

COLEMAN HOUSE (K-424)
Lynch, Maryland
(circa 1880)

The Coleman House in Lynch has a pair of front gables edged with sawn-wooden ornament in a leaf motif. It also has a wide front porch with a graceful and unusual domed roof that is also edged with the leaf-shaped wooden ornament.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Coleman House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northeast side Rt.561, 2 lots north of
junction with Railroad tracks

1st

CITY, TOWN

Lynch

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Kent

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE | <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Larry R. & Barbara P. Coleman

Telephone #: 301-348-5890

STREET & NUMBER

Box 86

CITY, TOWN

Lynch

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21646

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Court House

Liber #: EHP 63

Folio #: 587

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input 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 interesting double central gable house is really a three-bay, side hall plan building with an additional 2½ bays and a consequent doubling of the decorative gable. The main house is one room deep and has a steep A-roof punctuated by the two central gables, the northern of which is the wider. There is a gable-roofed ell behind the portion of the main house. This wing is also two stories high but somewhat lower and not centered on the southern gable.

The entire structure is covered with narrow weather boarding which is finished at the corners of the front facade with well-proportioned pilasters with panels and capitols. The eaves of the main house roof overhang and are decorated with lively sawn wooden ornament in a leaf motif. The motif is modified as it runs up the gable and ends in a drop at the peak.

On the front of the building is a handsome porch with an ogee roof. The curved rafters are exposed on the underside and the eaves are decorated with the same leaf ornaments as the main house at a smaller scale. The five-bay porch is supported by chamfered posts with flat, simple wooden brackets.*

Windows have 2 over 2 sash throughout. Those on the front facade, first floor are very tall, nearly reaching the floor; they have louvered shutters with operable lower panels. In the gables, the windows have lancet-arch upper sash. Window frames are plain, about 4" wide and the sills are flush.

The main entry has a transom-light and side light assembly typical of the items sold through the millwork catalogs of that period.

Beneath the sidelights, the panels have bolection moldings. The same profile is used on the four rectangular panels of the door.

* There is a similiar porch on Knocks Folly, (K-114.)

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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 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 ca 1885

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This little house is significant as an intrepertation of the ~~popular~~ central-gable houses of the late 19th century. By keeping the central entry stair hall and merely doubling the central gable, the building shows that its designer clearly saw the central gable as a decorative element of the facade, not as a plan-type. The house also retains its remarkable porch intact. Porches are one of the most perishable elements of Victorian buildings, and to the dismay of historians, many have vanished.

This surviving porch shows the richness possible in even a simple building.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Kent County Land Records, Kent County Court House, Chestertown, Maryland

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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

Marsha L. Fritz, Survey Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Planning Commission

DATE

778-4600, ext.67

STREET & NUMBER

Court House

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown, Maryland

STATE

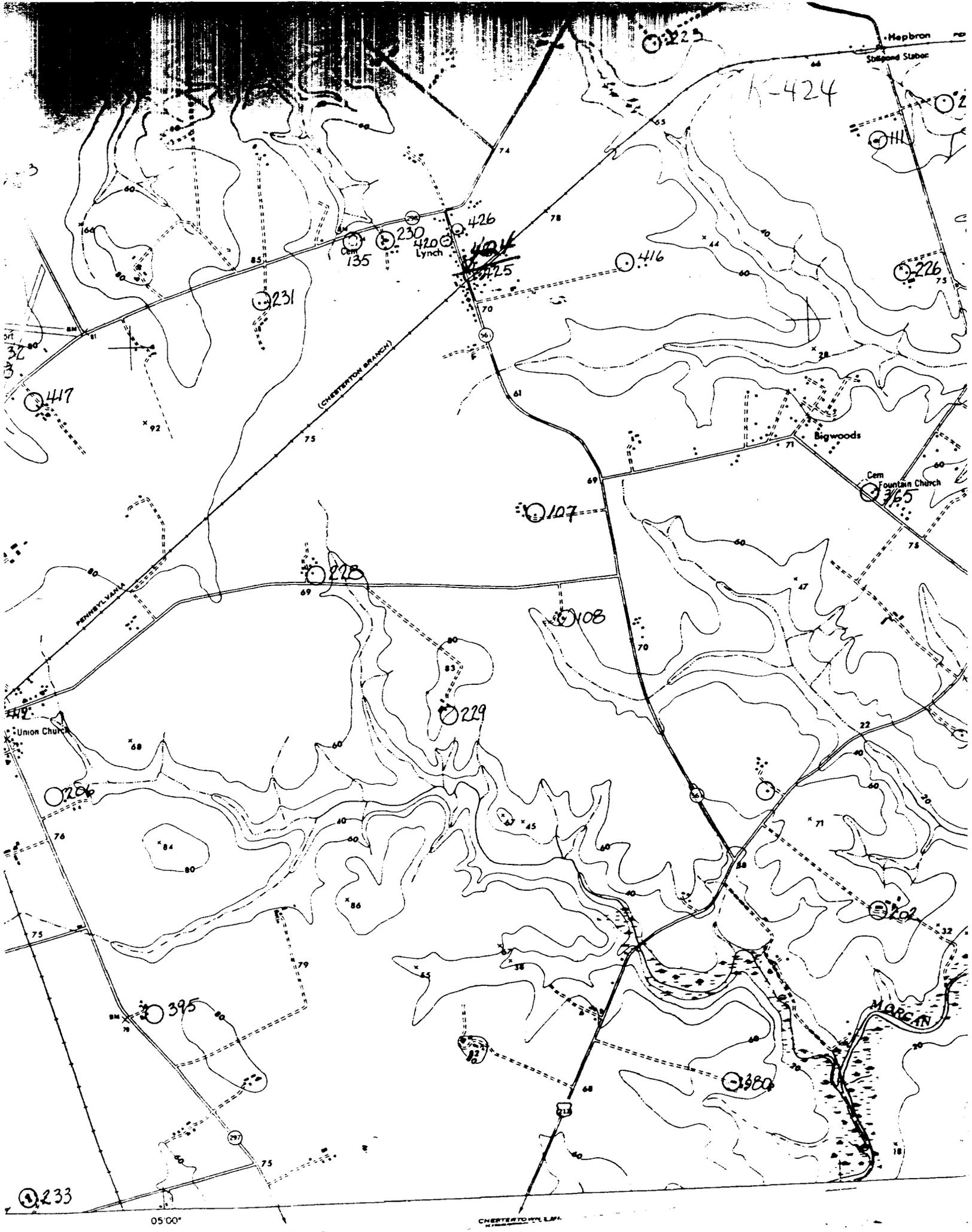
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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A dog-leg stair is located directly behind the entry door. It has a turned walnut newell and oak balusters.

The house is unoccupied and the interior inaccessible.



Hepbron
Stimpson Station

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Lynch
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(CHERRYTON BRANCH)

Bigwoods

Cem
Fountain Church

107

PENNYVALE

228

108

229

Union Church

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202

MORGAN

395

380

233

05 00'

CHERRYTON BRANCH



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Coleman House

View to northeast

Lynch

Kent County

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