

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

File 6-118

1 NAME

HISTORIC
McDowell-Gillespie House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
McCauley Road jst west of New Valley Road
CITY, TOWN
Rowlandsville VICINITY OF 1
STATE
Maryland COUNTY
Cecil

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Gertrude Almasi Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER
288 McCauley Road
CITY, TOWN
Conowingo VICINITY OF Maryland 21918
STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Clerk of the Circuit Court Liber #: RHT 2
Folio #: 364
STREET & NUMBER
Cecil County courthouse
CITY, TOWN
Elkton STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

7 DESCRIPTION

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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

The McDowell-Gillespie House c. 1860 is a two story four bay by one room ell shaped weatherboard frame house that faces north and McCauley Road. The main gable is on an east/west axis while the ell projects forward from the main body and naturally perpendicularly to the main house.

The house is situated on a south slope so the rear (south) wall is exposed three stories while only two stories appear on the north side. The frame rests on a fieldstone foundation and the original weatherboards are covered with aluminum. The medium sloped seamed tin roof has extended eaves and sloped soffits. An interior brick stove stack rises out of the main body of the house and to the right (west) of the central stair.

The main elevation consists of two separate planes. The entrance wall is set back farther from the road than the eastern bay section. A shed roof porch supported by square posts fills the ell space. The entrance is in the eastern of the two bays. The four panel door has heavily molded panels with the top panels having an arch. The transom light is covered. 2/2 sash windows to the west and above light the first and second floors. All three are flanked by louvered shutters.

The projecting two bays of the ell leg has a single three sided bay window on the first floor with bell cast roof. Two 2/2 sash windows with louvered shutters light the second floor and a single attic light illuminates the third floor.

The east side has two 2/2 sash on each floor and a single diamond window between the two first floor sash.

The south facade is similarly detailed but partially covered with shed additions. A full two story porch covers the western two bays.

The west gable end has a single window on each floor including the attic space.

The interior has been partially remodeled but a centrally placed stair has a heavily turned newel with molded handrail. The balusters have been removed. Other third quarter of the 19th century such as four panel doors with ogee moldings are also found within the house.

A 19th century two story frame barn stands southwest of the house and perpendicular to the main block.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The ~~as~~ asymmetrical ell or T plan house is a form that was popularized in architectural pattern books of the third and fourth quarters of the 19th century. Although the McDowell-Gillespie house is fairly plain a few details such as the bay window with bell curved roof are allusions to a usually highly decorative period.

N. McDowell appears on the 1877 Atlas while nothing is designated on the 1858 Martenet map at this spot.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

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ORGANIZATION

Cecil County committee

DATE

11/13/81

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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