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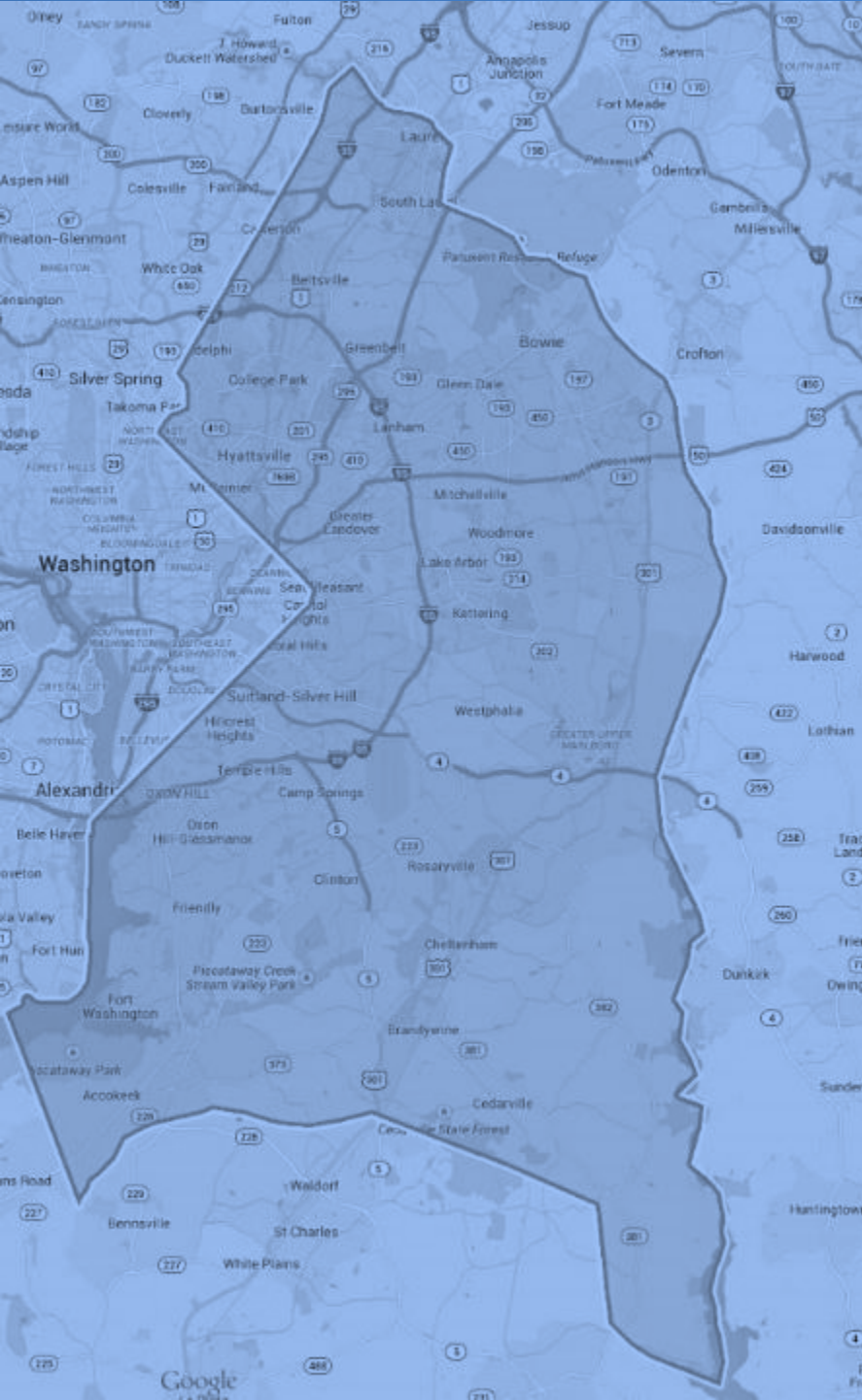
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL



June 16, 2025

Evaluation for Historic Site Designation

Maerlender-Hughes House
4615 Clemson Road, College Park
(Documented Property 66-037-51)





North elevation, March 7, 2025.



Northwest corner, March 7, 2025.



Northeast corner, March 7, 2025.



Southwest corner, March 7, 2025.



South elevation, March 7, 2025.



Southeast corner, March 7, 2025.



Entrance and window details, March 7, 2025.

Translated by G. B. Patterson



WILLIAM AND MARIE K. MAERLENDER 1947-1956

4615	357-75 no	Prich, Jean lodgw	W	M	23	nr	Maryland	OT	nr	nr	nr	40	heating and refrigerating building property. 12/16/16	3	ASK SUPER. BELOW
		Maerlander, William H. head	W	M	38	mar	New Jersey	Wk	nr	nr	nr			4	
		— Marie K. wife	W	F	38	mar	Pennsylvania	H	nr	nr	nr			5	
		— William Hq. son	W	M	7	nr	Maryland							6	
		— Elaine L. daughter	W	F	6	nr	Maryland							7	
		Neikirk, James lodgw	W	M	18	nr	Pennsylvania	OT	nr	nr	nr			8	ASK SUPER. BELOW
		Reilly, Donald lodgw	W	M	18	nr	New Jersey	OT	nr	nr	nr			9	
		Whitford, Edward W. lodgw	W	M	18	nr	Maryland	OT	nr	nr	nr			10	



SERIAL NUMBER 673	1. NAME (Print) William Hugo Maerlander (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER 3895
2. ADDRESS (Print) 511 Seneca St, Bethlehem, North, Pa. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
3. TELEPHONE 1845- Beth.	4. AGE IN YEARS 28 DATE OF BIRTH 6 4 1912 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Jersey City (Town or county) (State or country)
6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.		
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Marie Drusilla Maerlander (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)		8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 571 Seneca St. Bethlehem, North, Pa. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Eastern Light Co.		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 5-20 Hamilton St., Allentown, Lehigh, Pa. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1	16-17105 (over)	W. H. Maerlander (Registrant's signature)

Marie D. Kiefe Is Bride of W. H. Maerlander

The wedding of Miss Marie Drusilla Kiefe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Kiefe, 232 Norwood Avenue, North Plainfield, to William Hugh Maerlander, son of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Maerlander, 1080 Field Avenue, Plainfield, took place Wednesday (Sept. 22, 1937) at 5 p. m. at the Church of the Transfiguration, (The Little Church Around the Corner), New York City. The marriage was performed by the Rev. Father Greismyer before the main altar in the church. The altar was decorated with gladioli and lighted candles.

The best man was the bridegroom's brother, Henry Maerlander. The bride was attired in a midnight blue panne velvet dress, copy of Maggie Rouff, with hat to match. Her flowers were a waistline corsage of yellow rosebuds. The matron of honor, Mrs. John Paul Niederland of Union, sister of the bride, wore plum colored satin with corsage of talisman roses. The bridegroom's mother wore dark blue crepe, with corsage of white gardenias. The bride's mother wore blue lace, with a corsage of deep pink rose buds.

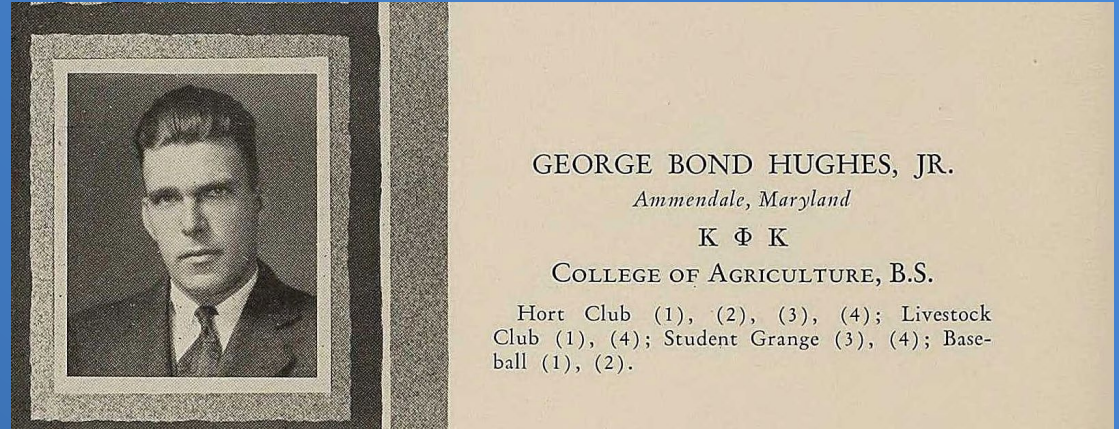
The bride had attended German-town High School, Philadelphia, Pa., and Coleman's School of Business, Newark. The bridegroom attended Hempstead High School, Hempstead, Long Island City, N. Y., and is a graduate of Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N. Y.

After the ceremony, dinner was served to the entire wedding party at the Hotel Seville. The couple then left for a wedding trip, after which they will reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

GEORGE B. AND LOUISE S. HUGHES 1956-1980



61-012 **Sellman House**
Building 23
Agricultural Research Center West
Beltsville
(U. S. Department of Agriculture)



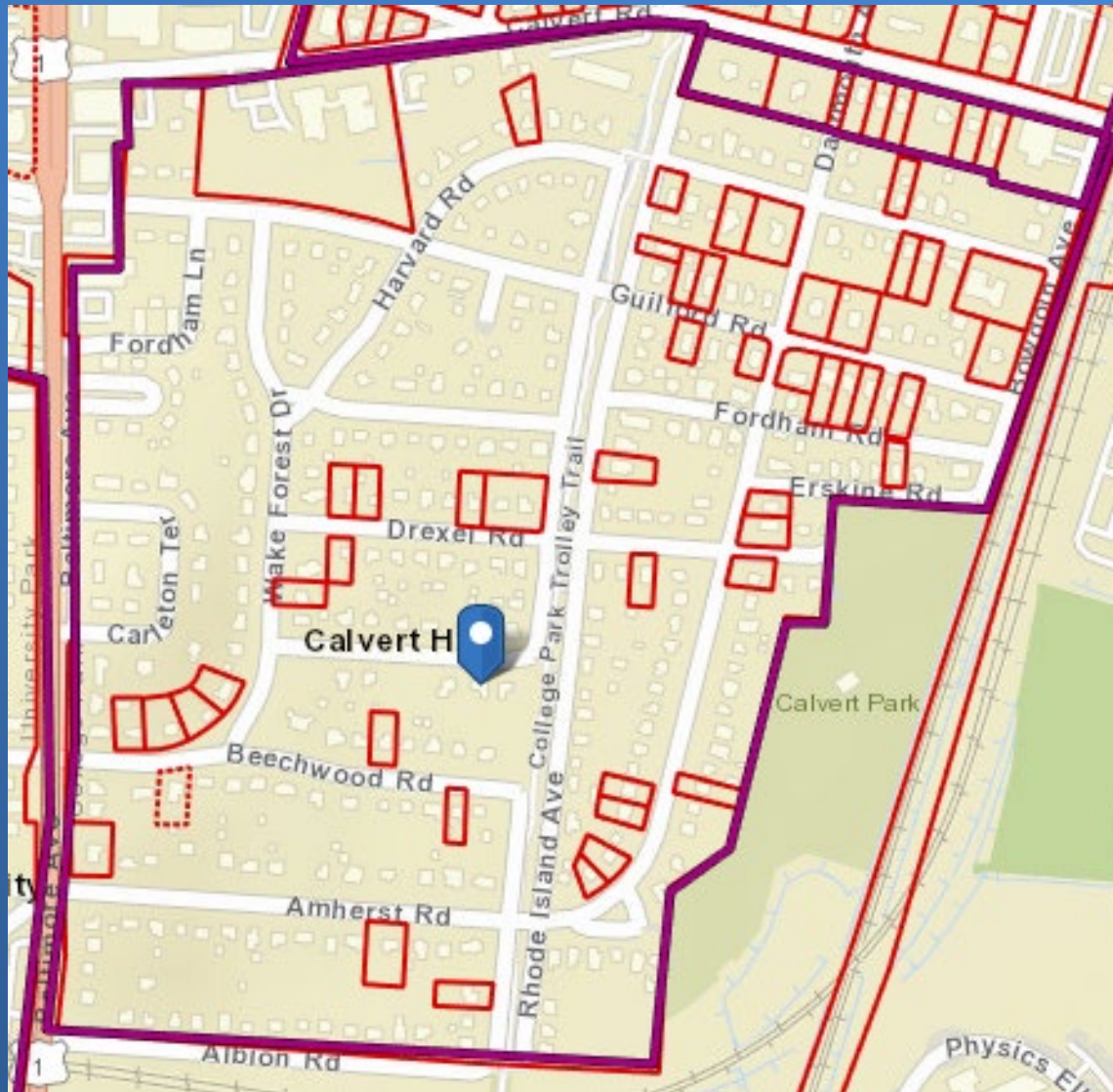
SERIAL NUMBER 4079	1. NAME (Print) GEORGE BOND HUGHES <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>		ORDER NUMBER 1408
2. ADDRESS (Print) Box 46 BELTSVILLE PR. GEO. MARYLAND <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>			
3. TELEPHONE BERWYN-10-F-11 <small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	4. AGE IN YEARS 32 DATE OF BIRTH 3-7-1908 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Ammendale Md. <small>(Town or county) (State or country)</small>	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. LOUISE SELLMAN HUGHES <small>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)</small>			8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON WIFE
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON Box 46 BELTSVILLE PR. GEO. Md. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>			
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND			
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS COLLEGE PARK PR. GEO. Md. <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1 <small>(over)</small>		George B. Hughes <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>	



Dairy cows crossing Route 1, University of Maryland, May 27, 1933



Bird's eye aerial view taken from the north of the subject property; from EagleView March, 2025.



Calvert Hills National Register Historic District



Northwest corner, March 7, 2025.

Conclusions

I. Staff concluded that the Maerlender-Hughes 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
- I.A. (ii) is the site of a significant historic event
- I.A. (iii) is identified with a person or a group of persons who influenced society
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- 2.A. (i) **X** embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction
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- 2.A. (iv) represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction
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Conclusions

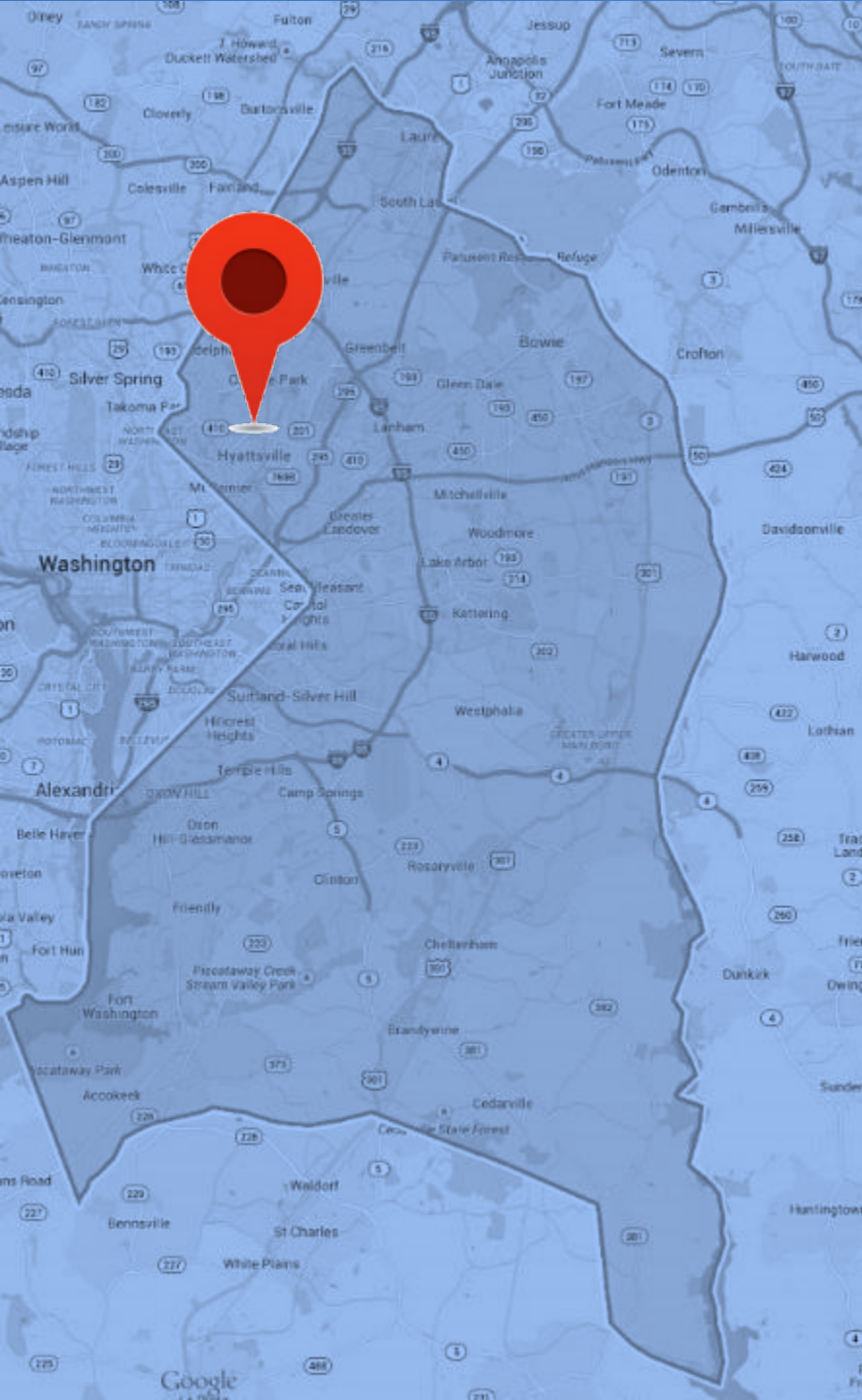
2. Staff further concluded that, in weighing both the alterations that have been made to the structure since construction and the scarcity of the resource type within the Inventory of Historic Resources, the Maerlender-Hughes House can be found to possess sufficient integrity to convey, represent, or 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 the Maerlender-Hughes House, Documented Property 66-037-51, and its 0.148-acre Environmental Setting (The east 30 feet of Lot 76, and the west 50 feet of Lots 77 and 78 in Block E, Section A, College Park), 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

Clarence and Edith Pearce House
6605 44th Avenue, University Park
(Documented Property 66-029-10)





West elevation, March 7, 2025.



West elevation fenestration details, March 7, 2025.



Southwest corner, March 7, 2025.



Southeast corner, March 7, 2025.



South elevation fenestration details, March 7, 2025.



East elevation, March 7, 2025.



Northeast corner, March 7, 2025.



North elevation, March 7, 2025.



North elevation fenestration details, March 7, 2025.



Northwest corner, March 7, 2025.



Southwest corner, garage, March 7, 2025.



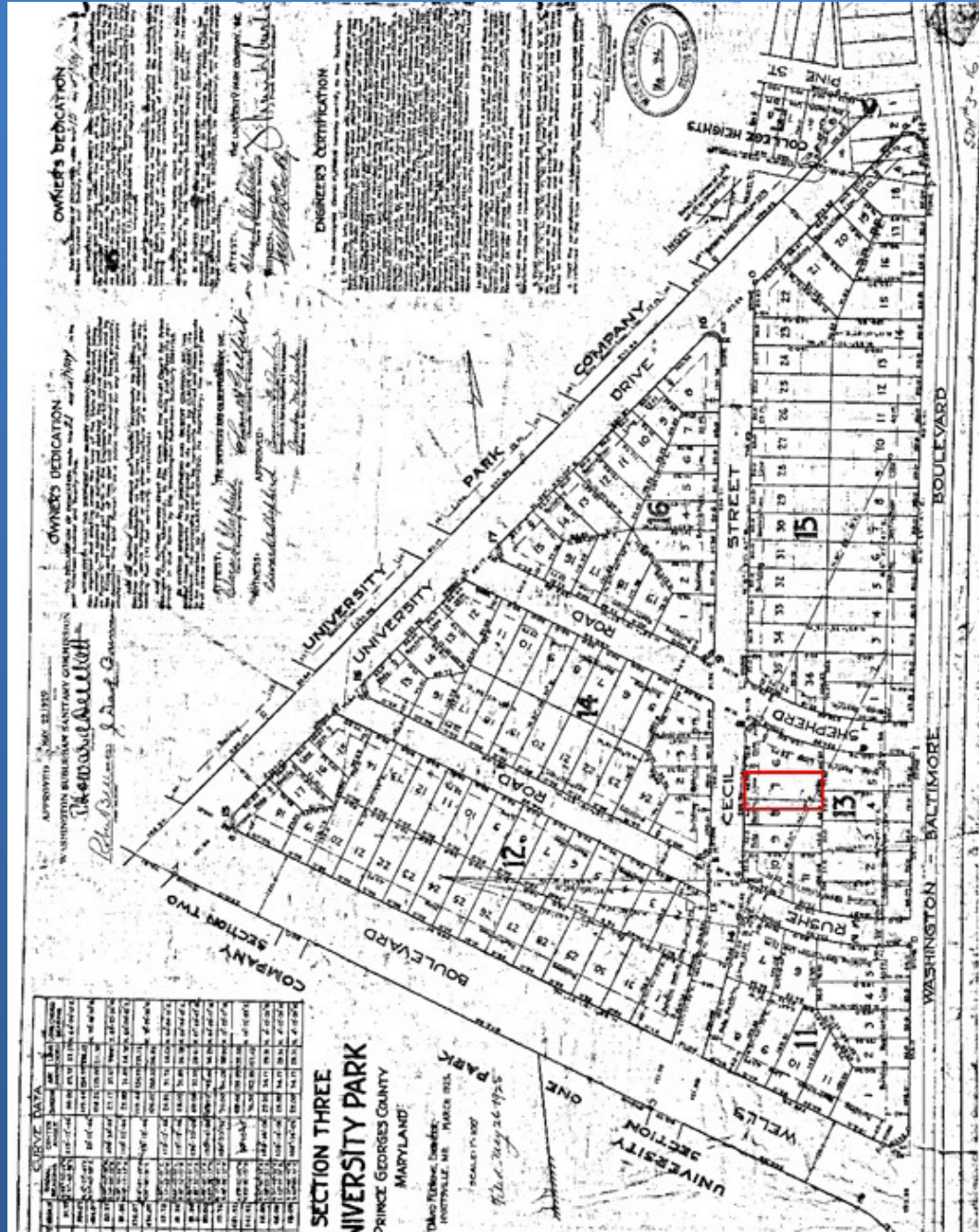
Northeast corner, garage, March 7, 2025.



Resource location map, from PGAtlas.



Bird's eye aerial view taken from the west of the subject property; from EagleView March, 2025.



1925 Plat of Section Three of University Park (subject property outlined in red).



J.R.H Deakins 250 Acres where Section 3 of University Park was platted with arrow indicating approximate future location of the Clarence and Edith Pearce House. , Wm. Baist's map of the vicinity of Washington D.C., 1904.

UNIVERSITY PARK, MD., 407 Cecil St.
6 rooms & bath home, garage, \$500
down, balance like rent.
Arthur Carr, phone HYattsville 159.

Real estate advertisement for the Clarence and Edith Pearce House in the Washington Times, Tuesday December 3, 1935.

REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)

SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)	ORDER NUMBER
U 02351	CLARENCE H. PEARCE (First) (Middle) (Last)	

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)
6605-44th St. Univ. Pk. Hyattsville, P.g. Md.
(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS

same
(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If same insert word same)

4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH
Warfield 6308 (Exchange) (Number)	49 DATE OF BIRTH April 27, 1893 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	Hamilton (Town or county) Ontario (State or country)

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS

Ralph Arnold, 6604-44th St. Hyattsville, Md.

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

Genon Business Manufacturing Inventor.

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS

Baltimore Md.
(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. Form 1
(Revised 4-1-42)

(over)

16-21140-2

(Registrant's signature)

World War II draft card for Clarence H. Pearce, showing the subject property address as his place of residence, 1942.

Thomas E. Latimer and
Eleanor G. Latimer, his wife,
To
Clarence H. Pearce and
Edith H. Pearce, his wife

(U.S.Rev. \$7.70) (State tax, \$7.00)

This Deed,

461
Recorded at Prince
George's County
1605-44146
at 11:45 a.m.
January 31, 1947.

Made this 29th day of June in the year
of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-six by and between
Thomas E. Latimer and Eleanor G. Latimer, his wife of Prince George's County, Maryland,
parties of the first part, and Clarence H. Pearce and Edith H. Pearce, his wife, as tenants by the
entirety, of Prince George's County, Md.

parties of the second part

Witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars, and other good and valuable
considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,

the said parties of the first part

do grant and convey unto the said Clarence H. Pearce and Edith H. Pearce, his wife, as tenants
by the entirety,

parties of the second part, their assigns, the survivor of them, his or her heirs and

assigns, in fee simple, all those pieces or parcels of ground situate

lying and being in Prince George's

County

State of Maryland, being all

the same land which the said parties of

the first part

obtained from the University Park Company, Inc.,

Deed conveying the subject property from Thomas and Eleanor Latimer to Clarence
and Edith Pearce, 1946; Liber 831, Folio 461.

44th Ave	6605	Pearce Clarence H	Head	M	56	Canada	Real Estate Broker
		— Edith H	Wife	F	53	Maryland	
		— Virginia T	Daughter	F	25	Princeton University Maryland	Administrative Assistant Atomic Energy Comm

1950 U.S. Census; University Park, Prince George's, Maryland, cropped to show Pearce Family residence (6605 44th Avenue) as well as the names, ages, birthplaces, and professions of household members.



Undated photo of Edith and Clarence Pearce, donated by Susan Elizabeth Pearce, and accessed via [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com).



West elevation, March 7, 2025.

Conclusions

I. Staff concluded that the Clarence and Edith Pearce 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 concludes that the degree of alteration to the property is low, and the Clarence and Edith Pearce 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 Clarence and Edith Pearce House, Documented Property 66-029-10, and its 0.206 acre Environmental Setting (Lot 7 and the north 15 feet of Lot 8 in Block 13 of “Section Three, University Park,”), 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).