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ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name: Cohen House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 31/7/13 Capitol View H.D. 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21 H-4

4. Address: 9819 Capitol View Avenue, Silver Spring

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition NA
Status occupied
Accessible no
Present use private residence

Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Title and Date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976

Federal ___ State X County X Local ___

6. Date: 1907 7. Original Owner:

8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This 5 bay by 5 bay, 1½ story house is set into a hillside facing south. Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has white clapboarding and a gable roof, covered by brown asbestos shingles.

The original well is located near the back door, and is now covered with an iron disc. Outbuildings include a 2-car frame garage and a former chicken coop.

The interior has a central hall. Original stairway newel posts are decorated with beading and a floral motif at the Capitol.

From 1957-1961 the house was rented and occupied by a nursery school.

An outdoor stairway, and other changes were made to meet fire code standards.

10. Significance: This house represents the second wave of construction in Capitol View Park, and demonstrates the convenience of its proximity to the Capitol.

It was built by Eleanor and William Lannan in 1907, and was sold to Frank and Nellie Hewitt in 1929, then to Oliver and Esther Peterson in 1944. Ms. Peterson was the Giant Company's consumer expert who joined the Federal Government as the first Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs under President Johnson and re-appointed by President Carter in 1977 as Director of the U.S. Office of Consumer Affairs -- as well as the Special Assistant post.

The Petersons established a cooperative nursery school in their house for their own 4 children as well as others in the neighborhood.

The present owners bought the property in 1948. Wilbur J. Cohen is a University of Michigan professor and a government bureaucrat, having served under 6 presidents from Roosevelt to Carter. He was Secretary of HEW under President Johnson.

The son of the owner, Bruce Cohen, now occupies the house.

11. Researcher and date researched: Eloise Cohen - 5/79

Candy Reed
Architectural Description

12. Compiler: Peg Coleman

13. Date Compiled: 6/79

14. Designation Approval ___

15. Acreage: 2½ acres

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON: Cohen House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 9819 Capitol View Avenue

CITY, TOWN: Silver Spring ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: 8

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		X NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Wilbur J. Cohen and Eloise B. Cohen

Telephone #: 313/663-6931

STREET & NUMBER: 620 Oxford Road

CITY, TOWN: Ann Arbor ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Michigan 48104

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 1467
Folio #: 565

STREET & NUMBER:

CITY, TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: M-NCPPC Inventory of Histroical Sites

DATE: 1976 __FEDERAL X STATE X COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN: Rockville

STATE: Maryland 20855

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay by five bay, one and a half story rectangular house is set into a hillside facing south.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has white clapboarding and butt shingles at the south gable peak. The south porch has a flat roof with a decorative balustrade supported by four round wooden Doric columns and enclosed by a balustraded railing. The front (south) door, of glass and wood paneling is surmounted by a single-light transom. There is a screened porch on the north elevation with a shed roof and tongue and groove siding. The north door is glass and wooden paneled and is surmounted by a single light transom. An open string run of nineteen wooden steps leads to the second level on the north elevation. Double glass paneled doors open onto the porch.

There are two-over-two double-hung windows. On the north elevation there is a fixed single light window next to a double two-over-two double-hung window on the east and west elevations.

The house has a gable roof, covered by brown asbestos shingles, with a boxed and returned cornice line. According to Kenneth Schooley, who lived in an adjoining house, the roof was raised in the 1920s. There is an exterior stove chimney on the east elevation.

Outbuildings include a two-car frame garage and a chicken house (no used for storing firewood).

Inside the house the door and transom are framed with bullseye style framing, the length of the frame being 8½'. The hall ceiling begins two feet above that.

To the right of the central hallway is the stairway. The newel post is decorated with beading and a floral motif around the capital. The posts of the balustrade on the left side of the stairs, as well as the newel post, are the originals from when the house was built, as are the paneled doors, wooden doorknobs, and bullseye framing around the 14 doors and doorways, and the 13 windows on the first floor.

The long narrow living room with a corner fireplace is entered from the right side of the hall through a 48' wide doorway, or at the other end through a door surmounted by a transom window.

Behind the living room is the kitchen with free-standing cabinets and an old-fashioned sink. The original well, with a heavy iron disc covering it, is located near the back door. Nowadays, however, water is piped in.

To the left of the hall are a study, bedroom, and dining room with fireplace. At the end of the hall is a full bath. The decorative hot water radiators in the hall, study, bedroom and dining room are probably the originals.

The floors are of light Georgia pine.

On the second floor, at the top of the stairs, is a foyer off which opens two bedrooms, a bathroom, and a large play area. A third bedroom at the front opens off the playroom; the roof of the front porch, surrounded by an old-fashioned railing, served as a 'patio' for the bedroo The small bedroom at the back opens onto a platform that leads to an outside stairway. The master bedroom has two paneled doors and five windows, some of which have original glass.

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Attachment Sheet A

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When Yvonne Thompson rented the house from 1957-1961 for the Robin Dale Nursery School, she had an outdoor stairway built at the back of the house leading to the second floor and closed the second floor off from the first by putting a door at the top of the front stairs and a wall around the stairwell. This was done to meet fire code requirements. The existence of the outdoor stairway made it possible for the Cohens to remove the inside back stairway in 1961; the extra space resulting increased the size of the kitchen sufficiently to accommodate a breakfast table and it widened the small bedroom upstairs. The living room mantel with its small columns proved too fragile for nursery school children and was replaced by the Cohens with a glass front, framed in brass, as was the mantel in the dining room.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	__ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1907 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two-story frame house is representative of the second wave of construction which occurred in Capitol View Park just after the turn of the 20th century.

The house was constructed by Eleanor and William Lannan in 1907.[1] The Lennans lived there for 22 years, then sold the property to Frank and Nellie Hewitt.[2] The Hewitts sold to Nellie and Percy Mays two years later, who rented it out and in turn sold to Oliver and Esther Peterson.[3]

Mrs. Peterson was connected with the Federal Government over a long period of time as an expert in consumer affairs and as Assistant Secretary of Labor. During their four years of ownership, a cooperative nursery school was established in the house for the benefit of the four Petersons and other neighborhood children. When Oliver Peterson was named by President Truman as Labor Attache to Sweden in 1948 the house was sold to the present owners, Wilbur J. and Eloise B. Cohen.

Cohen, who came to D.C. in 1934 from Wisconsin as a research assistant to Prof. Witte, Chairman of President Roosevelt's Committee on Economic Security, helped to provide the information on which the Social Security Act was based. He played a large part in getting the Medicare and Medicaid bills through Congress. During the past 45 years he served under six Presidents - Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Carter. He was appointed Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare by President Johnson in 1968, having previously served as Assistant Secretary and Under-secretary of that Department during President Kennedy's term in office. During the years when he was not connected with the government, he was a professor at the University of Michigan in the School of Social Work (1951-61) and Dean of the School of Education there (1969-78).

The Cohen house was rented from 1956 to 1970, and is now occupied and being worked on by Bruce Cohen, son of the owners.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Montgomery County Assessment Records, 1907.
2. Land Records of Montgomery County, Maryland, 492/461 (1929).
3. Ibid, 938/254 (1944).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Tax Assessment Records.
Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.
Recollections of the owner.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2½ acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 35, lots 5-8, pt. 9, 17-22.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Eloise Cohen

Candy Reed
Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE May 11, 1979

STREET & NUMBER Box 87

TELEPHONE 926-4510

CITY OR TOWN Dickerson

STATE Maryland 20753

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Owner Information

Owner Name:	ELOISE COHEN ET AL FAM PTSHP	**Use:**	RESIDENTIAL
		Principal Residence:	NO
Mailing Address:	11120 TROY RD ROCKVILLE MD 20852-2436	**Deed Reference:**	1) /13716/ 529 2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address	Zoning	Legal Description
9819 CAPITOL VIEW AVE SILVER SPRING 20910	R60	CAPITOL VIEW PARK

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
HP53				5		35	21	80	Plat Ref:

Special Tax Areas	Town Ad Valorem Tax Class	38

Primary Structure Built	Enclosed Area	Property Land Area	County Use
1908	2,295 SF	9,550.00 SF	111

Stories	Basement	Type	Exterior
1 1/2	YES	STANDARD UNIT	FRAME

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of 01/01/2001	Phase-in Assessments As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003
Land:	63,270	63,270		
Improvements:	107,980	143,240		
Total:	171,250	206,510	194,756	206,510
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller:	ELOISE B COHEN	**Date:**	10/27/1995	**Price:**	$0
Type:	NOT ARMS-LENGTH	**Deed1:**	/13716/ 529	**Deed2:**	
Seller:	AUSTIN TRUST CO TR	**Date:**	10/26/1995	**Price:**	$0
Type:	NOT ARMS-LENGTH	**Deed1:**	/ 1437/ 565	**Deed2:**	
Seller:		**Date:**	10/02/1950	**Price:**	$0
Type:	NOT ARMS-LENGTH	**Deed1:**	/13716/ 523	**Deed2:**	

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

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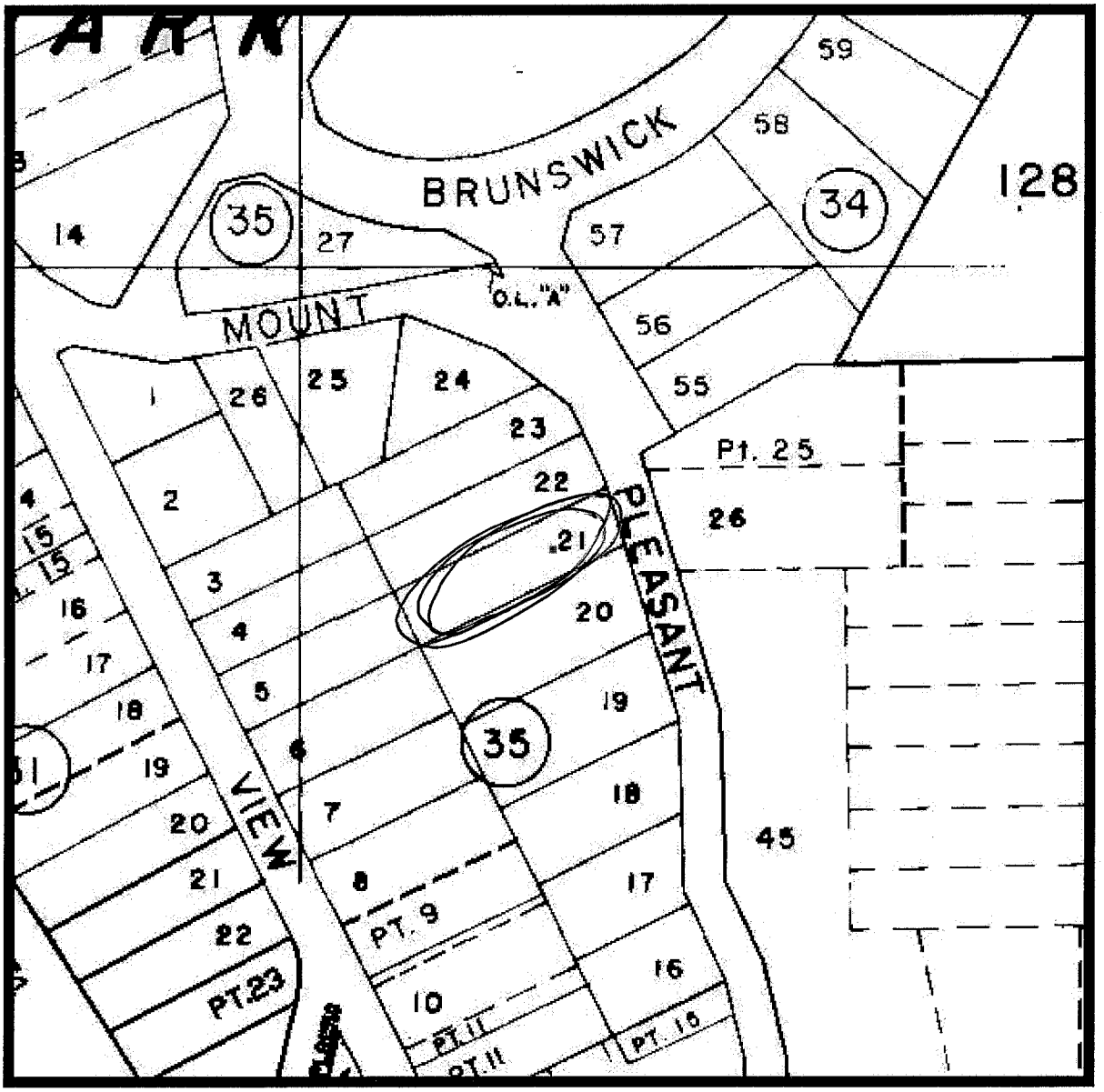

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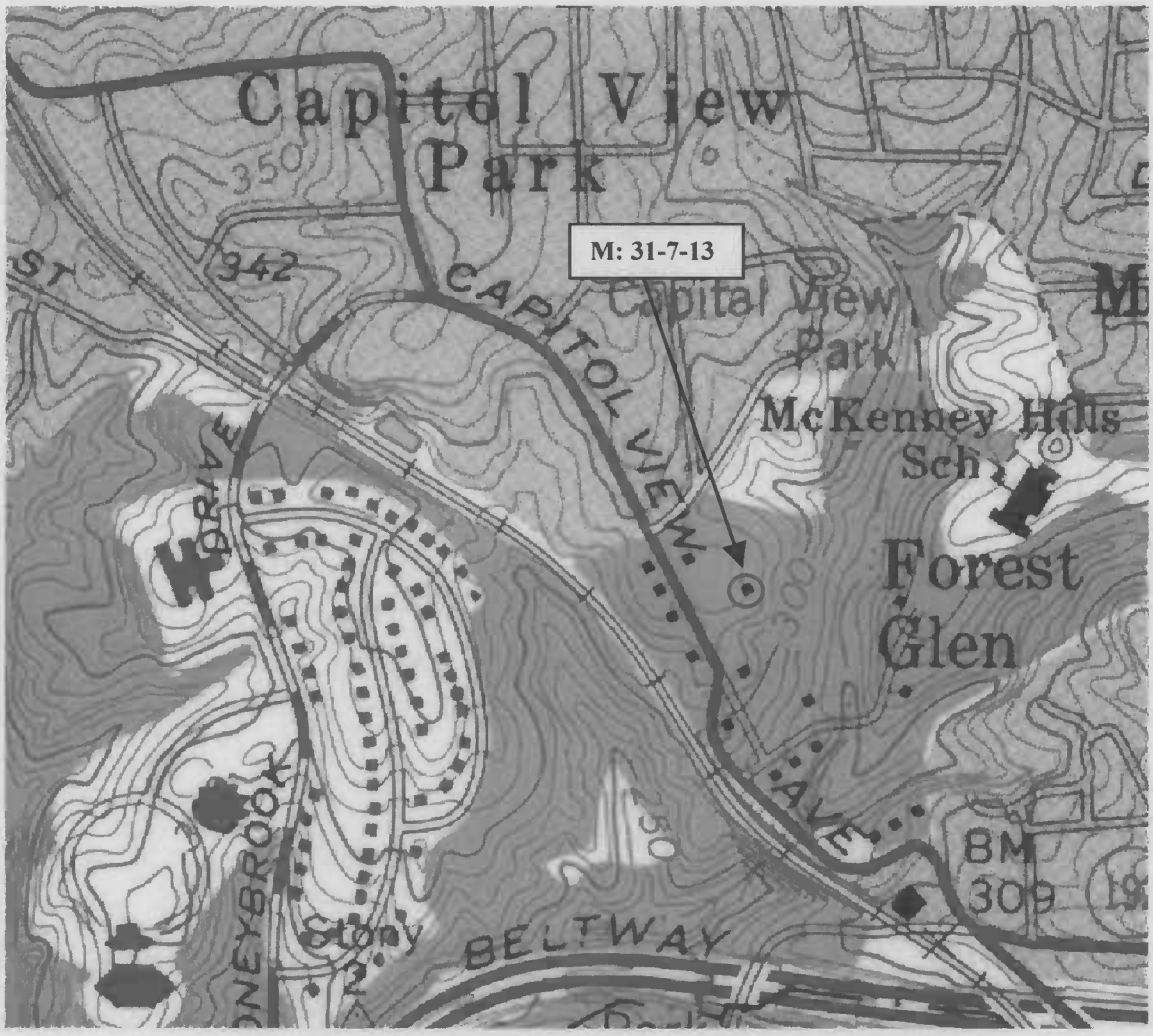
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