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1422 Fairmount Avenue, Hampstead

Summary:

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Maryland Historical Trust HISTORIC PROPERTIES
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic J. Howard Shaffer House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 1422 Fairmount Avenue not for publication

city, town Hampstead vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

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 Linda Owings

street & number 1422 Fairmount Road telephone no.:

city, town Hampstead state and zip code Maryland 21074

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber 2038

street & number 55 North Court Street folio 479

city, town Westminster 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

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date of move _____

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

SEE ATTACHED

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

Specific dates C.1914 **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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Description

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The J. Howard Schaeffer House is located at 1422 Fairmount Avenue in the town of Hampstead in northeastern Carroll County, Maryland. The house faces south toward the road and is a two story, three bay by two bay structure with a poured concrete foundation, aluminum siding and a gable roof of standing seam metal with an east/west ridge. There is an interior brick chimney centered on the east gable end.

On the south elevation is a one story three bay porch that has new posts. It has a hip roof of corrugated metal. The first story has a center entrance with a door that has twelve lights over one line panel. The transom above the door is now covered over. There is a 1/1 sash to each side and the second story has three 1/1 sash. The box cornice is covered in aluminum. On the east elevation, there is a cellar bulkhead set to the north in the foundation. Both the first and second stories have a 1/1 sash in the north bay. There is a 4-light sash in the north bay of the gable end. The north elevation has no opening on the second story. The first story has an enclosed porch. There is an L on the rear or north of the dwelling. It is two stories tall and one bay by one bay. The east elevation of the L has a 1/1 sash in the second story. The north elevation of the L has a 1/1 sash on both the first and second stories and a four light sash in the gable end with a wood louver vent above it. The west elevation has 1/1 sash on both the first and second stories of the L. The main block of the house has a 1/1 sash on both the first and second stories in the north bay. The gable end has a 4-light sash with a wood louver vent above it.

There is an original cellar under the main block of the house only. It has a concrete floor and poured concrete foundation. The floor joists are reused logs with v-notch corners on both ends. The logs are laid on their sides so that they are now hewn on top and bottom. Above is three and a quarter inch wide flooring that runs north/south. There is a doorway on the east elevation set to the north that leads to the exterior and there is a window to the south of it. There is another window on the west elevation. Both of these windows have frames that are morticed and tenoned and pegged and appear to be of reused material like the floor joists. The sills of the house are circular sawn and are half lapped at the corners. On the east elevation between the door and the window are two one inch thick tongue and grooved boards that rest on top of the foundation wall on the east and are nailed to the bottom of a joist at their west end. These boards support a brick chimney flue above. The stairway came down in the center of the cellar. The header for the stairway is wire nailed in place. Under the L was originally a crawl space but it has been dug out to create a cellar. The east end of the L cellar has a root cellar of beaded-edge-in-center vertical boards.

The first story has a center entrance with a stair lobby and a room to either side. There is an enclosed straight run of stairs up the center dividing the two rooms, and there is a single room in the L. The closed off transom is of two lights. The architraves throughout have a center bead with an ogee on either side and there are bulls-eye corner blocks. The west room floor has been painted several times. The doorway to this room has four panels and the door is varnished.

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It has a cast iron rim lock with a porcelain knob on the lobby side and a mineral knob on the room side. The architrave and window sash were also varnished. The east room has a chimney on the east elevation. It has been built out and widened. There was a mantel here that has since been removed. The architrave and window sash in this room were also varnished. On the north elevation to the west is a door with one light over three lined panels. It has a mortice lock with a porcelain knob. The architrave on this door has a sunk field with a small ogee on either side and bulls-eye corner blocks. The door and architrave are both varnished. The L room is now a modern kitchen. There is a door to the cellar on the south elevation set to the east. The door has beaded-edge vertical boards and a plain cast iron rim lock. The north window has plain architrave with bulls-eye corner blocks and this was originally varnished. The west window was also originally varnished, but the trim around it is new. There is a wide doorway between the west room and the L room. It appears that this was originally a narrow doorway that has been opened up. The east jamb of the doorway was originally varnished.

The second story has the same floor plan as the first story. The architraves throughout are plain and they are bulls-eye corner blocks. The chambers here are carpeted and paneled. The L chamber was later subdivided. The corner blocks in this chamber differ from those of the front two chambers. The attic stairway is reached from the west chamber. There is a door at the south end and the stairway, which is enclosed, goes up to the north. The door has beaded-edge vertical boards and a cast iron Suffolk latch. The attic has three quarter round log rafters that are half lapped and pegged at the ridge. They are miter cut at the foot and are fastened with two wire nails. There's also a hole in the center for the original spike indicating that these rafters are reused as well, and they support lath and circular sawn wood shingles. There are many ends of cut nails protruding through the lath. The L rafters are circular sawn two by fours that are mitered at the ridge. They also support lath and circular sawn wood shingles.

In the northeast corner of the house is an enclosed and extended porch that now has a bathroom. The toilet is labeled "Standard Sept.26,1955". Some siding is exposed on the north elevation here. It has random width weather boards.

Contributing resources: 1

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One interesting aspect of the house is that it was constructed from a great deal of reused material, probably all taken from an old log house. This was a common practice in Carroll County throughout much of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. In this instance, even the roof rafters were reused, with the pegged joints at the ridge even being reused. The use of a poured concrete foundation is unusual, as most houses through the first quarter of the twentieth century have rubble stone foundation walls. This feature, along with the use of wire nails and the finish details of the house indicate that this is a house from the first quarter of the twentieth century and not an earlier building that was thoroughly renovated. Based on the records, Schaeffer probably constructed the house c.1913. Nothing more is known of Schaeffer, who sold the property in 1912 to Maurice and Hattie Belt. It remains to this day in Hattie Belt's family.

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Development Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Type:

Rural Vernacular

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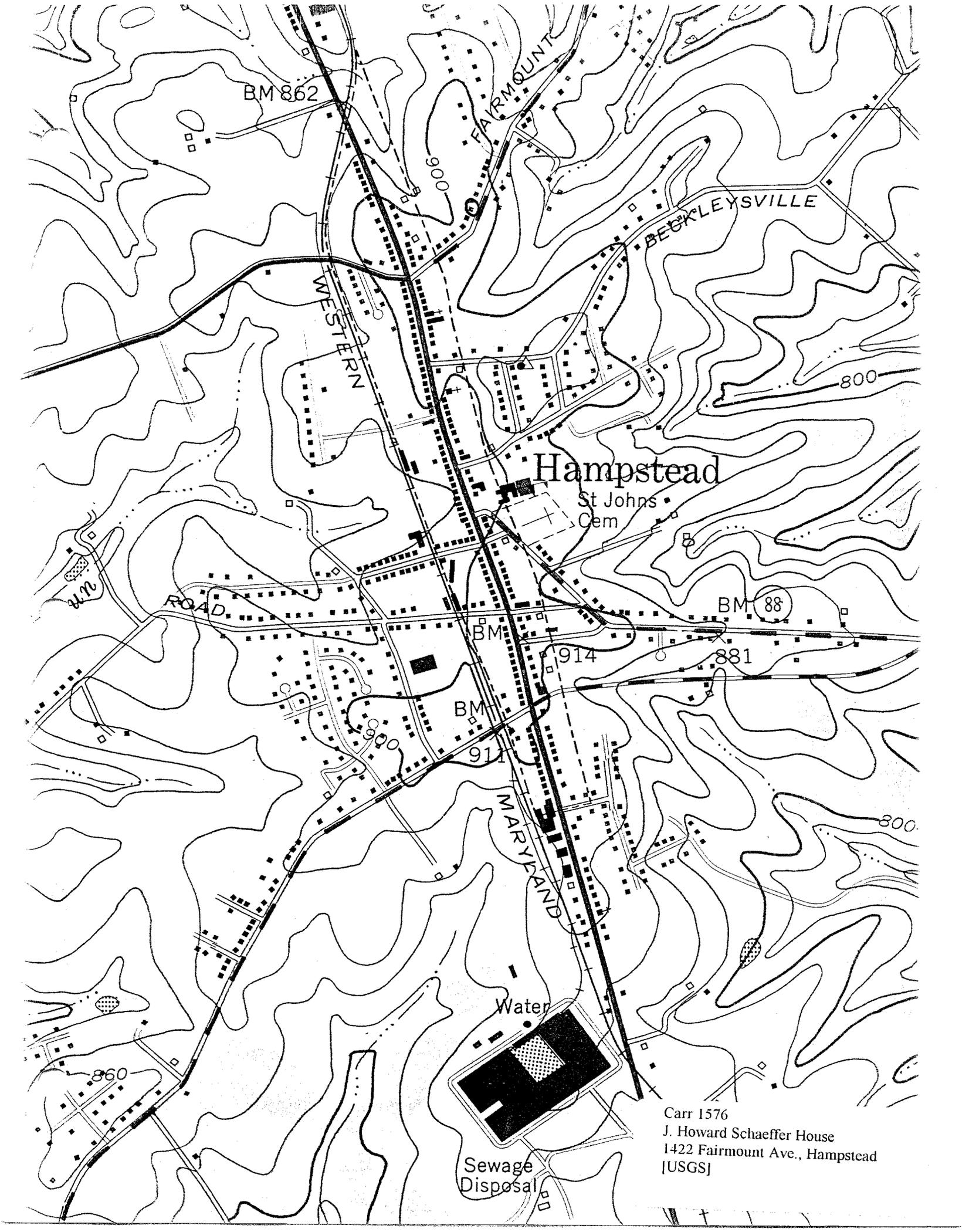
CHAIN OF TITLE
1422 Fairmount Avenue
Hampstead, Maryland

GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
Ralph G. Hoffman, trustee	Carroll	Walter M. Yost & Ethel F. Yost	?	19 Aug. 1963	CCC 363	430	Deed fee simple	\$1.00 7,175 sq. ft.
Walter M. & Ethel F. Yost (wf)	Carroll	Ralph G. Hoffman, trustee	Carroll	19 Aug. 1963	CCC 363	428	Deed fee simple	\$1.00 7,175 sq. ft.
Samuel J. Asper & wf. Minnie, etal	Carroll & all over	Walter M. Yost	Carroll	21 Jan. 1954	EAS 229	150	Deed fee simple	\$1.00 7,175 sq. ft., Hettie Yost dec'd 2 Sept. 1953 Walter is husb., rest are brothers & their kin, all heirs of Hettie
Pearl A. Simmons, widow	Carroll	Hettie I. Yost	?	15 Nov. 1935	EMM 163	142	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 7,175 sq. ft. on road fr. Hampstead to Gross Mill
Hettie I. Yost (formerly Hettie I. Belt, wf. of late Maurice I. Belt) & Walter M. Yost, husb.	Carroll	Pearl A. Simmons	?	15 Nov. 1935	EMM 163	141	Deed fee simple	\$10.00 7,175 sq. ft.
Joseph H. Schaeffer & wf. Sarah J. V.	Carroll	Maurice I. & Hettie I. Belt (wf)	?	6 Apr. 1922	EMM 140	183	Deed fee simple	\$5.00 7,175 sq. ft.
James Harris & Anna V. Vandever (wf) Hampstead Bank	Carroll	Joseph H. Schaeffer & wf.	Carroll	23 Nov. 1912	ODG 125	478	Deed fee simple	part of a larger parcel w/a lien on it, 7,175 sq. ft. \$5.00
Elisha a. Snyder & wf. Sarah C. Hampstead Bank	Carroll	James Harris Vandever	Carroll	7 Oct. 1911	ODG 118	146	Deed fee simple	part of larger parcel 1 ac., 1 rd., 30 sq. ft., mortgage of Elisha Snyder to Hampstead Bank

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GRANTOR	HOME COUNTY	GRANTEE	HOME COUNTY	DATE	LIBER	FOLIO	TRANS-ACTION	COMMENTS
John O. Murray & wf.		Elisha A. Snyder		1 Apr. 1902	JHB 95	154		
Howard s. Snyder & wf.		Elisha A. Snyder		15 Jun. 1904	DPS 100	68		



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FAIRMOUNT

BECKLEYSVILLE

WESTERN

800

Hampstead

St Johns
Cem

ROAD

BM 88

BM

914

881

BM

911

MARYLAND

800

Water

860

Sewage
Disposal

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Hampstead, MD
Carroll County, MD

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W&S Elevations

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