

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71B-2-24 Building Date: ca. 1870

Building Name: "Twin House"

Location: 8616 Maple Avenue, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The "twin house" at 8616 Maple Avenue is a two-story front-gabled frame house which stands on one of the original narrow lots in the Huntington subdivision. The original wood siding is now covered with white aluminum siding, and aluminum also covers the returned cornices. The windows have been replaced with 1/1 modern sashes, and all are fitted with louvered dark green aluminum shutters. Entrance is in the first bay of the two-bay east gable front, sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch across east gable front. The porch has a plain rail balustrade, and a narrow rail frieze. There is slightly lower one-bay addition to the rear, flush with the main block.

Significance

The two "twin houses" (the subject house and the house immediately adjoining it on the north) were constructed soon after the platting of the Huntington subdivision in 1870; they were built by the railroad company for its employees. These two modest dwellings represent a form of the "shotgun" house plan, with rooms lined up directly behind one another. The two houses are probably among the earliest built in the railroad junction town of Huntington/ Bowie. The subject house has been somewhat more substantially altered than the house of the same plan immediately to the north.

Acreage: 2,500 Square feet

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Twin House"

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8616 Maple Avenue not for publicationcity, town Bowie 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 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Bernard Walter

street & number 8616 Maple Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code MD 20720

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6689

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 894

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	
<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.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates ca. 1870

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.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Prince George's County Deeds, Plats, Tax Assessments; Federal Census records for Prince George's County, 1880, 1900, 1910; Huntington Prospectus, 1870.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2500 sq ft

TM 29, Block 8, lot 65

Quadrangle name Laurel

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="checkbox"/>						
	Zone	Easting		Northing			

B	<input type="checkbox"/>						
	Zone	Easting		Northing			

C	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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D	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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G	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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H	<input type="checkbox"/>						
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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

name/title	Susan G. Pearl, Research/Architectural Historian		
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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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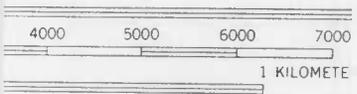
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5 MI. TO INTERSTATE 495

47°30' 345

346

● INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON, D. C.—1972
347 2.1 MI. TO MD. 450 348000m E. 7



20 FEET
SEA LEVEL

PG# 71B-2-24
"Twin House"
Bowie
Prince George's County
Laurel Quadrangle

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Light-duty ————
- Unimproved dirt - - - - -
- U. S. Route (Shield symbol)
- State Route (Circle symbol)
- Interstate Route (Shield with 'I' symbol)

LAUREL, MD.
SE 1/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE
N3900—W7645/7.5

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FEDERAL GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

1965
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 5662 III SE—SERIES V8



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Twin House
8616 Maple Avenue, Board
P.O. Co.

Susan H. Pearl

November 1991

Southeast $\frac{3}{4}$ elevation