

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G.# 72-9-33 Building Date: circa 1905

Building Name: Henry Pinckney House

Location: 608 60th Place, Fairmount Heights, Md.

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Henry Pinckney House is a large two-and-one-half-story Colonial Revival style frame Foursquare plan dwelling, with hip roof pierced by dormers on three planes of the roof. The house is basically square, five bays by three, and faces (south)east, fronting on 60th Place; entrance is in the center bay of the five-bay east (main) facade through a two-and-one-half story shallow projecting pavilion surmounted by a small pedimented crossgable which breaks out of the east plane of the roof. This pediment is unfenestrated, unlike the corresponding pedimented dormers of the north and south elevations; each of these two dormers is lighted by a small two-pane rectangular window. A one-story canopy shelters the east entrance; it is supported by metal trellis-like posts. The original wood siding is covered on the first story by formstone veneer, and on the second story by white aluminum siding. The hip roof is covered by gray asbestos shingle; the cornice has a deep overhang, and an aluminum soffit. Windows are generally 2/2 double hung sash; on the main east facade, flanking the central pavilion, they are double windows side-by-side. There are no shutters.

Significance:

The Henry Pinckney House is one of the more noticeable of the early houses in the community. It was built circa 1905 in one of the lots in the Fairmount Heights subdivision. The Pinckney House is representative of the American Foursquare house form, popular in the developing suburbs at the turn of the twentieth century. It was built for Henry Pinckney, who was employed as White House steward to President Theodore Roosevelt. At the time of the 1910 census, he was 48 years of age; he had been born in South Carolina, and lived in this house with his wife Leonora and their three children. His dwelling was a large and substantial house; in its original form, it would have been one of the more noticeable early buildings in the community of Fairmount Heights.

Acreage: 14,375 square feet

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Henry Pinckney House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 608 60th Place not for publication

city, town Fairmount Heights vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD 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 Emmerly McGee & Natalie Johnson

street & number 10210 Prince Place telephone no.:

city, town Largo state and zip code MD 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3976

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 167

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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.

The Henry Pinckney House stands at 608 60th Place (originally Addison Avenue). It was built circa 1905 on lots 17/18, Block M of the Fairmount Heights subdivision, which was platted in 1900.

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8. Significance

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
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<input checked="" 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

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 Henry Pinckney House is representative of the Foursquare house form and one of the more noticeable of the early houses in the community. It was built circa 1905 in one of the lots in the Fairmount Heights subdivision.

The Town of Fairmount Heights is located just outside the easternmost point of the District of Columbia in Prince George's County, Maryland; it is composed of a group of early twentieth-century subdivisions that form one of the earliest planned communities for blacks in the Washington, D. C., area. The community began with the Fairmount Heights subdivision in 1900, followed by five adjoining subdivisions, the last being Sylvan Vista platted in 1923. The Town was incorporated in 1935, and grew steadily through the years before World War II.

The land which was to become Fairmount Heights consisted, during the late nineteenth century, principally of parts of the small farms of John H. Wilson, John and Caroline Silence, Samuel Hoover, Mosby Brown and John Wiessner, all clustered around the east corner of the District of Columbia. In the early years of the twentieth century, these farms were bought up and subdivided by land speculators, who then began to sell individual lots to black families, most of whom worked in the District of Columbia.

The first section of Fairmount Heights was subdivided in 1900 by Robinson White and Allen Clark (both white men) out of parts of several small farms which they had purchased from the Wilson, Godfrey, Belt and Lee families. Robinson White was a lawyer and developer who resided in the District of Columbia; Allen C. Clark was a lawyer and manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Washington, D. C. White and Clark had approximately fifty acres surveyed by

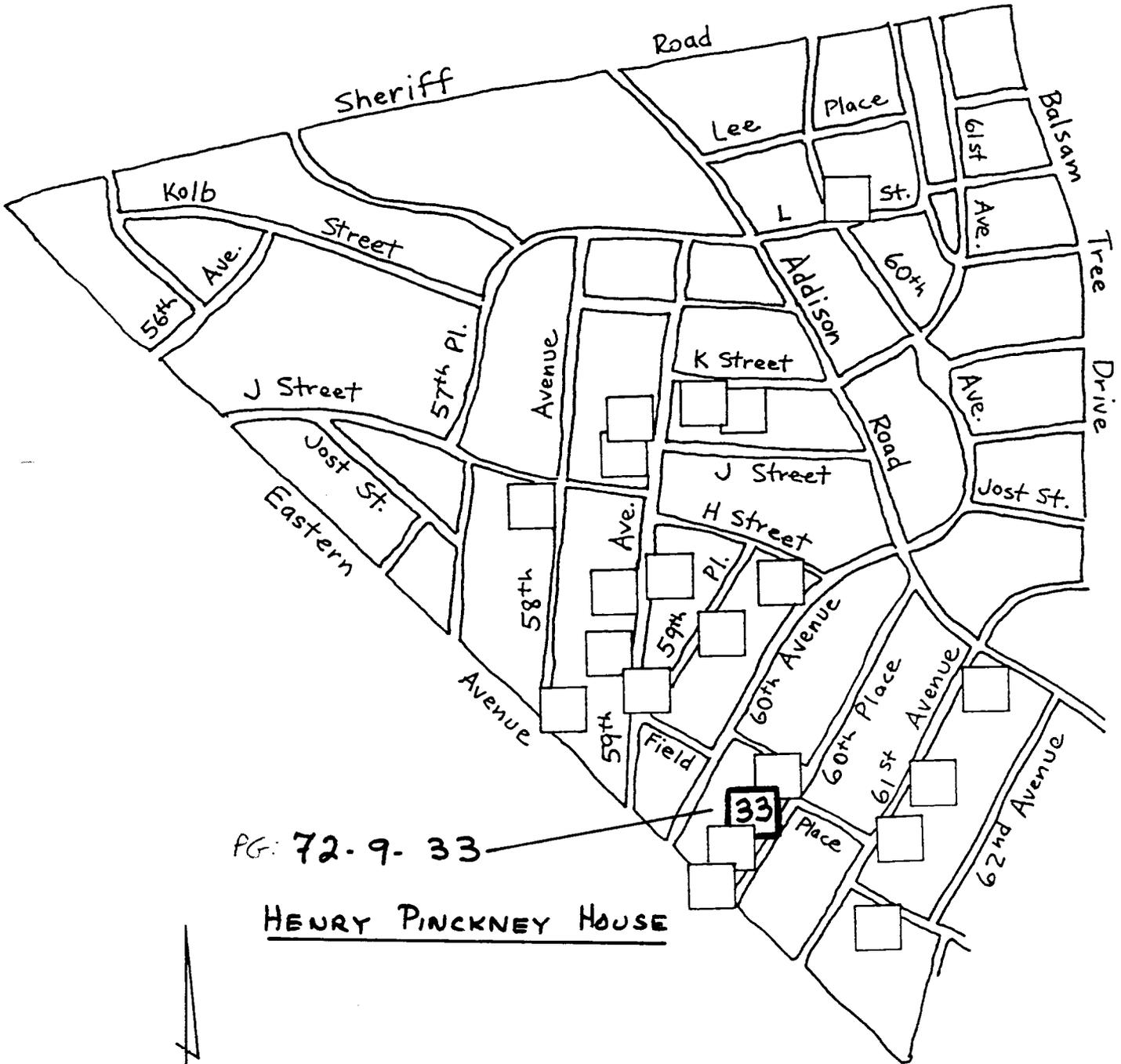
County Surveyor Edward L. Latimer, and laid out in lots and streets radiating from the northeast boundary of the District of Columbia. The deep, narrow lots were generally 25 by 125 feet; two of the streets were named for these first two developers. Sale of lots began almost immediately, and within a few years, dwellings were constructed and a community began to form.

From the beginning, blacks were encouraged to buy lots and settle in the new community. White and Clark sold the lots at relatively low prices, making home ownership finally attainable for black families. Most of the earliest purchasers of lots worked for government agencies; many built their own houses, or relied on friends and family to help with construction. Many families were quick to seize the opportunity to move out of the city, determined to progress, by hard work and amid healthful surroundings, toward a better life.

The earliest dwellings were of frame construction, modest in size and form, and many of these have not survived. Within a few years, however, several interesting and substantial houses were constructed for individuals who would make significant contributions to the development of Fairmount Heights.

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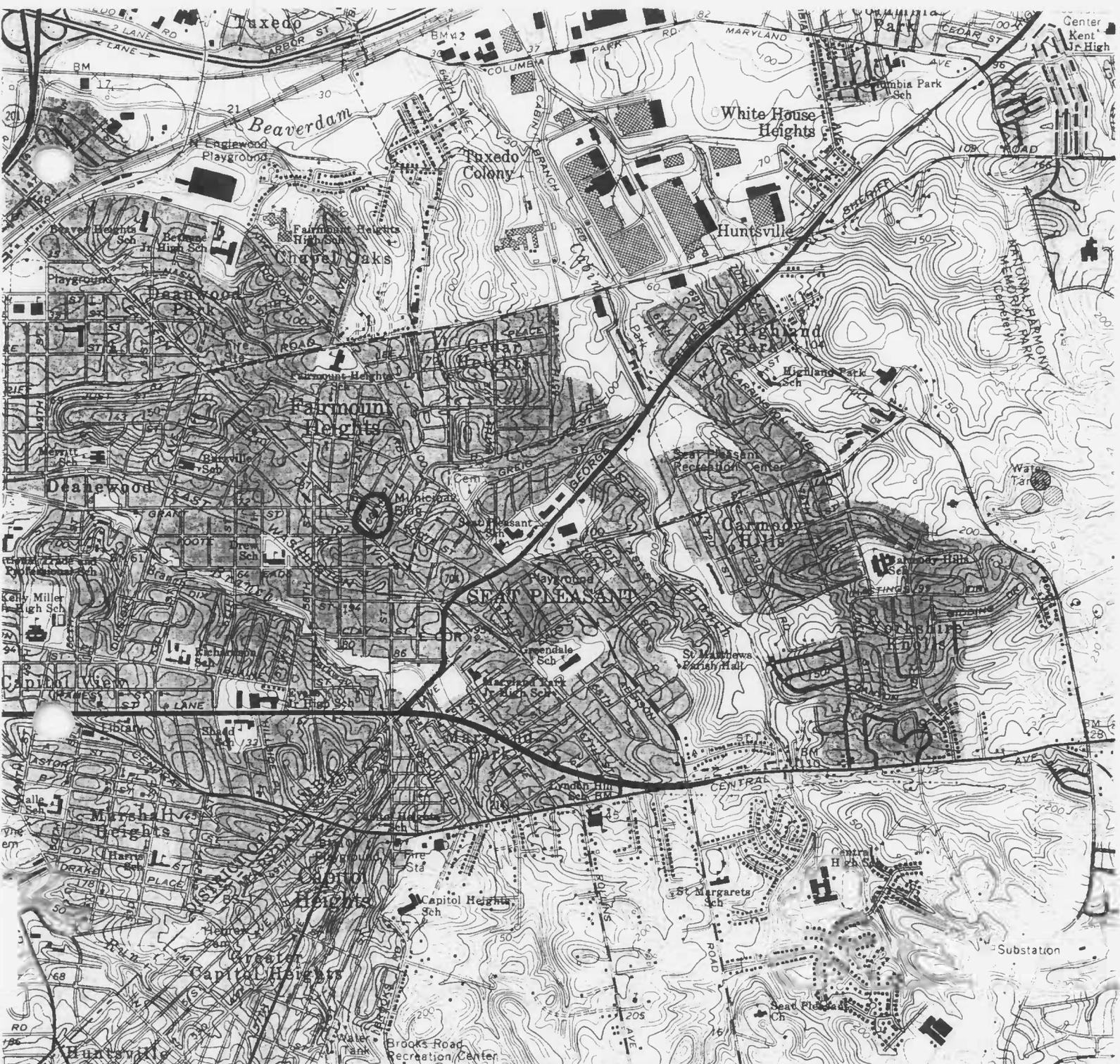
Town of Fairmount Heights



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HENRY PINCKNEY HOUSE





DISTRICT HEIGHTS 2.3 MI. UPPER MARLBORO 11 MI. 55' 334 335000m E INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D. C. — 1971 76



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ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty		Light-duty	
Medium-duty		Unimproved dirt	
	Interstate Route		U. S. Route
	State Route		State Route

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EVEL
ATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
ATELY FEET



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

WASHINGTON EAST, MD. — D.
N3852.5—W7652.5/7.5

ACCURACY STANDARDS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
MBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

1965
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 5661 IV NW—SERIES V833



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608 60th Place
Fairmount Heights

Wesley Penahrey House
Susan L. Pearl
July 1990