

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. 15/8-5

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Ottie and Tressie Moxley House

other _____

2. Location

street and number 28411 Kemptown Road not for publication

city, town Gaithersburg vicinity

county Montgomery

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name _____

street and number _____ telephone _____

city, town Gaithersburg state MD zip code 20882

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County liber 28751 folio 665

city, town Rockville tax map _____ tax parcel P504 tax ID number 12-01884688

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

Summary

The Ottie and Tressie Moxley House, at 28411 Kemptown Road, is a spacious Four Square type residence on a one and 1/3 acre lot shaded by mature deciduous trees. The house, built about 1918, has Colonial Revival and Craftsman style detailing, and faces south to Kemptown Road. A driveway runs on the east side to access a modest garage. The house retains a high level of integrity.

Description

The Ottie L & Tressie Moxley House, built c1918-1920, is a Four Square type residence with a cubical form and hipped roof. Typical of the era, the house has both Colonial Revival and Craftsman detailing. The walls have a stucco finish representative of Craftsman style architecture. The hipped roof features a hipped roof dormer at the front elevation.

The house is lit by Craftsman type three over one sash windows. In a design popular in the era, the panes in the upper sash are arranged vertically. Vertical panes matching the main windows light the fixed windows in the hipped dormer window. Many of the windows on first and second levels are paired. On the first level of the entrance façade, the central door is flanked on the east by a polygonal bay and on the west by an oversize window with vertical upper sash matching other windows on the house.

A wooden porch with concrete block base is supported by Doric columns and has a Colonial Revival aspect. Outer columns are square. A broad flight of stairs accesses the center bay of the front porch. An entry porch is located on the east side façade, facing the driveway. On the rear facade is a single story shed roof addition.

The property includes two contributing outbuildings. The garage is accessed at the end of the driveway. A shed stands to its east. Both structures are covered with corrugated metal roofs. The gravel driveway is edged with concrete curbs on both sides and lined on the west side by a concrete gutter.

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Ottie & Tressie Moxley House, 28411 Kempton Road
View from Kempton Road, looking north, 11-2007

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Ottie & Tressie Moxley House, 28411 Kempton Road
South (front) façade, 11-2007

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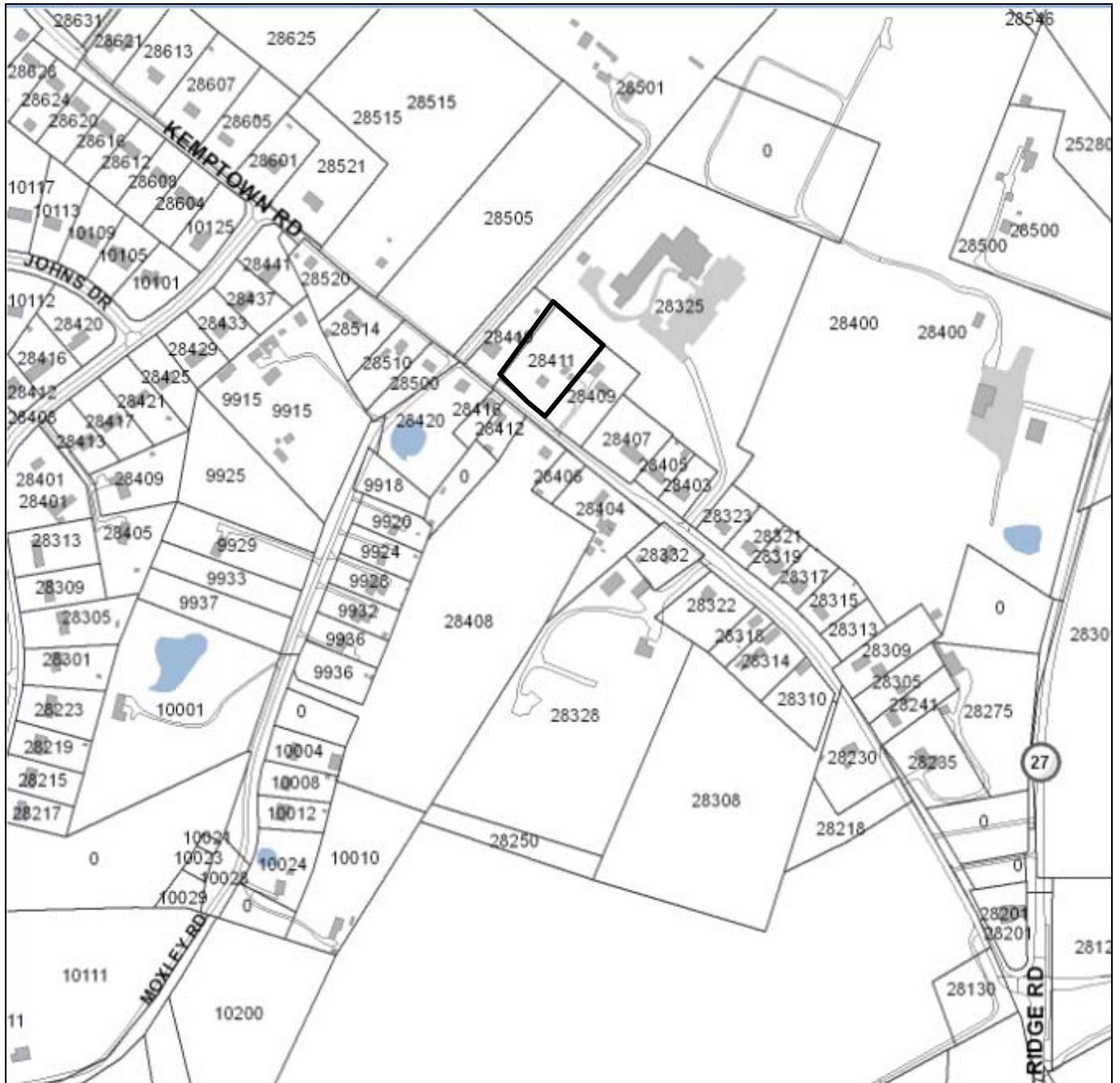
Ottie & Tressie Moxley House, 28411 Kemptown Road
Aerial view showing rear facade

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates	1918-1920	Architect/Builder
Construction dates		

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

Summary

The Oattie and Tressie Moxley House is a fine example of a Four Square residence with a high level of integrity. In addition, the resource, built by a fifth generation descendant of Nehemiah Moxley, represents the kinship ties that bound Clagettsville residents together socially, religiously, and economically. The structure is historically significant for its residents who represent the deep kinship basis for the Clagettsville community. The property was the first residential lot subdivided from the Becraft Farm, which encompassed much of the land on the north side of Kemptown Road.

History and Significance

Oattie Lee (Tom) Moxley (1888-1944) and Tressie Lee Young (1888-1952) acquired a two-acre parcel in 1918, from the Becrafts. Tom Moxley was described as a business man engaged in the hauling of lumber and timber.¹ They had two children: Gurvis, born in 1911, and William Lee, born in 1917. In the 1930 census, "Oattie L Moxley" was described as a dealer of farm products. The house was valued at \$5,000.

Oattie (Tom) Moxley was the only child of William Burton Moxley (1867-1938) and Minnie Jane Bellison (1870-1945). They lived at 28420 Kemptown Road where Tom grew up. William and Minnie operated a general merchandise store at 28416 Kemptown Road. In 1900, Oattie, age 11, was still attending school. His father was a farmer and the family had a house servant.²

A descendant of Nehemiah Moxley through his son Ezekial Moxley, Tom Moxley was the grandson of Robert Bromwell and Susan Baker Moxley, of 81322 Kemptown Road. When they first married, about 1906, Tom and Tressie lived in Mount Airy. They acquired the land for this house about 12 years later, and built their house across the street from Tom's parents, William and Minnie. Tom Moxley had many close relatives in the community, with many aunts, uncles, and cousins living in the immediate vicinity. The house is representative of several remaining kinship community houses in Clagettsville (see family tree chart).

Tom and Tressie were later divorced. Tressie remarried, in 1943, to Frederick H Grimm, of Gaithersburg. The

¹Allie May Moxley Buxton, p163.

²1900 US Census.

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marriage ceremony took place on the front porch of 28411 Kemptown Road, where the couple made their home.³ In 1952, Tressie and Fred Grimm conveyed the two-acre property to James and Toshia Kidwiler of Baltimore. In 1978, the Kidwilers subdivided land just under an acre (40,946 sq ft) on the east side of the property, built a house at 28409 Kemptown Road, and sold the historic house on its reduced lot. The Ottie L and Tressie Moxley House now sits on a still ample 59,211 square foot lot.⁴

³Montgomery County Sentinel, September 1943, in Dona Cuttler, *Paperclips*.

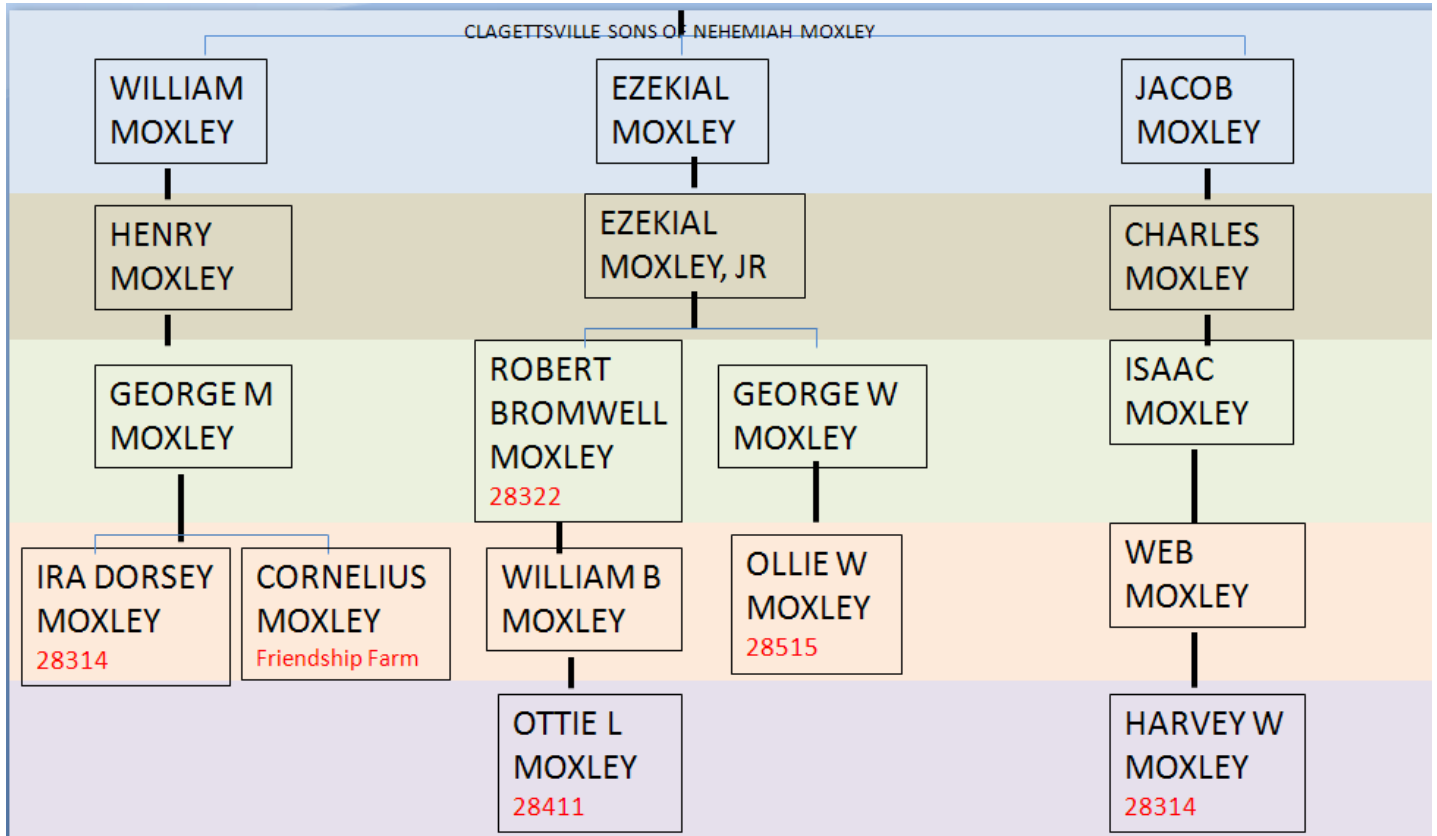
⁴Deeds PBR 268:274; 270:102; 1655:205; 5245:434; 9628:858.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 59,211 sq ft
Acreage of historical setting 2 acres
Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale: _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Clare Lise Kelly		
organization	M-NCPPC	date	3-2010
street & number		telephone	
city or town		state	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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