Survey No. M-35-63

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE ___yes ___no

Demolished pre-1999

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Edward Taylor Chewning house

and/or common The Brick House

2. Location

street & number 7427 Arlington Road ___not for publication

city, town BETHESDA ___vicinity of congressional district 16th

state MD. county MONTGOMERY

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___district	___public	X occupied	___agriculture	___museum
___building(s)	X private	___unoccupied	X commercial	___park
___structure	___both	___work in progress	___educational	___private residence
___site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___entertainment	___religious
___object	___in process	___yes: restricted	___government	___scientific
	___being considered	___yes: unrestricted	___industrial	___transportation
	___not applicable	___no	___military	___other:

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

name Larry Bulman et al

street & number 1 Farmington Court telephone no.: w 301 656-1177 h 654-7751

city, town Chevy Chase state and zip code MD.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County liber 4A-17

street & number Rockville Md folio 421

city, town Bethesda state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___federal ___state ___county ___local

depository for survey records

city, town state

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7. Description

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Condition
X excellent
___ good
___ fair
___ deteriorated
___ ruins
___ unexposed

Check one
___ unaltered
___ altered

Check one
___ original site
___ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The "brick house" occupies two lots in Block 13 of the Edgemoor Subdivision. The house is presently occupied by law offices. The house and the grounds are large and gracious. They are maintained in perfect condition. This "brick" estate is very important to Edgemoor because it portrays the type of dwelling that existed before the East side of Arlington Road was commercial. As one approaches the Metro center, up Edgemoor Lane, the house welcomes the walker to a private path. This is the way Arlington Road existed in the twenties and it should continue that way today as the County points out in Mrs. Wither's House (#35/14-13) "It is a reflection of the residential character of the Bethesda CBD in the early 20th century which has largely been lost in recent years."

MR. Channing built this house of bricks that built much of Washington, Edgemoor, New York etc. His bricks were distinctive because they were in colors and textures. In "Washington Past and Present" MR. Channing's bricks are an example of an industries lasting contribution to municipal attractiveness. Mr. Channing also was a very admirable individual. He donated the land that is now the site of the National Arboretum.

His house of bricks should be preserved because it links the materials that built Bethesda, ~~the~~ D.C. and gave Washington and Edgemoor ~~the~~ their distinctive characters.

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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– 1930	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **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.

As described by Mr. William Offutt in Bethesda A Social History "On the East side of Arlington at Edgemoor, E. Taylor Chewning of United Clay built one of the best looking brick houses in the area." The significance of this description becomes clearer when one realizes that Mr. Chewning was president of United Clay Products company. He owned many large brick yards. His product he believed made possible the "harmonious development of Washington".

Mr. Taylor was a native of Washington. He selected the East side of Arlington Road to build his family home. He purchased 6½ acres in August 1925 of the Watkins Farm. In 1928 Mr. Chewning built "the brick house" for his family and his kilns and offices in the Investment Building were (and still are) in Washington. The kilns and the Investment building are under consideration for historic preservation. Mr. Chewnings bricks for his home and fine buildings (New York Central building, Washington/Mayflower Hotel, Boston/Public Service building among others too numerous to mention) were desired because of his realization that there was a demand for color in architecture. "This is especially attractive in the now "stepped" architecture which is distinguishing the typical American trend toward efficient and utilitarian beauty." MR. Chewning's Corporation provided some 100 different colors in brick shades and textures to create an endless harmony and blend of buildings.

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___ 1700–1799
___ 1800–1899
___ 1900–

Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

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Pg 2 Many of Edgemoor's fine homes were built with Chewning's United Clay Products, Mr. Chewnings brick home, still maintained in perfect condition, and located at the intersection of Edgemoor and Arlington Roads has been the gateway to our community of homes for over Seventy years.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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WASHINGTON PAST and PRESENT - page 29/30

A Social History - William Offutt

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 39,361 Square feet

Quadrangle name Southeast corner of Edgemoor Lane and Arlington Road

Quadrangle scale

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
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

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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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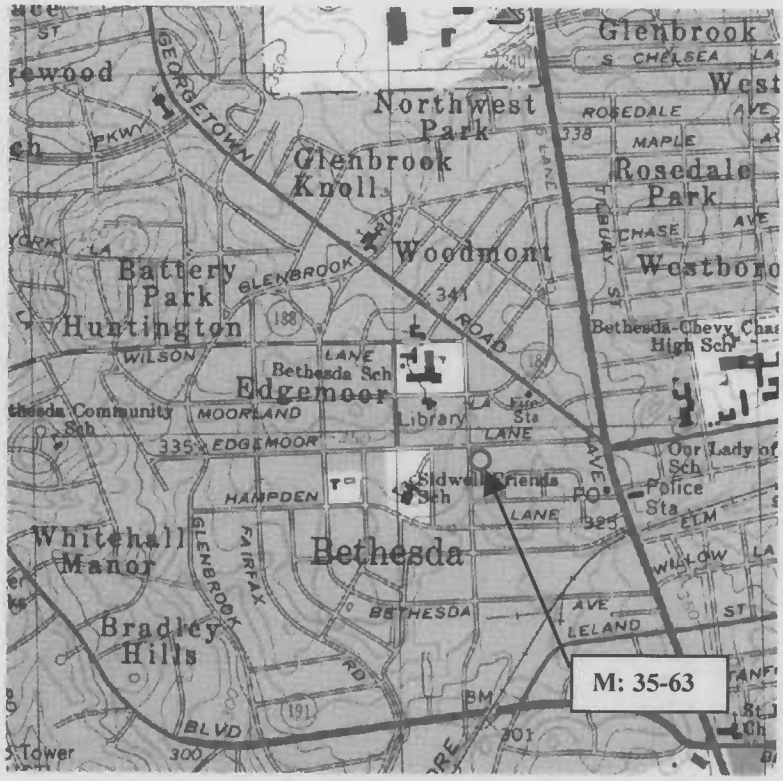
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Edward Taylor Chewning House, site
7427 Arlington Road, Bethesda
Washington West quadrangle