

QA-516

7004 Main Street
Queenstown, Queen Anne's County
Private
Ca. 1900

Capsule Summary

The house located at 7004 Main Street is an example of a simple vernacular building constructed ca. 1900. The building adopts a functional design that lacks ornamentation. The building located at 7004 Main Street is associated with broad pattern of the local development of Queenstown (Criterion A). However, historical data do not suggest that the building possesses an important association within this context (Criterion A). Historic research does not suggest that the building is associated the lives of persons significant in the past (Criterion B). The dwelling is a simple vernacular house that does not appear to possess those distinguishable characteristic required for consideration as a important example of design or building practice (Criterion C). The building located at 7004 Main Street does not appear to possess those qualities of significance necessary for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 7004 Main Street

2. Location

street and number 7004 Main Street

N/A not for publication

city, town Queenstown

___ vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

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

name Victor Lamhart

street and number 7004 Main Street, PO Box 93

telephone

city, town Queenstown

state MD

zip code 21658

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

tax map and parcel 51A, P.109

city, town Centreville

liber TSP

folio 45/87

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	___ landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ commerce/trade	___ recreation/culture	Noncontributing
___ structure	___ both	___ defense	___ religion	___ 1 buildings
___ site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	___ social	___ sites
___ object		___ education	___ transportation	___ structures
		___ funerary	___ work in progress	___ objects
		___ government	___ unknown	___ 1 Total
		___ health care	___ vacant/not in use	
		___ industry	___ other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				0

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

Summary

The house located at 7004 Main Street is a wood frame, residence constructed ca. 1900. The building faces west on Main Street. The interior of the building was not inspected as part of this investigation.

The building occupies a narrow lot on Main Street in Queenstown. The front of the lot is delineated by a concrete sidewalk. A short concrete walkway leads from the sidewalk to the front of the building. A narrow driveway is located to the north of the building.

Description

The house located at 7004 Main Street comprises a two-story principal block and a rear ell that forms a rectangular footprint. The building rests on a brick foundation. The wood frame walls are clad with asbestos shingles. The building terminates in a front gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles and features wide overhanging eaves with exposed rafter tails. An interior brick chimney is located on the ridgeline of the building.

The three-bay, principal (east) elevation features a raised full façade shed roof screened porch. The porch is supported by brick piers and features a tongue and groove floor. The porch features four simple wood posts infilled with screen and light wood framing. The porch terminates in a shed roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. The screened porch shelters a single-light raised panel wood door flanked by six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood sash windows. The second floor level features two six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood sash windows. The principal (east) elevation features a single four-light fixed wood frame window in the gable. All windows feature simple wood surrounds and aluminum storm windows.

A one-story, wood frame ell is appended to the rear (east) elevation of the building. The ell rest on a wood frame supported by brick piers. The southern portion of the rear serves as an open porch supported by two wood posts. The northern portion of the porch features wood frame walls clad with asbestos shingles.

The house is an example of a vernacular building constructed ca. 1900. The exterior of the building is simple and lacks ornamentation. The house was modified during the twentieth century with addition of a one-story shed roof ell. The building was also clad with asbestos siding that conceals the original wood siding during the twentieth century. Although the building possesses integrity of location and setting, it does not possess integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, or association.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Significance dates

Architect Unknown

Specific dates

Builder Unknown

Evaluation for:

 National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary

The house located at 7004 Main Street is an example of a simple vernacular building constructed ca. 1900. The building adopts a functional design that lacks ornamentation. The dwelling was evaluated within the broad pattern of Queenstown history (Criterion A) and as an example of vernacular domestic design (Criterion C).

Context History

Queenstown is among the oldest, continuously-occupied communities in Queen Anne's County. Established in 1707, Queenstown served as the first county seat. In 1762, the town contained a courthouse, a jail, and five or six dwellings according to an eyewitness account (Rhodes 1985). The county seat was moved to Centreville in 1782.

During the nineteenth century, Queenstown served as a regional commercial center. The area's economy was dominated by agriculture and fishing. The town became an important shipping terminus for goods produced on the Eastern Shore. Sailing packets, then steamboats after 1850, transported goods to the port of Baltimore. During the late nineteenth century, Queenstown also became a processing center for Chesapeake Bay oysters and agricultural products.

Queenstown developed as a linear town oriented along a colonial-era road laid out as a mail road in 1695. Commercial development was concentrated along Main Street and included mixed-use commercial buildings that also contained residences. A pattern of low-scale, low-density development was established that persists until the present day.

Most of the town was surrounded by property associated with the Bolingly estate until after the Civil War. In 1877, the town contained about 36 buildings, including two churches, thirteen commercial buildings, two hotels, one school, and thirteen residences (Lake 1877). The main commercial enterprises in the village center were blacksmith shops and dry goods stores. The waterfront historically was separated from the town center; the 1877 map depicted two landings along Queenstown Creek accessed by roads.

In 1892, the town was incorporated and Queenstown became the terminus of the Queen Anne's County Railroad. By the end of 1896, the town had a population of 400 and contained twelve stores, two hotels, an express office, and a post office. The town became a popular excursion destination. In 1902, the railroad shipping terminus was moved to Love Point and economy of Queenstown declined. The local newspaper noted that ten houses were unoccupied and six storehouses were empty in 1908 (Rhodes 1985:99-100; 168).

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During the twentieth century, Queenstown continued to serve as a commercial center for the surrounding area and as a destination for summer residents. Local businesses included a lumberyard, several canneries, and dry goods stores. The Queenstown Bank, established in 1899, provided financial services and occupied a prominent location in town. In 1950, the town had 275 residents.

During the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries, residential development began to surround the historic commercial center of Queenstown. In 1882, 20 acres associated with the Bolingly estate located between Queenstown Creek and Main Street were sold at public auction. Residential construction occurred in the area between 1890 and 1930s. A second residential area opened for development in 1914, when a portion of the Bolingly property located between Embert Avenue and Old Wharf Lane was sold. Construction in this area began in 1917 and continued through the 1950s.

Since the 1950s, Queenstown has become increasingly a residential community, encouraged by the construction of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Route 301. During the 1970s, residential development occurred south of the town center near Thompson and Aker Avenues. In the 1990s, residential development occurred east of Dudley Road in Queenstown Village and a waterfront golf community known as Queenstown Harbor located southwest of town. Commercial activity is now concentrated at the large outlet mall on the edge of town.

Resource History

Minimal historical data are available about the building located at 7004 Main Street. Local historian Harry Rhodes included a chain of title for this property in his history of Queenstown, but gave no additional information about the construction date of the building or its previous uses. According to Rhodes, this property is associated with a larger tract associated with the Colonial Court House. The property was transferred from Charles Cockey to Harriet Embert in 1874 (Rhodes 1985:374). The building does not appear on the 1877 Lake's map of Queenstown. Physical evidence suggests that the simple vernacular building was constructed ca. 1900.

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MHT CONCURRENCE:	
Eligibility recommended _____	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <u> </u> A <u> </u> B <u> </u> C <u> </u> D	Considerations: <u> </u> A <u> </u> B <u> </u> C <u> </u> D <u> </u> E <u> </u> F <u> </u> G <u> </u> None
Comments: _____	

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>	Date <u>12/17/99</u>
Date <u>1/27/00</u>	Reviewer, NR program <i>[Signature]</i>

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance Transition A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Rhodes, Harry C.

1985 *Queenstown: The Social History of a Small American Town*. The Queen Anne Press, Queenstown Maryland.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

<.25 acre

Quadrangle name

Queenstown

Quadrangle scale 1:24:000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries listed on tax map 51A occupying P.109 within the town of Queenstown, Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

11. Form Prepared by

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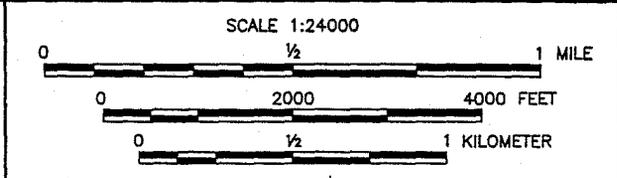
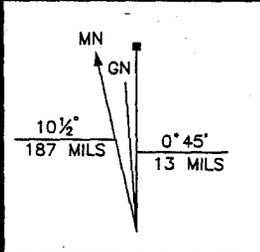
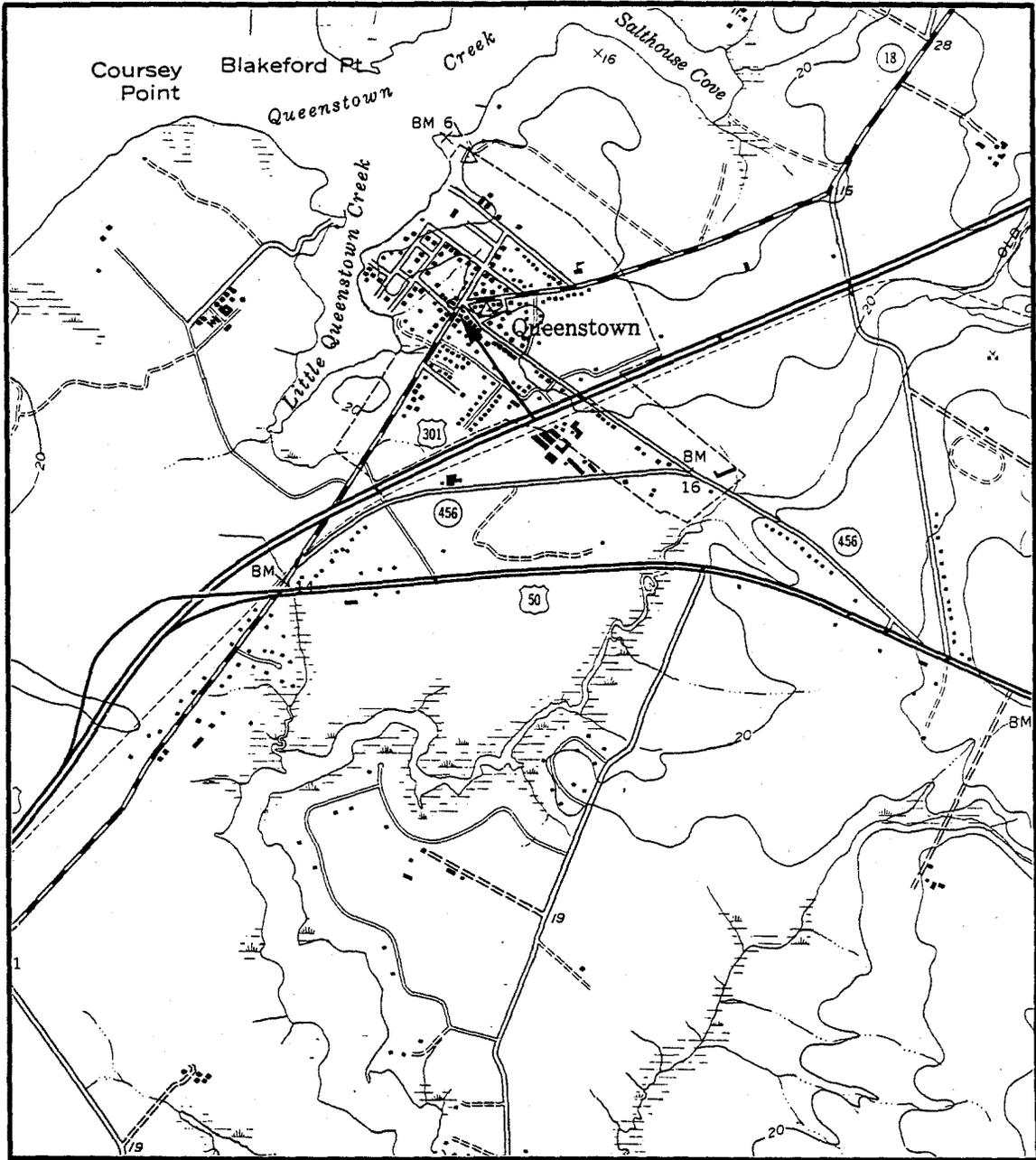
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 7004 Main Street
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 Queenstown USGS Quadrangle Map



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