

QA-520

109 Del Rhodes Avenue  
Queenstown, Queen Anne's County  
Private  
ca. 1875

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**

The dwelling located at 109 Del Rhodes Avenue is a two-story, three-bay, symmetrical, wood-frame residence constructed ca. 1875. Although constructed during the late nineteenth century, the building is not strongly associated with any specific history in Queenstown (Criterion A). No historical evidence suggests that the building is associated with prominent people significant to the history of Queenstown (Criterion B). The wood-frame dwelling, as it appears today, does not exhibit a significant physical design (Criterion C). The building no longer retains integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association to embody the characteristics of a late nineteenth-century house. It does not represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-520

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

historic

other 109 Del Rhodes Avenue

## 2. Location

street and number 109 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N/A not for publication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 Brian LaClair

street and number 109 Del Rhodes Avenue

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. 187

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         | Contributing   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade      | Noncontributing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> defense             | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 buildings   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | <input type="checkbox"/> sites   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> education           | <input type="checkbox"/> structures  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary            | <input type="checkbox"/> objects   |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> government          | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Total   |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> health care         |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> industry            |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape           |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture  |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religion            |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> social              |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress    |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown             |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use   |  |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:              |  |
|   |   |  | <b>Number of Contributing Resources<br/>previously listed in the Inventory</b> |
|   |   |  | <u>0</u>   |

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               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 building is a two-story, three-bay, symmetrical, wood-frame dwelling constructed circa 1875. The interior of the building was not inspected as part of this investigation. The building occupies a slightly elevated site at the front of a large lot on the corner of Del Rhodes Avenue and Wall Street in Queenstown. The building comprises a main block and an integrated rear wing that forms an L-shaped footprint. Concrete steps lead directly from the building to Del Rhodes Avenue. The lot is not delineated by curbs or sidewalks.

### Description

The two-story, wood-frame residence rests on a brick foundation laid in stretcher bond. The foundation wall extends out from the building face and does not appear to be original to the building. The exterior walls of the dwelling are clad in vertical weathered board siding. A horizontal unornamented board beltcourse surrounds the building at the one-and-a-half story level. The north elevation of the rear ell is clad in wood shingles. The intersecting gable roof is sheathed in composition roll roofing. The roof features a boxed cornice with gable returns. The central front doorway contains a fifteen-panel wood door.

The windows along the first story of the front façade are nine-over-one-light, double-hung, wood-sash units with thick wood muntins. The windows on the second floor are nine-over-one-light units with thin muntins. Fixed four-light, wood-frame windows are located in the west gable end. Modern replacement window units are located along the side and rear elevations of the building; a modern projecting bay window was installed on the east elevation.

A full-façade porch located on the south elevation features a hipped roof supported by battered wood columns. The exposed porch rafter ends are obscured by gutters. The porch floor is wood.

A small, one-story, wood-frame, potting shed is located on the rear of the lot. The exterior walls are sheathed with horizontal boards. The gable roof is clad with corrugated metal roofing. The simple utilitarian building does not appear to be older than fifty years of age.

The simple form of the house adopts a principal block with rear ell. This type of house plan was used from the nineteenth century through the early twentieth century. However, the building appears to have undergone three remodelings. Originally, the building probably was a simply-styled, symmetrical, three-bay, gable dwelling. During the 1920s, the hipped roof porch with the battered columns probably was added to the building. At the same time, the windows with the thick muntins may have replaced some of the earlier windows. Both these elements suggest the influence of the Craftsman style. During the 1970s, the original siding was replaced with vertical boards and the new foundation constructed. Later renovations resulted in the construction of a one-story, gable-roofed addition to the rear of the building, the removal of the chimneys, the addition of the bay window, and the introduction of modern roofing material. After three renovations, the materials currently exhibited on the exterior of the house do not appear historic and have compromised the original design of the house. The house no longer possesses integrity of materials, design, workmanship, feeling, or association for a late nineteenth-century residence, although it does possess integrity of location and setting.

## 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 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/<br>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/<br>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. 1875 **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 located at 109 Del Rhodes Avenue was constructed ca. 1875. Although the building is associated with the late nineteenth century history of the town (Criterion A), the dwelling no longer retains sufficient integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association to convey the appearance of a late nineteenth-century house.

### 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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## 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

<.25 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 occupying parcel 187 within the town of Queenstown, Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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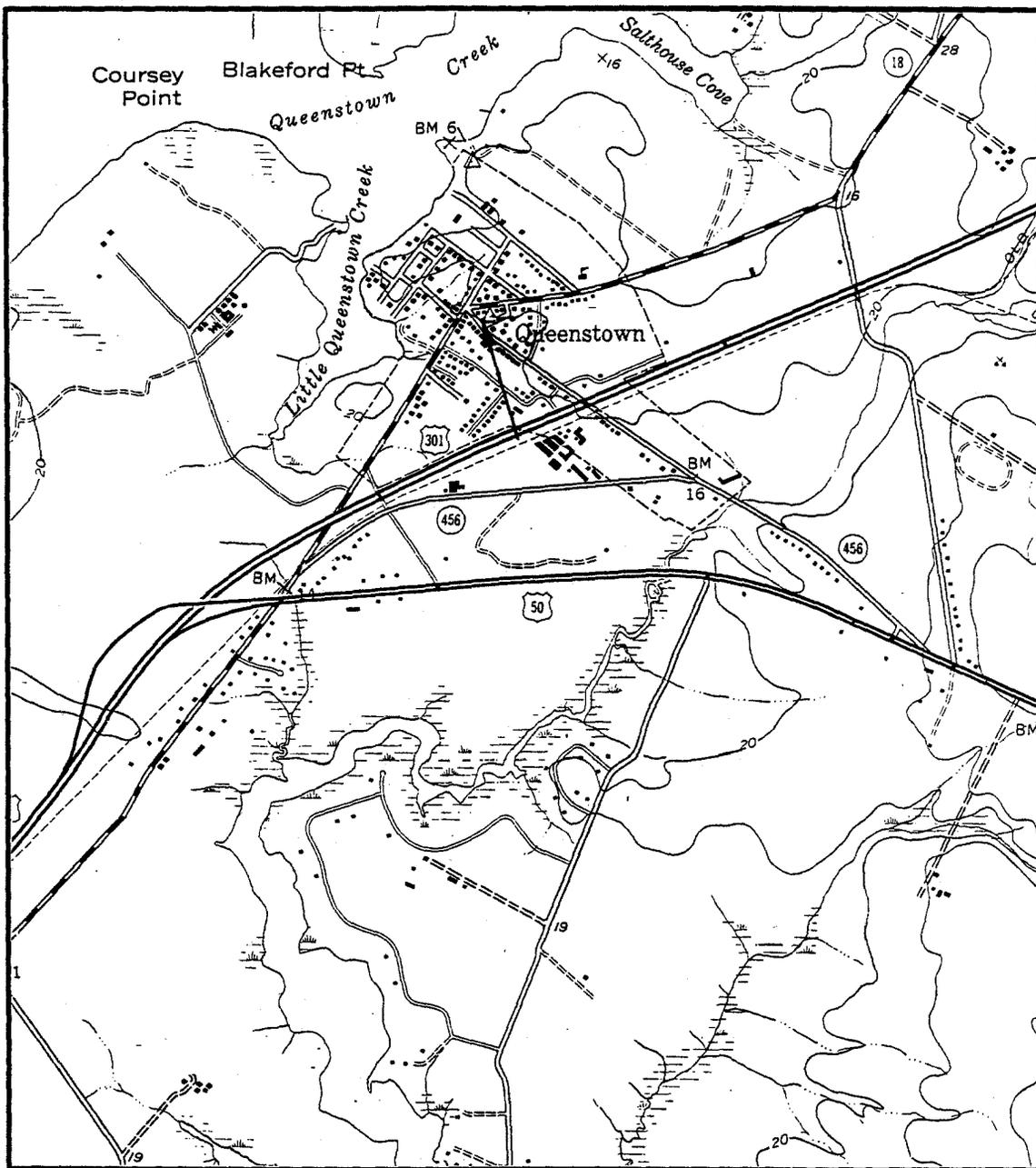
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 109 Del Rhodes Avenue  
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 Queenstown USGS Quadrangle Map



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|--|---|--|
| <p>MN<br/>GN</p> <p><math>10\frac{1}{2}^\circ</math><br/>187 MILS</p> <p><math>0^\circ 45'</math><br/>13 MILS</p>  | <p>SCALE 1:24000</p> <p>0 1/2 1 MILE</p> <p>0 2000 4000 FEET</p> <p>0 1/2 1 KILOMETER</p> |  |
| <p> R. Christopher Goodwin &amp; Associates, Inc.<br/>       241 EAST FOURTH STREET, FREDERICK, MD 21701</p> <p>QUEENSTOWN, MD<br/>       QUADRANGLE LOCATION</p> |   |  |

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2. historic name: 109 Del Rhodes Avenue
3. location: Queenstown, Queen Anne's County
4. photographer: P. Giglio
4. date of photograph: November 1999
5. location of negative: MD SHPO

### Photo #

1. View northeast
2. View northwest
3. View southwest
4. View south



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View northeast

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