

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. PG: 67-022-09

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Traver-Williams House
other

2. Location

street and number 8409 Cunningham Road ___ not for publication
city, town Berwyn Heights ___ vicinity
county Prince George's

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

name M.D. Williams and Henry Becker III
street and number 8409 Cunningham Drive telephone
city, town Berwyn Heights state MD zip code 20740

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 19913 folio 38
city, town Upper Marlboro tax map 34 tax parcel 23, 24, 25 tax ID number 21 2419133

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: Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Prince George's County Planning Department

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u> <u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u> </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>1</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u> </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>1</u> <u>3</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>1</u>

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.

The Traver-Williams House is located at 8409 Cunningham Road in Berwyn Heights, Maryland. This dwelling is sited on a hilly, grassy lot that slopes in several directions. The property features mature trees and shrubs, as well as foundation plantings. An asphalt driveway enters the property from Cunningham Drive and travels east past the north (side) elevation of the dwelling before wrapping around to the rear of the property. An in-ground pool, surrounded by a chain-link fence, is located at the rear of the lot. Two prefabricated sheds are also sited within the yard, which is framed by the metal chain-link fence.

DWELLING

Constructed c. 1921, this two-and-one-half-story, four-bay single dwelling has an American Four-Square form. The dwelling is composed of a two-and-one-half-story main block with a one-story porch on the façade (west elevation) that originally wrapped around to the south (side) elevation. The porch on the south (side) elevation is now enclosed. Further, a two-story, projecting, gable-roof bay is sited on the southeast corner of the south elevation and a one-story addition is located on the rear (east) elevation. The wood-frame dwelling is clad with German vinyl siding and is set on a solid parged foundation. A pyramidal roof covered with asphalt shingles caps the dwelling. The roof is finished with wide, overhanging eaves. A dormer pierces the western and eastern slopes of the roof. The dormers each have a gable roof covered with asphalt shingles and a closed tympanum. Both dormers are clad with German vinyl siding and contain paired one-light, sliding, vinyl windows. An interior brick chimney rises from the center of dwelling and pierces the roof at its peak.

The central bay of the first story of the façade (west elevation) contains a single-leaf, paneled wood door with a vinyl surround. The door is flanked by 1/1, vinyl-sash windows with vinyl surrounds. The second story of the façade is pierced by three window openings, each containing a 1/1, vinyl-sash window with inoperable, louvered shutters of vinyl. The first story of the façade is sheltered by a one-story, three-bay porch, which is set on a solid foundation of rock-faced, concrete blocks. The half-hip roof of the porch is covered with asphalt shingles and is supported by paired Craftsman wood columns set on rock-faced, concrete-block piers. The porch wraps around to the south (side) elevation of the dwelling, although this portion of the porch was enclosed c. 1980 with German vinyl siding. The enclosed porch is pierced on the façade (west elevation) by paired 1/1, vinyl-sash windows with a vinyl surround. Four symmetrical bays on the south elevation of the porch each contain paired 1/1, vinyl-sash windows with vinyl surrounds. The easternmost bay contains paired one-light, sliding vinyl windows with a vinyl surround.

The second story of the south elevation is pierced by two window openings, each containing a 1/1 vinyl-sash window with a vinyl surround. A two-story rectangular bay, original to the main block, projects from the southeast corner of the south elevation. It is capped by a front-gable roof covered with asphalt shingles. The gable is completed with overhanging eaves, a boxed cornice and a closed tympanum. Clad with German vinyl siding, the bay is set on a solid parged concrete foundation. The first and second stories of the south and east elevations have one window opening each, which contain a 1/1, vinyl-sash window with a vinyl surround. The second story of the west elevation is pierced by a 1/1, vinyl-sash window with a vinyl surround.

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The north (side) elevation features three symmetrical window openings on the first and second stories. Each opening contains a 1/1, vinyl-sash window with inoperable louvered shutters and vinyl surrounds. The foundation is pierced by paired one-light, sliding, vinyl windows.

The southernmost bay on the rear (east) elevation contains triple one-light, sliding, vinyl windows with a vinyl surround. The second story features two window openings, each containing a 1/1, vinyl-sash window with inoperable louvered shutters and vinyl surrounds.

A one-story, two-bay, enclosed porch is located on the northeast corner of the rear elevation. The porch, constructed c. 1970, was enclosed c. 1995 with German vinyl siding. The porch is set on a wood post foundation covered by wood lattice. It is capped by a shed roof of asphalt shingles. The northern bay contains a single-leaf, wood-frame glass door with a vinyl surround. Wood steps access the entry door. The southern bay contains a 1/1, vinyl-sash window with inoperable louvered shutters with a vinyl surround. The south elevation is pierced by paired one-light, sliding, vinyl windows. The north elevation is fenestrated with a 1/1, vinyl-sash window with inoperable louvered shutters and a vinyl surround.

SHED (1)

A one-story, one-bay prefabricated shed is located east of the dwelling. Constructed c. 1980, the shed is constructed of standing-seam metal and is capped by a gambrel roof of standing-seam metal. The shed is set on a wood post foundation. Double-leaf metal doors pierce the façade (north elevation).

SHED (2)

This one-story, one-bay shed was constructed c. 1985 and is located east of the dwelling. The wood-frame shed is clad with standing-seam metal and is capped by a shed roof of standing-seam metal. A single-leaf metal door provides entry to the interior of the shed on the east elevation. The shed is set on a wood beam foundation.

IN-GROUND POOL

A large, in-ground pool is located east of the dwelling. It is mostly rectangular in shape and is surrounded by a poured concrete deck. The pool was constructed c. 1985.

INTEGRITY

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The Traver-Williams House maintains a moderate level of integrity of design, workmanship, and materials as a result of the application of German vinyl siding, the replacement of the original windows and covering of the surrounds, the enclosure of a portion of the wrap-around porch, and the construction of a rear addition. The building maintains a high level of integrity of feeling, location, setting, and association due to its association with the Berwyn Heights community.

The two prefabricated sheds and in-ground pool are considered non-contributing resources due to their recent construction date.

Overall, the Traver-Williams House maintains a moderate level of integrity.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: <u>Local History</u>

Specific dates	c. 1921	Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction dates	c. 1921, c. 1970, c. 1980, c. 1995		

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.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Traver-Williams House was constructed c. 1921 at 8409 Cunningham Drive in Berwyn Heights, Maryland, on one of the highest points in the community. Berwyn Heights, a late-nineteenth-century railroad suburb, was intended for middle-class residents who commuted daily to Washington, DC. This resource is representative of many of the original single-family dwellings constructed in the community during the early twentieth century. The dwelling is believed to have been constructed c. 1921 for Margaret W. Traver, who purchased the property in 1907. In 1937, the property was purchased by Rudolph and Lillian Akren, whose family has retained ownership for more than forty years. M.D. Williams, one of the current owners, purchased the property in 1988, conveying half interest in 1998 to Henry Becker, III. The Traver-Williams House still retains sufficient integrity to convey its significance as a single-family dwelling constructed in Berwyn Heights during the early twentieth century.

HISTORIC CONTEXT

The Traver-Williams House is located in present-day Berwyn Heights, which was subdivided by Edward Graves. In 1887, Edward Graves of Washington, DC, purchased 393 acres between Branchville Road and the Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) Railroad. He hired the firm Newby and Howell to survey and plat a subdivision on his newly acquired land.¹ Graves sold most of the land in 1888 to the Charlton Heights Improvement Company, of which he was an incorporator, along with his uncle, Benjamin Charlton, as well as C.C. Ducanson, J.G. Waugh, George Gibson, and R.M. Johnson.² The company began construction of mail-order pattern houses in what had been platted as Charlton Heights, present-day Berwyn Heights.³ Within the year, the company had almost twenty houses complete. Quickly becoming a popular suburb, Charlton Heights was heavily promoted as a “modern suburban town of the United States,” a “beautiful suburban retreat” and an “earthly paradise” with easy access to the District of Columbia via a new Baltimore & Ohio Railroad station.⁴ By 1890, Charlton Heights contained a population of “some of the leading people in every walk of life in this vicinity,” who “owing to the number of trains daily, affording quick and easy transportation to the city of Washington...generally experience no difficulty in reaching their desks in good time for any work they may be

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called upon to perform and for this reason they never tire in sounding the praises of Charlton Heights as a desirable place of residence.”⁵ In 1896, by an act of the Maryland General Assembly, the town was incorporated as Berwyn Heights.⁶ A two-block concentration of dwellings from the first phase of development remains along Ruatan Street, between Berwyn Road and 60th Avenue. Four of the oldest houses were constructed from mail-order plans with specifications produced by R. W. Shoppells’ Cooperative Building Plan Association of New York City.⁷ A second phase of construction occurred in the 1920s, followed by the final period of development in the post-World War II years.

Edward Graves, a nephew of Benjamin Charlton, was born in Hancock, Maryland, in 1844.⁸ A well-respected businessman in Washington DC, he served as president of the Havenner Baking Company, director of the National Bank in Washington and of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company, as well as a member of the Board of Trade. He platted Charlton Heights in 1888. In October 1888, the Charlton Heights Improvement Company, of which Graves was an original incorporator, sold Lots 23 and 24 in Block 17 to R. Belle McCleary.⁹ The deed stipulated that “when a building is erected upon the said lots it shall not be within forty feet of the building line as shown on said plat, nor shall spirituous or malt liquors be sold therein.” R. Belle McCleary was married to Frank O. McCleary, a lawyer originally from Pennsylvania.¹⁰ The couple resided at 217 I Street, NW in Washington, DC in 1890 and most likely intended the vacant property in Berwyn Heights for speculative purposes.¹¹

In 1889, R. Belle and Frank O. McCleary conveyed Lots 23 and 24 to Susan Virginia Sheetz of Washington, DC, who had purchased Lot 25 in Block 17 from the Charlton Heights Improvement Company in October 1888.¹² Sheetz was born in 1853 in Pennsylvania and married her husband, Elias, a confectioner, in 1873.¹³ At the time of the 1900 U.S. Federal Census, the Sheetz family resided in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, which was the starting point of Elias Sheetz’ confectionary career. Elias Sheetz had a long and colorful life, which began in Berlin, Pennsylvania, in 1848. A “pioneer in the candy business,” Sheetz opened his first Martha Washington Candy store in Washington, DC in 1900.¹⁴ The business expanded quickly and Sheetz was soon operating fifteen factories and more than 200 stores through the United States. When Sheetz died after a long illness in 1932, he was known to have been one of the richest men in the country and left an estate worth more than \$2,000,000 to his son, Jet D. Sheetz.¹⁵ His wife, Susan, predeceased him in 1920. His friend and associate Ernest M. Hunt, once said of him, “There isn’t any story of Martha Washington Candies without Elie Sheetz. There can’t be any story of Elie Sheetz and his work until you see Elie Sheetz. Go to Washington and see the man and talk with him. You will then understand just how impossible it is to know the story of his business without being in the presence of the man himself.”¹⁶ Elie and Susan Sheetz are buried in Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, DC The Sheetz family held the unimproved property most likely for investment purposes until 1897, at which time it was conveyed to Matilda Johnson Albright of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, for \$2,000.¹⁷ No information regarding Matilda Johnson Albright could be located.

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In 1903, Albright conveyed the property to Charles Shepard of Washington, DC.¹⁸ Shepard was born in New York, in 1857. He is listed in the 1910 U.S. Federal Census as a real estate broker living with his four children (Jessemire W., Philip W., Donald D., and Hugh D.) and his wife, Florence, who was a native of Maryland.¹⁹ Like the previous owners of the property and many of the neighboring owners, Shepard appears to have utilized the unimproved Berwyn Heights property for investment purposes, intending to construct a dwelling on the site.

In 1907, the property was conveyed by Charles and Florence I. Shepard to Margaret W. Traver of Prince George's County, Maryland.²⁰ Traver was born in 1860 in New York. The 1910 U.S. Federal Census notes Traver was operating a boarding house while living in Prince George's County.²¹ It is presumed that the house located at 8409 Cunningham Drive was constructed c. 1921, fourteen years after Traver purchased the land. Traver conveyed the property with dwelling to Elsie LeB. Stowell in 1927, who reconveyed the property directly back to Traver a day later.²²

In November 1927, Traver conveyed the property to Clyde D. Garrett.²³ Garrett was born in 1888 in Washington, DC. A graduate of The George Washington University School of Law (1910), Garrett's practice was composed of insurance, corporate and estate law. At the time of World War I, Garrett volunteered his services as attorney for the Selective Service System, a post he expanded upon during World War II when he served as a government appeals agent. A Republican, Garrett would represent his precinct from 1920 until 1960 and served as a DC. Republican National committeeman from 1948 until 1960.²⁴ Garrett married his wife, Verda, about 1918 and together they had a son, Marshall, in 1919.²⁵

Clyde and Verda Garrett conveyed the property to Benjamin S. and Ida A. Bayless of Prince George's County, Maryland, in 1929.²⁶ Benjamin S. Bayless was born in 1868 in Maryland, and married Ida in 1899. Bayless was a plasterer in the building construction trade. At the time of the 1930 U.S. Federal Census, his home in Berwyn Heights was assessed with an approximate value of \$10,000.²⁷ This assessment is almost double what several other properties in the area were valued at this time.

After the death of Ida, Benjamin Bayless conveyed the property to Rudolph J. Akren and his wife, Lillian, in 1937.²⁸ Akren, a charter member of the College Park Lodge No. 453 Loyal Order of Moose, was a Minnesota native of Finnish ancestry. He was born in 1904 and married Lillian in 1925. At the time of the 1930 U.S. Federal Census, the Akrens were living in Chicago, Illinois, with their daughter, Elaine.²⁹ In 1941, the Akrens conveyed the property to Clarence E. Traft, who bequeathed it to his wife, Virginia A. Traft. The widowed Traft sold the property back to the Akrens in 1946.³⁰

In April 1953, the Akrens transferred the property to their daughter, Elaine, and her husband, Ervin Viens.³¹ No information regarding the Viens family could be located. They held the property until 1979, at which time it

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was purchased by Frederick F. and Beverly K. Hartline.³² No information regarding the Hartlines could be located.

The property passed to William G. and Carol H. Apple in 1983 and then Donald C. Williams and his wife, Jean A. Rice.³³ Williams and Rice conveyed the property to M. David Williams, their son, in 1988.³⁴ Williams, an artist, transferred one-half interest in the property to Henry Becker, III, in 1998.³⁵ Williams and Becker are the current owners and occupants of the c. 1921 dwelling at 8409 Cunningham Drive.

¹ Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's County Planning Department, *Historic Sites and Districts Plan* (1992).

² "A New Real Estate Company." *The Washington Post* (1877-1954), August 30, 1888, <http://www.proquest.com.proxy.library.cornell.edu/> (accessed January 7, 2009).

³ Susan G. Pearl, "Chlopicki House," (PG: 67-12) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1986), 8:1.

⁴ "Everybody Benefited: Comfortable Homes Guaranteed Those Who May Desire Them." *The Washington Post* (1877-1954), July 20, 1890, <http://www.proquest.com.proxy.library.cornell.edu/> (accessed January 7, 2009); "ON CHARLTON HEIGHTS: A Suburban Resort Unequaled for Its Natural Advantages." *The Washington Post* (1877-1954), June 22, 1890, <http://www.proquest.com.proxy.library.cornell.edu/> (accessed January 7, 2009).

⁵ "Terraced Villa Sites: Panoramas Which Delight Residents of Charlton Heights." *The Washington Post* (1877-1954), July 13, 1890, <http://www.proquest.com.proxy.library.cornell.edu/> (accessed January 7, 2009).

⁶ Susan G. Pearl, "Chlopicki House," (PG: 67-12) Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form (1986), 8:1.

⁷ Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's County Planning Department, *Historic Sites and Districts Plan* (1992).

⁸ "Edward Graves Dead: Apoplexy Claims Washington Man at Atlantic City." *The Washington Post* (1877-1954), November 7, 1910, <http://www.proquest.com.proxy.library.cornell.edu/> (accessed January 7, 2009).

⁹ Charlton Heights Improvement Company to R. Belle McCleary, Prince George's County Land Records, JWB 13:185.

¹⁰ 1880 U.S. Federal Census, Washington, Washington, District of Columbia, District of Columbia, Series T9, Roll 123, Family History Film 1254123, Page 160.3000, Enumeration District 50, Image 0323, Frank O. McCleary.

¹¹ Washington, D.C. City Directory, 1890 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: The Generations Network, Inc., 2000. Original data: Washington, D. C. City Directory, 1890. Washington, D.C.: R. L. Polk Co., 1890.

¹² R. Belle and Frank O. McCleary to Susan Virginia Sheetz, Prince George's County Land Records, JWB 12:313; Charlton Heights Improvement Company to Susan V. Sheetz, Prince George's County Land Records, JWB 14:650.

¹³ 1900 U.S. Federal Census, Lancaster Ward 1, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Series T623, Roll 1423, Page 11A, Enumeration District 42, Susan V. Sheetz.

¹⁴ "Elie Sheetz, Candy Maker, Dead at 84: 'Martha Washington' Stores Founder in Business for 65 Years." *The Washington Post* (1877-1954), November 12, 1932, <http://www.proquest.com.proxy.library.cornell.edu/> (accessed February 10, 2009).

¹⁵ "Elie Sheetz Leaves Estate of \$2,000,000: Candy Manufacturer's Son Made Sole Beneficiary in Father's Will." *The Washington Post* (1877-1954), November 16, 1932, <http://www.proquest.com.proxy.library.cornell.edu/> (accessed February 10, 2009).

¹⁶ "Elie Sheetz, Candy Maker."

¹⁷ Susan V. Sheetz and Elias M. Sheetz to Matilda Johnson Albright, Prince George's County Land Records, JWB 39:680.

¹⁸ Matilda Johnson Albright to Charles Shepard, Prince George's County Land Records, 15:81.

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- ¹⁹ 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Precinct 6, Washington, District of Columbia, Series T624, Roll 152, Page 5A, Enumeration District 119, Image 749, Charles Shepard.
- ²⁰ Charles Shepard and Florence I. Shepard to Margaret W. Traver, Prince George's County Land Records, 41:61.
- ²¹ 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Election District 1, Prince George's, Maryland, Series T624, Roll 567, Page 20B, Enumeration District 60, Image 43, Margaret W. Traver.
- ²² Margaret W. Traver to Elsie LeB. Stowell, Prince George's County Land Records, 292:440; Elsie LeB. Stowell to Margaret W. Traver, Prince George's County Land Records, 292:492.
- ²³ Margaret W. Traver to Clyde D. Garrett, Prince George's County Land Records, 313:54.
- ²⁴ "D.C. Lawyer, Civic Leader, Dies at 86." *The Washington Post* (1974-Current file), July 5, 1974, <http://www.proquest.com.proxy.library.cornell.edu/> (accessed February 10, 2009).
- ²⁵ 1920 U.S. Federal Census, Washington, Washington, District of Columbia, Series T625, Roll 210, Page 11B, Enumeration District 174, Image 687, Clyde D. Garrett.
- ²⁶ Clyde D. Garrett and Verda J. Garrett to Benjamin S. Bayless and Ida A. Bayless, Prince George's County Land Records, 326:267.
- ²⁷ 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Berwyn Heights, Prince George's, Maryland, Series 878, Page 1A, Enumeration District 55, Image 475.0, Benjamin S. Bayless.
- ²⁸ Benjamin S. Bayless to Rudolph J. Akren and Lillian P. Akren, Prince George's County Land Records, 471:255.
- ²⁹ "Obituary 1 -- No Title." *The Washington Post* (1974-Current file), August 28, 1980, <http://www.proquest.com.proxy.library.cornell.edu/> (accessed February 10, 2009); 1930 U.S. Federal Census, Chicago, Cook, Illinois, Series 453, Page 21B, Enumeration District 855, Image 860.0, Rudolph J. Akren.
- ³⁰ Rudolph J. Akren and Lillian P. Akren to Clarence E. Traft, Prince George's County Land Records, 598:215; Bird H. Dolby, Administrator of the estate Clarence E. Traft, deceased, and Virginia Anne Traft to Rudolph J. Akren and Lillian P. Akren, Prince George's County Land Records, 883:448.
- ³¹ Rudolph J. Akren and Lillian P. Akren to Ervin N. Viens and Elaine M. Viens, Prince George's County Land Records, 1603:49.
- ³² Ervin N. Viens and Elaine M. Viens to Frederick F. Hartline and Beverly K. Hartline, Prince George's County Land Records, 5082:663.
- ³³ Frederick F. Hartline and Beverly K. Hartline to William G. Apple and Carol H. Apple, Prince George's County Land Records, NLP 5693:245; William G. Apple and Carol H. Apple to Donald C. Williams and Jean A. Rice, Prince George's County Land Records, NLP 5821:374.
- ³⁴ Donald C. Williams and Jean A. Rice to M. David Williams, Prince George's County Land Records, NLP 6910:325.
- ³⁵ M. David Williams to M. David Williams and Henry Becker, III, Prince George's County Land Records, VJ 12784:105.

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- Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's County Planning Department, *Historic Sites and Districts Plan*, 1992.
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- Prince George's County Land Records.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	<u>0.6887</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>0.6887</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Washington East</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Traver-Williams House is located in Berwyn Heights on a 0.6887-acre parcel, historically known as Lots 23, 24, and 35 in Block 17 of Edward Graves' subdivision in Charlton Heights (now Berwyn Heights). Cunningham Drive borders the property to the west. The northern boundary follows the asphalt driveway. The eastern boundary follows a metal chain-link fence and an allee of trees, while the southern boundary also follows an allee of trees. The Traver-Williams House has been associated with Parcels 23, 24, and 25 as noted on Tax Map 34 since its construction c. 1921.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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CHAIN OF TITLE
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LAND RECORDS

Deed
JWB 10:309
July 20, 1888

Charlton Heights (now Berwyn Heights) subdivision platted by Edward Graves.

Lot 23 and 24:

Deed
JWB 13:185
October 15, 1888

Charlton Heights Improvement Company to R. Belle McCleary.

Deed
JWB 12:313
October 14, 1889

R. Belle McCleary and Frank O. McCleary to Susan Virginia Sheetz.

Lot 25:

Deed JWB 14:650
October 15, 1888

Charlton Heights Improvement Company to Susan V. Sheetz.

Lot 23, 24, 25:

Deed
JWB 39:680
June 21, 1897

Susan V. Sheetz and Elias M. Sheetz to Matilda Johnson Albright.

Deed
15:81
September 7, 1903

Matilda Johnson Albright to Charles Shepard.

Deed
41:61
July 3, 1907

Charles Shepard and Florence I. Shepard to Margaret W. Traver.

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Deed 292:440 June 24, 1927	Margaret W. Traver to Elsie LeB. Stowell.
Deed 292:492 June 25, 1927	Elsie LeB. Stowell to Margaret W. Traver.
Deed 313:54 November 11, 1927	Margaret W. Traver, widow, to Clyde D. Garrett.
Deed 326:267 March 21, 1929	Clyde D. Garrett and Verda J. Garrett to Benjamin S. Bayless and Ida A. Bayless.
Deed 471:255 May 1, 1937	Benjamin S. Bayless, widower, (surviving tenant by the entirety of his deceased wife, Ida A. Bayless) to Rudolph J. Akren and Lillian P. Akren.
Deed 598:215 June 25, 1941	Rudolph J. Akren and Lillian P. Akren to Clarence E. Traft.
Agreement 657:234 May 21, 1942	Contract of Sale by Clarence E. Traft and Virginia A. Traft to Rudolph J. Akren and Lillian P. Akren.
Deed 883:448 June 14, 1946	Bird H. Dolby, Administrator of the estate of Clarence E. Traft, deceased, and Virginia Anna Traft, surviving widow, to Rudolph J. Akren and Lillian P. Akren.
Deed 1603:49 April 20, 1953	Rudolph J. Akren and Lillian P. Akren to Ervin N. Viens and Elaine M. Viens.

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Deed 5082:663 April 11, 1979	Ervin N. Viens and Elaine M. Viens to Frederick F. Hartline and Beverly K. Hartline.
Deed NLP 5693:245 April 15, 1983	Frederick F. Hartline and Beverly K. Hartline to William G. Apple and Carol H. Apple.
Deed NLP 5821:374 December 22, 1983	William G. Apple and Carol H. Apple to Donald C. Williams and Jean A. Rice.
Deed NLP 6910:325 February 26, 1988	Donald C. Williams and Jean A. Rice to M. David Williams.
Deed VJ 12784:105 July 1, 1998	M. David Williams to M. David Williams and Henry Becker, III.
Deed REP 18564:239 October 22, 2003	M. David Williams and Henry Becker, III to M. David Williams and Henry Becker, III. (Deed to clarify the tenancy of "joint tenants with the right of survivorship")
Deed REP 19913:38 April 16, 2004	M. David Williams and Henry Becker III to M.D. Williams and Henry Becker III. (Deed to change grantors name)

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Photo: Traver-Williams House, Berwyn Heights, façade (west elevation), looking northeast. (April 2008)

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Photo: Traver-Williams House, Berwyn Heights, façade (west elevation), looking southeast. (April 2008)

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Photo: Traver-Williams House, Berwyn Heights, north (side) elevation, looking south. (April 2008)

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Photo: Prefabricated Shed (1), Berwyn Heights, looking southeast. (April 2008)

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Photo: Prefabricated Shed (2), Berwyn Heights, looking northwest. (April 2008)

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Photo: In-Ground Pool, Berwyn Heights, looking northeast. (April 2008)