

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Sheppard House
3220 Langston Avenue
Highland Beach, Maryland

c. 1920

Private access

The Sheppard House was the summer home of a prominent black doctor and his family. The Sheppards were members of the critical second generation of black people who continued the dream of the founder Haley G. Douglass. The house is important as an organizing element and an architectural element in the community.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Sheppard House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
3220 Langston Ave.

CITY, TOWN Highland Beach VICINITY OF Annapolis 1 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY Anne Arundel

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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> YES, RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Gladys B. Sheppard

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
3402 Hillen Rd.

CITY, TOWN Baltimore VICINITY OF Md 21218 STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE Lot 6 Blk 4 IMPS Liber #: 2714
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Highland Beach 2 411 10511200 R 5715 0012 Folio #: 359

STREET & NUMBER
Anne Arundel County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Annapolis, Maryland STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

3220 Langston

This cottage is a one and one-half storey bungalow type house. Its four bay enclosed porch articulates the stick theme established by the earlier Twin Oaks residence. The double hung, four/four light windows are somewhat elaborate for the facade but articulate this view of the second storey which is generally overshadowed by the porch.

The Sheppard House is located in Highland Beach, Maryland on a block that is bounded by Bay Avenue to the north, Langston Avenue towards the east, Douglass Avenue on the south and Bruce Avenue to the west. It is on a lot that does not have to advantage of the Chesapeake Bay view but it is a corner lot and has the advantage of several open views. The topography is relatively dense with large shrubs and trees surrounding the house and lot. The lot slopes towards the Chesapeake Bay but is relatively level at this point.

Currently, the cottage exhibits a cement block foundation. It is encircled by a screened porch which has four bays on the eastern or front view. The diagonal pattern on the railing is typical of the bungalow and colonial decorative system exhibited in this community. The windows are double hung with multilights on all views. The eastern view is most impressive with the double set of four, rectangular, multi-paned windows flanking the multipaneled door.

The siding is weather board and the large gabled roof is shingled with the same material that finishes the shed dormers.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1920

BUILDER/ARCHITECT unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass in the late nineteenth century to be a resort community for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design as exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland Beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design, space planning, and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration, and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Lot 6 Blk 4

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Barbara Collins Turner

April 1982

ORGANIZATION

Morgan State University

DATE

301-444-3225

STREET & NUMBER

Center for Built Environment Studies

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, MD

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

1920

By Will of
Charles R. Douglass

To

WNW 69 180
8/15/23

Haley G. Douglass & (Wife Evelyn)

To

Edith Minton

To

L 2714 359 F.
10/21/74

Patricia A. Hoover

To

Gladys Shepperd



BEACH

AA 834 Shepherd House
3220 Langston
Highland Beach, Maryland



AA 834 Sheppherd House
3220 Langston
Highland Beach, Maryland
General View
Fern Eisner, Photographer
March, 1982