MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-35-106

1. Name of Property

historic name Shafer House common/other name

2. Location

street & number 7205 Meadow Lane Not for publication X
city or town Chevy Chase vicinity X state Maryland code MD
county Montgomery code MO zip code 20815

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

X private
____ public-local
____ public-State
____ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)
____ district
____ site
____ structure
____ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	____	buildings
____	____	sites
____	____	structures
____	____	objects
____	____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?
Yes X Name of Listing Chevy Chase Historic District No____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Residential Sub:

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)
Cat: Residential Sub:

7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)
foundation
roof
walls
other

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

___ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

___ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

___ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

___ B removed from its original location.

___ C a birthplace or a grave.

___ D a cemetery.

___ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

___ F a commemorative property.

___ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Built c1920 during a construction boom north of Thornapple Street, the Dutch Colonial Revival-style Shafer House reflects the more eclectic approach to architectural styles that occurred between the wars in Section 4. Located on a corner lot at Underwood Street, the Shafer House has a commanding view from a knoll overlooking Meadow Lane.

The two-story three-bay house features a gambrel roof, hallmark of the Dutch Colonial style. The main roof extends over a deep front porch supported by massive round columns, creating a bungalow effect. The wide slate roof is accented by a single eyebrow dormer window.

The walls of the house are clad with stucco. Windows at both the first and second stories are 6/6 sash. The house is noteworthy for its high degree of architectural integrity.

The house remains on its original site, described as Lot 20, Block 4, consisting of 21,020 square feet.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates c1920

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

In 1919 Bertha B. Shafer acquired Lots 20 and 21 in Block 4 from the Chevy Chase Land Company. The house was constructed by 1921 when improvements to the property were assessed at $8,000.[1]

Bertha Shafer's husband, M. Rea Shafer, was a craftsman, working as as a furniture finisher by 1927. The Shafers continued to own the property until c1945.[2]

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[1]Deed 284:429, Montgomery County Land Records; Tax Assessment Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

[2]Polk Directory, 1927; Klinge maps 1931, 1941.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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name of property
Montgomery County, MD
county and state

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period (s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):
Architecture and Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Individual

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function (s): Residential

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 21,020 sq ft

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Lot 20, 21 & 22 Block 4

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20910

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name Alfred M and E.P. Osgood
street & number 7205 Meadow Lane telephone
city or town Chevy Chase state MD zip code 20815

ASPEN STREET
LANE
STREET
LELAND
MAPLE
DRIVE
TARRYTOWN RD.
LYNN
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LELAND
STREET
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WOODBINE
OAK LANE
LANE
MEADOW
VIRGILIA STREET
UNDERWOOD
THORNAPPLE
AVENUE
AVENUE
MAPLE TER.
LELAND NIOR HIGH SCHOOL
LANE
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BEECHWOOD
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EAST
AVENUE
MAPLE
RIDGEWOOD
HILLCREST PL.
VALLEY PLACE
WOODSIDE PL.
DRIVE
LANE
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