

CT-1232  
9141 Atlantic Avenue  
North Beach, Calvert County  
Private

Constructed between 1919 and 1922, the house at 9141 Atlantic Avenue was historically known as "Snug Harbor." This dwelling, which overlooks the boardwalk and the Chesapeake Bay, is in very good condition and retains much of its historic building fabric. Snug Harbor is a squat, asymmetrical building with a central side-gable block, a rear shed porch, and a front, full-height gable-roofed screen porch. The roof of the front porch changes pitch at the sides, which is unusual. All sections of the house were contemporaneous or built at the same time, as indicated by identical clapboard siding and exposed rafter ends. The present footprint of the building has existed since 1930, as indicated on historic maps.

**MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

**North Beach, Calvert County Survey**  
**Survey Numbers CT-1215 through CT-1253**  
**(excepting CT-1217, -1238, -1238, -1240, -1250 and-1251 )**

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Developmental Period(s):** 1870-1930; 1930-Present

**Historic Period Theme(s):** 2) Architecture, Landscape and Community Planning

7) Social/Education/Cultural

**Resource Type:**

**Category:** building

**Historic Environment:** urban

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** dwelling

**Known Design Source:** none

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1232

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Snug Harbor

and/or common 9141 Atlantic Avenue

## 2. Location

street & number 9141 Atlantic Avenue  not for publicationcity, town North Beach  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Calvert

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
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<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 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 Mary and Charles Locker

street &amp; number 7107 13th Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Takoma Park state and zip code: Maryland 20912

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse liber ABE 291

street &amp; number 310 Main Street folio 829

city, town Prince Frederick state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

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# 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.

9141 Atlantic Avenue is located at the southwest corner of Atlantic Avenue and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. It is directly adjacent the boardwalk and overlooks Chesapeake Bay. The small back yard features a number of mature trees, which provide shade to the house.

This low, squat, asymmetrical vernacular structure consists of a main side-gable rectangular block. The area of the main building is expanded by the presence of a tall, gable-front screen porch, and a rear shed-roof porch. The front porch is unusual in that its roof changes pitch at the sides. The more acute angle of its apex creates a space in the upper part of the gable that is used for storage. This space is only accessible from outside. Despite the organic, asymmetrical quality of this building, identical clapboard siding and matching exposed rafter ends suggest all sections were built simultaneously or within a short period of time. Fenestration is irregularly spaced. The front features 2/2 windows and a multi-light front door. A second entrance is located on the north side and is protected by a small gable-roofed porch hood. The rear entrance is wide, and consists of a pair of glazed and panel doors, protected by a pair of screen doors. Rear windows are both 6/6 and 1/1 and appear to be replacements. On the north side of the rear door, a low beaded board storage cabinet projects from the rear wall.

# 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"/> '00-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> ,500-1599	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) (recreation)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect						
Check: Applicable Criteria: and/or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D			
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local				

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

9141 Atlantic Avenue is significant for its association with the architectural development of the early-20<sup>th</sup> century summer colony and resort community of North Beach, Maryland. Please refer to the continuation sheet for an historical sketch of the town.

This modest vernacular cottage is in very good condition and retains much of its historic building fabric. Historically known as "Snug Harbor," it was constructed between 1919 and 1922. In 1922 it was owned by Irene Johnstone and valued at \$300. The 1930 Sanborn map shows the same footprint as the present structure.

## Section 8: History and Significance

North Beach is a fair to good example of an early 20th century summer resort colony and is a Maryland example of a national trend in community development initiated by the Industrial Revolution. Communities such as North Beach were a result of the growing middle class, mobility and consumerism resulting from the industrial economy that dominated the period. Dozens of beach resorts developed around the Chesapeake Bay in the years between the end of the Civil War and the Great Depression. Some, such as Gibson Island, catered to a rich, white, gentile clientele, while Highland Beach is an example of an African-American summer colony. North Beach was in the middle of the social spectrum. While deed restrictions excluded blacks, Jews were well represented in early North Beach. Excepting this major exclusion, by the standards of the day, North Beach was a heterogeneous middle-class summer community.

North Beach was platted in 1900 (revised in 1908) and incorporated in 1910. The town was developed by a group of principally Washington-based businessmen with ties to railroad, labor and banking. Conceived as a summer residential community and resort, the town was laid out according to a standard grid. In addition to houses, the town featured a variety of tourist and recreation-oriented businesses including theaters, restaurants, dance halls, bingo parlors, amusement arcades, and night clubs--including several gay clubs.

Most surviving historic buildings were constructed in the 1920s and 1930s, and include a good collection of early-20th century vernacular buildings. Represented building types include bungalows, shotguns, American Four Square and gable-front cottages. Most commercial buildings are either destroyed or extremely altered. Many of the town's historic structures were altered in the years immediately following World War II. In the post-war years North Beach completed a transformation begun in the 1930s, from a resort and summer colony to a permanent suburban community.





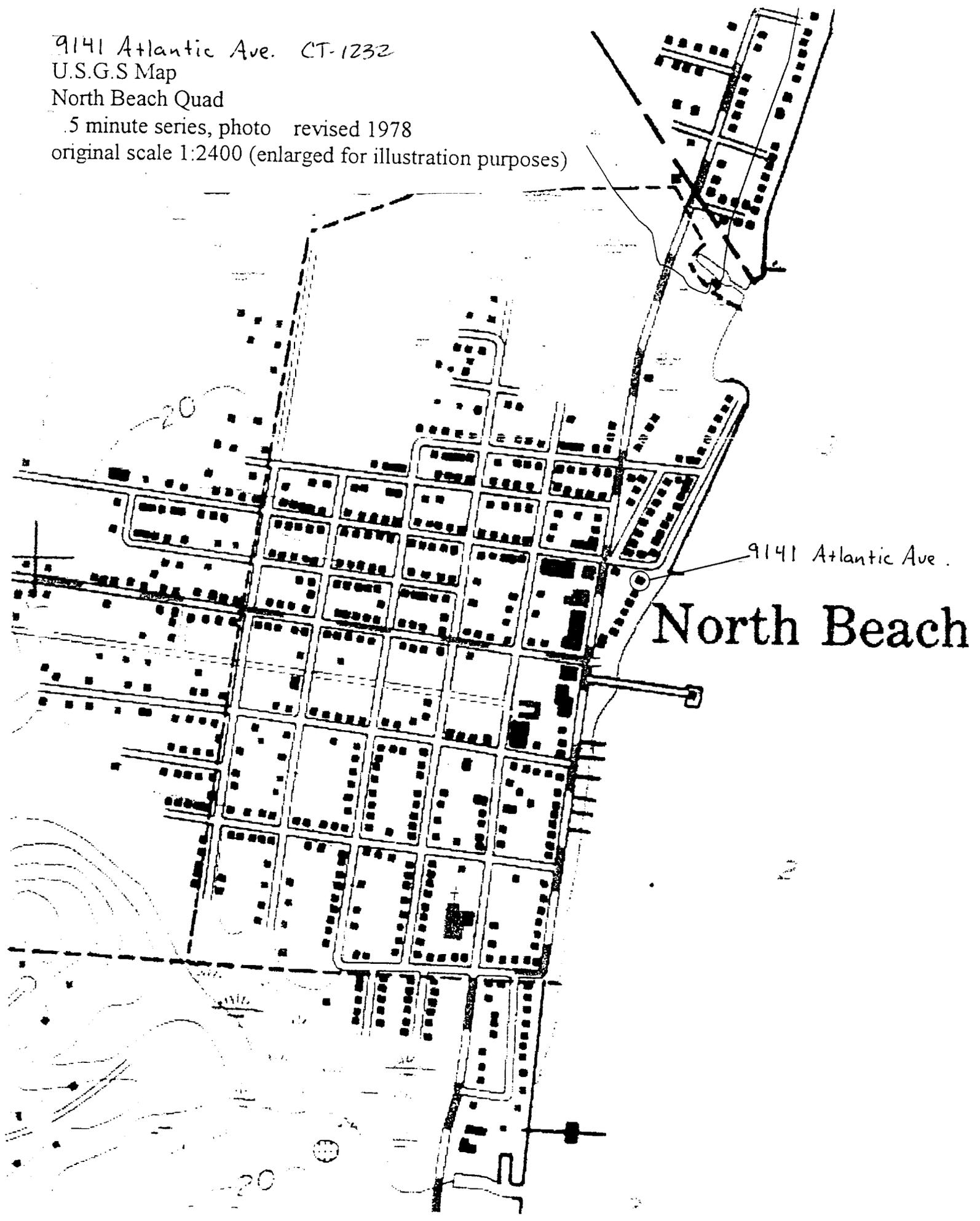
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U.S.G.S Map

North Beach Quad

.5 minute series, photo revised 1978

original scale 1:2400 (enlarged for illustration purposes)



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NORTH BEACH, PALM BEACH COUNTY

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