PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G.# 68-12-2 Building Date: 1904

Building Name: Bakersmith House

Location: 3704 Upshur Street, Brentwood, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The Bakersmith House is a 2 1/2-story frame dwelling of the I-House form, with flush central cross gable on the principal south facade. The one-story hip-roof porch has Tuscan posts and plain railing. The original wood siding is covered by yellow asbestos shingle, and the roof is covered with green shingles; trim is white.

Significance

This is a good example of the I-House form, one of four surviving dwellings of this type in the oldest section of Brentwood. It was built in 1904 on Dewey Street of the Brentwood subdivision for the family of John and Wilhelmina Bakersmith. John Bakersmith ran a general merchandise market. He became very active in civic affairs, serving as the first president of the Brentwood Improvement Association in 1917, and later as a Town Councilman. His house is a noticeable reminder of the earliest buildings in the community.

Acreage: 10,000 square feet

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bakersmith House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3704 Upshur Street ___ not for publication

city, town Brentwood ___ vicinity of congressional district 4

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 Norman Scribner

street & number 3704 Upshur Street telephone no.:

city, town Brentwood state and zip code MD 20722

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 2728

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 24

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site	PG#68-12-2
X good	___ ruins	X 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.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	X 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	
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ theater
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation
		___ invention		___ other (specify)

Specific dates 1904 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B X C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state X local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Prince George's County Deeds
Prince George's County Tax Assessments
Prince George's County Probate Records
Prince George's County Plats

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10,000 sq ft (Brentwood Block 8, lot 6)

Quadrangle name Washington East **Quadrangle scale** 1:24000

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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historic Preservation Section
Planning Dept. M-NCPPC **date** June 1992

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

city or town Upper Marlboro **state** MD

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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Green Meadows
Brookside Manor
Kirkwood
Queens Chapel Manor
Chillum Heights
Avondale Terrace
Queenstown
Avondale
North Woodridge
Kaywood Gardens
MOUNT RAINIER
North Brentwood
Brentwood
Edmonston
Bladensburg
Cottage City
Colmar Manor
Langdon
RIVERDALE
West Riverdale
FORT LINCOLN CEMETERY
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John Bakersmith House
3704 Upshur St.
Brentwood, P.G. Co.

Susan L. Pearl

May 1992

East facade

Block 8, lot 6

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