

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #70-45 Building Date: 1907

Building Name: Eberle House

Location: 6135 Princess Garden Parkway, Lanham, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Eberle House is a two story four square house of rock-faced cement block, located on a large lot fronting on Princess Garden Parkway to its west. The two bay west (front) facade has entrance in the first bay through a door with a large glass light framed by wooden egg-and-dart molding. Windows on the facade are 1/1 with a cement lintel and sill. The one bay hipped roof entrance porch is supported by four tapered wood columns. The facade is surmounted by a centered shed roof dormer. The roof is hipped, with a boxed, overhanging cornice. There are interior brick chimneys on the north and south roof slopes. A band of cement blocks forms a string course above the poured cement foundation and between first and second levels. The two bay east (rear) facade has an enclosed one story porch and a bulkhead cellar entrance beneath the second bay. A dormer similar to that on the front facade is centered at attic level. The interior has a north entrance hall with two south parlors and a rear (east) kitchen. There is banded molding with corner-blocks surrounding the doors and windows. The fireplace in the southwest parlor has a high wood mantel with wood columns flanking the fire box opening and a mirror above the mantel shelf. There is a one-by-one bay, one story ice house in the front yard, of the same cement block as the house.

Significance

The Eberle house was built ca. 1907 on 2.6 acres in the new Princess Gardens Subdivision. The subdivision was platted in 1903 by E. Baker Evans, who had offices on Pennsylvania Avenue in the District of Columbia and sold lots in the subdivision during the first decade of the 20th century. Early residents were railroad workers and tradesmen from the U.S. Navy Yard. They had access to employment in Washington, D.C. via the trains which stopped at Lanham Station. Jacob J. Eberle, a painter in the Navy Yard, purchased lots 125 and 126 in 1907, and the house was probably built soon after. Members of the Eberle family still reside there. The rock faced cement block used for the house was made by Charles Serrin, a carpenter at the Navy Yard. Serrin was a resident of the Subdivision and built several of the houses in the area. He used an iron form to mold the cement block. The house is significant as an example of four-square house design, constructed of an unusual form of cement block. Princess Garden subdivision is an example of the suburban movement in the United States.

Acreege: 1.32 acres

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Eberle House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6135 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 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 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 Anna M. Funk

street & number 6135 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 4129

street & number Main Street folio 133

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

Survey No. P.G. 70-45

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 Eberle House is a two story four square house of rock-faced cement block construction. It is located on a large lot with mature trees, fronting on Princess Garden Parkwy to its west.

The two bay west (front) facade has entrance in the first bay through a door with a large glass light framed by wooden egg-and-dart molding. Windows on the facade are 1/1 double-hung-sash with a cement lintel and sill. The entrance is sheltered by a one bay hipped roof entrance porch supported by four tapered wood columns, and having a banded frieze and overhanging cornice. The facade is surmounted by a centered small shed roof dormer containing a one light square window.

The roof is hipped, with a boxed, overhanging cornice. There are corbelled interior brick chimneys on the north and south roof slopes. A band of smooth cement blocks forms a string course above the poured cement foundation and between first and second levels.

The three bay north facade is irregularly fenestrated, with a square window with sidelights in the third bay lighting the interior stairwell. The two bay east (rear) facade has an enclosed one story porch with an entrance in the first bay. There is a bulkhead cellar entrance beneath the second bay. A dormer similar to that on the front facade is centered at attic level.

The two bay south facade has a one story rectangular frame projecting first bay with vertical board wainscot below 1/1 windows.

The interior of the Eberle house has a north side entrance hall with two south parlors and a rear (east) kitchen. There is banded molding with corner-blocks surrounding the doors and windows, and a picture rail and chair rail to protect the plaster walls. The fireplace in the southwest parlor has a high wood mantel with wood columns flanking the fire box opening and a mirror incorporated into the surround, above the mantel shelf.

There is a one-by-one bay, one story ice house in the front yard. It is of the same cement block as the house, with a hipped metal roof and a center, east side entrance. There are mature trees on the property, and a grove of bamboo northeast of the house.

9. Major Bibliographical References

See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 1.32 acres

Map 44

Lot 125

Quadrangle name Lanham, Section A

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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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

11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	May 1986
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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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Notes

1 Land Records of Prince George's County, 39:216.

2 United States Census, 1910, Prince George's County, District 2, #479, and Plat A-98, June 5, 1903.

3 Ibid.

4 Ibid; and Land Records of Prince George's County, 39:216.

5 Conversation with Richard Paris, April 1986.

Chain of Title

Eberle House
P.G. #70-45

- 4129:133
30 Aug 1972
Deed
Melvin L. Bowles and Virginia R. Bowles to Anna M. Funk. For \$10.00 grantors convey Lot obtained from Anna M. Funk on June 1972. A part of Lot conveyed by Louis P. and Jennie A. Eberle to Emma W. Eberle and Anna M. Funk, 8/30/38 502:145. Said Emma died 5/18/61, Ad #13863. Lot 125 and part of 102, 12,546 square feet.
- 4129:137
30 Aug 72
Deed
Anna M. Funk to Melvin L. and Virginia L. Bowles. For \$10 grantor conveys that property obtained from Lois P. Eberle and Jennie A. Eberle, 30 Aug 1938, 502:145.
- 502:145
30 Aug 1938
Deed
Louis P. and Jennie A. Eberle of Lanham to Emma W. Eberle and Anna M. Funk. For \$10.00 grantors convey Lot 125 and part of lot 102 in Princess Gardens subdivision. Lot #125 contains 1.376 acres, and Lot #102 contains 19,395 square feet.
- 502:143
30 Aug 1938
Deed
Emma W. Eberle and Anna M. and Raynor Funk to Louis P. Eberle and Jennie A. Eberle. For \$5.00 grantors convey Lot 126 and a part of Lot #101 contains 1.647 acres.
- 91:423
9 Nov 1914
Deed
E. Baker Evans to Jacob J. Eberle. For \$10.00 grantor conveys lots 101 and 102 together with improvements.
- 39:216
25 Mar 1907
Deed
E. Baker Evans and Jacob J. Eberle. For \$10.00 grantor convey part of land obtained from Avarilla Lambert and Martina Carr by deed of 18 May 1903, recorded 14:108 (or 74:708) Lots 125 and 126 together with improvements.

DRESDEN GREEN

R-55

R-80

R-55

CAPITAL

BELTWAY

EDWARD NYLEN ET AL
EQ. D-3840
8.65A. P. 245

PRINCESS GARDENS
2969

PRINCESS GARDENS
117033

PRINCESS GARDENS
0638

GREENWOOD HILL
7286

70-41

70-46

70-42

PRINCESS GARDENS
3138

70-45

70-44

R-80
0688

R-55

R-55

STANCLIFF
1371

PRINCESS GARDENS
11701

C-M
712





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Prince George's County, Md.
Marina King
February 1986
West
Neg. Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Eberle House
Prince George's County, Md.
Marina King
February 1986
North
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Prince George's County, Md.
Marina King
February 1986
East
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Eberle House
Prince George's County, MD
Marina King
February 1986
Outbuilding, west
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD