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Paul and Regene LePore House
9291 Whiskey Bottom Road
Private

DESCRIPTION:

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SIGNIFICANCE:

The Paul and Regene LePore House was built on part of the farm of Edward E. Kennedy, a farmer from Illinois and Iowa who moved to Howard County around 1939. Kennedy's daughter, Regene, who was 18 when she moved with her father to Maryland, married Paul LePore, a federal fire chief at Fort Meade and Fort Belvoir. In 1952 they built their new house on part of her father's land, with Paul LePore reportedly drawing the plans for the house and hiring subcontractors to build it. LePore, who also had a sheet metal business on the side, built two other houses to the north of his father-in-law's house and several others on Whiskey Bottom Road, all of which were sold to others. In 1972 he became the first full-time fire administrator for Howard County. The house the LePores built is a standard Cape Cod plan with two rooms to the front and a kitchen in the ell. The use of the large shed-roofed dormer on the rear was also common for getting space for another room on the upper level. The Cape Cod became very popular after World War II in the United States as an affordable housing type, especially in the burgeoning suburbs, and was influenced in part by the popularity of the Colonial Revival dating to before the war. The house remains in family ownership and is leased. The land will be subdivided into four lots, to add three new houses while retaining the original dwelling.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Paul and Regene LePore House

other

2. Location

street and number 9291 Whiskey Bottom Road __ not for publication

city, town Laurel vicinity

county Howard

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Martin J. LePore

street and number 9112 Gross Avenue telephone 301-490-8732

city, town Laurel state MD zip code 20723

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse liber 217 folio 148

city, town Laurel tax map 50 tax parcel 438 tax ID number

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 at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	0
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	0	0
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	0	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	0
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
			0	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SUMMARY:

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DESCRIPTION:

The Paul and Regene LePore House is located at 9291 Whiskey Bottom Road, on the southwest side of the road, and faces northeast toward the road. It is set on a small, flat lot with a tear-drop shaped drive encircling it, and is just north of Laurel in southeastern Howard County, Maryland. It is a 1 ½-story, three-bay by two-bay brick veneer Cape Cod with a gable roof that has asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. There is a shorter, one-story, one-bay square brick veneer wing on the southeast, with an identical roof to the main block, and a larger one-bay square brick veneer rear ell that has a hipped roof with asphalt shingles. The rear of the main block has a shed-roofed dormer that has aluminum siding on the southwest and brick veneer on the southeast and northwest elevations.

The northeast elevation of the main block has a center entrance with a door that has four round-arched lights at the top and four panels below. There are sidelights with four lights. There is a one-bay, one story brick porch with wood Doric columns and a gable roof. To either side are paired six-over-six sash. There is a wood box cornice, and the roof has a gabled dormer with a six-over-six sash in the end bays. There is an exterior brick chimney on the southeast gable end. The northeast elevation of the wing has a six-over-six sash and a wood box cornice. The northwest elevation has a six-over-six sash in both bays of the first story, but the west bay sash is smaller. The gable end has two four-over-four sash.

The southwest elevation of the main block has a six-over-six sash to the west and a door with six lights over three lying panels between it and the rear ell. The upper story dormer has four six-over-six sash. The rear ell has a six-over-six sash on each of the northwest, southwest, and southeast elevations. The southeast wing has a six-over-six sash on the southwest and paired six-over-six sash on the southeast,

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with a four-over-four sash in the gable end. The southeast elevation of the main block has a six-over-six sash in the east bay and a four-over-four sash to the east of the wing in the gable end.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates N/A Architect/Builder N/A

Construction dates 1952

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

The Paul and Regene LePore House was built on part of the farm of Edward E. Kennedy, whose house stands to the north of the LePore House. Kennedy was a farmer from Illinois and Iowa who moved to Howard County around 1939, after the death of his wife. He was heavily involved in farm improvement and also worked for the United Mine Workers District 50. Kennedy's daughter, Regene, who was 18 when she moved with her father to Maryland, married Paul LePore, a federal fire chief at Fort Meade and Fort Belvoir. In 1952 they built their new house on part of her father's land, with Paul LePore reportedly drawing the plans for the house and hiring subcontractors to build it. LePore, who also had a sheet metal business on the side, built two other houses to the north of his father-in-law's house and several others on Whiskey Bottom Road, all of which were sold to others. In 1972 he became the first full-time fire administrator for Howard County.¹

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¹ Interview with Martin J. Lepore, 2 November 2010.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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● See footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.4 A
Acreage of historical setting 1.4 A
Quadrangle name Laurel

Quadrangle scale: 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of the outlines of the property, tax map 50, parcel 438, which encompasses all of the historic buildings and features on the site.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Ken Short		
organization	Howard County Department of Planning & Zoning	date	August 2011
street & number	3430 Courthouse Drive	telephone	410-313-4335
city or town	Ellicott City	state	MD

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera
HP Premium Plus paper
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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Northeast & northwest elevations

HO-1029_2010-11-02_02
Southwest & southeast elevations

HO-1029_2010-11-02_03
Interior, view north to stairway & front door

HO-1029_2010-11-02_04
Interior, southeast room, southeast elevation



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Interior, view north to stairway +
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Interior, southeast room, southeast
elevation

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