

1316 NORTH TAYLOR STREET (HOUSE)  
1316 North Taylor Street  
Arlington  
Virginia

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- Location: The house at 1316 N. Taylor Street is in the Ballston area of Arlington County, Virginia.
- The coordinates for the house are 38.8878841N, 77.113508W; these were obtained using Google Earth in August 2010 and, it is assumed, NAD 1983. There is no restriction on the release of the locational data to the public.
- Present Occupant: Vacant.
- Description: The house is one of Arlington's distinctive apartment bungalows,<sup>1</sup> a small, post-war house type characterized by a square footprint, pyramidal roof, center chimney, and wrap-around windows at each corner. The apartment bungalow is constructed of brick laid in stretcher bond or concrete-block that is stuccoed. Contrasting masonry is typically found in the door surrounds in order to set the entrance apart.
- Date: This apartment bungalow was constructed in 1938 by the builder R.D. Burton. A new roof was installed in 1958, but it lasted only twenty years. No other alterations to the building fabric were recorded with the county permit office.<sup>2</sup>
- Significance: The apartment bungalow in Arlington speaks to the shift in demographics that occurred in the years immediately before the United States entered into World War II wherein the rural county with its network of communities was suburbanized by large numbers of new residents employed by the government. Accommodating these newcomers elicited a period of experimentation with residential architecture that included the rowhouses of GlebeWood Village (HABS No. VA-1415), apartment buildings like Calvert Manor (HABS No. VA-1424), garden apartment complexes such as Buckingham (HABS No. VA-1339) and Colonial Village, as well as other, similarly-scaled single family houses known as Lustrons (HABS No. VA-1414). Just as the innovative Lustron houses were, the apartment bungalow was constructed quickly and was reasonably priced.
- Sources: Files, Arlington Heritage Alliance and Arlington County Historic Preservation Office, as well as input from Laura Trieschmann, EHT Tracerics, drawing on her extensive survey work in the county. Also, site visit, with the HABS photographer James Rosenthal, in December 2010.
- Historian: Virginia B. Price, 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> Lauren Hassel to Arlington Heritage Alliance, Nomination to the "Most Endangered List" 2006. Hassel lives in one example of the apartment bungalow, and in response to the demolition of many of the houses, began to research the apartment bungalow as a house type in order to increase awareness of its architectural significance.

<sup>2</sup> Arlington County Building Department, "House Numbers and Street Names" Cards, on file, Arlington County Historic Preservation Office.