

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. *M:21-170*

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

00037

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Chas. Beall Jr. House

and/or common Elizabeth Gaither House

**2. Location**

street & number 107 Chestnut Street  not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg  vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 9th

state Maryland county Montgomery

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

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

name Elizabeth G. Gaither Et. Al.

street & number 106 N. Summit Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Gaithersburg state and zip code MD 20879

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 2430/546

street & number 50 Courthouse Square folio 716/384

city, town Rockville state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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.

107 Chestnut is a modest side-gabled, three-bay by two-bay 1-1/2-story vernacular Cape Cod style house with a windowed full-width rear dormer. There is an enclosed one-story shed-roofed addition on the southwest corner. The foundation is parged with concrete, the exterior cladding is wood-grain concrete/asbestos composition shingle siding, and the windows are 6/6 wood sashes with plain surrounds. The roof is covered with composition shingle, and there is a brick exterior chimney on the west facade. The house faces northeast on Chestnut, a two-block three-lane one-way street which was originally residential, but now mixes office, commercial, and industrial with residential uses and has become a major traffic arterial. It is unaltered and in good condition.

Sited on a narrow and deep rectangular 10,220 square foot lot, 107 Chestnut sits in a row of five houses ranging from a 1910 frame 2-1/2 story late Victorian vernacular house to 1940's one-and-a-half story frame cape cod style dwellings. All have a uniform moderate (25 foot) setback. The landscape is simple. A mature tree shades the central front access walkway and evergreen foundation shrubs soften the front facade. A driveway along the east property line accesses a parking area east of the house.

The three-bay front (northeast) facade has a central solid wood paneled exterior door accessed by a pre-formed concrete stairway with wrought iron railings and a window flanked by non-functional decorative shutters in each of the other two bays. The two-bay east facade has one window in each bay on the first story and one window in the second story gable. The two-bay west facade has a window in each bay on the first story and a central brick exterior chimney.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 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**      1938 (BP)      **Builder/Architect**      Unknown

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.

## SIGNIFICANCE

This modern Cape Cod style house was built in 1938 by the third generation of the Beall family in the Chestnut/Meem area of Gaithersburg. With the sale of this house to non-family owners and the destruction of adjacent family homes, the Beall family ended nearly 100 years of residence on Chestnut and Meem Streets in Gaithersburg.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL RESOURCES MANAGMENT PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: 3) Piedmont, Montgomery County, Town/City of Gaithersburg

Chronological/Developmental Period(s) : 12) Modern Period, A.D. 1930-present

Historic Period Theme(s): 2) Architecture/Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type: Building/domestic, single dwelling, residence

Category: Building/ 20th Century/ frame bungalow

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/single dwelling

Known Design Source: None

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History of 107 Chestnut Street

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HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The property at 107 Chestnut Street is in Meem's Addition, part of 200 acres of land purchased by Martha Meem and her husband George in 1862 from Mary J. Bibb.<sup>1</sup> Mary Bibb's husband, George Bibb, was an educated man, a lawyer, and a U.S. Senator from Kentucky. He was appointed Secretary of the U.S. Treasury in 1844 and after his term of office, practiced law in the District of Columbia and was an assistant in the office of the U.S. Attorney General. They built a house called "Pomona" which they used a summer refuge from Georgetown's heat and humidity.<sup>2</sup>

The Meems were also Georgetown residents at this time, but built a house called "Mt. Washington" in 1865 on the present Montgomery County Fair Grounds property and became permanent residents.<sup>3</sup> In about 1879, widowed Martha Meem built a new house at 104 Chestnut Street. She had been selling house lot parcels along Chestnut Street to others since 1873, among them Charles W. Beall.<sup>4</sup> His son, Charles Wm. Beall, Jr. later bought adjacent lots 12 and 13, 6/7th of an acre, from the Meem heirs and built the house at 105 Chestnut Street in 1910-11.<sup>5</sup>

In 1938, Charles Beall sold part of the subdivided lots 12 and 13 consisting of the east 10,220 square feet to his son and daughter-in-law, Charles William Beall, Jr. and Dorothy M. Beall.<sup>6</sup> Beall had been granted a building permit by the Town of Gaithersburg even before the deed was recorded. On September 14, 1938, C.W. Beall was issued building permit #354 for a one-story frame dwelling on Chestnut Street, 20 X 24 feet at an estimated cost of \$1400.<sup>7</sup> Small Cape-Cod style houses such as this were built by the thousands after World War II as starter homes for returning servicemen. They sold the house to Joseph L. and Helen G. Gude late in 1945<sup>8</sup> who resold it to Willard J. Gartner and his wife Mamie in September of 1946.<sup>9</sup> The Gartners owned the house for four years, then sold it to John and Virginia Federline,<sup>10</sup> a Gaithersburg plumber, who lived there until 1958 when they built a new house in Deer Park and sold 107 to the Elizabeth, Thelma, and Agnes Gaither.<sup>11</sup>

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Notes:

- (1) Montgomery County Land Record JGH9/228 (1862).
- (2) Gaithersburg: The Heart of Montgomery County, City of Gaithersburg, 1978, p. 338.
- (3) Heart, op.cit. p. 377,378.
- (4) Christensen, Judith A., "Meem's Addition to Gaithersburg: The History of Martha A. Meem's 200 Acres", unpublished manuscript, City of Gaithersburg, MD.

(5) See MHT form M-21-12, 105 Chestnut Street.

(6) Land Record 716/384 (11/10/1938).

(7) Town of Gaithersburg permit receipt book, 1930-1939. Located at City Hall, 31 South Summit Avenue.

(8) Land Record 1004/185 ( 1/2/1946).

(9) Land Record 1043/248 (9/7/1946).

(10) Land Record 1421/21/ ( 8/23/1950).

(11) Land Record 2430/546 (2/11/1958).

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Montgomery Co. Land Records; Gaithersburg; The Heart of Montgomery County; Town of Gaithersburg permit receipt book 1930-39.

# 10. Geographical Data

8955 square feet

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

pt. lots 12 & 13 Meems Addition to Gaithersburg

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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# 11. Form Prepared By

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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.

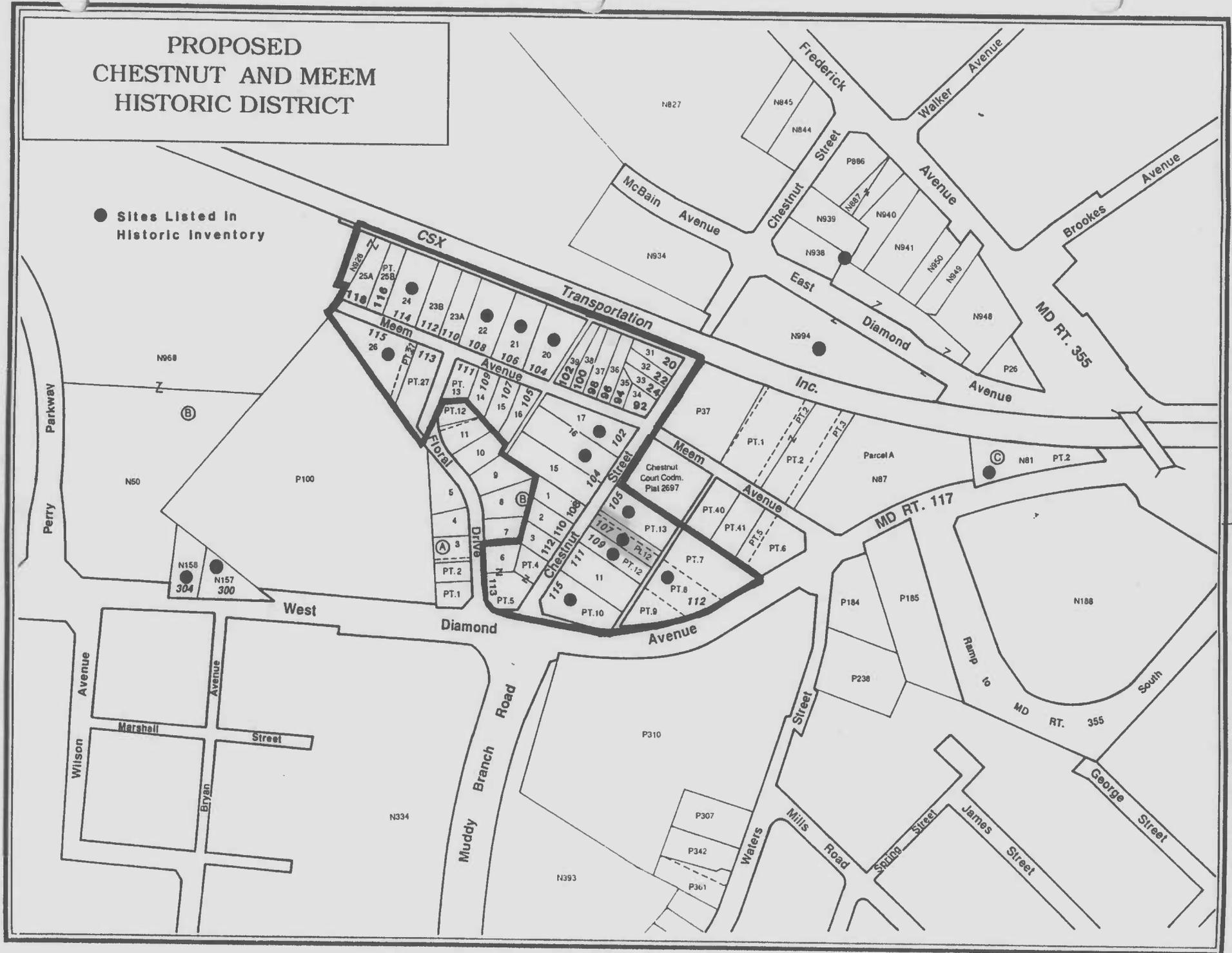
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# PROPOSED CHESTNUT AND MEEM HISTORIC DISTRICT

● Sites Listed in  
Historic Inventory



107 Chestnut Street

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NE (Front) & West Facades  
1992

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