

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Holly Oaks

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6520 Tilden Lane _____ not for publication

city, town Rockville _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district 4th

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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 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 Holly Oak, Inc.

street & number 11424 Cushman Rd. _____ telephone no.:

city, town North Bethesda _____ state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse _____ liber 5518

street & number _____ folio 878

city, town Rockville _____ state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 _____ federal state county _____ local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville _____ state Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8. Significance

Survey No.

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates circa. 1909 **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.

Holly Oaks is significant as an example of Classical Revival influenced "Estate" style architecture popular during the early part of the twentieth century. The house was probably constructed for Carrie and Albert Lake about 1909.¹ The house was built on approximately 49 acres of a tract of land referred to as "Dan" and "Colyer's Reserve," etc. which Carrie purchased in June of 1900 from the heirs of Thomas Lyddane.² The house was reportedly a center for social happenings during the 1920's.

Carrie and Albert owned the house for many years. When Carrie died in October of 1937, the house was passed on to her niece and nephew, Katherine Wisner Millis and Jackson Wisner.³ Jackson was a builder and contractor and owner of J.W. Wisner and Sons Hardware on Rockville Pike (and a high school teacher).⁴ They sold the house in August of 1941 to Dean and Mary Rathbun.⁵ In April of 1946, A. Burks and Helen Summers purchased the house.⁶ Burks was the Ambassador to Luxembourg during the Eisenhower administration. Helen was active in Republican politics and was a writer, writing on the government, economics and sociology of the countries she visited all over the world. Helen died in April of 1976 from a heart attack. Burks followed in January of 1977. The house was left to their nephew, Paul D. Summers, whom Helen and Burks raised. The house is now the property of Holly Oaks, Inc.⁸

¹The date given is based on the date that the property first appears in the tax records with improvements to it (1910), and its appearance on the 1918 map.

²Deed 194/236, Mont. Co. Land Records.

³Will HGC 17/393, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.

⁴M.C. Hist. Soc. Genealogy Files.

⁵Deed 843/23, Mont. Co. Land Records.

⁶Deed 1012/119"

⁷Washington Star, April 4, 1976.

⁸Deed 5518/878, Mont. Co. Land Records.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Mont. Co. Land Records
- Mont. Co. Register of Wills
- Mont. Co. Historical Genealogy Files

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4 acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

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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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawford

organization Mont. Co. Hist. Perservation Comm. date 1/83

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Rockville state Maryland

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
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 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Holly Oaks

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

6520 Tilden Lane

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Burks Summers

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

6520 Tilden Lane

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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
<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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to some (realtor) reports, this is a crushed-stone house, approximately 100 yrs. old. (There is an old mill stone in the yard, and several old stone houses did once exist near here-but the present building is of definite 20th Century vintage.) Supposedly, the builder was a prominent contractor in Washington, and "Holly Oaks" served as quite a social center for Washingtonians during the "estate era" of the 1920's. There were about 600-700 acres to the farm, and it had many stables, etc., that have since disappeared.

The present owner, Burks Summers, is a former U.S. Ambassador to Luxembourg who bought the place 28 yrs. ago. He has put the property up for sale recently.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Real Estate sale brochure "Holly Oaks" printed for Frank S. Phillips, Inc., Washington, D.C.-sale agents.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1/22/75

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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