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1787, 1890

Moses Rawlings House, site
(Daniel Cresap House, Governor Lowndes House, Loar House, Bloomfield Farm)
Loar Lane
Rawlings
Private

The Moses Rawlings House consisted of a large 2 1/2-story, 1890 frame main block, facing northwest, and two rear wings on the southeastern side. One of these wings was a stone structure, reputedly built in 1787. The frame main block was sheathed in weatherboards, and was supported on a low stone foundation with a plain watertable. All four sides of the gable roof had a soffit and frieze, and the roof was covered with replacement asphalt shingles. The main block had 8 6/6 sash windows with paneled shutters across the second floor of the northwest facade. The southwestern two windows were grouped together with no shutters between. The first floor, covered by a hip-roofed porch supported by Ionic columns, covered an entrance in the northeast bay and five floor-to-ceiling windows with 24 lights and paneled shutters. The roof of this elevation was pierced by four pedimented dormers with 4/4 sash windows with paneled shutters. An interior chimney pierced this slope of the roof near the ridgeline between the first two dormers from the southwest. The northeast gable end of the building held a wide 10/10 sash window in the northwest bay of the first floor. The southeast bay held the principal entrance, with a vertical paneled door, elliptical fanlight, and sidelights. This entrance was covered by a one-bay pedimented portico. Four 6/6 sash windows with paneled shutters spanned the second floor of this elevation, and two 4/4 sash windows with paneled shutters and a traceried fanlight pierced the attic gable. The southeast gable end held a

variety of window types, and an attic gable fenestrated similarly to the other end of the building. A rear two-story porch was recessed into the main block. At least some windows on the rear wing had been replaced with 2/2 sash. Two flush brick chimneys rose from the gable end of the rear wing. The interior had a total of 19 rooms, and was reported to have had "many false staircases." The house was inventoried in 1976, and burned to the ground in May of 1982.

Construction of the original stone portion in 1787 has been attributed to Colonel Moses Rawlings, a Revolutionary War officer. The house has also been associated with the Cresap family. Once known as the Bloomfield Farm, the property had been owned by the Loar family since the 1920s. The house was once owned by and used as a summer home by Lloyd Lowndes, who in 1895 became Allegany County's only citizen to ever become Governor.

Burned
5/24/82

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Stone House and Governor Lowndes House
Rawlings

1787 and 1890

The oldest part of the Governor Lowndes house was built in 1787 in all probability by a member of the Cresap family. It is two stories high, three bays wide with two over two windows and a gabled roof. The larger structure, which is really a late 19th century addition built by the Lowndes family, is a frame building covered by weatherboarding. It has a high gabled roof punctuated by four cross gable dormers. The main entrance is of particular interest with its original vertical paneled door with a transom, fan light and side lights. A small pediment covers the entrance supported by four ionic columns. In addition, there is a one story end porch which has a hipped roof supported by six ionic columns.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY *Burned 5/24/82*

1 NAME

HISTORIC *Daniel Cresap Stone House*
Moses Rawlings Stone House & Governor Lowndes Frame House
 AND/OR COMMON
Loar Frame House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
Loar Lane
 CITY, TOWN
Rawlings VICINITY OF *Sixth*
 STATE
Maryland COUNTY
Allegany

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
Lois Francis Loar Telephone #: *729-1468*
 STREET & NUMBER
P.O. General Delivery
 CITY, TOWN
Rawlings VICINITY OF STATE, zip code
Maryland 21557

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Allegany County Courthouse Liber #: *251*
 STREET & NUMBER
30 Washington Street Folio #: *262*
 CITY, TOWN
Cumberland STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
 DATE
 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
 CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Governor Lowndes house is located off Loar Lane in Rawlings, Allegany County on the south side of the road, near the intersection with Route 220 South.

The residence consists of a two and one half story, eight bay wide rectangular shaped main facade. Two wings abut the main block on the rear southeastern side, with the oldest wing being constructed of stone and dating from 1787. The building, except for the wing, is a frame structure and is covered with weatherboarding. The entire facade is supported by a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof of the structure is gabled including a soffit and frieze and is covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Four cross-gable dormers are placed along the front northwestern roof line and a single cross-gable dormer is found in the rear. Windows in the building include double hung wooden sash frames with four-over-four and six-over-six lights and feature trim shutters. Fan light windows are found in the gable ends of the main block and large first story windows include twenty four lights and shutters. The main entrance is located on the northeastern side and exhibits the original verticle paneled door with a transom, fan light and side lights. A small gabled roof hood covers the entrance and is supported by two circular columns. A one story end porch, which features a hipped roof supported by ionic capital columns, is found on the front face, and a rear two story porch is recessed into the main block. Three corbeled brick chimneys are found within the facade; one to the interior of the main block and the other on the flush ends of the rear wing.

The house is structurally sound and its appearance has been in keeping with the original construction, however the building is in need of some repair.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1787

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

For significance statement and further explanation, refer to Mrs. Helen Hinkle's Inventory Form to the National Register.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.2 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

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

7/7/76

STREET & NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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

INVENTORY NO. AI-VI-B-093

Liber - 251

Folio - 262

DATE: 6/15/76

RECORDING: Drastic, moderate, minor

5.2 acres

NAME OF PROPERTY: Old Gov Lowndes House - Moses Rawlings

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Lear Lane Rawlings, MD

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: North East

NAME OF OWNER: Lois Francis Lear

ADDRESS: General Delivery 729-1468
Rawlings, Maryland 21557

2 1/2 STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() 8()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2 Rear Wings Old Stone Part - 1787
Moses Rawlings Built

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- LOG
- Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELLED, MOULDED BRICK 4/4

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() 6/18
Fan Lights in Gables, Rear pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North East
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original() replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,
Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS # 4 Front 1 Rear
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() 2 Story Rear - Front - Columns

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK() STONE() CORBELLED() original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:
Use - Residence
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed - Late 19th - Stone Part - 1787
Condition - Deteriorated - Fair

John E. Nelson

Key points regarding interior architecture.

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?
Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing
How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?

6. Note presence of beams (if any) on any wooden members present.



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West

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South