WORTHMILLER HOUSE — 8104 WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD

Listing in the Locational Atlas & Index of Historic Sites
Outline

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Historic Preservation Ordinance Purpose

Identify, designate, and regulate for the purposes of protection sites of architectural, archaeological, and/or cultural value

Preserve the quality of life, safeguard historical and cultural heritage, strengthen the local economy, and stabilize and improve property values

Foster civic beauty and to preserve continued utilization of the site for the pleasure of our citizens

Historic Preservation Designation Criteria

Historical and Cultural Significance

Architectural and Design Significance

Designation Process

Historic Preservation Commission

Planning Board – Public Hearing

8104 WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD — BETHESDA
Architectural Description
North and South Elevations
Plan View

Ca. 1857 two-story, wood-frame house
Ca. 1937 two-story, brick-veneer addition
Ca. 1937 two-story, wood-frame addition with a first-story screened in porch later enclosed.
Ca. 1937 two-story, gable-ell addition
Ca. 1937 one-story portico
Late twentieth century, one-story addition

8104 WOODHAVEN BOULEVARD — BETHESDA
Historic Context and Evolution of the Building
John & Ann Amelia Worthmiller

- Married on July 31, 1855.
- Subject dwelling is constructed ca. 1857.
- 10-acre property conveyed to Ann A. Worthmiller (nee Austin) in 1874.
- John Worthmiller died in 1894.
- Ann A. Worthmiller owned the property until 1924.
Worthmiller House
Francis and Jane Rebeccah Heffner

- Rented the property from Austin from the 1890s to 1924.
- Owned the property from 1924 to 1937.
Donald M. & Virginia Wight

- Purchased the property in 1937.
- Hired Robert T. Rohrer to renovate the dwelling and construct additions.
- Tax assessment of the dwelling increased from $500 to $4,000.
Evolution of the Building
West Bethesda Park

- Subdivided in 1960.
- 10-acre property became 1/2–acre lot.
- Original point of access from Wahly Drive.
- First addressed as 8203 Wahly Drive.
Integrity Assessment
Seven Aspects of Integrity

- Location and Setting
- Design, Materials, and Workmanship
- Association and Feeling
Staff Recommendation
Evaluation Criterion (1): Historical and Cultural Significance

The building lacks historic integrity to convey its period of significance and does not meet the criteria outlined in the Montgomery County Ordinance.

Evaluation Criterion (2): Architectural and Design Significance
Staff Recommendation: That the HPC does not recommend that the Planning Board list 8104 Woodhaven Boulevard in the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites
Questions/Comments

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