

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: O'Gray Property Inventory Number: P.G.: 70-41

Address: 6212 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham-Seabrook, Prince George's County, MD 20706

Owner: Murugan Temple of North America

Tax Parcel Number: Subdiv. 5314, lot 242 Tax Map Number: 44

I-495/I-95 Capital Beltway Corridor

Project: Transportation Study Agency: State Highway Administration

Site visit by: _____ Staff: No Yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended: _____ Eligibility not recommended: _____

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Is property located within a historic district? No Yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed? No Yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: I-495/I-95 Capital Beltway Corridor Transportation Study Historic Resources Survey and Documentation of Eligibility Report

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo):*

The O'Gray House was previously surveyed by Marina King in 1986. There are no apparent modifications to the building since it was surveyed. The dwelling is a 2-story hip-roofed Four-square with a full, 1-story front porch and a rear, shed-roofed addition. The main façade is three bays, and there are two exterior brick chimneys and one slope chimney. There is one frame, gable-roofed garage/shed with shed additions located at the rear of the dwelling; it is in very poor condition. The site has been altered by the construction of an enormous 1-story Hindu temple in 1999, located between these buildings and the Capital Beltway; this has vastly altered the integrity of what was a residential setting.

Constructed in 1907, the O'Gray House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Although in fair-to-good condition and one of the early dwellings built as part of the Princess Gardens subdivision, begun in the early 20th century, the structure's setting has been radically altered by the construction of a mammoth Hindu temple and its parking lot close by. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state, or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore it does not meet Criterion B. It is not eligible under Criterion C, as it is an undistinguished residential property that has been unrecognizably altered with modern additions and modifications.

Prepared by: Sara Amy Leach, KCI Technologies, Inc., January 2000

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Eligibility recommended: _____ Eligibility not recommended: XX
 Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date 9/11/00

 Reviewer, NR Programs Date JMS

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Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo):* (CONT'D)

Investigations have not been conducted to determine whether the property has the potential to yield information important in history or pre-history, therefore National Register Criterion D cannot be assessed at this time.

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**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

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Prince George's County Tax Map 44, Subdivision 5314, Lot 242

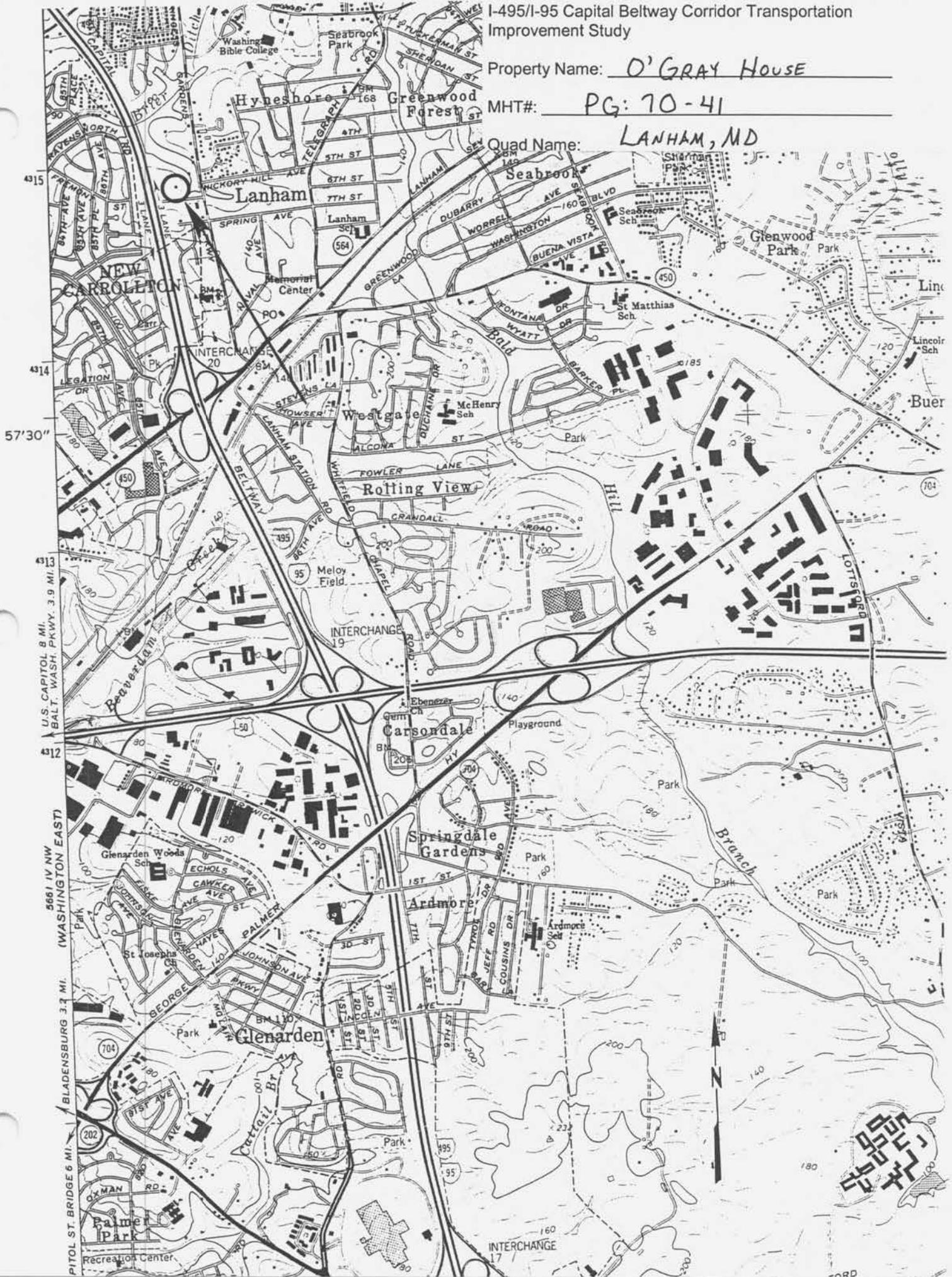


I-495/I-95 Capital Beltway Corridor Transportation Improvement Study

Property Name: O'GRAY HOUSE

MHT#: PG: 70-41

Quad Name: LANHAM, MD



4315
4314
57'30"
4313
4312
U.S. CAPITOL 8 MI. BALT. WASH. PKWY. 3.9 MI.
5661 IV NW (WASHINGTON EAST)
PITOL ST. BRIDGE 6 MI. BLADENSBURG 3.2 MI.

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #7041 Building Date: 1907
Building Name: O'Gray House
Location: 6212 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham, Maryland
Private/Residential/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The O'Gray House is a two-story hipped roof frame dwelling, square in plan, on a hillside 300 feet west of Princess Garden Parkway. It is on a wooded 11 acre lot. The three-bay east (main) facade has entrance in the third bay. The bays are not symmetrical but are close together on the southern section. Windows are 6/6 with plain surrounds. A three-bay shed roof porch has wide overhanging eaves and is enclosed by a half wall covered with siding. The house is covered with German siding and an asphalt shingle roof. There are two corbelled interior chimneys on the north and south roof slopes. The four-bay south facade has windows of varied size. The two-bay north facade has a bulkhead cellar entrance between the first and second bay. The three-bay west (rear) facade has a shed roof addition across the first story. A one-story gable roof outbuilding just west of the house is two-by-one bays. The roof is extended sheltering an exterior garage or shed on the west side. The building rests on cement piers and is covered by asphalt shingle.

Significance:

The O'Gray House was built ca. 1907 on 2.51 acres in the new Princess Gardens Subdivision. Early residents of Princess Gardens, centered along Princess Garden Parkway, were primarily railroad workers and tradesmen from the nearby U.S. Navy Yard. They had access to Washington, D.C. via trains which stopped at Lanham Station. William O'Gray, a machinist at the Navy Yard, purchased lot #20 in 1906. The house was built by 1909. The family still owns the property. The house is significant in several areas. It is an excellent example of four-square house design, and is one of a group of four-square houses built during the early years of the Princess Gardens Subdivision. The subdivision is an early example of the suburban movement in the United States.

Acreage: 3.49 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic O'Gray House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6212 Princess Garden Parkway not for publication

city, town Lanham 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 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 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Jane S. Printz

street & number 6212 Princess Garden Parkway telephone no.:

city, town Lanham state and zip code Md. 20706

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2027

street & number Main Street folio 31

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records History Division-M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

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 checked="" 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.

The O'Gray House is a two-story hipped roof frame dwelling, square in plan, set on a hillside approximately 300 feet west of Princess Garden Parkway. It is situated on a wooded eleven acre lot and is barely visible from the road.

The three-bay east (main) facade has entrance in the third bay through a door with one large glass light. The bays are not placed symmetrically on the facade but are close together on the southern section. Windows are 6/6 double-hung-sash with plain board surrounds. A three-bay shed roof porch shelters the first story. It has wide overhanging eaves with projecting rafter ends and is enclosed by a half wall covered with siding. The screen which enclosed the porch has been removed.

The house is covered with German siding and has an asphalt shingle roof. The cornice is boxed with overhanging eaves. The building rests on cement piers, the crawl space beneath the house infilled with cement blocks. There are two corbelled interior chimneys on the north and south roof slopes.

The four-bay south facade has windows of varied size. An exterior brick chimney between the third and fourth bay has weathering at the first story level. The two-bay north facade has a bulkhead cellar entrance between the first and second bay.

The three-bay west (rear) facade has a shed roof addition across the first story. The three-by-one-bay addition rests on a cement block base and has a one-bay rear porch beneath the roof overhang. There is a two-story exterior brick chimney on the north facade.

A one-story gable roof outbuilding just west of the house is two-by-one bays. The roof is extended sheltering an exterior garage or shed space on the west side. The building rests on cement piers and is covered by asphalt shingle. There are five-panel wooded doors on the south and east facades. The house is surrounded by a large partially wooded lot. There are mature hardwood, cedar and spruce trees on the property.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1907 **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.

The O'Gray House was built ca. 1907 on 2.51 acres in the newly platted Princess Gardens Subdivision.¹ The subdivision was platted in 1903 by E. Baker Evans, who was listed as a farmer in the 1910 U.S. Census. Evans had offices on Pennsylvania Avenue in the District of Columbia and sold lots in the subdivision during first decade of the twentieth century.² Early residents of Princess Gardens, centered along Princess Garden Parkway, were primarily railroad workers and tradesmen from the nearby U.S. Navy Yard.³ Residents had access to employment in Washington, D.C. via the trains which stopped at nearby Lanham Station.

William O'Gray, a machinist employed in the Navy Yard, purchased lot #20 in 1906.⁴ The O'Gray house was built by 1909. Members of the family still own the property.

The O'Gray house is significant in several areas. It is an excellent example of four-square house design, and is one of a group of four-square houses built during the early years of the Princess Gardens Subdivision. The subdivision is an early example of the suburban movement in the United States. It was a neighborhood of skilled tradesworkers employed in Washington, D.C. and residing in a railroad accessible suburb.

Notes

- 1 Land Records of Prince George's County, 31:46.
- 2 United States Census, 1910, Prince George's County, District 2; and Plat A-98, June 5, 1903.
- 3 Ibid.
- 4 Ibid.; and Land Records of Prince George's County, 31:46.

Chain of Title

O'Gray House
P.G. # 70-41

2027:031
31 Aug 1956
Deed
Mattie Eva Spengler formerly Mattie O'Gray, wife of Wirt B. Spengler to Jane S. Printz. For \$10.00 grantor conveys lot 137 in subdivision known as Princess Gardens.

1151:397
27 Aug 1949
Deed
Jane Peaches Spengler (Jane E. Printz) and Harry E. Printz to Mattie Eva Spengler. For \$10.00 grantors money that land grantors obtained from Eva Spengler 11 Aug 1937, recorded 487:39. Contains 2.51 acres - south part of lot 20, Princess Gardens subdivision.

487:39
27 Aug 1937
Deed
Eva and Wirt Spengler and Lena and John Giles - the said Eva Spengler and Lena Giles being sole heirs of William O'Gray deceased, to Jane Peaches Spengler. For \$10.00 grantors convey that lot containing 2.51 acres, beginning at the S.W. corner of lot 20.

90:369
1914
Release
Hyattsville Building Association, in consideration of payment in full of 2 mortgages by William O'Gray and wife Mary L. O'Gray, dated 9/22/06 and 5/22/08 and recorded 32:244 and 45:92 in regards to Lot 20 of Princess Gardens Subdivision subdivided by E. Baker Evans.

32:244
29 Sept 1906
Mortgage
William O'Gray and Mary O'Gray to Hyattsville Building Association. O'Gray has received a loan of \$1,000, deed Lot 20 in Princess Gardens Subdivision.

31:46
17 Sept 1906
Deed
E. Baker Evans and Jennie K. Evans to William O'Gray of Washington, D.C. For \$10.00 grantors convey land obtained from Alonzo O. Dill, 14 April 1903, 13:100, situated in Princess Gardens subdivision, Lot 20 as per plat by Edward L. Latimer, recorded in 131:158, together with improvements there on.



1. P.G. 70-41
- 2 O'GRAY HOUSE
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
4. SARA ANN LEACH
- 5 12199
- 6 MDSHPO
- 7 6212 PRINCESS GARDEN PARKWAY, SE FRONT ELEVATION
VIEW NW
- 8 1/4



1. P.G. 40-411

2. O'GRAY House

3. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD

4. SARA ANN LEACH

5. 12/18/19

6. MD SHPO

7. 6213 DOUGLASS GARDEN PARKWAY, All Rear/SIDE
ELEVATIONS, UNLESS

8. 2/4



1. PG 70-41
- 2 O'GRAY HOUSE
- 3 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
4. SARA AMY LEACH
- 5 1814
- 6 MD SHPO
7. 6812 PRINCESS GARDEN PARKWAY, SHEL, MD
S/W FRONT SIDE ELEVATIONS, VOLUME
- 8 3/4



1. P.G.: 70-41
2. O'GRAY HOUSE
3. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MD
4. SARA AMY LEACH
5. 12/99
6. MD SAPO
7. 6212 PRINCESS GARDEN DRIVEWAY, PROPERTY,
HINDU TEMPLE, SEE FRONTSIDE ELEVATIONS, VIEW, NEW
8. 4/4



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O'Gray House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
March 1986
East elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #70-41

O'Gray House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
March 1986
West elevation
Neg: Md. His. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #70-41

O'Gray House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
March 1986
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



P.G. #70-41

O'Gray House
Prince George's County, MD.
Marina King
March 1986
South elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.