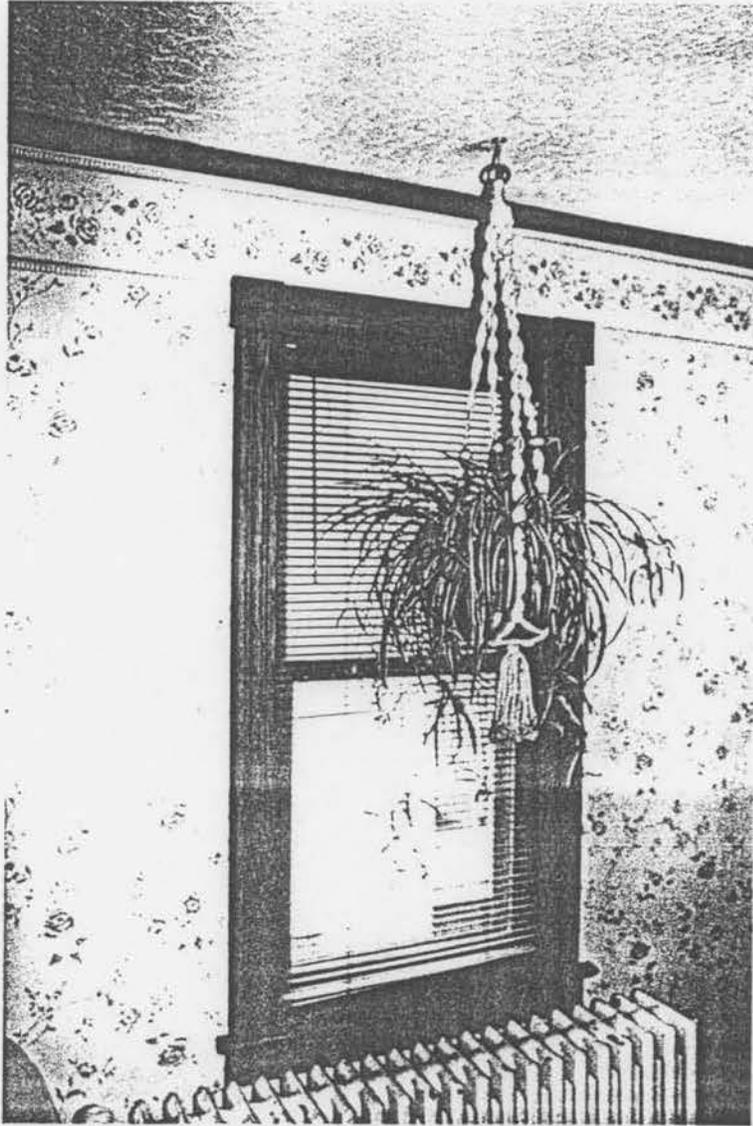
North and West Elevations (left to right)



Detail: Main Entry Door (interior)



Detail: Stair Hall (from northwest)



Detail: Window Surround (interior 2nd floor)



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ENTRY DOOR (INTERIOR DETAIL)

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WINDOW SURROUND (2ND FLOOR)
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