

WO-342
Walker House
Ocean City
Private

c. 1910

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: WALKER COTTAGE

MHT Inventory Number: W0-342

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

INDUSTRIAL / URBAN DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

STANDING STRUCTURE

1. SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Survey No. WO-342

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic WALKER COTTAGE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 611 Baltimore Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Ocean City ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 814

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 312

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository 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 Cottage, historically known as the Romaraletta Bungalow, stands at 611 Baltimore Avenue in Ocean City, Maryland. The story-and-a-half frame cottage faces east.

Built around 1910, the single story, three-bay frame house is supported by a concrete block pier foundation, and the building is uniformly sheathed with round butt wood shingles. The medium pitched pyramidal roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Rising through the center of the house is an internal brick chimney.

The east (main) facade is a three bay elevation with a side entrance and flanking windows. The five-panel front door is accompanied by two adjacent window openings covered with louvered shutters. Stretching across the front of the house is a Tuscan columned porch which is incorporated under the main hip roof. The porch stretches around to the north side under the roof as well. The east roof slope is marked by a hip roofed dormer that is pierced with three small windows.

The north side of the building is sheltered by the continuation of the Tuscan columned porch. Piercing the north wall of the house are three shuttered window openings. The south side is marked by single-pane sash windows, and a hip roof dormer pierces the roof slope.

The west (rear) elevation is marked by an exterior stair that provides access to a doorway built into the rooftop hip roofed dormer. Single pane sash windows pierce the west side as well.

The interior was not seen.

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

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.

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

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WALKER COTTAGE
(ROMARETTA BUNGALOW)
611 Baltimore Avenue
Ocean City, Maryland
Chain of title

814/312

Maurice Elliot and Sigmund J.
Bloom, Per. reps. of the estate
of Stier E. Korrell, Jr.

4/22/1982

Whereas Stier E. Korrell died
4/2/1980 (Register of Wills-Baltimore
County, PJB 182/465, distributed
property to Harry J. F. Korrell
southwest corner of Baltimore Ave.
and North Seventh Street, Lot No. 12
in Block No. 20 N as laid down on
"Plat of the property of the Sinepuxent
Beach Co. of Baltimore City"

CWN 35/430

Letitia D. Walker
Margaret S. Walker

to

8/2/1950

Stier E. Korrell

CWN 29/483

Robert C. Walker
Dorothy V. Walker of West Chester
County, New York

to

8/26/1949

sisters, Letitia D. Walker, Margaret
S. Walker of Montgomery Co., MD

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ODC 40/518

William G. Walker, widower of
Baltimore, Maryland

to

3/23/1921

Robert C. Walker
Letitia D. Walker
Margaret S. Walker, of the City of
Washington

Lot No. 12, Block No. 20 as laid down
in a plat filed with a deed from Thomas
T. Tabor, et al. to the Sinepuxent Beach
of Baltimore City, 6/11/1891, FHP 1/550,
and subsequently conveyed to the said
William G. Walker by deed of George F.
Taylor, 11/4/1908, ODC 2/497, together
with the improvements thereon, consisting
of a nine room and bath bungalow known as
Romarletta and all furniture and fixtures
contained therein...

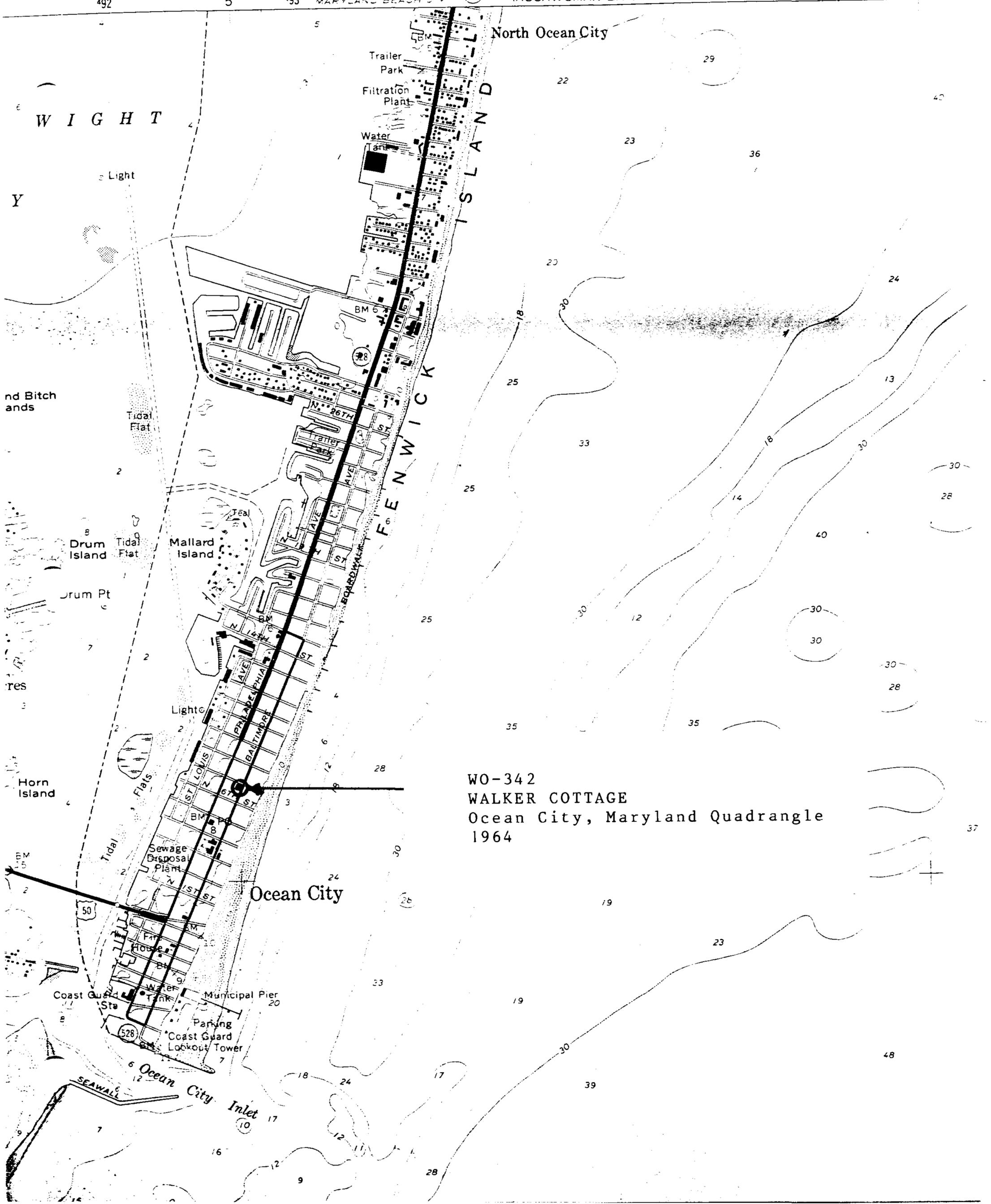
ODC 2/497

George F. Taylor of Ocean City

to

11/4/1908

William G. Walker of Washington, D.C.
Lot No. 12



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 WALKER COTTAGE
 Ocean City, Maryland Quadrangle
 1964