

Site: M:26/7/7

Bogley-Fisher House

Built: 1906

523 West Montgomery Avenue

Private

This moderately-sized vernacular residence combined Colonial Revival and late Victorian architectural elements. Built in 1906, it is a three-bay by three-bay 2-1/2 story American Foursquare with center front gable, German siding, and fieldstone foundation. Symmetrical facades and simple exterior lines reflect the Colonial influence, while Victoriana survives in the turned wooden porch columns, jigsaw brackets, and long front windows. The house was built by Martin Smith as a speculative venture in the West End Park subdivision.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. M:26/7/7

Magi No. 1650135404

DOE yes noNR eligible yes no
contrib. element in H.D.

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bogley-Fisher House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 523 West Montgomery Avenue not for publicationcity, town Rockville vicinity of congressional district 8state Maryland county Montgomery (RV Planning Area 4)

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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Elizabeth K. and D. Morganstreet & number 803 Princeton Place telephone no.:city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records liber 8149street & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse folio 849city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Nonedate federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7. Description

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input 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 subject house faces south on West Montgomery Avenue, sited on a large, spacious lot shaded with mature trees and landscaped with boxwood, magnolias and azaleas, shrubs, and evergreens. A cement walk leads to the house, which is separated from the public way by a low private hedge. An end-gabled two-story frame stable, now used as a two car garage and utility shed, is northwest of the house, accessed by a driveway from West Montgomery Avenue.

This 1906 frame, square, three-bay by three-bay, 2-1/2 story transitional American Foursquare has a center front gable on a cross-gabled roof with returns, covered with composition shingles. The house is sheathed in German siding with a distinctive wide bevel cut producing nearly equal widths of shadow line and siding. It rests on a fieldstone foundation, and has one interior brick chimney on the north roof slope.

In plan, this transitional American Foursquare is three-bays square with a rectangular two-story gabled bay on the east side. In detail, it continues the colonial-influenced late-Victorian vernacular farm house in its compact form, simplicity of exterior covering with vertical cornerboards and wide cornice, and largely symmetrical facades. The Victorian influence survives in the turned wooden porch columns with jigsaw brackets and the use of longer first story windows on the front facade. The 1/1 windows are trimmed with plain window and door surrounds with projecting drip caps and sills.

The three-bay south (front) facade has a front gable with a pair of 1/1 windows. A similar pair of windows is used in the east and west second story bays. The first story has one longer single window in each of the two east bays, and a lone-light wood panel exterior door with a rectangular leaded stained-glass transom and a one-light rectangular window adjoining the transom to the west. The full-width one-story front porch has a low-hipped roof supported by three turned wooden columns with jig-sawn brackets and half-columns at the house juncture. A plain stick and rail ballustrade joins the columns and extends down a five-step wooden stair. The stairway newel posts have decorative turned finials. The porch rests upon brick piers infilled with slatted panels.

The three-bay east facade is broken by a two-story gabled rectangular bay occupying the two north bays. A single window is

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centered in the gable, and there is one window in the south bay of both the first and second stories. The bay has one small square four-light window in the gable peak, one window on each story on the north and south sides, and two evenly-spaced windows on each story on the east side. There are two rectangular three-light windows in the foundation.

The three-bay north (rear) facade has a two-story front-gabled center bay with one-story porches on either side. There are two skylights on the roof, one on either side of the center chimney. The east bay has one window, second story, and a three-light wood exterior door opening into a screened one story rear porch. The screen door is on the east. The center two-story bay is unrelieved on the sides and has one window on each story on the north side. The west bay has a three-light exterior door on the first story opening onto an open back porch with bracketed columns and balustrade similar to the front.

The three-bay west facade has a window in the gable peak, one window in the north bay, second story, one window between stories in the south bay, and a three part unit consisting of a large center light flanked by 1/1 windows in the north bay, first story. A small 1/1 window is located in the center bay, first story.

Carriage House/Stable;

Northwest of the house is a frame and clapboard 1-1/2 story stable, now used as a storage and utility shed. The side-gabled roof is covered with a flat seamed tin plate. The south facade second story loft has a hinged door, and a barn door which slides to the east. The north facade has a similar loft door, and three small openings spaced irregularly on the first story, closed with hinged battened doors.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> local history |

Specific dates 1906

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.

Significance

523 West Montgomery is an example of a moderately sized, turn-of-the-century vernacular residence. Combining Colonial Revival and late Victorian architectural elements, its compact mass and front-gabled orientation were particularly suitable for narrow suburban lots.

ROCKVILLE HISTORIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN DATA:

1. Historic context theme(s): Architecture/Landscape Arch/Community Planning
2. Geographic Organization: Piedmont, Montgomery County, City of Rockville
3. Chronological Period(s): Maturation and Expansion; 1873 - 1931
4. Resource type: Single Family detached residence

History and Support

Henry Copp sold Lot 10, Block 2 of West End Park in 1894, but the site remained vacant until its 1906 purchase by Martin and S.F. Smith for \$150. 1/ The house was built the same year as a speculative investment, valued on the tax assessment records in 1907 at \$1,800. The moderately-sized 2-1/2 story frame house has a vertical silhouette focused on its front gable and full width porch; this contrasts with some of the larger sprawling West End Park residences defined by their turrets, bays, and wrap-around verandahs. Despite its Colonial revival massing, this house uses some late Victorian decorative elements in its contrasting materials, turned wooden spindle porch supports, and jig-sawn brackets.

In 1912 the house was the property of William and Isabel Bogley. 2/ It was sold in 1917 by the executor of their estate, their son-in-law Leland Fisher, for \$5,000. 3/ Mr. Fisher had purchased it for his parents Millard and Mary Fisher who were retiring from their

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large farm in the Potomac district. Mr. Fisher died in 1918, but Mary Fisher remained the owner of the property until her death in 1932 at age 85. The adjacent west vacant lot (#11) was added to the property in 1918. 4/

The Fishers had twelve children, some of them occupying this house at various times. Other Fisher family homes in West End Park included 605 Anderson built by a daughter, and 549 Anderson built for a granddaughter. 5/ Leland Fisher, who began as a clerk at the Oscar Johnson Lumber Company in 1916, owned the company by the 1940s. He occupied 523 West Montgomery after his mother's death, but later moved to a new home on land he subdivided in the Rockville Heights section of Rockville. 6/

In the 1950s, this house was owned by a succession of Rockville merchants and professional families including Eugene Higgins and realtor Herman Hartman. Lucille Hood purchased the property in 1965, later selling the house to Betty Knight Morgan, but retaining the vacant lot #11.

Footnotes:

1. Cited in Montgomery County Land Records 190/250 from Walter Weston et. ux. to Smiths, "part of Julius West farm", Lot 10, Block 2 of West End Park.
2. The house changed hands several times in 1911, and the property included a vacant lot on the east side (Lot 9) when purchased by the Fishers. Lot 9 is now the site of 521 West Montgomery.
3. Leland Fisher married the daughter of William A. and Isabel Bogley in 1914. The Bogleys both died 1914-15. The Estate Sale is recorded in Will Records HCA 19/233 for 8,917 square feet of Lot 10.
4. Lot 11 was sold in 1894 to Elizabeth McCandley. Mrs. McCandley sold it to Mrs. Fisher for \$200 in 1918. The McCandleys also owned lots 52, 53, and 54 at the west end of the block.
5. Fisher family information from genealogies, biographical files, newspaper abstracts and tax records. See site inventory forms M:26/7/4 (605 Anderson) and M:26/7/6 (549 Anderson).
6. Leland Fisher obituary, January 1969. The Leland Fisher Lumber Company is still in business although forced to relocate from its original site at the B&O Depot due to construction of the Metro system.

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