PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #66-13 Building Date: ca. 1915

Building Name: Buck-Singleton House

Location: 4908 Hollywood Road, College Park

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Buck-Singleton House is a two-story, hipped roof frame dwelling of three-by-two bays, having a rectangular plan. It is situated on a corner lot on a slight rise, overlooking Hollywood Road to its south. The three bay south (main) facade has entrance in the first bay. The door has a wide plain board surround, as do the 1/1 windows. Centered over the entrance on the second story is a double casement window. The second and third bays are in a projecting gable end with fishscale shingles and a square window at attic level. A hipped roof entrance porch rests on turned and chamfered posts with scroll brackets. The first bay of the west facade is beneath a cross gable with fishscale shingle wall covering at attic level. The second bay is a square window with diamond-shaped panes. The house is sided with horizontal wood siding and rests on a cement foundation. The hipped roof, covered with asphalt shingles, is pyramidal, the planes meeting at a central corbelled brick chimney. The two bay rear facade has a two bay hipped roof addition across the first story. A gable roof breezeway connects the addition to a small outbuilding directly north of the house. The one story, two-by-one bay frame outbuilding has a gable roof and rests on a cement slab. The interior of the house has banded molding with bull's eye corner blocks as door and window surrounds. There is a molded picture rail throughout the first floor rooms. The corner fireplace in the livingroom has a wooden overmantel with a mirror flanked by two tall Corinthian columns. The plan is a small entrance stair hall with two east side parlors and a kitchen directly opposite the entrance door.

Significance

The Buck-Singleton House is an early twentieth century house Victorian style house. It differs greatly in size from the ca. 1930's bungalows surrounding it. Victorian details include its two-story plan, facade-wide porch with jigsawn brackets and square diamond-pane window. The house was the first built in the Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision. George N. Buck subdivided the property in 1913 and sold lots with the Buck-Singleton House newly built to Ada M. and Henry E. Claus for $2,000 in 1915. The property passed to the Singletons in 1922 and remained with them until 1983. George Buck sold the subdivision to the Shelby Loan and Trust Company of Illinois in 1922, development of the area probably occurring after that date.

Acreage: 6,250 square feet

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Buck-Singleton House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4908 Hollywood Road ___ not for publication

city, town College Park ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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 not applicable	X no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Daniel and Mary Wagner

street & number 4908 Hollywood Road telephone no.:

city, town College Park, state and zip code MD. 20740

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5653

street & number Main Street folio 833

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's County Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date July 1981 ___ federal ___ state X county ___ local

depository for survey records History Division, M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale, state MD. 20737

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	X unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

The Buck-Singleton House is a two-story, hipped roof frame dwelling of three-by-two bays, having a rectangular plan. It is situated on a corner lot on a slight rise, overlooking Hollywood Road to its immediate south. It is set on a small town lot in a subdivision of ca. 1930-40 housing.

The three bay south (main) facade has entrance in the first bay through a three panel door with a large, rectangular upper glass light. The door has a wide plain board surround, as do the 1/1 double hung sash windows. Centered over the entrance on the second story is a double casement window of twelve lights. The second and third bays are in a projecting two story gable end with fishscale shingles and a square window at the attic level.

A four bay hipped roof entrance porch shelters the first story. The roof rests on turned and chamfered posts with scroll brackets. Wood latticework encloses the base of the porch, which rests on wood piers.

The first bay of the three bay east facade is in a two story, gable roof projecting bay. The second and third bay are beneath a cross gable. Both east-facing gables have fishscale shingle wall covering at the attic level. The first bay of the two bay west facade is beneath a cross gable with fishscale shingle wall covering at the attic level. The second bay is a square window with diamond-shaped panes which lights the interior stair landing. There is a bulkhead celler entrance beneath the second bay. The house is sided with horizontal wood siding and rests on a cement foundation. The hipped roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The roof is almost pyramidal, the planes meeting at a central corbelled brick chimney.

The two bay north (rear) facade has a two-by-one bay hipped roof addition across the first story. The east bay of the addition is enclosed as an interior room. The west bay is a screened porch. A gable roof breezeway supported on square wood posts connects the addition to a small outbuilding directly north of the house.

The one story, two-by-one bay frame outbuilding has a gable roof covered with asphalt shingle. The south entrance, centered on the facade and sheltered by the breezeway, is a two panel door with two long rectangular upper glass lights. The west gable end has a large double door of vertical boards for a car entrance. The outbuilding rests on a cement slab. Centered in the east and west gable peak is a series of small holes forming a triangular pattern, probably to ventilate an interior crawl space.

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	X 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)
		___ invention		~~Local History~~

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.

The Buck-Singleton House is an early twentieth century house built in the Victorian style. It differs greatly in style and size from the ca. 1930's bungalows which surround it. Victorian details include its two-story plan, its facade-wide porch with jigsawn brackets and a square diamond-pane window on the west facade.

The house was the first built in the Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision. Two tracts of 186 and 86 acres were acquired by George N. Buck of Illinois, in 1900 and 1906.[1] He subdivided the property in 1913[2] and sold lots with the Buck-Singleton House newly built upon them to Ada M. and Henry E. Claus for $2,000 in 1915.[3] The property passed to the Singleton family in 1922 and remained with them until 1983. George Buck sold the Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision to the Shelby Loan and Trust Company of Illinois in 1922.[4] Significant development of the property probably occurred after that date.

Notes

1 Land Records of Prince George's County, JB #12:572 and #38:311.

2 Ibid. Equity #4227.

3 Ibid. #106:151.

4 Ibid. #189:485.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, Section 8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6,250 sq. ft.

Tax Map 25 E-2, Lot 21, 22

Quadrangle name Beltsville H

Quadrangle scale

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
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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 Marina King, Architectural Historian

organization Historic Preservation Commission date December 1985

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 301-952-3521

city or town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

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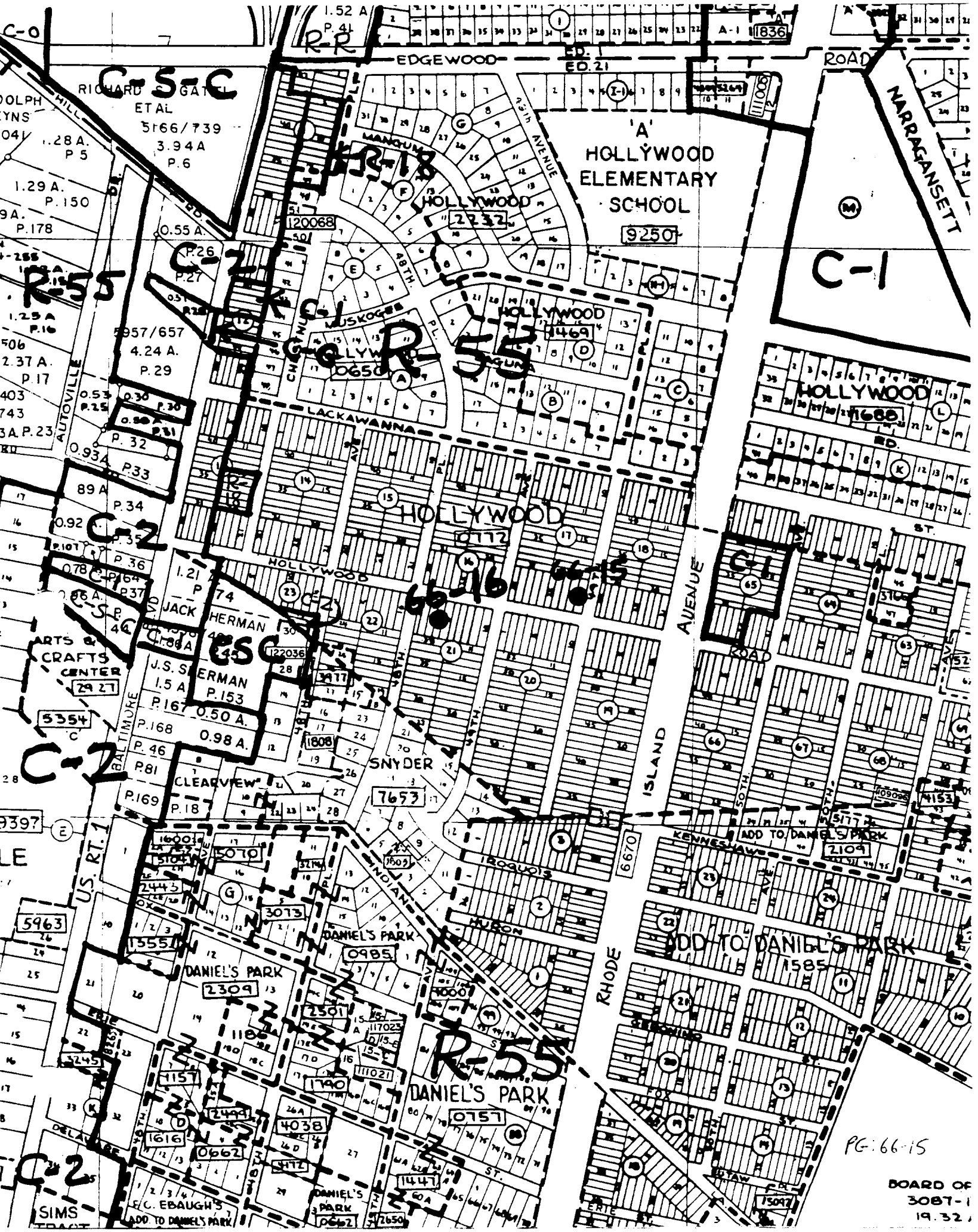
The interior of the Buck-Singleton House has banded molding with bull's eye corner blocks as door and window surrounds. There is a molded picture rail throughout the first floor rooms. There is a northwest corner fireplace in the livingroom having an wooden overmantel with a mirror and flanked by two tall wooden Corinthian columns. The plan is that of a small entrance stair hall with two east side parlors and a kitchen directly north, across from the entrance door.

Chain of Title
Buck-Singleton House
P.G. #66-15

5653:833 25 Feb 1983 Deed	Carey B. Singleton, Jr. to Daniel P. and Mary P. Wagner. For $73,000.00 grantor conveys that parcel in the 21st district, lot 21-24 in Block 17 in the Hollywood on the Hill subdivision. As per plat book #R.N.R. #18. Same conveyed by 230:275 & 235:205.
230:275 9 Oct 1924 Deed	Louis G. Benelli to Carey B. Singleton, Mary W. Ackroyd, Cecilia M. Singleton. For $10.00, grantor coveys Lots 18-22 in Block 17 in subdivision "Hollywood on the Hills", plat RNR 2:18.
235:205 12 Mar 1925 Deed	Louis G. Benelli to Carey B. Singleton, Mary W. Ackroyd, Cecelia M. Singleton. For $10.00 grantor conveys Lots 23, 24 in Block 17 as per plat in RNR 2:18 & 19.
149:236 14 Oct 1919 Deed	Ada M. Claus and Henry E. Claus to Louis G. Benelli, Mary A. Benelli. For $10.00 grantors convey Lots 18-22 in Block 17 in Hollywood-on-the-Hill subdivision. Same conveyed to Ada M. Claus by George N. Buck, widower, 4/5 1915, 106:151.
106:151 5 Apr 1915 Deed	George N. Buck of Shelbyville Ill. For $2,000.00 grantor conveys to Ada M. Claus Lots 18-22 in Block 17.
38:311 12 Dec 1906 Deed	John P. Turner and Ellen C. Turner to George N. Buck of Walton, Ill. For $10.00 grantors convey that land in Vansville District, same conveyed by Joseph S. Wilson, Attorney to John P. Turner, 6/24. 1898, contains 86 acres, part of land devised to said Turner in will WAJ Jr. 1:405.
J.B. 12:572 20 Oct 1900 Deed	Frederick A. Kinzel and George N. Buck of Marlton Illinois. For $8,000.00 grantor conveys that tract in Vansville district, contains 186 acres, same which on 9/16 1898, recorded JWB 2:205 was conveyed to Charles H. Stanley and George W. Waters by Morton Schaeffer, attorney of mortgager.



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Mantel, southeast parlor
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