

CAPSULE SUMMARY

Wormley/Graves House
1304 Bay Avenue
Highland Beach, Maryland

c. 1900

Private residence

The Wormley Graves House is one of the first set of houses constructed in the historically black town of Highland Beach. It is a large, two storey, gable roofed structure that is an impressive statement regarding the architectural quality and form of this community.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wormley/Graves House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1304 Bay Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Highland Beach

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF Annapolis 1

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

Sylvia Wormley Graves

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County

Liber #: 1786

Folio #: 60

STREET & NUMBER

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is a large, frame, gable roofed cottage set on a pier foundation. Large dormers flank the front and rear gables of this two and a half storey structure. The enclosed rear porch is screened and faces the Chesapeake Bay - which is essentially the rear of the house. The windows are double hung and casement type with eight/eight lights on the first floor and dormers. The "ends" of the house have an interesting window treatment on the second storey where three, double hung windows of equal size are flanked by two smaller but equal windows - creating a symmetrical Palladian effect on these views. The house has an extension and a small shed which is semiattached.

The Graves House is located in Highland Beach, Maryland in a block that is bounded by Black Walnut Creek to the north, Bruce Avenue on the east, Bay Avenue on the south and Walnut Drive on the west. The lot is situated on one of the highest elevations in the town and slopes towards Black Walnut Creek and a marshy beach area contiguous to the Chesapeake Bay. Although the lot has been partially cleared, extensive vegetation consists of an abundance of wild flowers, shrubs, tallgrasses and a few trees.

The eastern view of the house is the "front" of the cottage. This view exhibits a six bay screened porch on the first floor with an older wooden railing set inside the screened area. The entrance doorway exhibits a set of double doors with two panels. The long gable wing of the pitched roof, supports a shed roofed dormer. Three pair of casement type windows with eight panes in each element are geometrically positioned on the facade.

The cottage has a central chimney on the central block and there is a chimney on the wing extension. The second storey of the main block exhibits a Palladian window which is undermined by the wing extension towards the north. A shed roof storage house is attached to the wing and a separate entrance to this parlor or kitchen has been constructed. The multipaned windows of the extension complement the window treatment throughout the dwelling.

On the western view of the house another shed roofed dormer is exhibited. The entrance on this view is not treated as elaborately and trees have been retained close to the structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
EHISTORIC	<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 ~~1929~~ 1900 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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

Subdivision of Imogene Wormley

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

301-444-3225

STREET & NUMBER

Center for Built Environment Studies

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, Maryland

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.

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Sylvia Graves
1304 Bay ave

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AA-837

Joseph H. Douglass & Fannie (wife)

To Deed 4/23/24 WNW 74 205

Imogene Wormley

To

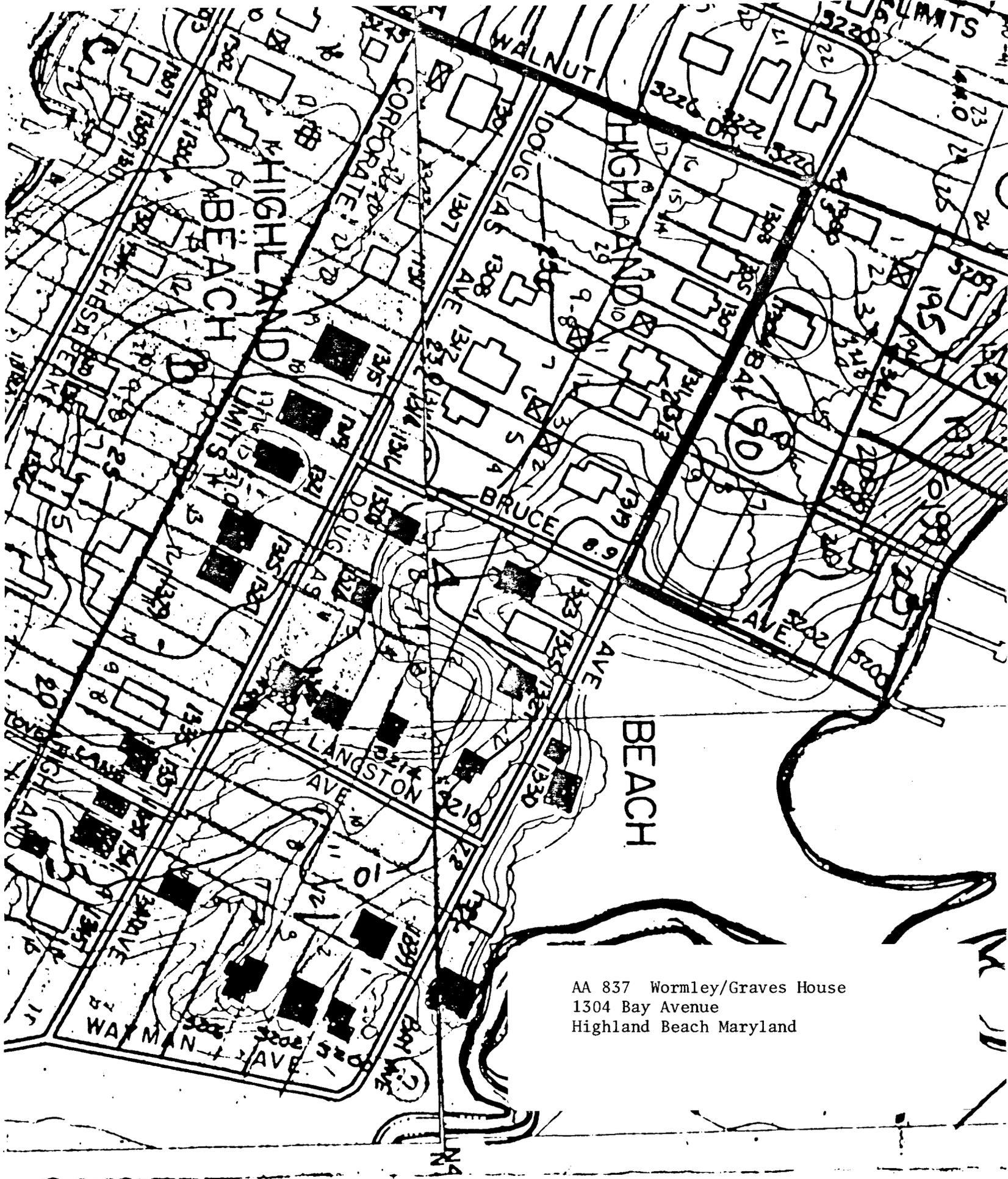
Clarence K. Wormley & Gertrude (wife)
(Sole heir Orphans Court)

To 9/18/63 L 1698 F460

James Wallace Wormley & Wanda (wife)

To 8/21/64 L1786 F60

Sylvia Wormley Graves



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Highland Beach, Maryland
General View
Fern Eisner, Photographer
March, 1982



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Highland Beach, Maryland
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Western view
March, 1982



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