

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Survey No. 66-37-42

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Maryland Historic Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Jared Matesky

and/or common

2. Location

Street & number: 4618 Harvard Road x not for publication

City, town: The City of College Park ___ vicinity of 5th Cong. District

State: Maryland County Prince George's County

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	<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 address of all owners)

Name: Jared Matesky

Street & number: 4618 Harvard Road Telephone no: 301-593-8018

City, town: The City of College Park State & zip code: Maryland, 20740

5. Location of Legal Description

Courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Liber

Street & number folio

City, town State

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys: None

Title

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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Built in 1940, Jared Matesky's house at 4618 Harvard Road is an example of the colonial revival style. The internal walls of the house were constructed of concrete plaster, while the house was externally covered with clapboard. The front door of the house is located to the left of the house's front, and two windows rest adjacent and to the right of the front door. Additionally, on the second floor, two windows are proportionally situated to the right and left sides of the house's front. If facing the front of the house, a chimney stands to the right of the house and a small garage is attached to the left side of the house.

After entering the front door, one enters the first floor of the house where a small hallway and closet reside. To the right of the hallway is the living room that has the two front yard-side windows, the chimney, and two windows flanking each side of the chimney. To the back of the house and after walking through an arched doorway from the living room, one enters the dining room. The dining room has a bay window facing out to the right side of the house. There is also a back door that leads to a screened-in porch attached to the back of the house. Another doorway takes one to the small rectangular kitchen, which has a window facing the back yard as well as a window facing out to the left side of the house. The kitchen has solid-wood cabinets. A doorway from the kitchen leads to the garage, which has been closed-off and paneled to be used as a pantry today. The garage has several small windows that face the front yard, a window facing out to the left side of the house, and a back door. The garage is extremely small, and is a testament to the smaller-sized cars that were once more common in the United States. The front hallway and kitchen have a doorway connecting the two spaces, and a staircase leading to the basement resides between these two spaces.

Probably the work of the house's previous owner, the basement has been finished-off with wood paneling, and a full bathroom has also been installed. The basement has three street level windows, a kitchen sink, and two large rooms. The basement space is currently rented out to a graduate student attending the University of Maryland.

To access the second floor of the house, one must use the stairs located in the first-floor hallway. To the front of the house on the second floor is a small bedroom and the master bedroom. The small bedroom has windows that face the front yard and the left side of the house, while the master bedroom has windows that face the front yard and the right side of the house. In the back right corner of the second floor is the largest bedroom, known as the guest room, that has windows facing out to the right side of the house and to the back yard. Both the master bedroom and the guest room have considerable closet space. A full bathroom is located in the back left corner of the second floor, and it has a window facing out to the left side of the house.

The major interior changes that have occurred within the house are related to the attic. A previous owner installed a staircase in the so-called small bedroom. The staircase, which lines the left side of the house, leads to a finished-off attic. Presumably the new walls of the attic were sheet-rocked in order to divide the space into two rooms. Two new windows were also installed in the attic's roof. Furthermore, new windows were installed on the left-side and the back-side of the attic. The previous owner, a doctoral student at the University of Maryland, used the space as an office.

Finally, according to Jared Matesky who is the Harvard Road house's current owner, the three-car garage that stands in the back of the house was built by the owner of the house prior to the previous owner. The garage has concrete floors, and acts as a storage space today. A new driveway now lines the right-side of the house.

8. Significance

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	
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<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

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 4618 Harvard Road house was built in 1940, and the current owner, Jared Matesky, moved into the house December 30, 1993. The previous owner of the house, Virginia Forum, was a doctoral student at the University of Maryland. Mr. Matesky anticipates purchasing another house in order to rent the Harvard Road house out to students at the University of Maryland.

In regard to the integrity of the house, the house's first and second floors remain basically in their original condition, but the garage, basement, and attic have experienced considerable changes. Though changes have been made to these sections of the house, no major structural changes have occurred. Thus, the house appears to have maintained its structural integrity. Furthermore, the front yard maintains much of its original landscape and feel, but the new three-car garage located in the back yard has transformed the back yard's original vista.

The house has several features that follow the colonial revival style. For example, the house has a decorative front door with a broken pediment, it has white clapboard siding, it has black shutters on the front of the house, and it has an asymmetrical frame in back, all corresponding with many other colonial-revival style homes. Moreover, the house may be classified as a simpler form of the colonial revival home that was popular after the Great Depression from the late 1930s to the 1950s. As Virginia and Lee McAlester note, "These later examples are most often of the side-gabled type, with simple stylized door surrounds, cornices, or other details that merely suggest their colonial precedents rather than closely mirroring them." (p. 326) With respect to its architectural style, the 4618 Harvard Road house certainly maintains its original design as a simple colonial revival home.

9. Major Bibliographic References

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 Jones, Robert. *Authentic Small Houses of the Twenties*. New York: Dover Publications, 1987.
 Brooke Orr's personal interview with Jared Matesky, March 31, 1998.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____
 Quadrangle Scale _____ Quadrangle Scale _____
 UTM References: (do not complete UTM references)

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

State	Code	County	Code

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The Maryland Historical 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.

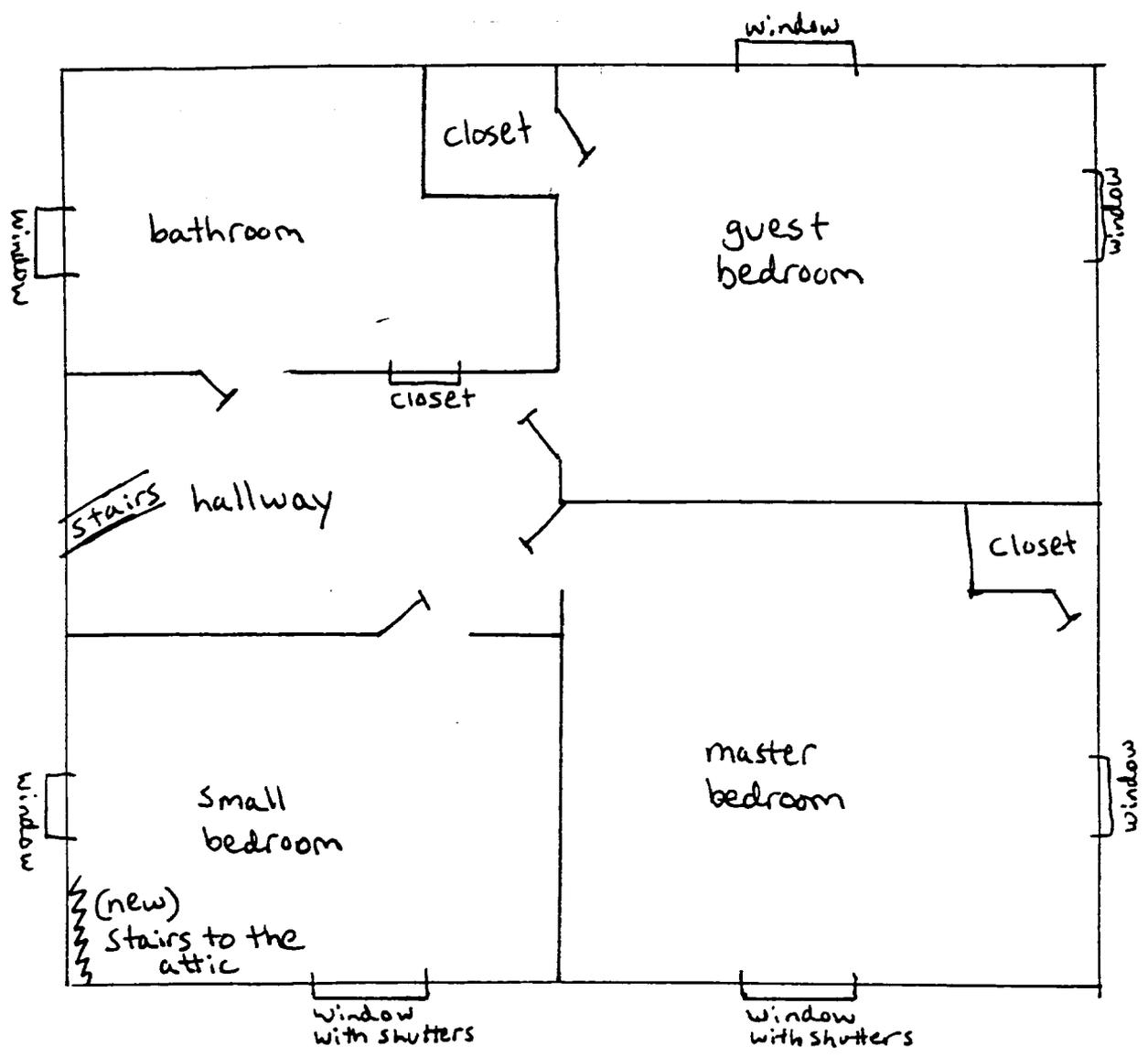
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back yard



front yard

← street →

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