George Purcell House
CH-737
Popes Creek
Private

Constructed in 1935, the George Purcell House is an altered 2-story frame dwelling with a 3-bay side-passage plan. The house faces west, includes an original 2-story rear service wing and hipped roof front porch. Principle adornment includes a characteristic cross-gable. In the mid-1930's George and Bertha Purcell obtained a mortgage from the Southern Maryland National Bank for a 10 acre parcel subdivided from Marshall's Rest (CH-140). In the 1950's it was owned by members of the Drinks family. The George Purcell House is an example of the typical farmhouses constructed in Charles County before World War II.
Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of Property
   (indicate preferred name)
   - historic: George Purcell House
   - other

2. Location
   - street and number: 11680 Edge Hill Road
   - city, town: Popes Creek
   - county: Charles
   - address for publication: not for publication

3. Owner of Property
   (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)
   - name: John and Pearl Fraser
   - street and number: 11680 Edge Hill Road
   - city, town: New burg
   - state: MD
   - telephone: 301-259-2367
   - zip code: 20664-2113

4. Location of Legal Description
   - courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Charles County Courthouse
   - tax map and parcel: 79 p.65
     - city, town: LaPlata, MD
     - liber: 844
     - folio: 252

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

   - Contributing Resource in National Register District
   - Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
   - Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
   - Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
   - Recorded by HABS/HAER
   - Historic Structure Report or Research Report
   - Other

6. Classification

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   | Total |
   | Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory |
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The George Purcell House, constructed in 1935, is an altered two story frame dwelling, with a three bay, side passage plan. The house faces west and includes an original two story service wing extending from the east elevation. A one story shed addition is attached to the rear and a late 20th century gable roof addition is found on the north gable elevation. The façade of the main block is adorned with a characteristic center decorative gable with window and a full width porch. The dwelling is set slightly back from Edge Hill Road. A garage and small barn also share the site.

The house has been entirely reclad in contemporary materials including vinyl siding and replacement windows. It has a concrete block foundation and an asphalt shingle roof. Several windows have been added to the original design including one on the second story gable and two vertical 4-light windows on the first floor gable wall. The stair has also been re-aligned.
8. Significance

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Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The George Purcell House is an altered example of a typical farmhouse constructed in Charles County before World War II. Modest in scale and ornamentation, the two story single-pile L-plan includes the regionally popular side passage plan where the entrance passage and stair are nestled at the gable end. In 1936, George and Bertha Purcell obtained a mortgage from the Southern Maryland National Bank for a 10 parcel which was a subdivision of Marshall's Rest (CH-140). The Purcell's sold the property to Lester and Joyce Drinks in 1955. Over the next fifteen years the property exchanged hands several times before being purchased by Louis and Cecile Maurin in 1970, who undertook extensive renovations and additions to the existing structure. In 1972, the property was acquired by its present owners.
9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 10
Acreage of historical setting 10
Quadrangle name Popes Creek

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The George Purcell House is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 79, Parcel 65.

11. Form Prepared By

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