

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

survey no. ^{PK#} 68-4-37

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

Lynn Animal Hospital

2. Location

street & number 6215 Baltimore Ave. not for publication

city, town Riverdale vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

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 type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Gary and Marta Roop

c/o Lynn Animal Hospital

street & number 6215 Baltimore Ave. telephone no.: 779-1184

city, town Riverdale state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3779

street & number Main Street folio 853

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

6215 Baltimore Avenue is a one story commercial building in Riverdale. At present, it is occupied by the Lynn Animal Hospital.

The building is actually two buildings connected together. The northern half is a brick facade with the main entry, flanked by bay windows. Above the door and windows is a metal awning. The parapet features a semicircular protrusion with a blue wooden cross within. Below the cross is a recessed sign panel surrounded by a row-lock course of brick. The brick pattern on the facade is a stretcher bond, except for where the two buildings meet, where there is a decorative pattern. It appears to be a filled in passageway. The southern half also has one entry with flanking windows. The brick type and pattern matches the northern half. A False Mansard roof features terra cotta tiles.

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				local history

Specific dates 1933 **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.

6215 Baltimore Avenue is made up of two connected one-part commercial blocks. This style is common in Victorian towns of the late 19th and early 20th Centuries.¹ While Riverdale was platted in 1889 and incorporated as a town in 1920, this site was improved in 1933. There is no other record of a similar improvement in later years, so it can be assumed that the two were built simultaneously.² The two were connected in 1965.³ At the time of construction, Route One (Baltimore Avenue) was the main road from Washington to the north. It was also a part of U.S. Route 1 - the main north-south arterial on the east coast. This status encouraged a tremendous commercial buildup to service travelers.⁴

The buildings were built by M. and J. Rimmer in 1933. They had purchased the land in 1927 from the Riverdale Park Company.⁵ The namesake of the business, Dr. Lynn, owned the property from 1955 to 1966.⁶ The present owner, Dr. Roop, also operates the animal hospital.

