

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #76B-18 Building Date: 1885

Building Name: Small House

Location: 5610 Lambert Drive, Temple Hills

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Small house is a two-story, frame gable roof dwelling with a rectangular plan and a two-story rear wing. The three bay north (main) gable end has entrance in the third bay, through a modern door. Door and window surrounds are wide plain bands of vinyl. Windows are one-over-one double-hung-sash. The first story is sheltered by a four-bay shed roof entrance porch with a paved cement base. Tapering Tuscan Doric columns support the porch roof. The second story of the main facade has one centered window, and there is a window centered at loft level. The house has been newly covered with vinyl siding. Earlier coverings included asbestos shingle and German siding. The foundation is cement, the roof covered with grey asphalt shingle. It is probable that the installation of siding resulted in the loss of cornice detail and window shutters.

Significance

The ca. 1885 Small house lacks architectural significance. It was a plain farmhouse from which most distinguishing features were removed by the installation of vinyl siding in spring 1987. Any significance it has is as an early farm house in what became the Temple Hills subdivision. It is now surrounded by ca. 1940's and 50's single-family dwellings on suburban lots. In 1885 Reuben and Francis H. Small obtained 75 acres of a tract called St. Osyth from Edward Temple of Washington, D.C. Temple was a banker owning 700 acres in Spalding's District of Prince George's County. Francis and Reuben Small, truck farmers, acquired property from Temple when he began to sell off his acreage. The farmhouse was probably built soon after the property was acquired. The property was sold from the family in 1938. In 1944 the House was sold on a 1.13 acre lot, and the surrounding 65 acres was subdivided in 1946, and named Temple Hills Park.

Acreage .6 acre

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Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Small House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 5610 Lambert Drive  not for publication

city, town Unincorporated area  vicinity of congressional district 4

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	<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 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 Raymond S. Epp, Jr.

street & number 5610 Lambert Drive telephone no.:

city, town Temple Hills state and zip code MD 20748

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6454

street & number Main Street folio

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N.A.

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Rm. 4010, CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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 Small house is a two-story, frame gable roof dwelling with a rectangular plan and a two-story rear wing. It is set on a hill on a small town lot overlooking the surrounding subdivision of Temple Hills.

The three bay north (main) gable end has entrance in the third bay, through a modern door with two lower horizontal panels and an upper glazed panel of nine lights. Door and window surrounds are wide plain bands of vinyl. Windows are one-over-one double-hung-sash. The first story is sheltered by a four-bay shed roof entrance porch with a paved cement base. Tapering Tuscan Doric columns support the porch roof, which is either new or refinished with a vinyl covering. The second story of the main facade has one centered window, and there is a window centered at loft level.

The two-bay east facade has a centered interior brick chimney with corbelling. The first bay is a glass sliding door to a new wooden deck crossing the east facade. The overhanging eaves are supported by decoratively shaped rafter ends. The eaves in the gable ends have been boxed in.

The house has been newly covered with vinyl siding. Earlier coverings included asbestos shingle and German siding. The foundation is cement, the roof covered with grey asphalt shingle. It is probable that the installation of siding resulted in the loss of cornice detail and window shutters.

The south (rear) gable end is dominated by a two-story, two-by-one bay gable roof kitchen addition attached to the southwest corner. A shed roof porch sheltering the east facade of the addition has a half wall of German siding and the upper half enclosed by windows. A door in the east side of the addition leads from the porch to the kitchen.

The two-bay west facade faces Lambert Drive. The north entrance porch wraps around the west facade for a distance of two bays. The two bay rear kitchen addition is set flush with the main block, giving the west facade the appearance of being four bays in length.

The small yard surrounding the Small House has a large evergreen tree at the southwest corner of the house. Cedar trees line the residential street that approaches the house. These probably originally lined a driveway up to the house. The north gable end overlooks a narrow front yard and a steep wooded embankment dropping to Temple Hill Road.

# 8. Significance

Period	Area 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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** 1885 **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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In 1885 Reuben and Francis H. Small obtained 75 acres of a tract called St. Osyth from Edward Temple of Washington, D.C.<sup>1</sup> Temple was a banker owning 700 acres in Spalding's District of Prince George's County, including tracts called St. Osyth and Mellwood, in 1878.<sup>2</sup> The Temple property contained a residence, and a mill.<sup>3</sup> Francis and Reuben Small, truck farmers,<sup>4</sup> acquired property from Temple when he began to sell off some of his acreage. The Small farmhouse was probably built soon after the property was acquired.

The Small property was sold from the family in 1938. In 1944 the Small House was sold on a 1.13 acre lot, and the surrounding 65 acres was subdivided in 1946, and named Temple Hills Park.<sup>5</sup> In 1986 the lot on which the Small house stands had shrunk still further to .6 acre.<sup>6</sup>

Notes

<sup>1</sup> Land Records of Prince George's County, JWB 5:117.

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- 2 "Hopkins Atlas of Fifteen Miles Around Washington, D.C.", G. M. Hopkins, C.E., 1878. Reprinted 1975, Prince George's County Historical Society; and Tax Records Prince George's County, District 6, 1888.
- 3 Tax Records; Hopkins Atlas.
- 4 United States Census, Prince George's County, 12th Election District, 1910, #26.
- 5 Land Records, Plat #6-63.
- 6 Land Records, 6454:373.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acres of nominated property .6 acre

Quadrangle name Anacostia E

Map 97

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

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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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
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King

organization Historic Preservation Commission c/o M-NCPPC

date September 1987

street & number #4010, CAB

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city or town Upper Marlboro

state MD 20772

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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

CHAIN OF TITLE  
Small House  
P.G. #76B-18

6454:373  
2 Sept. 1986  
Deed  
John N. Watson & wife to Raymond S. Epp, Jr. For \$77,000 that parcel in 12th Election District, recorded 5770.895, part of land of Lynn & Irene Elmore, recorded 2479:594. Contains 26,566 sq. ft. or .6 acre.

2479:594  
17 Aug. 1960  
Deed  
Charles W. Baker and Janet L. Baker to Lynn B. & Irene Elmore. For \$10 grantors convey that parcel in Oxon Hill District, a part of a tract called St. Osyth. Contains 1.135 acres. See 724:455. Together with right-of-way. Purse, Oct. 2, 1945 811:75.

724:455  
17 March 1944  
Deed  
Hilda I. E. Malm to Victor and Elsie Purse of D.C. For \$10 grantors convey 1.135 acres. Plat attached. Together with right-of-way to Temple Hills - Allentown Road and use of spring.

669:31  
16 May 1942  
Deed  
Maude & Joseph Moran to Hildur I.E. Malm. For \$10 grantors convey lot obtained from Ralph N. Small. Contains 75 acres, excepting 10 acres conveyed by Francis H. Small to Ralph N. Small, 152:450. Balance is 65.58 acres.

484:391  
5 Jan. 1938  
Deed  
Ralph N. Small et. al. heirs of Annie A. Small dec'd. to Maude Moran of D.C. For \$10 grantors convey that parcel in Oxon Hill, obtained from Frank Small, Jr. 392:196, a portion of a tract called St. Osyth, 65.58 acres.

152:430  
29 March 1920  
Deed  
Francis H. Small, Annie N. Small, his wife to Ralph N. Small. For \$1,000 grantors convey that parcel in Oxon Hills, a part of land obtained from Edward Temple, 31 Aug. 1885: JWB 5:114. Contains 10 acres.

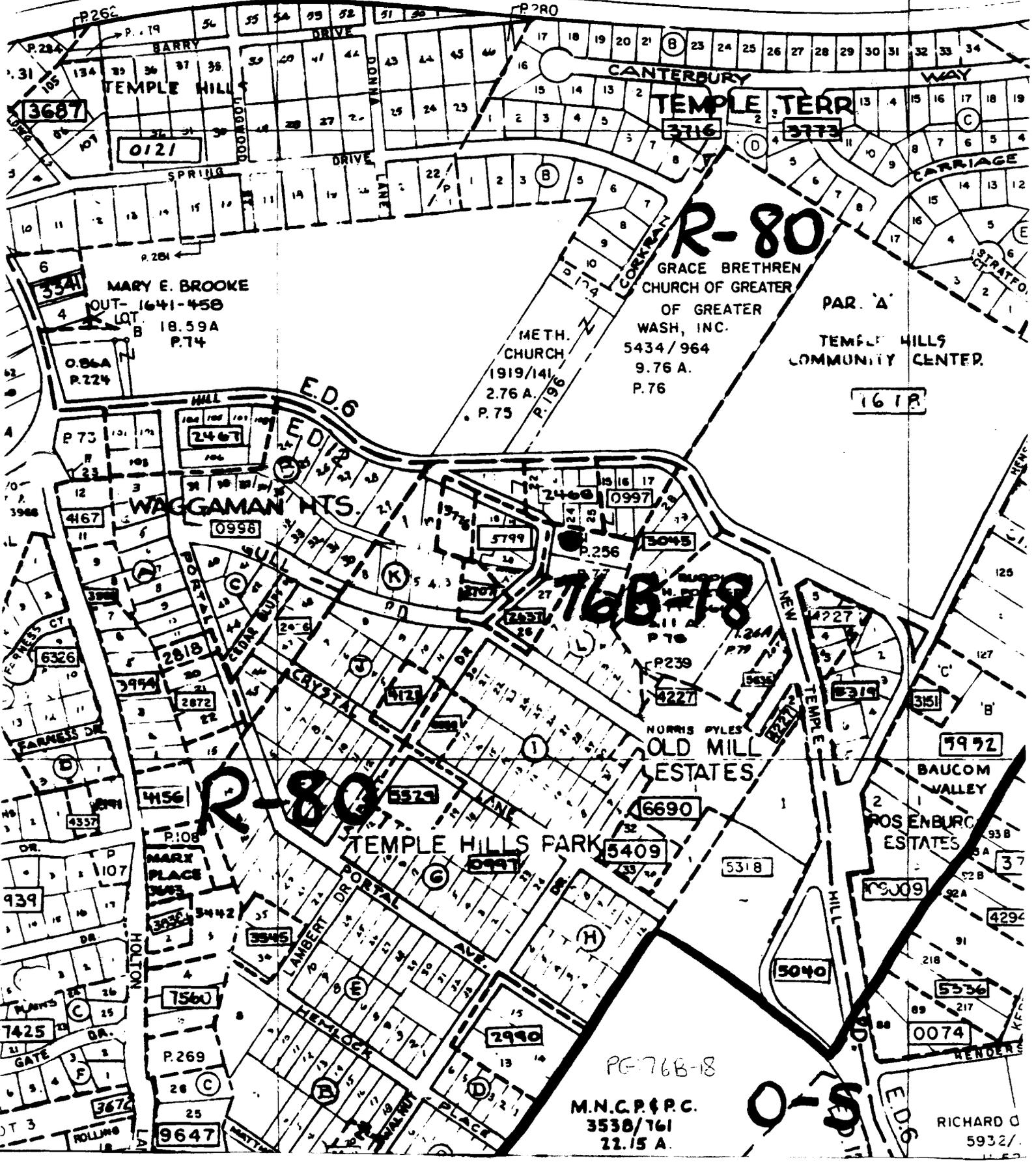
JWB 5:117  
31 Aug. 1885  
Deed  
Edward Temple of D.C. to Reuben A. Small and Francis H. Small. For \$1,500 grantor conveys a part of St. Osyth. Begins south side of road from Temple Post Office to D.C. Contains 75 acres.

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P.28  
1.73 A  
P.288  
2.12 A  
P.30

2.15 A  
P.266

95 CAPITAL BELTWAY



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22.15 A.

RICHARD O  
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Small House  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Marina King  
February 1987  
North elevation  
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Small House  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Marina King  
February 1987  
East elevation  
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #76B-18

Small House  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Marina King  
February 1987  
West elevation  
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD



P.G. #76B-18

Small House  
Prince George's County, Maryland  
Marina King  
February 1987  
Southeast elevation  
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD