

QA-519

108 Del Rhodes Avenue  
Queenstown, Queen Anne's County  
Private  
ca. 1920

### **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

The bungalow at 108 Del Rhodes Avenue is a typical simple wood-frame bungalow dating from the 1920s and is characterized by compact massing, low scale, and symmetry. This dwelling does not possess important associations with the history of Queenstown (Criterion A). While a simple example of the bungalow house type that retains integrity, the dwelling does not possess the range of character-defining features, including ornamentation, to serve as a representative of the type (Criterion C). It has not been identified as associated with a significant person (Criterion B) nor does it possess information potential (Criterion D).

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## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other 108 Del Rhodes Avenue

## 2. Location

street and number 108 Del Rhodes Avenue

N/A not for publication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 Ralph Retallack

street and number 202 Spring Drive

telephone

city, town Easton

state MD

zip code 21601

## 4. Location of Legal Description

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

tax map and parcel 51A, p.115

city, town Centreville

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

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## 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

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

### Summary

The bungalow at 108 Del Rhodes Avenue is typical of simple bungalow design dating from the 1920s. It exhibits minimal ornamentation and is characterized by compact massing, low scale, and symmetry. The building sits near the front of its lot approximately 10 to 15 ft. back from the street. A concrete sidewalk is located in front of the building, but there is no curbing along the street. Landscaping consists of a medium-sized tree in the front yard and ornamental flowers near the foundation wall. The building possesses integrity of location, design, setting, feeling, and association, but does not possess the integrity of exterior materials or workmanship.

### Description

The one-and-a-half-story bungalow rests on a concrete block foundation. Rusticated concrete blocks are interspersed among the plain concrete blocks along the foundation wall. The wood-frame walls are clad with vinyl siding that obscures all exterior ornamentation. The side gable roof is sheathed with composition roll roofing. The roof features one shed dormer with exposed rafter ends that contains three windows. The door is centered on the first floor of the front façade. The doorway contains a modern storm door. The windows are one-over-one-light, aluminum-frame storm units set in simple wood surrounds. Louvered shutters have been installed on the first floor windows. The full-façade porch features battered wood posts resting on an enclosed horizontal wood railing. The porch floor is a concrete slab accessed by three concrete steps. Exposed rafter ends are visible at the eave of the porch roof behind the gutter. One brick interior chimney projects from the roof.

## 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" 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** ca. 1920

**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 dwelling at 108 Del Rhodes Avenue is one of two identical bungalows located on adjoining lots and constructed ca. 1920. The dwelling is not associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history of Queenstown, Queen Anne's County, or the State of Maryland (Criterion A). It is not associated with a significant person (Criterion B). The building is not significant for its physical design (Criterion C). The building does not appear to have information potential (Criterion D).

### 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. 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

The dwelling at 108 Del Rhodes Avenue is a typical ca. 1920s bungalow design that was a popular style across the country. According to the 1877 Lake map, this parcel was part of the lot owned by T.A. Embert. The Embert family retained ownership until the 1930s, when the property was subdivided. This typical bungalow apparently was not a prefabricated kit house purchased from a major manufacturer. Local historian Harry C. Rhodes identified the first precut house assembled from a kit as located on Embert Avenue, west of the Methodist Church (Rhodes 1985:285). This dwelling does not possess important association with the history of Queenstown (Criterion A). While a simple example of the bungalow house type that retains integrity, the dwelling does not possess the range of character-defining features, including ornamentation, to serve as a representative example of the type (Criterion C). It has not been identified as associated with a significant person (Criterion B) nor does it possess information potential (Criterion D).

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>4/21/00</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 A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

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

Known Design Source: Unknown

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## 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.

Lake, Griffin, Stevenson

1877 *An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne Counties, Maryland*. By Authors, Philadelphia, PA.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of project area

<.22 acre

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name

Queenstown

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries listed on tax map 51A, parcel 115, within the town of Queenstown, Maryland, Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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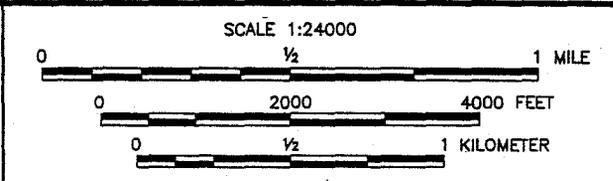
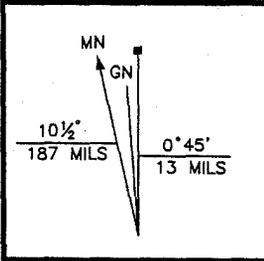
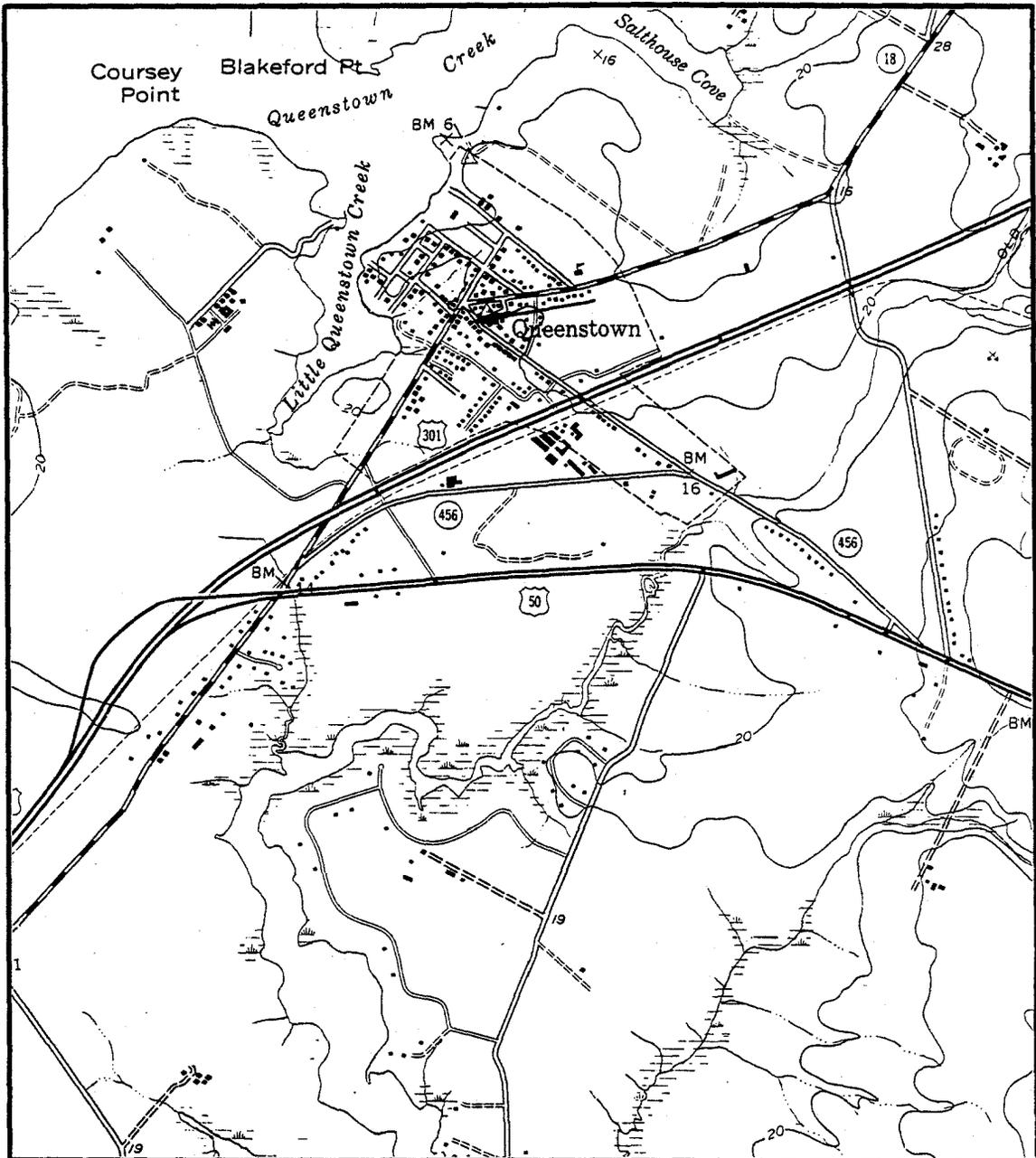
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 Queenstown Quadrangle Map



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4. date of photograph: November 1999
5. location of negative: MD SHPO

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4. View northeast



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