

M: 13-30
Burdette Hotel
(Boyds Hotel, High View)
21010 Clarksburg Road
Boyds

1887

The Burdette Hotel is one of the best extant examples of Victorian 'summer resort' architecture in the County, the hotel reflects the historical development of Boyds as a summer resort during the late 19th century.

The building is a large Queen Anne style frame house featuring a central projecting, three-story pavilion flanked on the east side by two porches with a two-story porch on the west side and a two-story square bay window on the north. The house also features a mansard roof with diamond and square shaped slate tiles.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC "High View" or Somerset Williams Hotel , Burdette Hotel
 AND/OR COMMON Boyds Hotel

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 21010 Clarksburg Road
 CITY, TOWN Boyds CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8
 VICINITY OF Burdette
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME George I. Coats
 Frances O., Michael J., & Nancy J. Barrett Telephone: 972-0073
 STREET & NUMBER 21010 Clarksburg Road
 CITY, TOWN Boyds STATE, zip code Maryland 20720
 VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 4739
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Folio #: 388
 MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURTHOUSE
 STREET & NUMBER
 CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20850

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites
 DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office
 CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This frame Queen Anne style house is five bays by five bays, three stories high, and faces east on Route 121.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has light green novelty siding. On the east and west elevations there is a central projecting three story pavilion. Flanking this pavilion on the northeast and southeast corners of the east elevation are two porches. Both porches have flat roofs. The northeast porch roof is supported by two square posts and the southeast porch roof is supported by five square posts. The southeast porch is enclosed by jigsawed paling. A flight of seven wooden steps lead up to both porches. A double glass and wooden paneled door leads into the house from the northeast porch. It is surmounted by a single light transom. the southeast door is wooden paneled. On the west (rear) elevation there is a two story porch. Four square posts support the porch at the first and second levels. The first level is open and the second level is enclosed by jigsawed palings.

There are approximately seventy-two two-over-two double-hung window. Windows set into the mansard roof have decorative wooden lintels. On the north elevation there is a two story square bay window with a flat roof. At the northeast corner of the same elevation there is a two story two-sided angle bay window.

The mansard roof has diamond and square shaped slate tiles. There is a gable roof on an east-west axis at the south elevation. This is covered by asbestos shingles. There is a heavy cornice line below the mansard.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1887 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Somerset T. Williams

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This elegant house is representative of the resort era near Boyd's Station, founded in response to the coming of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O. It sits on a knoll overlooking Ten Mile Creek Valley.

Somerset T. Williams had owned a farm in Cedar Heights, about six miles west of this site. In 1887 he bought slightly over nine acres of unimproved land in Burdette from Deborah and Basil Burdette for \$460,¹ and built a hotel.

This area of Burdette and Ten Mile Creek Valley supported several hotels after the railroad opened in 1873. This one is the grandest remaining. Williams called it "High View",² but it is known locally as "Boyd's Hotel". It served salesmen who traveled by train to Boyd's Station, rented a horse, stayed at a local hotel, and made their rounds to the small grocery stores nearby.³

It also attracted families fleeing the hot city during the summer for the cool countryside of Burdette. The Chautauqua at Washington Grove provided entertainment and was accessible by rail.⁴ But mostly these vacationers relaxed, read and walked. The area's resort business peaked between 1910 and 1915; tourists stopped coming by 1930.⁵

Somerset Williams was a self-sufficient person. He grew his own tobacco, smoked it and chewed it. He made wine from the extensive grape arbor and had a large vegetable garden.⁶

May Lysight grew up in the Williams home as their daughter, although the Williams had no children of their own. She married Earl B. Wood, a Montgomery County school superintendent from 1906-1914.

In 1932 Somerset Williams deeded High View to May Lysight Wood, together with all household goods and personal property reserving a life estate for himself.⁷

Mrs. Wood conveyed the property to her daughter,⁸ May Louise Wood, who deeded the property to Albin and Lena P. Meier of Washington, D.C. the following year.⁹ The Meiers lived there for many years, and Mrs. Meier sold it to the present owners in 1973.

FOOTNOTES:

See Attachment Sheet A

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records of Montgomery County, Md.

Portrait and Biographical Record, 6th Congressional District (1898).

Interviews: (1979) Mrs. Georgia Lawson, Ten Mile Creek Road, Boyds; Charles and Ethel Reid Linthicum, Old Baltimore Road, Boyds; Mrs. Madeleine Nicholls, Asbury Methodist Home, Gaithersburg, Md.; Harold Reffet, Barnesville Road, Boyds, Md., who was born and raised near High View (Interview, February, 1980).

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9.20 acres**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Margaret M. Coleman

Candy Reed

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

10/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

"High View"

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 9/30 (December 20, 1887).
2. Sentinel, May 26, 1899.
3. Interview, Charles Linthicum, born near Burdette, 1886 (1979).
4. Interview, Georgia Lawson, Ten Mile Creek Road (1979).
5. Interview, Mrs. Madeline Thompson Nicholls, Asbury Methodist Home, Gaithersburg, Md. (1979). Her mother owned a resort just north of High View.
6. Interview: Harold Reffet, Barnesville Road, Boyds, Md., who was born and raised near High View.
7. Land Records, op. cit., 534/301 (March 22, 1932).
8. Ibid., 873/206 (January 5, 1942).
9. Ibid., 900/199 (January 20, 1943).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME				
COMMON:				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Burdette Hotel				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Boyd-Clarksburg Road (Rte. 121)				
CITY OR TOWN: Boyd				
STATE Maryland		COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific
		<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: George Coates				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland	
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:	

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, frame structure with a dormered Mansard roof. The facade is three bays with double central doors; both one story and two story bay windows project irregularly. The window heads have flat architraves. Across the front is a shed-roofed porch while the side porch has a jigsaw worked railing.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to old-time residents of the area, this was a summer hotel during the Victorian RR Era. This was a Post Office/Village called Burdette.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:
STATE:	COUNTY:

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC DATE: 30 Apr 74

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

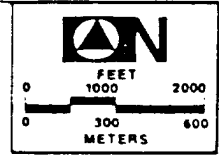
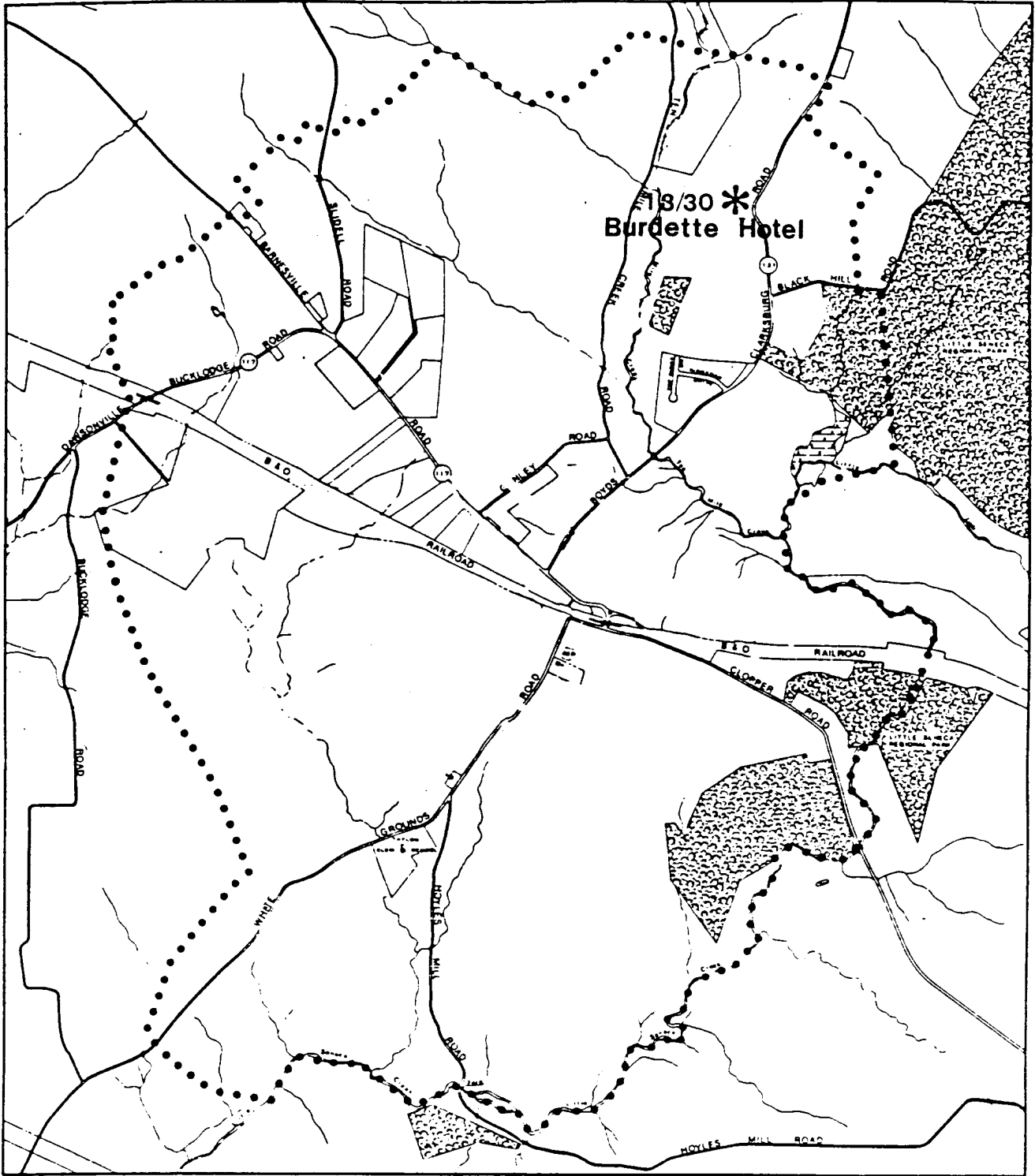
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring STATE: Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
 National State Local

Signature

SEE INSTRUCTIONS





NAME BURDETTE HOTEL

M: # 13-30

LOCATION Rt. 121 BURDETTE (BOYD) Md

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