

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. WO-222

Magi No. 2402225404

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Walker House

2. Location

street & number 7 Bay Street not for publicationcity, town Berlin vicinity of congressional district 1st

state Maryland county Worcester

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Dorothy Walker

street & number 7 Bay Street telephone no.: 641-1567

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Market Street folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| 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 Walker house is a small 2½-story, wood-frame structure with a 1½-story section behind the principle section. It is located on the south side of Bay Street.

The 2½-story front section is 2 x 2 bays, the entrance being in the left bay of the front facade. This facade is sheathed with weatherboards while the sides are wood shingles. First floor windows are 9/6 and second floor windows are 6/6. The two gable windows of this section are tiny 2/2 windows. The entrance features a heavily reeded door surround with flat corner blocks and a four-light transom. A portico of more recent origin protects the entrance. It is gable-fronted also, with square wood columns. This section of the Walker house is notable for its Greek revival pilasters at the corners, a wide cornice band above the second floor windows on the east and west sides that wraps around the front under a broken pediment. The cornice is accented by impressive brackets with turned drops. The brackets are placed in pairs over side facade windows, at the top of each pilaster and at the ends of the broken pediment as well as the south gable end.

The 1½-story section situated behind the main block is gable-roofed with a cupola in the center and has shed-roofed additions on each side. Its exposed gable end features a 6/6 window on each floor as well as corner pilasters.

A one-story frame garage and a board and batten shed are located at the rear of the house.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas 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/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates _____ **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.

The Walker house has a blend of Federal, Greek Revival and Italianate characteristics unique to Berlin. Its position on Bay Street, believed to be the principle East-West axis at the Berlin crossroads of the early 19th century, makes the house of great interest as a part of Berlin's early history. Land records indicate the parcel was owned by a tavern keeper during the early nineteenth century but no linking evidence has been found yet with the Walker residence. Further study is merited.

name: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____

The survey and inventory were prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute the development of individual property rights.

Annex 1, January 1967
21 State Circle
Shaw-Walker
return to:

WO-222
Walker House
7 Bay St.
Berlin
Berlin Quad.
Worcester County

