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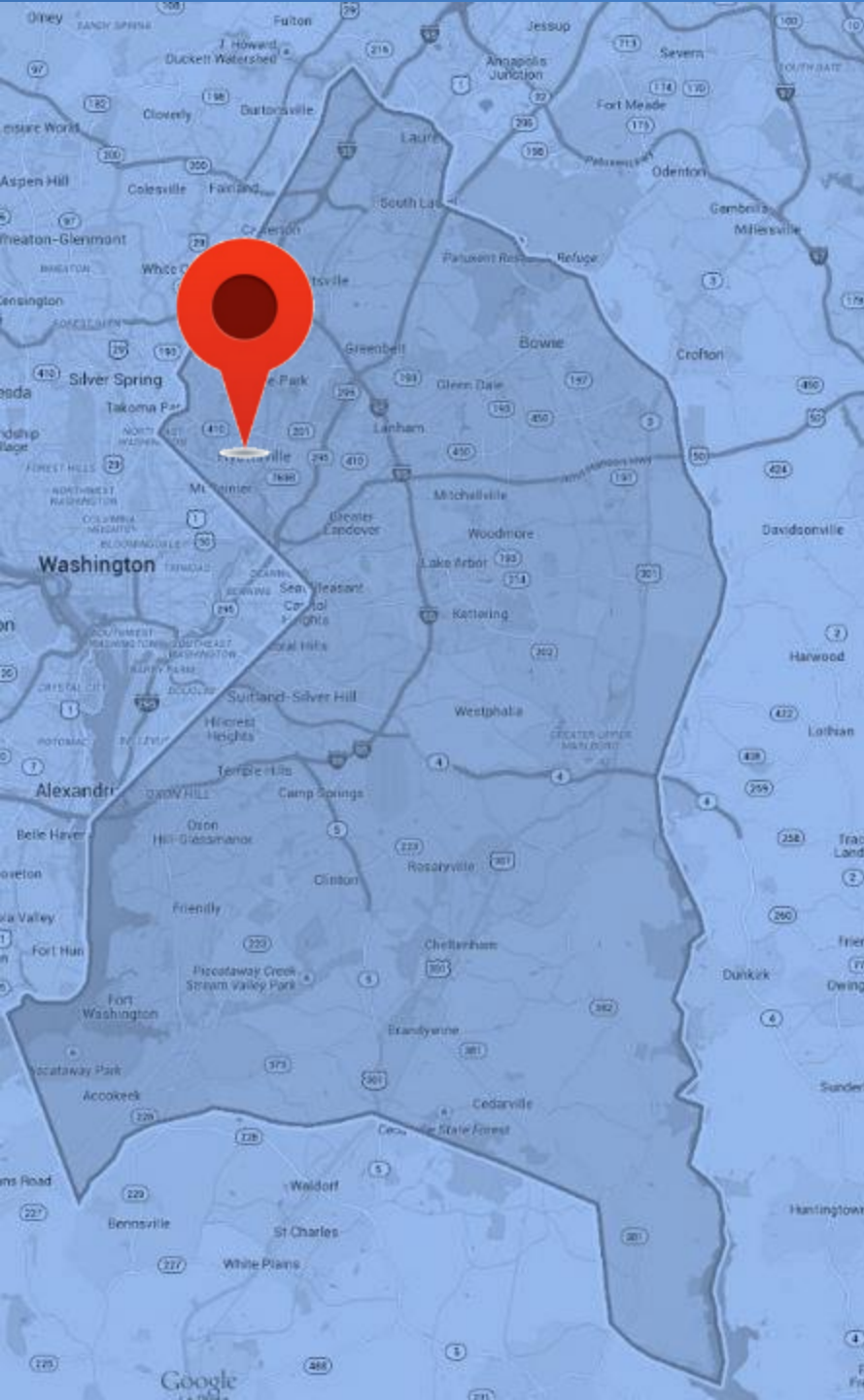


June 4, 2024

Evaluation for Historic Site Designation

Blair-Smith House
5416 39th Avenue, Hyattsville

(Documented Property 68-010-94)





Blair-Smith House, east elevation, January 2024.



Blair-Smith House, northeast corner, January 2024.



Blair-Smith House, north elevation, January 2024.



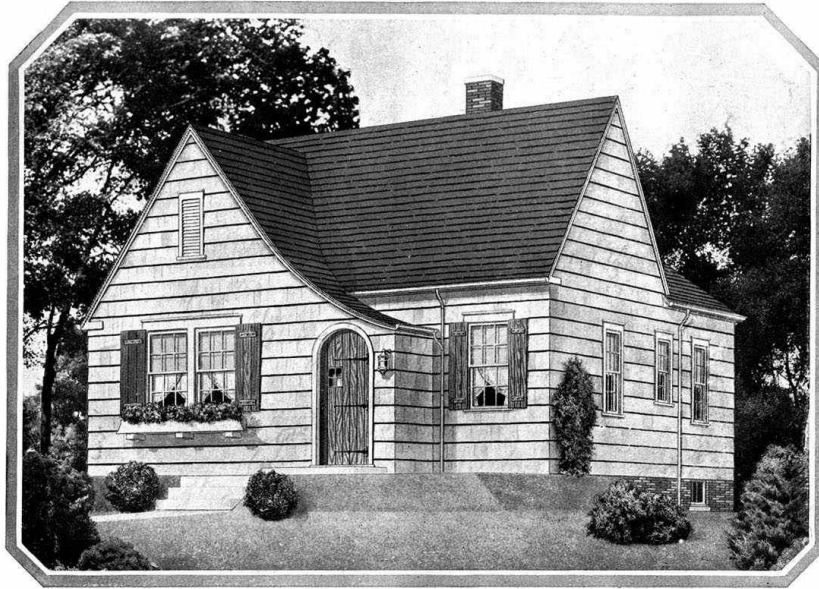
Blair-Smith House, northwest corner, January 2024.



Blair-Smith House, southwest corner, January 2024.



Blair-Smith House, detached garage east elevation, January 2024.



The BELLEWOOD Five Rooms and Bath

No. 3304—Honor Bilt Home—Already Cut and Fitted.
 Monthly Payments As Low As \$30 to \$45

THE "BELLEWOOD" is another happy combination of a well laid out floor plan with a modern attractive exterior. The design is an adaptation of a small English cottage. Exterior walls are planned to be covered with gray pre-stained clear Red Cedar shingles, laid with 10-inch exposure.

The graceful manner in which the front gable roof curves over the vestibule gives this home an unusually inviting entrance. Careful grouping of the windows and batten type shutters also add to the exterior.

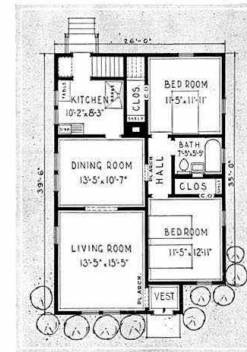
THE FLOOR PLAN. A clear White Pine batten type front door, equipped with ornamental wrought iron hinges, is used at the entrance to the vestibule which in turn connects with the living room with a plastered arch.

THE LIVING ROOM is 13 ft. 5 in. by 15 ft. 5 in. and lends itself to varied arrangements on account of good wall space. The balance of the left side of the plan is devoted to dining room, kitchen and rear hall with cellar stairs and refrigerator platform. Kitchen cabinets consist of one wall and one counter unit.

TWO LARGE BEDROOMS and bath complete the plan. The bath is planned to be equipped with Venetian mirrored medicine case and (Triple A-A-A) quality bath fixtures.

The Bellewood can be built on a 32-foot lot.

For complete delivered price, fill out Information Blank enclosed.



FLOOR PLAN

she was that."

LOUISE F. BLAIR,
Emporia, Kansas.

A. B. in classical course; teacher's
certificate; Salina High School '06;
Member of the Alethean Society; Y.
W. C. A.

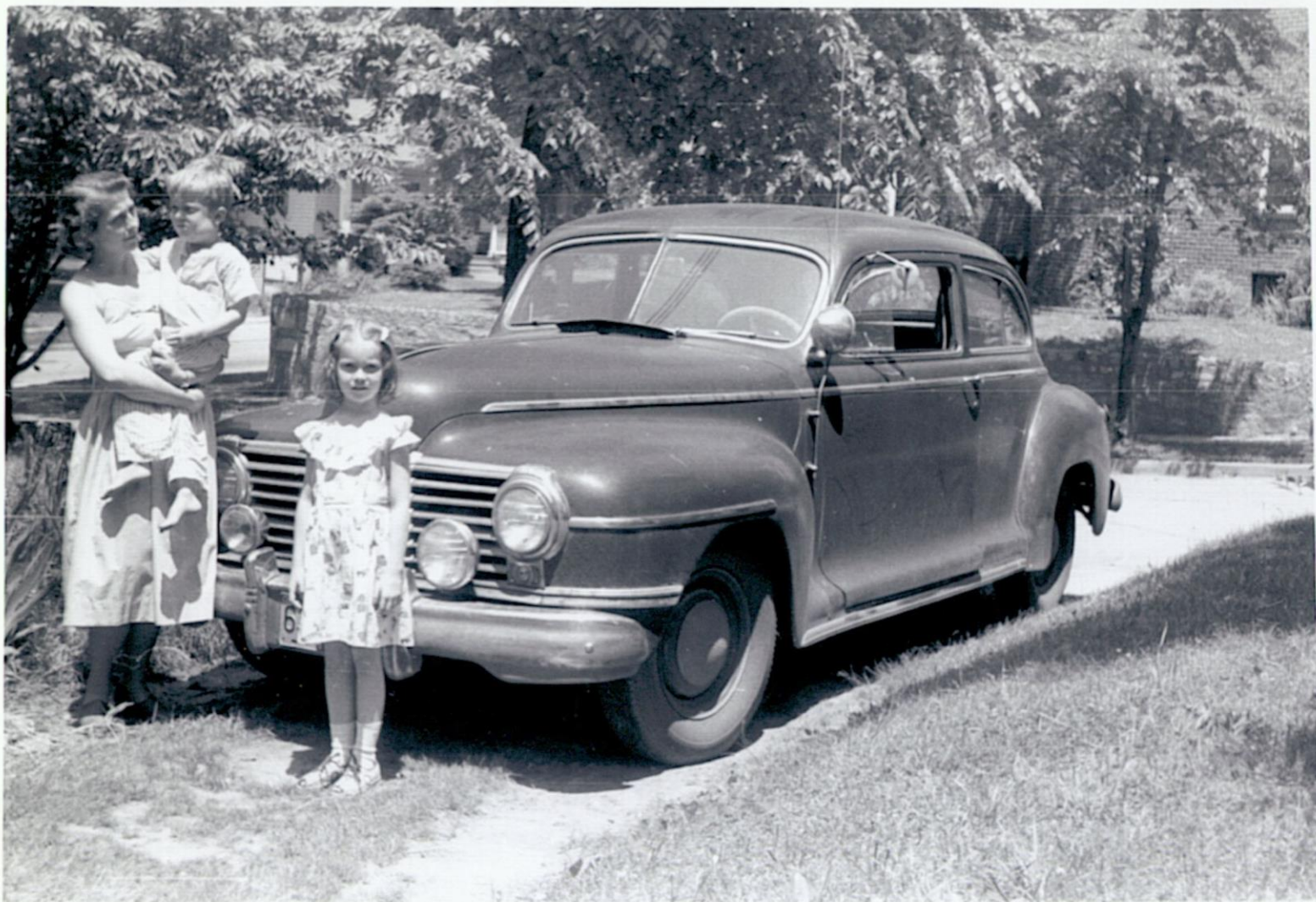
"Beholding the bright countenance
of truth in the quiet and still air of
delightful studies."



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College of Emporia, Kansas

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1940 Census



Geraldine, Gary, and Claudia in front of 5416 39th Avenue in 1949.



Blair-Smith House, 1949.



Claude Smith (right) observing panda, 1972.

Conclusions

I. Staff concluded that the Blair-Smith House can be found to meet three of the nine designation criteria of Subtitle 29-104(a):

Historic and Cultural Significance

- I.A. (i) has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the County, State or Nation
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Conclusions

2. Staff further concluded that, in weighing both the alterations that have been made to the structure since construction and the scarcity of the resource type within the Inventory of Historic Resources, the Blair-Smith House can be found to possess sufficient integrity to convey, represent, or contain the values and qualities for which it is judged significant.

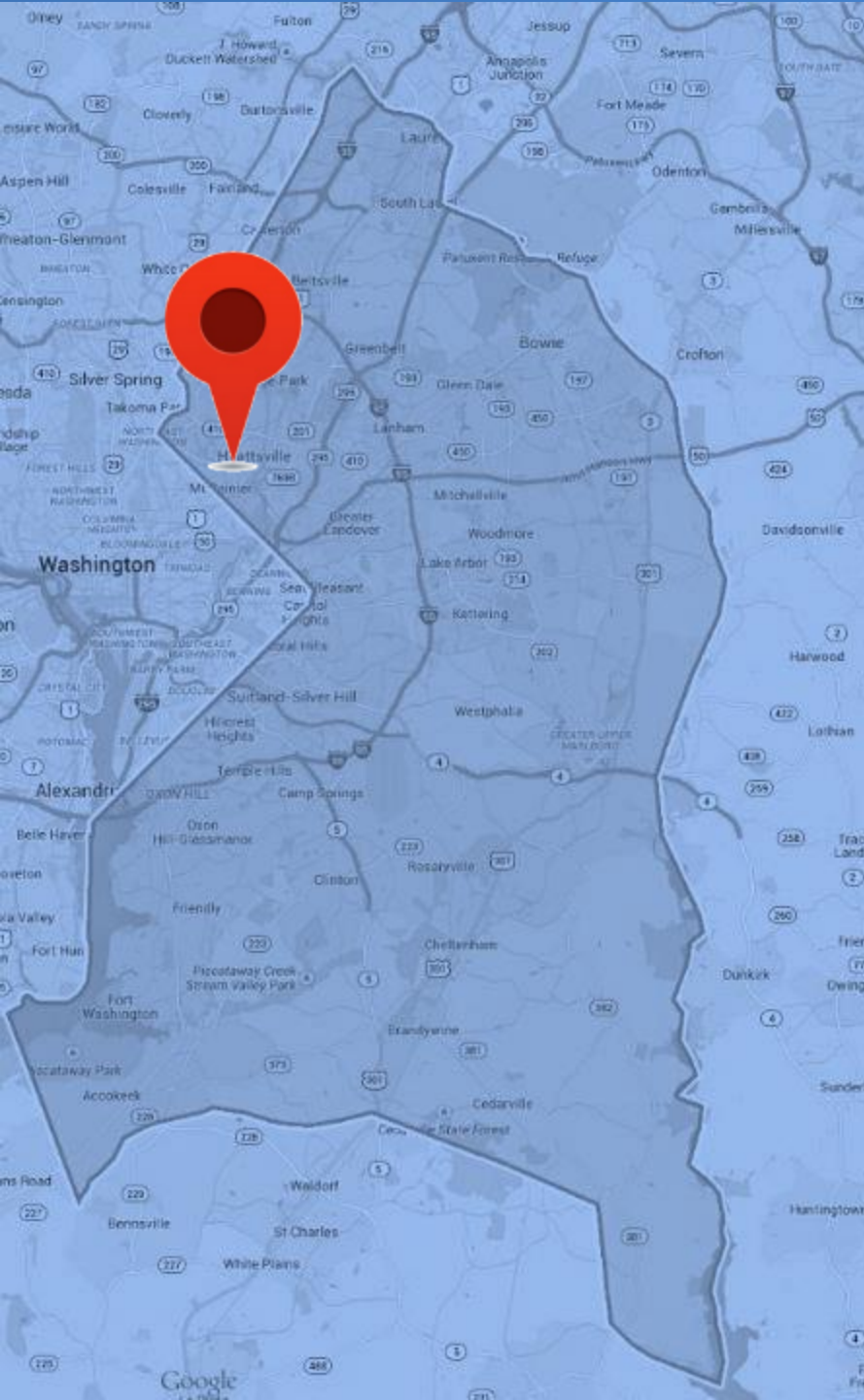
Recommendation

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends to the Planning Board and District Council that the Blair-Smith House, Documented Property 68-010-94, and its 0.433-acre Environmental Setting (Lots 11–12 of Block 5, Hyattsville Hills), be designated a Prince George's County Historic Site as meeting the following criteria in Subtitle 29-104(a): (1)(A)(iv); (2)(A)(i); and (2)(A)(v).

Evaluation for Historic Site Designation

Flynn-Steck House
4049 34th Street, Mount Rainier

(Documented Property 68-074-04)





West (front) elevation, February 2024.



North elevation, February 2024.



East (rear) elevation, February 2024.



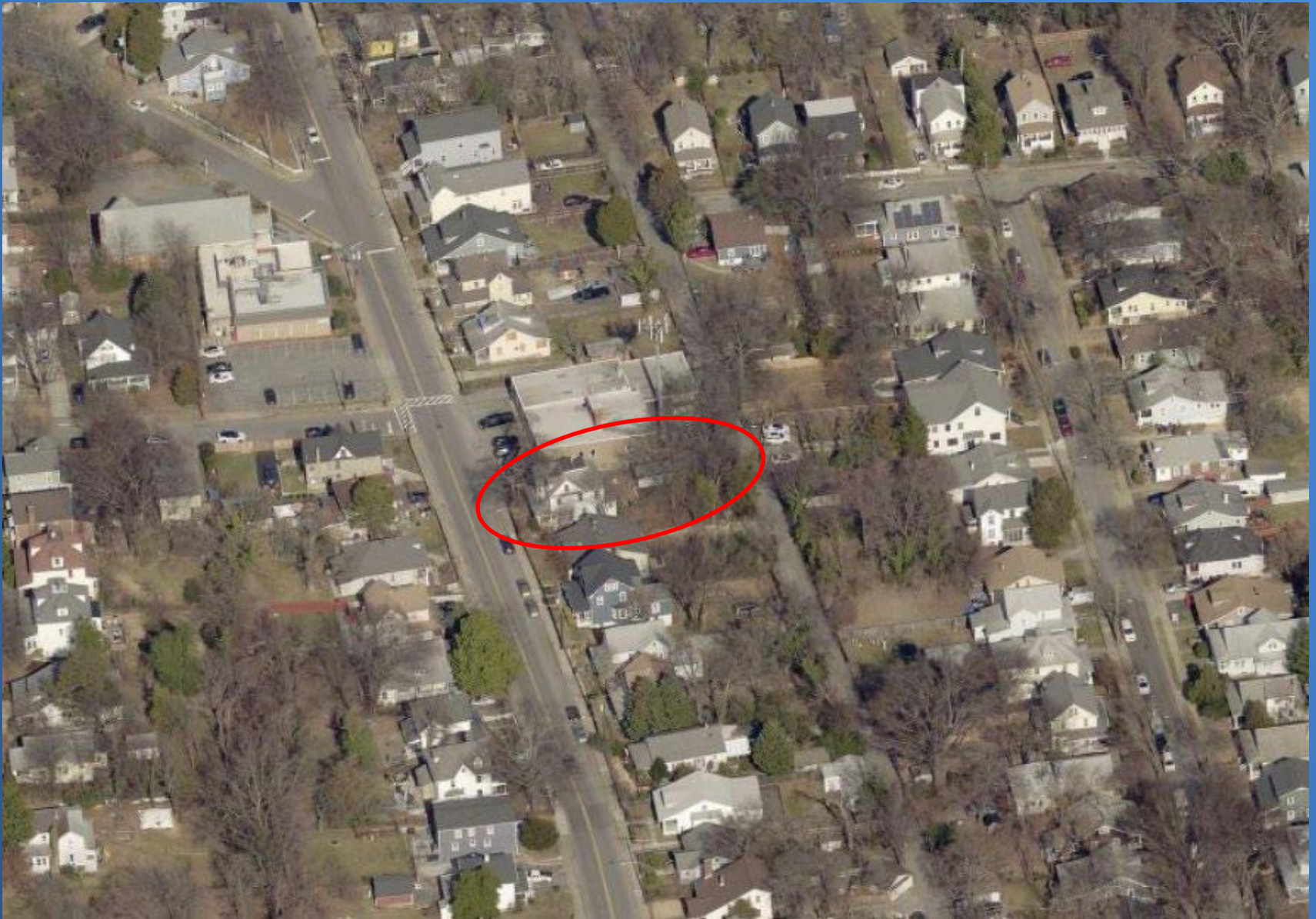
South elevation, February 2024.



Detached garage, west elevation, February 2024.



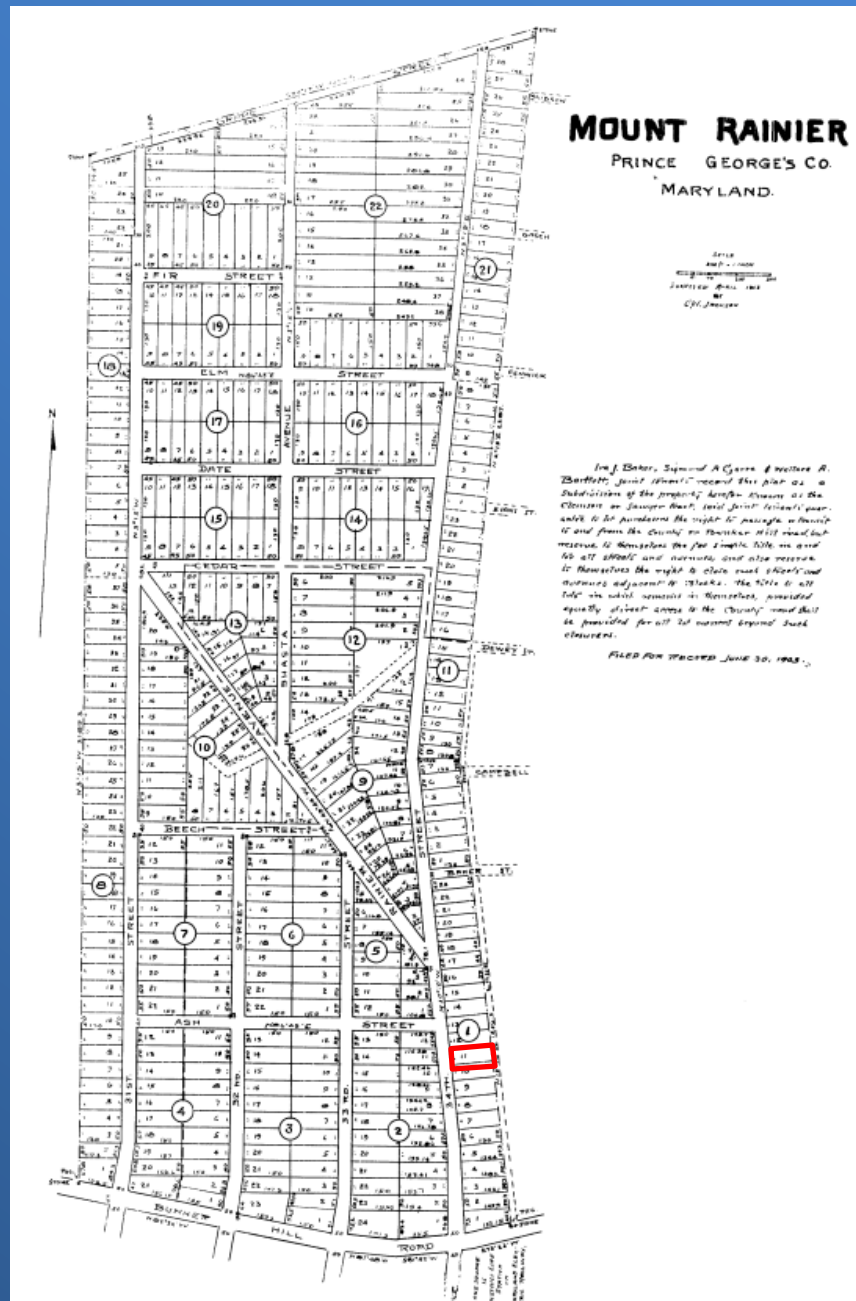
Rear yard as seen from second story of house, February 2024.



Property location shown in oblique aerial view of 34th Street, Mount Rainier.



1894 Hopkins Map (property location circled in red).



Section 5A, Blocks 17, 20, 21 (property outlined in red).



1920 aerial view of Mount Rainier (property location circled in red).

3 YMCA Workers Retired; Service Totaled 63 Years

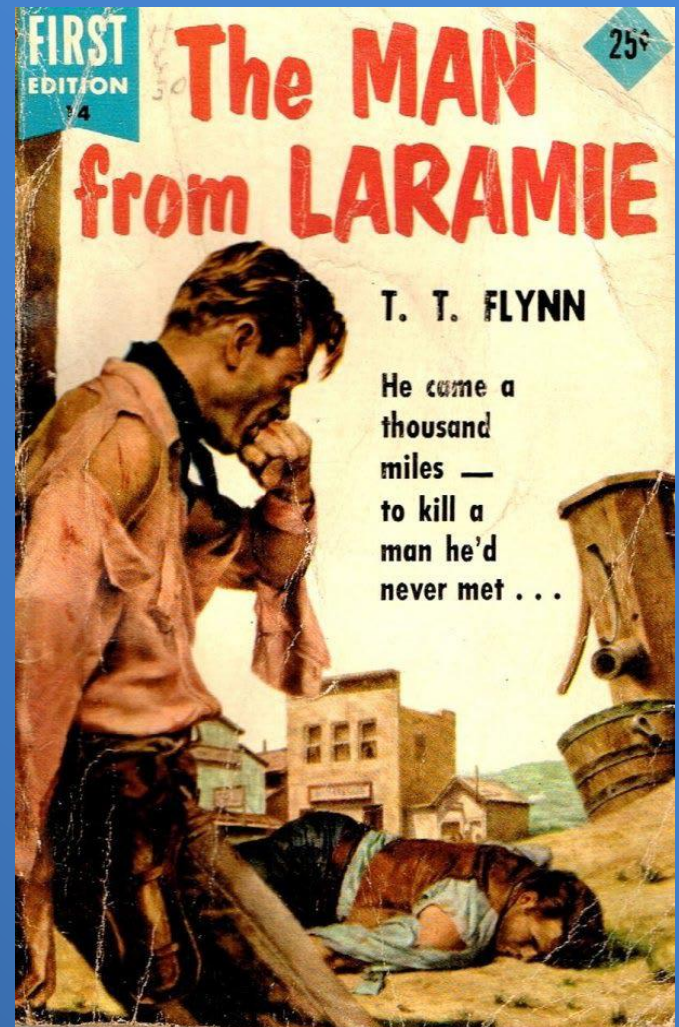
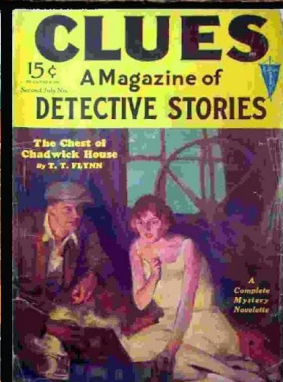
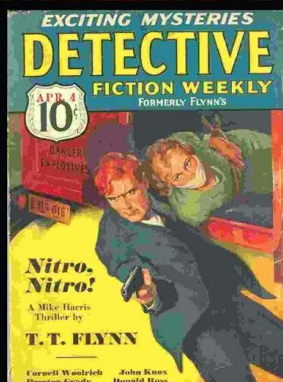
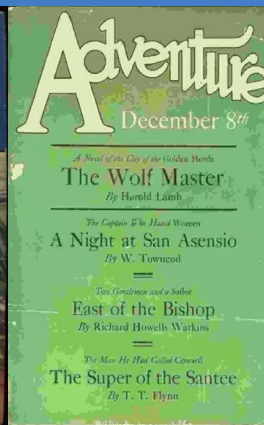
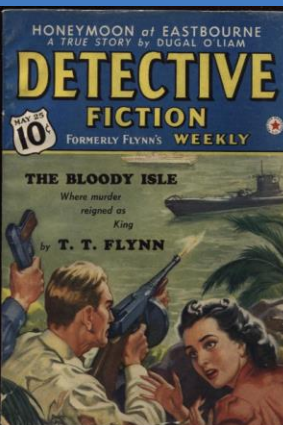
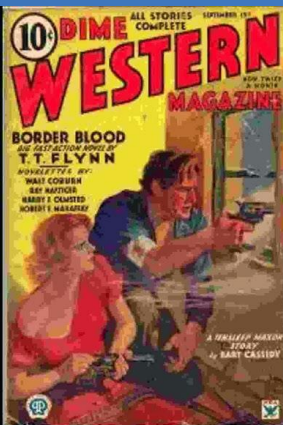
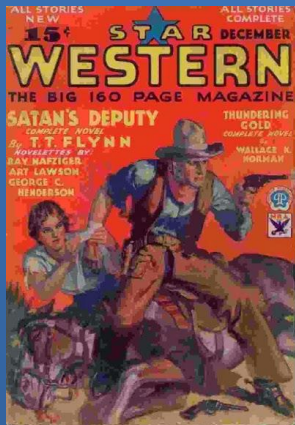
Three YMCA employes with a total of 63 years' service were retired last night in ceremonies at the Central YMCA, 1736 G street N.W.

They are:

Thomas T. Flynn, 75, of 4049 Thirty-fourth street, Mount Rainier, night supervisor; Franklin B. McKillip, 67, of 1900 Pennsylvania avenue N.W.; central branch receptionist, and John C. Creed, 71, who worked as night switchboard operator and security officer while living at the central branch. Mr. Flynn is a veteran of more than 30 years service, Mr. McKillip has been an employe for 22 years and Mr. Creed has worked at the YMCA for 11 years.

The three were guests of honor at a banquet last night. Randolph E. Myers, general secretary of the Metropolitan YMCA, and Philip W. Breux, executive director of the Central YMCA, were the speakers.

Thomas T. Flynn's retirement from the YMCA, *The Evening Star*, April 9, 1953.

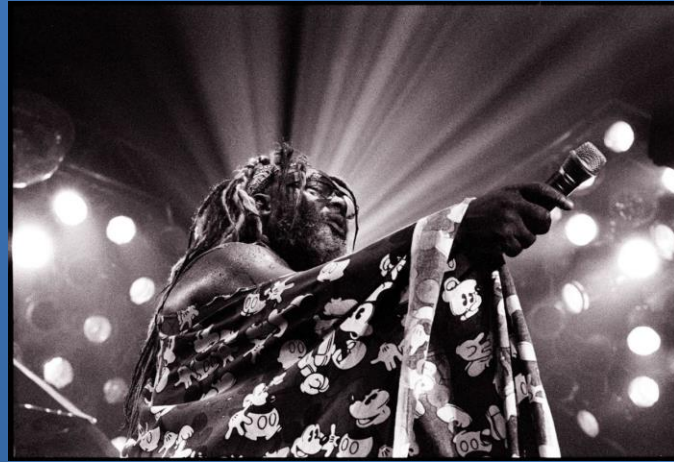


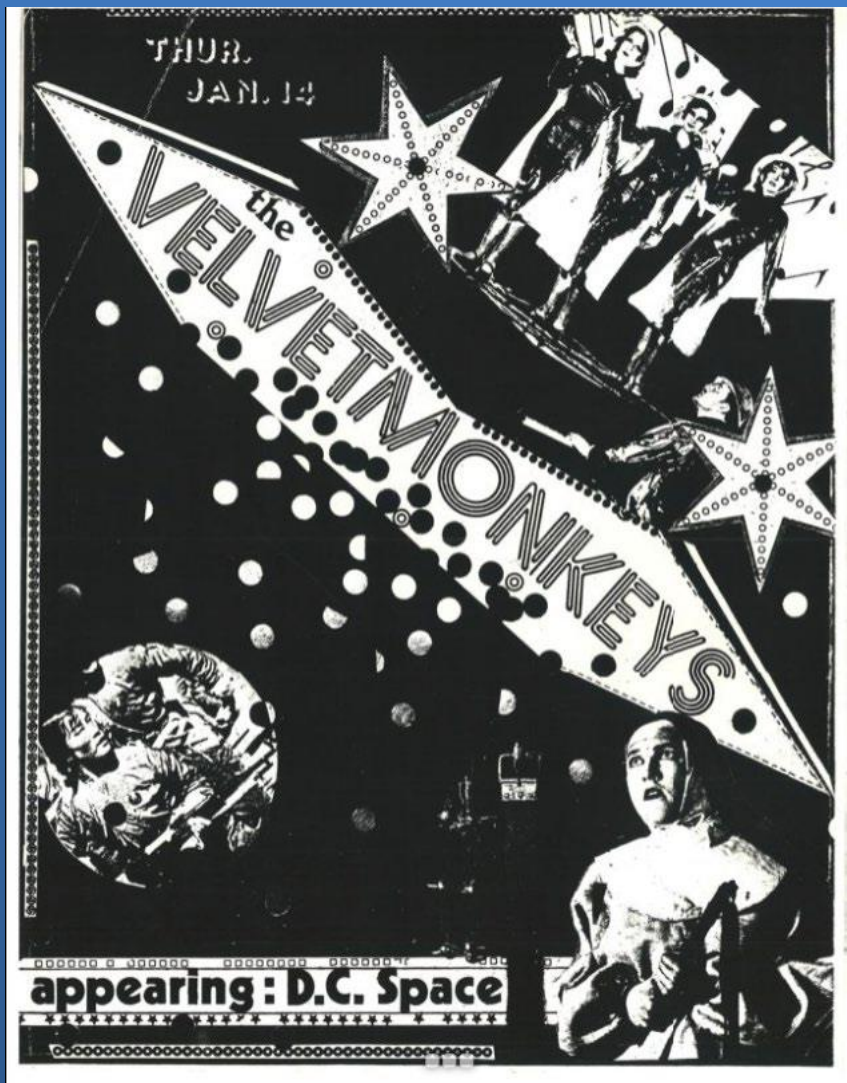
Works by Thomas T. (T.T.) Flynn, Jr.

Sources: (L) Pulpflakes (pulpflakes.blogspot.com); (R) Brick Pickle Media (brickpicklemedia.com)



Charles Steck





Concert poster for Velvet Monkeys,
January 14, 1982.

Source: University of Maryland Digital Collections



Promotional photo of High Back Chairs.

Source: Dischord Records website



West (front) elevation, February 2024.

Conclusions

I. Staff concluded that the Thomas and Adelaide Flynn House can be found to meet three of the nine designation criteria of Subtitle 29-104(a):

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Conclusions (continued)

2. Staff further concluded that, in weighing the alterations that have been made to the structure since its original construction, the Thomas and Adelaide Flynn House can be found to possess sufficient integrity to convey, represent, or contain the values and qualities for which it is judged significant.
3. Staff further concluded that the contribution of the Steck family to the significance of the property, which was not known at the time this historic property evaluation was initiated, merits the inclusion of the family in the name of the property should it ultimately be designated as a historic site.

Recommendation

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends to the Planning Board and District Council that the Flynn-Steck House, Documented Property 68-074-04, and its 0.149-acre Environmental Setting (Lot 11 in Block 1, Mount Rainier), be designated a Prince George's County Historic Site as meeting the following criteria in Subtitle 29-104(a): (1)(A)(iv); (2)(A)(i); and (2)(A)(v).