

CAPSULE SUMMARY

SITE NAME: Chevy House

SITE NUMBER: Within Site #30/13, the Garrett Park Atlas Historic District

APPROXIMATE BUILDING DATE: 1927

LOCATION: 10912 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, Maryland 20896

The residence at 10912 Montrose Avenue (one of the "Chevy" house "Sylvan" models) is a simple-one story, three-bay, side-gabled frame bungalow with classical detailing. It is covered with German siding and rests on a partially-stuccoed brick foundation; there is a full basement. The roof is asphalt shingle and the off-center entrance door has a 15-light window. Significant as a "Chevy" house, one of a group of modestly-priced houses built in Garrett Park after World War I, the house is in poor condition.

## SITE INFORMATION

Site Name: 10912 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, Maryland

Site Number: M/30-13 -5

County Tax Account Number: 57860

Name and Address of Property Owner:

Col. Robert H.D. Gamble  
P.O. Box 388  
Myersville, MD 21773

Master Plan Recommendation:

### Historic Preservation Ordinance Criteria

(1) *Historical and cultural significance.* The historic resource:

- a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
- b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
- c. Is identified with a person or group of persons who influenced society;
- d. Exemplifies the cultural, economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.

(2) *Architectural and design significance.* The historic resource:

- a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction;
- b. Represents the work of a master;
- c. Possesses high artistic values;
- d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
- e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape.

Environmental Setting Recommendation:

9,397 Sq. Ft. (entire parcel)

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Chevy House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 10912 Montrose Avenue

CITY, TOWN Garrett Park VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT #8

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Col. Robert H.D. Gamble

Telephone #: unlisted

STREET &amp; NUMBER P.O. Box 388

CITY, TOWN Myersville VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 21773

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 404

Folio #: 214

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

DATE 1976

 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS M-NCPPC

CITY, TOWN Derwood

STATE Maryland

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The residence at 10912 Montrose Avenue (one of the "Sylvan" models ) is a simple one-story, three-bay, side-gabled frame bungalow with classical detailing. It is covered with German siding and rests on a partially-stuccoed brick foundation; there is a full basement. The roof is asphalt shingle and the off-center entrance door has a 15-light window.

On the main facade, three wooden steps lead to a front-gabled porch with a return cornice and the Sylvan's distinguishing feature, an elliptically-arched roof; the porch rests on brick piers and has a lattice infill. It is supported by squared posts and pilasters and enclosed by a railing with square balusters; originally, the railing extended down both sides of the steps. The shuttered windows are boarded over, but the one window which is visible is 6/1 double-hung sash.

The north gable end has a small louvered window and the rear elevation (west) has a kitchen entrance with a wood stoop on brick piers and a shed-roof overhang. A one-story, shed-roof "sleeping porch" originally extended across part of the rear of the house, only the brick piers remain. The south elevation features an outside chimney and a basement entrance.

At the rear of the lot is a gable-roofed, clapboarded garage which was probably erected at the same time as the house. It is in poor condition, with a sagging roof and missing clapboards.

Entrance to this two-bedroom bungalow is to the living room, with the (now vacant) alcove for the murphy bed on the north wall. To the north of the living room is a bedroom, with a second bedroom to its rear. To the south of the living room, through an arched doorway, is a small breakfast nook.

The house shows evidence of poor maintenance. The paint is peeling and the rear roof is in need of repair. Clapboards are missing and both the front porch and the rear stoop are in poor condition.



The four partners in the real estate development firm of Maddux and Marshall were Brigadier General R.C. Marshall, the General Manager of the Associated General Contractors of America; Major H. Cabot Maddux, a retired Army physician; Commander O.M. Mallory, U.S.N.; and Colonel James A. Moss; their company was known as "4M", and their houses as "4M" or "Chevy" houses.

According to Maddux & Marshall, Garrett Park in the 1920s was the ideal setting for a new suburban community, and their promotional brochure described it in glowing terms:

"To improve the living conditions of the family of moderate means, placing within their reach ownership of home, fireside entertainment, enjoyment of a charming environment, the pleasure of one's own car, and other elements of human happiness - such is the Impelling Idea back of the development of beautiful, rustic Garrett Park, the Suburb Ideal."<sup>(2)</sup>

The automobile, moreover, was the invention which was going to make it possible for people to live in Garrett Park and commute to work:

"The Chevy Homes were offered with the assurance that the Chevy would take you 'over excellent macadam roads to the very center of the city in 25 to 30 minutes of easy and pleasant driving through attractive, picturesque country.'"<sup>(3)</sup>

Basically two-bedroom bungalows, with a kitchen, dining alcove, living room, one bath, and the potential for an enclosed sleeping porch, the Chevy houses were sold primarily to government employees and were offered with several special features:

"...each of (the Chevy houses) contained a Murphy bed, an Atwater-Kent radio, and, at an extra cost, a Chevrolet in the garage. These small houses (640 square feet of floor space) came in three different models: the Sylvan, the Roseland, and the Woodbine. The differences in floor plan and porch design gave a degree of individuality to the one-story, frame, three-bay houses. The Sylvan had a jerkin-head roof and an elliptical arch in the porch roof. The A-roofed Roseland model had an arbor-like porch roof. The Woodbine, unlike the others, had a centrally-located door and a pedimental porch roof. The majority of these speculation houses still stand and are easily discernible, although some have been enlarged."<sup>(4)</sup>

Prospective purchasers had a choice of car (as well as house) models:

"The company offered --- as an option to be included in the mortgage, a garage and a Chevrolet - roadster, touring car, coupe or sedan. The automobile option was said to be a 'first' in real estate development promotion. The basic price of the two-bedroom model Roseland was \$4,950. A garage could be added for just \$150, and a Chevrolet cost \$708 to \$820, depending upon the model chosen."<sup>(5)</sup>

Garrett Park residents were concerned that the small, inexpensive Chevy homes would depress property values; Maddux and Marshall were quick to respond to their concerns:

"In person, and a few days later in a letter, the developers promised to 'allay all apprehension on the part of residents of Garrett Park' by abandoning the \$4,950 house (three were finished) and escalating the next three to \$7,500 and the three following to \$8,500. The one-bedroom model would be eliminated, 'except in unusual cases'. At least one lot would be left vacant between houses. And henceforth 'more expensive' houses would be built."<sup>(6)</sup>

Reassured by the company's actions, and anticipating the growth that was to occur, Garrett Park applied to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in the mid-1920s for new water lines and sewers; almost a decade was to pass before the town's water and sewer system "caught up" with growth, however. In addition, at the urging of 4M, the Town Council agreed to float a \$5,000 bond issue, to pay for improvements to the road system.

Garrett Park did grow in the 1920s, thanks, in great part, to Maddux and Marshall's vigorous marketing of the Chevy houses:

"The brief epoch of Maddux, Marshall & Co. brought enormous change to the village that later came to be known as 'the Left Bank of Rock Creek'. The company had the impact of a localized, concentrated F.H.A., adding nearly 50 houses to the tax rolls in less than a decade and accomplishing its revolution among 'the class of men and women who constitute the backbone of the Nation' with a canny promotional zeal that matched its lyrical appreciation of the suburb primeval."<sup>(7)</sup>

Chevy house sales in Garrett Park were brisk and, by the late 1920s, Maddux and Marshall had expanded into the areas of hotel and apartment construction. But the Depression which engulfed the nation doomed the business, and the company was liquidated by the end of the decade.

Erected in 1927, the Montrose Avenue residence, one of the "Sylvan" models, has had only two owners in the intervening 63 years, both members of the same family. In June of 1926, H. Ralph Burton acquired Lots #1 and 35 in Section 99 and Lots #11 and 12 in Section 100 of the Garrett Park subdivision from Maddux, Marshall, Moss and Mallory, Inc.<sup>(8)</sup> In September of the same year, Bert D. Gamble bought the lot on which the residence is located, Lot #1 in Block 99, from Burton; the existing structure (and the garage at the rear) was erected by Gamble in 1927. The property was acquired by Robert H. D. Gamble, his son, in 1956; it has been vacant for many years.<sup>(9)</sup>

Although poorly maintained, the Montrose Avenue residence is significant as an unaltered example of the Chevy "Sylvan" model; as such it is one of only a small number of Chevy houses in Garrett Park which have retained their original appearance.

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Footnotes

1. David O. Almy, "National Register of Historic Places Inventory - Nomination Form for Garrett Park", Continuation Sheet #11.
2. Garrett Park, A Sylvan Garden, p.2.
3. Garrett Park, Maryland, A Scrapbook, Feb. 4, 1968 Washington Post article, unpagged.
4. D. Almy, Continuation Sheet #1.
5. Garrett Park, A History, p.15.
6. Ibid, p.15.
7. Ibid, p.15.
8. Land Records, Montgomery County, Maryland, 404/214.
9. Ibid, 412/185.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Attached

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9,397 sq. ft. (entire parcel)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

All of Lot #1 in Block 99, Garrett Park Subdivision.

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE Lois Snyderman, Consultant

ORGANIZATION Historic Preservation Commission

DATE Feb. 1990

STREET & NUMBER 51 Monroe Street

TELEPHONE (301) 217-3625

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  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

9. Bibliography - 10912 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park

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Land Records, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Garrett Park National Register Nomination Form, David O. Almy, 1974.

Garrett Park: A History of the Town From Its Beginnings to 1970, Town of Garrett Park, 1974.

Garrett Park, Maryland: A Scrapbook, 1898-1988, Garrett Park Citizens' Association, 1988.

Garrett Park, A Sylvan Garden-Spot in Nearby Maryland, Maddux, Marshall & Co., Inc., Washington, D.C. 1924.

Subdivision Map, Sections 50-61, 92-106, Garrett Park, Montgomery County, Maryland, 1891.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION  
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

M: 30-13-5

NPS Office Use Only

NRIS No:

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Project No:

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Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: Chevy House

Address of property: Street 10912 Montrose Avenue

City Garrett Park County Montgomery State Maryland Zip 20896

Name of historic district: Garrett Park Historic District

- National Register district
- certified state or local district
- potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
- certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
- preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
- preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name James J. Wagner

Street 3915 Baltimore Street City Kensington

State Maryland Zip 20895 Daytime Telephone Number 703-875-9240

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name James J. Wagner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number 214-48-6085

Street 3915 Baltimore Street City Kensington

State Maryland Zip 20895 Daytime Telephone Number 703-875-9240

NPS Office Use Only

The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
- does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No:

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETED WORK, *continued*

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NPS Project No. \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Owners:

Name Barbara H. Wagner  
Street 3915 Baltimore Street  
City Kensington State Maryland Zip 20895  
Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number: 214-42-6441

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Social Security or Taxpayer Identification Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CONTINUATION/AMENDMENT SHEET

#### Historic Preservation Certification Application

Chevy House  
Property Name  
10912 Montrose Avenue  
Property Address

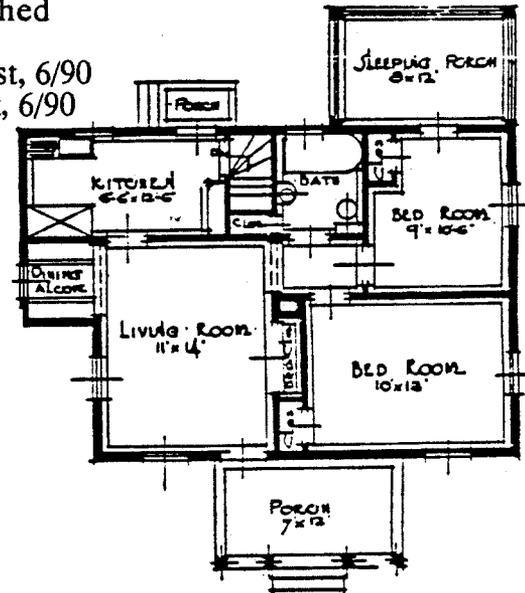
Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing. Type, or print clearly in black ink. Use this sheet to continue sections of the Part 1 and Part 2 application, or to amend an application already submitted. Photocopy additional sheets as needed.

This sheet:  continues Part 1    continues Part 2    amends Part 1    amends Part 2   NPS Project Number:

### 7. Photographs

#### Photo Description

1. East elevation with photographer facing north, 6/90
2. West elevation with photographer facing east, 6/90
3. North elevation with photographer facing south, 6/90
4. Northwest elevation with photographer facing southeast, 6/90
5. Northwest corner of the living room with photographer facing northwest -- shows entrance door with 15 light window and Murphy bed closet, 6/90
6. Southeast corner of living room with photographer facing southeast, 6/90
7. Eastern wall of northeast bedroom with photographer facing east, 07/90
8. Southern wall of dining nook with photographer facing south, 6/90
9. Southwest corner of living room shows entrance to kitchen and arched entrance to dining nook, 6/90
10. Southwest corner of the kitchen with photographer facing southwest, 6/90
11. Northwest corner of bathroom with photographer facing northwest, 6/90
12. Southwest corner of the bathroom taken with photographer facing southwest, 6/90
13. East elevation of garage with photographer facing west, 6/90



Original floorplan from  
Maddux, Marshall & Co., Inc.,  
1924 sales brochure entitled  
Garrett Park: A Sylvan Garden Spot in Nearby Maryland.

Name James J. Wagner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street 3915 Baltimore Street City Kensington  
 State Maryland Zip 20895 Daytime Telephone Number 703-875-9240

#### NPS Office Use Only

- The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
- The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

Date \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Office/Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

See Attachments

REVIEW SHEET

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Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

Property: Chevy House, 10912 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, MD Project No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Historic District: Garrett Park

4/30/91 date initial application received by State \_\_\_\_\_ date(s) additional information requested by State

4/30/91 date complete information received by State \_\_\_\_\_

6/4/91 date of this transmittal to NPS \_\_\_\_\_

Inspection of property by State staff?  no  yes date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

NUMBER	This property involves:
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Extensive loss of historic fabric
	<input type="checkbox"/> Substantial alterations over time
	<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary determination of listing
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ for district
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____ for individual property
	<input type="checkbox"/> Significance less than 50 years old
	<input type="checkbox"/> Obscured or covered elevation(s)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved property
	<input type="checkbox"/> State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Recommendation different from the applicant's request

NUMBER	Complete item(s) below as appropriate.
2	(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as <u>1891-1940</u>
	(2) The property <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contributes <input type="checkbox"/> does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> design <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> setting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> materials <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> workmanship <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> feeling <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> association <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section <u>7</u> , page <u>1</u> . <u>DISCUSSION OF "CHEVY HOUSES"</u>
	(3) For properties less than 50 years old: <input type="checkbox"/> the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution. <input type="checkbox"/> the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing. <input type="checkbox"/> there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.
	(4) For preliminary determinations: A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district: <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.) <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months. <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months. <input type="checkbox"/> Other, explain: _____
	B. Evaluation of the property: <input type="checkbox"/> Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D Criteria Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G
	(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and: <input type="checkbox"/> appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation. <input type="checkbox"/> does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

This one-story, three-bay, rectangular wood frame cottage with side-gabled roof was built in 1927. It is clad w German siding and has a gabled porch. A frame, german-side dgarage is located at the rear of the property. The house remains largely unaltered. The garage is in poor structural condition but also largely unaltered.

This house at 10912 Montrose Avenue is a contributing resource in the Garrett Park Historic District, a 154-acre residential community incorporated in 1891. Its buildings are characteristic of vernacular styles from the 1890s through the 20th century. Designed solely as a residential community, Garrett Park reflects suburban reliance on transportation, first train and then automobiles. The house at 10912 Montrose Avenue is a "Chevy" house, one of approximately forty houses constructed by Maddux and Marshall & Co in the 1920s. These small houses came in three different models, and included a Murphy bed, genuine alcove, Atwater Kent Radio, and, at slight extra cost, a Chevy in the garage. This house is one of the best preserved of the remaining Chevy houses.

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State Official Recommendation:

- This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by Elizabeth Arnold, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
  - potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
  - registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

Detailed NPS review recommended  Precedent-setting case  Forwarded without recommendation

6-04-91  
Date

Mark R. Edwards  
State Official Signature  
(Deputy SHD, Maryland)

See attachments:

NPS Comments:

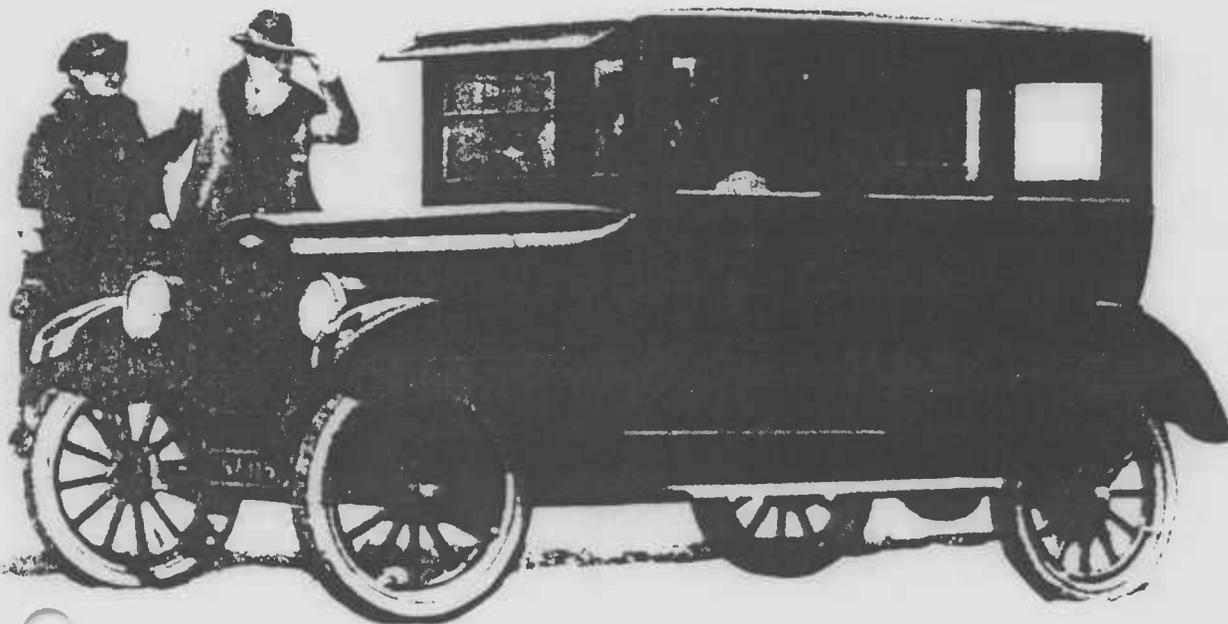
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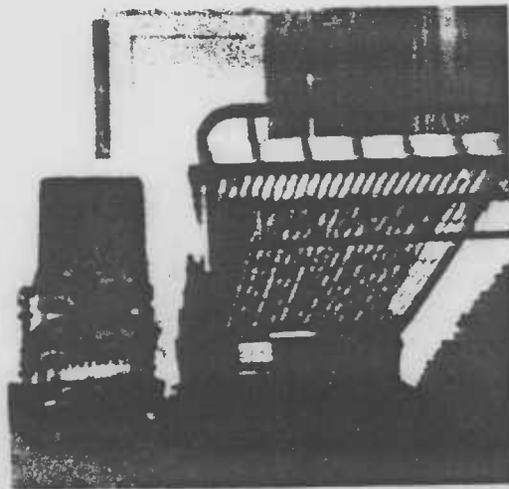
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10912 Montrose Ave.  
Garrett Park, Md.

"Chevy Sedan & Murphy Bed"  
from  
Garrett Park, Maryland  
A Scrapbook, 1898-1988

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1924 Chevy Sedan



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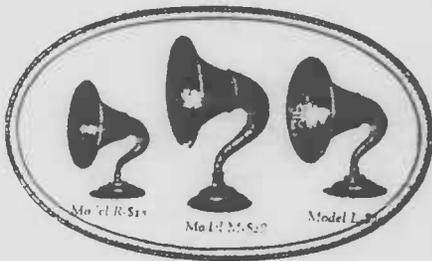
Chevy House (30-13)  
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Garrett Park, Md.

"Atwater Kent  
Loudspeakers"  
from  
Garrett Park, Md.  
A Scrapbook, 1898-1988

# 1924

# ATWATER KENT LOUD SPEAKERS

A Product  
with a Two-fold  
Profit

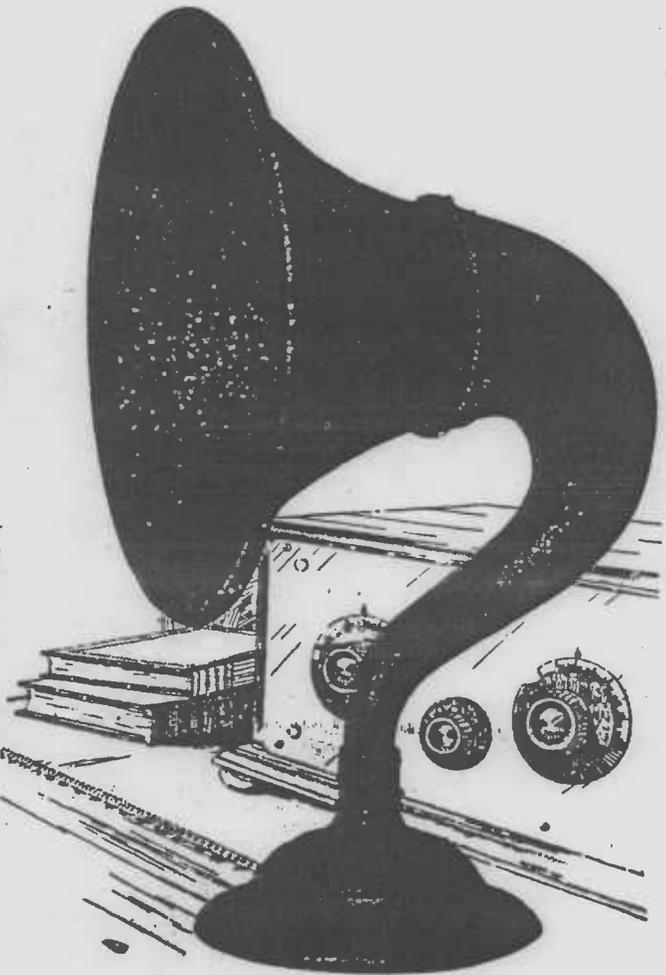


ATWATER KENT Loud Speakers represent a product with a two-fold profit. Helped by a separate advertising campaign, devoted exclusively to loud speakers, ATWATER KENT dealers are getting quick turn-over, and in a great many cases are selling new receiving sets with the loud speakers.

In ATWATER KENT Loud Speakers, each kind of material used, each detail in design is there for a purpose, — to bring about a tone that is pure, clear and natural.

It is the ambition of practically every owner of a receiving set to own a fine loud speaker. The radio merchant who handles ATWATER KENT Loud Speakers has a constantly increasing market to serve.

ATWATER KENT MANUFACTURING COMPANY  
4750 Wissahickon Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.



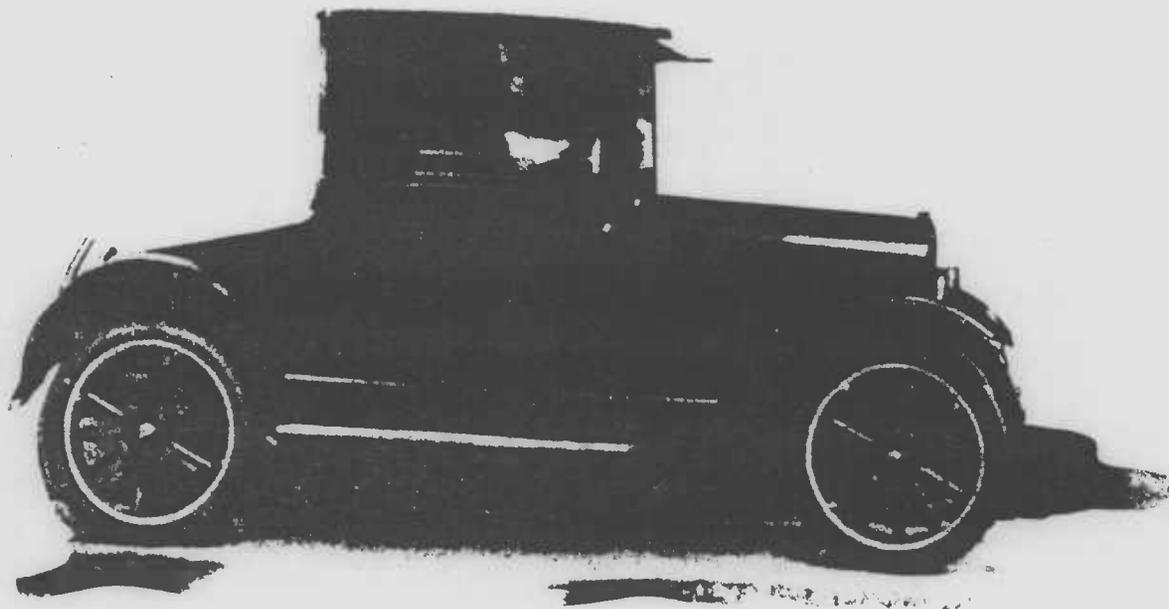
BRING OUT THE BEST FROM ANY SET

Attachment:

Chevy House (30-13)  
10912 Montrose Ave.  
Garrett Park, Md.

"Chevrolet Coupe"  
from  
Garrett Park, Maryland  
A Scrapbook, 1898-1988

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1924 Chevrolet Coupe

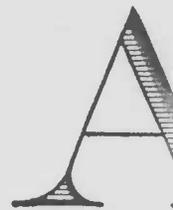
In a 1924 brochure, "A Residential-Park Development of Charm and Distinction," issued by Maddux, Marshall & Co., plans were set forth for their building in Garrett Park a number of new homes with some of the details being:

Bed Closet: Opens into living room; equipped with Murphy folding-bed.

Radio. Two-tube set, installed in wall of living room; radius, 600 to 1,000 miles.

Optional additions. A garage and a Chevrolet car may be included, the cost being added to the price of the basic house.

Pictured on the next few pages are some of those details or options as well as pictures of some of the nearly 50 Chevy houses built.



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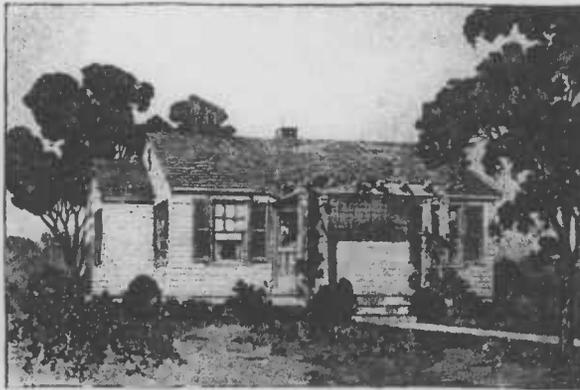
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Excerpt from: Garrett Park: A Sylvan  
Garden Spot in Nearby Maryland,  
Maddux, Marshall & Co., Inc.  
Washington, D.C., 1924.

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*The Sylvan*



*The Roseland*

*Special Features.* Two large bedrooms with windows on two sides, each room with large closet; linen closet opening into bathroom.



*The Woodbine*

*Special Features.* Two large bedrooms with windows on two sides, each room with large closet; sleeping porch opening off corner bedroom; linen closet opening into bathroom.

## Types of Homes

As shown by the floor plans on the opposite page, for the present three types of homes, will be built in Garrett Park. However, for the sake of scenic appearance the exteriors of each type will be varied.

Cosily nestling amongst green, shady trees, these bungalow homes, each designed with a view to emitting exterior beauty and possessing interior utility, have a charm, individuality, and, distinctiveness all their own. Like little architectural gems in exquisite sylvan setting, they are in perfect harmony with their rustic, picturesque surroundings.

## Construction

All workmanship and material are of the best quality, the governing motive being to build the very best home that can be produced for the price asked. "Permanency" being the ideal sought, only materials of the finest quality, assembled under expert and exacting supervision, are used.

## Details

*Common to all three types of homes*

- Basement.* Concrete walls, waterproofed on exterior, built on concrete footings; cement floor.
- Bath Room.* Floor of colored cement, with sanitary base; bathtub, lavatory and toilet of standard make; medicine cabinet.
- Bed Closet.* Opens into living room; equipped with Murphy folding-bed.
- Closets.* Fitted with shelves, hook-strips, and clothes rod.
- Dining Alcove.* Equipped with built-in table and seats of attractive pattern, comfortable and convenient.
- Electric Fixtures.* Of attractive design, especially made for Garrett Park homes; conveniently arranged for comfort and use of occupants; utility outlet in living room.
- Floors.* Throughout, except bath room, of  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch seasoned hard pine.
- Hardware.* Standard make in attractive designs.
- Kitchen.* Combination sanitary sink and laundry tray; oil range and dresser; stairway to basement.
- Murphy Folding-Bed.* See, "Bed Closet."
- Painting.* Exterior: three coats of lead and oil in color. Interior: natural color, stained and varnished.
- Papering.* All rooms attractively papered.
- Plastering.* On wood lath, with metal corners.
- Plumbing.* In strict accordance with regulations of State of Maryland; all fixtures modern and sanitary.
- Porch (Front).* Covered and spacious; electric light in ceiling.
- Radio.* Two-tube set, installed in wall of living room; radius, 600 to 1,000 miles. (If desired, this set can be made more powerful by the addition, at small cost, of another two-tube section).
- Roof.* Fire-resisting asphalt shingles in various colors.
- Sewerage.* Sanitary disposal system.
- Shades.* Windows fitted with first-class shades.

## Cost and Terms

(See inserted sheet for prices and figures.)

**Basic Unit.** Every home consists of a Basic Unit, comprising house, lot, and radio, sold at a certain price.

**Optional Additions.** At the option of the purchaser (1) a garage, or (2) a garage and a Chevrolet car, may be included, the cost being added to the price of the Basic Unit. Choice is given of any Chevrolet car: Roadster, Touring, Touring Sport Model, Utility Coupe, 4-passenger Coupe, or 5-Passenger Sedan.

**Cash and Monthly Payments.** The cash and monthly payments are made as small as is consistent with sound business methods, every possible concession being made for the convenience and accommodation of the purchaser.

**Low Cost.** Never before in the real estate annals of Washington have such home values been offered—they are by far the lowest figures at which it has ever before been possible to purchase such homes.

## Efficiency and Economy

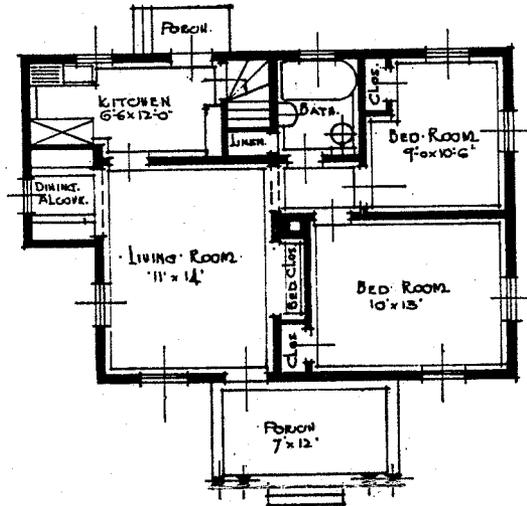
The building, purchasing, and other departments of Maddux, Marshall & Co. are under practical, experienced men of outstanding ability in their respective fields. All material, which is carefully inspected and tested upon delivery, is purchased by an expert staff that knows the market thoroughly and understands the business of buying economically, paying minimum prices for high class material, and taking advantage of all discounts. All engineering, carpenter, and other work is done under the exacting supervision of highly trained, well organized personnel, skilled in the handling of labor and in the use of assembling of materials, thus eliminating waste, inferior workmanship, lost motion, and delay.

## Clients Get Advantage of Savings

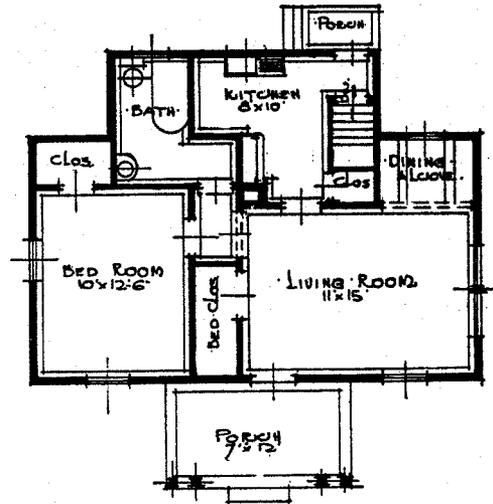
It is because of this splendid organization, economical management, and efficient administration that Maddux, Marshall and Co. can build homes at least 20% below the usual cost, and, therefore, sell them that much cheaper, it being their policy to share with their clients all savings the firm is able to make through economic purchases of material, efficient supervision of workmanship, and otherwise. *The Company prizes its reputation above all else. It is their most valuable asset. The reputation of Maddux, Marshall and Co. is back of the development of Garrett Park.*

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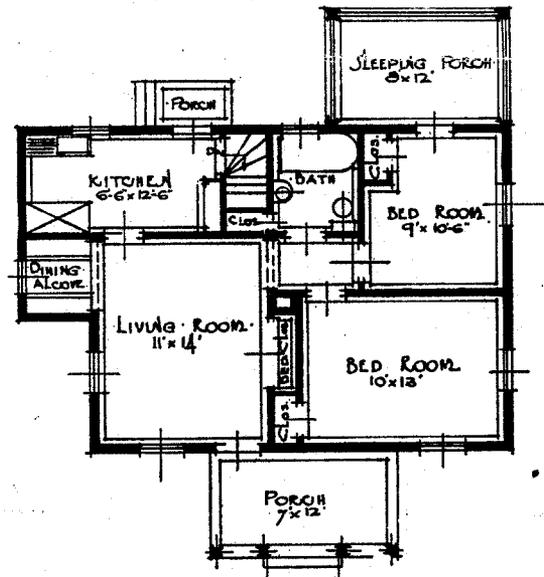
Due to variations from time to time in the cost of material and labor as well as because of other considerations, the prices of the homes in Garrett Park will increase or decrease accordingly, the purchaser always being given full benefit of any decrease in cost of building. Therefore, instead of incorporating in the body of this brochure, the prices of the homes and terms of payment, they are given on an inserted sheet which will be revised and brought up to date whenever necessary.



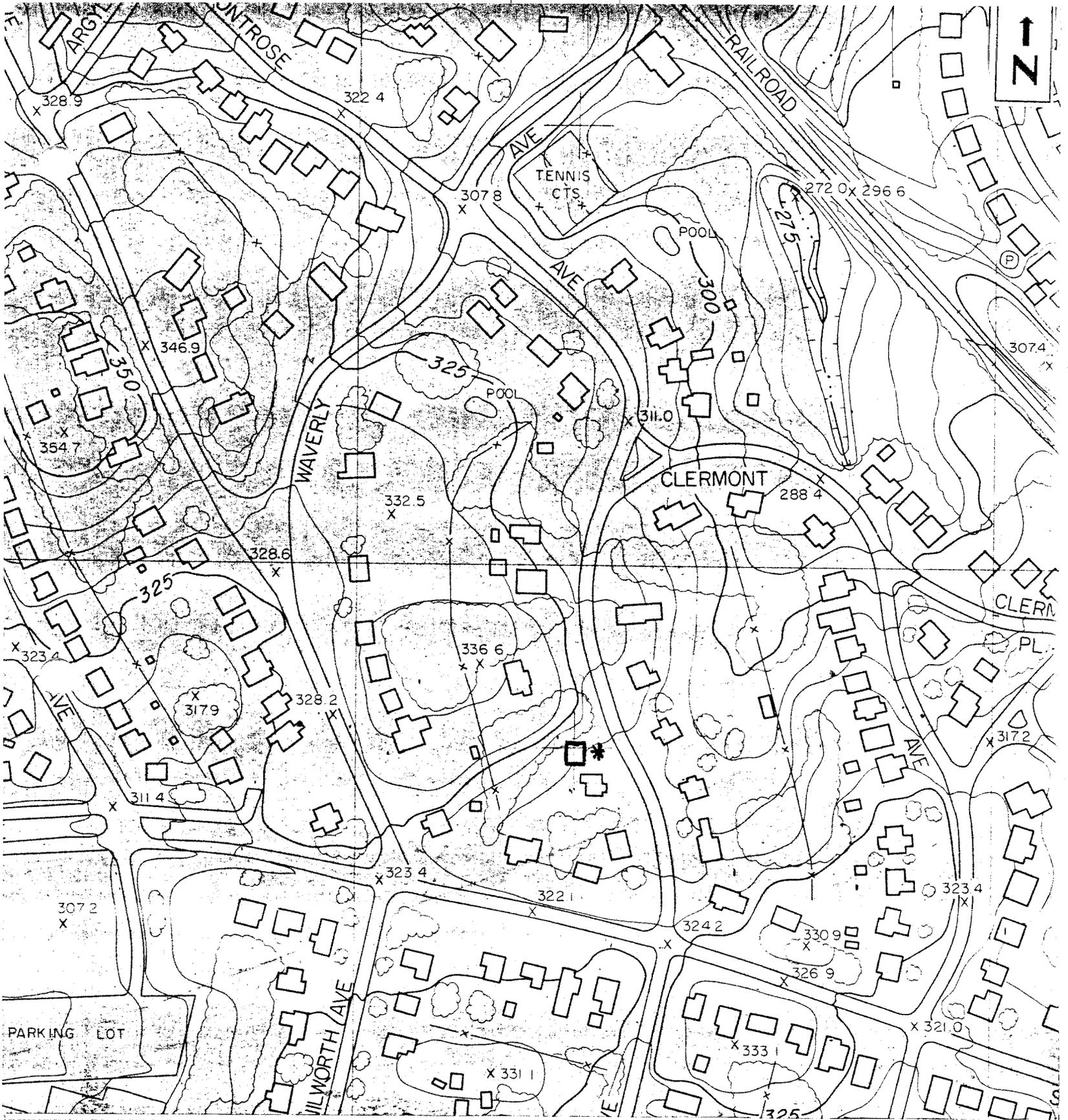
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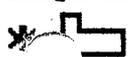
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The Woodbine



**Legend:**

-  Primary Historic Structure
-  Outbuilding(s)
-  Historic Site

Contours are at 5' intervals.

**30-13:**

**10912 Montrose Avenue  
Garrett Park, Maryland**

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### CONTINUATION/AMENDMENT SHEET

### Historic Preservation Certification Application

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Chevy House

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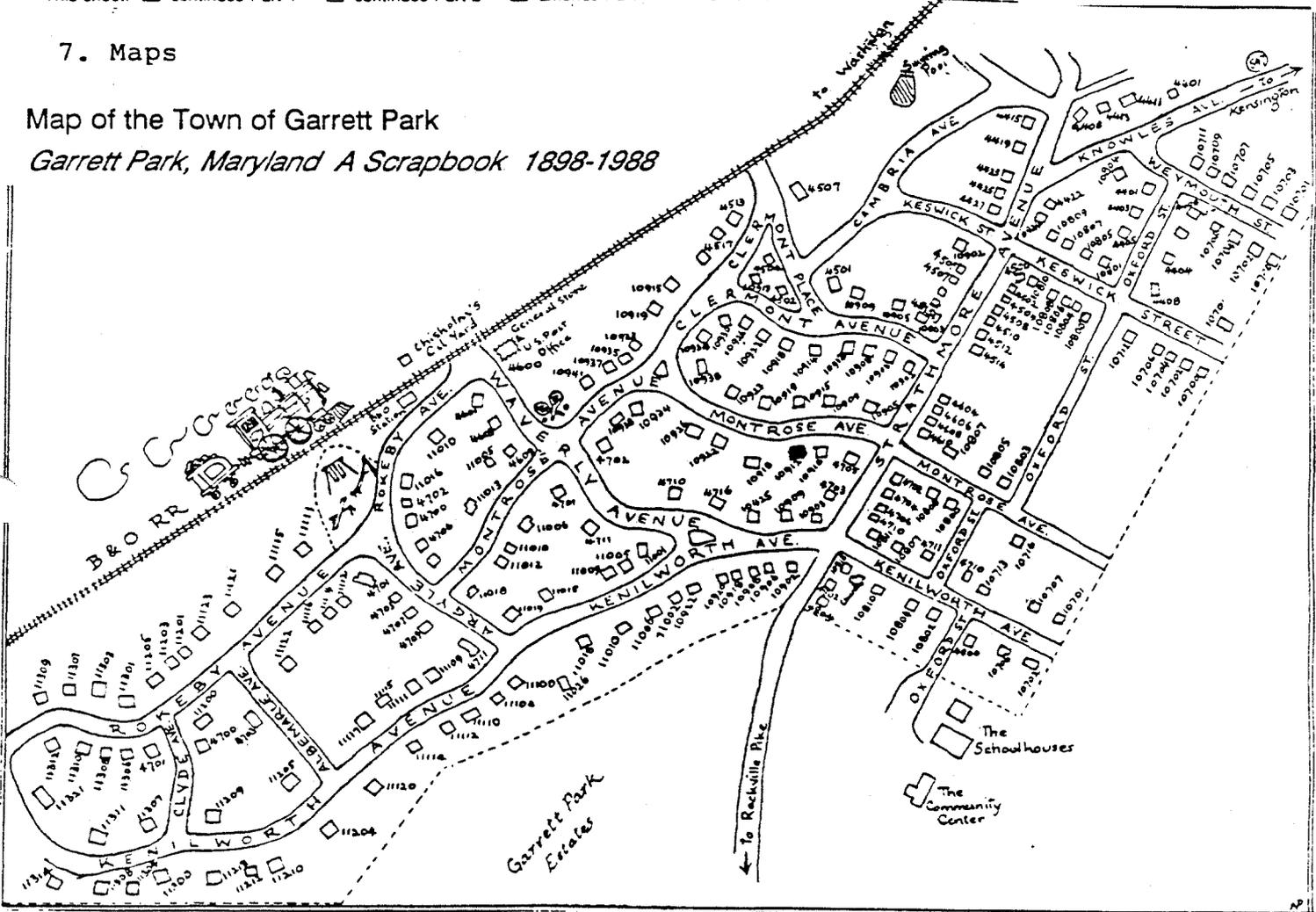
Property Address

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### 7. Maps

Map of the Town of Garrett Park  
*Garrett Park, Maryland A Scrapbook 1898-1988*



Name James J. Wagner Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 State Maryland Zip 20895 Daytime Telephone Number 703-875-9240

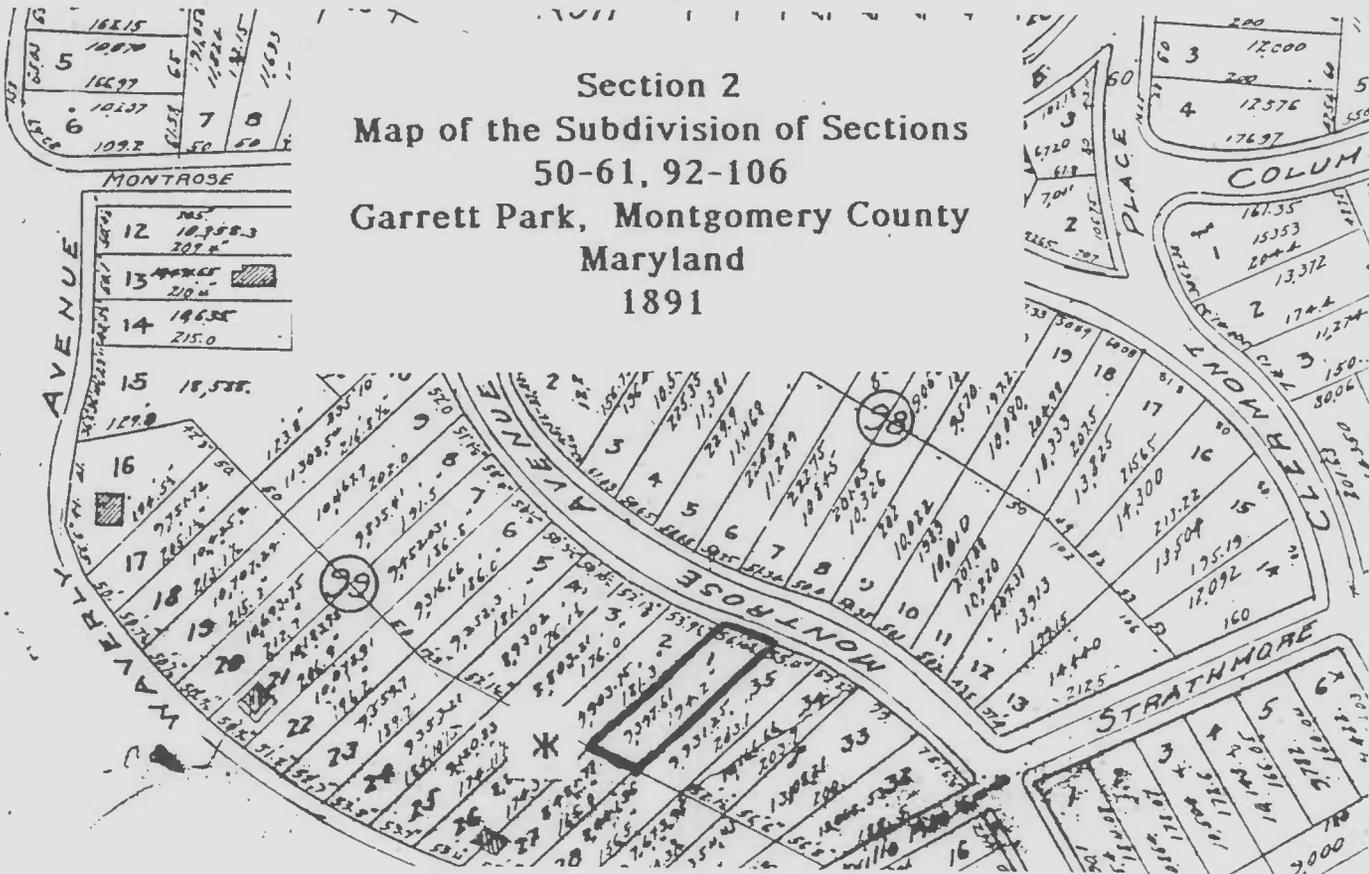
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Date \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ National Park Service Office/Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

See Attachments

**Section 2**  
**Map of the Subdivision of Sections**  
**50-61, 92-106**  
**Garrett Park, Montgomery County**  
**Maryland**  
**1891**



**30-13: 10912 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, Maryland**



*Pursuant to Sec. 406-D, Chapter 92, Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, Session of 1914, I hereby certify that this plat is a true and accurate copy of the original recorded in Liber J.A. N<sup>o</sup> folio , one of the Land Records of Montg. Co. Md, of which it purports to be a copy.*

*W. Ernest Offutt.*  
*County Surveyor for*

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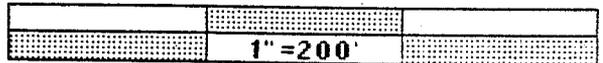


Historic Parcel

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"Chevy House"

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10912 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, MD

Site # 3013 (within Garrett Park H.D.)

East Elevation

Lois Snyderman, 1/90



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"Chevy House"

10912 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, MD

Site # 20/13 (within Garrett Park H.D.)

West Elevation

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"Chevy House"

10912 Montrose Avenue, Garrett Park, MD.

Site # 3013 (within Garrett Park, H. O.)

South elevation

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"Chevy House"

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