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SUMMARY

Paul Lyon House
3437 James Run Road
Aberdeen, Maryland 21001

Built around the turn of the century by William and Emily Gosweiler or Solomon and Emma Gosweiler, this house is typical of the farmhouses of this period. The gable roof with center front gable, el-shaped configuration, and two front entrances are features that recur on most of these houses.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Paul Lyon

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3437 James Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

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

Paul E. Lyon

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

P. O. Box 32

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

10-1-50

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input 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 two-story el-shaped house with a gable roof is located on the north side of James Run Road.

Set on a low stone foundation and facing south, the main section with a center front gable is four bays wide and one bay deep. The ell, whose east side is flush with the east end of the main section, is three bays long and one bay wide with an interior brick chimney in the north end. A one-story, shed-roofed addition spans the east side of the ell, and a one-story porch with turned posts encircles the south side and east end of the main section. Windows have 2/2 sash and louvered shutters. The principal facade has entrances on either side of the window in the center bay.

Northeast of the house is a frame, gambrel-roofed barn.

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 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 checked="" 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

In 1860, Alexander Smith sold 31-3/4 acres on the north side of what is now James Run Road to George S. Cullum.¹ The 1878 Martenet's Map lists Cullum as the owner of a building at the intersection of James Run and Stepney Roads - east of this house. He died intestate in 1875, and in 1899 Ella & Sylvester Preston purchased the property for \$900.² Two years later, they sold it to William & Emily Gosweiler,³ who, in 1908, sold this lot plus another parcel acquired from Alexander Smith, to Solomon & Emma Gosweiler for \$2500.⁴ In 1919, Henry Simmons purchased the two lots - 47 acres in aggregate.⁵ It passed through the hands of various members of the Simmons family until 1959.

The house appears to have been built in the late 19th century - probably by the Gosweilers. It is a typical pattern for that time - a substantial, but anonymous farmhouse. The facade arrangement with a clear separation between the windows in the two center bays in the second story and the two first floor entrances reflects the partnership patterns of the land ownership. From 1964, the property was bought and sold in half interests. The interior was inaccessible and it was impossible to determine whether the house was actually constructed in two sections.

1. Liber WG 12, folio 140.
2. Liber WSF 95, folio 323.
3. Liber WSF 102, folio 406.
4. Liber WSF 125, folio 242.
5. Liber JAR 166, folio 283.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will and Equity Records of Harford County
1878 Martenet's Map

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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
Natalie Shivers

ORGANIZATION
Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE
12/79

STREET & NUMBER
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
838-6000 X 207

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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

PAUL LYON HOUSE

Title Search

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1. 648/151 June 1, 1964 Grantor: Henry E. & Velva Henderson
Wm. D. & Shirley J. Fossett of Cecil Co.
Grantee: Paul E. & Traude P. Lyon
Acreage: 36.14 Acres
2. GRG 645/146 April 25, 1964 Grantor: Lee Roy & Margaret J. Brinegar
Grantee: Henry E. & Velva Henderson
Wm. D. & Shirley J. Fossett
Acreage: 61 Acres
3. GRG 533/369 August 19, 1959 Grantor: Major M. & Amelia B. Simmons
Grantee: Henry C. Cullum, Sr. & wife, Bessie
B. ($\frac{1}{2}$ int.)
Lee Roy & Margaret J. Brinegar ($\frac{1}{2}$ int.)
Acreage: 64 Acres
4. SWC 248/395 December 28, 1937 Grantor: Coy F. & Lillie E. Simmons
Grantee: Major M. & Amelia B. Simmons
Acreage: 2 lots = 67 A. 18 P.
5. DGW 195/352 December 30, 1925 Grantor: B. Carl & Lillie S. Simmons
Major M. & Amelia B. Simmons
Grantee: Coy F. & Lillie E. Simmons
Acreage: 47 A. 2 R. 19 P
6. DGW 189/165 June 20, 1924 Grantor: Henry Simmons & wife, Sarah E. Simmons
Grantee: B. Carl & Lillie S. Simmons, Major M. &
Amelia B. Simmons
Sum: \$2000 + \$3500 Mort.
Acreage: 47 A. 2 R. 19 P
7. JAR 166/283 December 29, 1919 Grantor: Solomon D. & Emma K. Gosweiler
Grantee: Henry Simmons
Acreage: 47 A. 2 R. 19 P
8. WSF 125/242 November 9, 1908 Grantor: Wm. L. & Emily C. Gosweiler
Mary E. Cooper of York County, Pa.
Grantee: Solomon O. & Emma K. Gosweiler
Sum: \$2500
Acreage: 2 Lots: WSF 76/313 = 22 A. 3 R. 19 P
WSF 102/406 = 28 A. 3 R
9. WSF 102/406 October 26, 1901 Grantor: Ella M. Preston & husband, Sylvester
Grantee: Wm. L. & Emily C. Gosweiler
Sum: \$725 & assumption of \$600 mort.
Acreage: 28 A., 3 R



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Natalie Shivers
South

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